Buy



# **Reliance Industries**

**BSE SENSEX** S&P CNX 72,305 21,951

#### Stock Info

Bloomberg	RELIANCE IN
Equity Shares (m)	6766
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	19697.8 / 237.5
52-Week Range (INR)	3000 / 1986
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12M Avg Val (INR M)	16598
Free float (%)	50.9

#### Standalone Financials Snapshot (INR b)

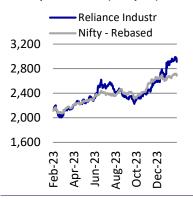
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Y/E March	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E				
Sales	5,247	5,522	5,612				
EBITDA	741	807	880				
Adj. PAT	408	478	539				
Adj. EPS (INR)	63.3	74.2	83.7				
BV/Sh.(INR)	876	946	1,024				
Ratios							
Net D:E	0.3	0.3	0.2				
RoE (%)	7.8	8.5	8.9				
RoCE (%)	7.1	7.7	8.0				
Payout (%)	10.7	10.7	10.7				
Valuations							
P/E (x)	46.0	39.3	34.8				
P/BV (x)	3.3	3.1	2.8				
EV/EBITDA (x)	27.6	25.1	22.8				
Div. Yield (%)	0.2	0.3	0.3				
FCF per share	7.7	60.9	55.7				

## Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Dec-23	Sep-23	Dec-22
Promoter	49.1	49.1	49.1
DII	16.4	15.8	15.0
FII	24.0	24.4	25.6
Others	10.5	10.5	10.3

FII Includes depository receipts

## Stock's performance (one-year)



CMP: INR2,911 **TP: INR3,210 (+10%)** 

# Strong O2C, giga factories to be key catalysts in FY25

- Singapore refining margin (SG GRM) remained robust at ~USD8.3/bbl in Feb'24, while key petchem spreads over Naphtha too picked up MoM in Feb'24. FY25 will witness Reliance Industries (RELIANCE IN) commence phase-wise operations from its PV and battery storage facilities, which we believe can be a key catalyst for the stock in 1HFY25.
- For Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. (RJio), we build in a CAGR of 11%/15% in revenue/EBITDA over FY24-26, factoring in a 5%/4% CAGR for subs/ARPU over the same period. The long-term outlook remains intact for RJio, aided by market share gains from VIL, tariff hikes, new growth opportunities (such as Jiofiber, Airfiber, and JioBharat), and other digital avenues triggered by the 5G rollout.
- Reliance Retail is expected to clock a CAGR of 24%/29% in revenue/EBITDA over FY24-26, led by accelerated store additions across segments, a recovery in store productivity, and an aggressive foray into digital and new commerce.
- We maintain our BUY rating on RIL, highlighting consistent strength in refining margins and ongoing improvements in petchem spreads for the O2C business.

## Robust refining GRMs in Feb'24; petchem also improving

- In Feb'24, SG GRM averaged USD8.3/bbl, up from Jan'24 average of USD7.7/bbl. Gasoline margin rose 23% MoM in Feb'24, while diesel margin was at USD19.2/bbl (up 15% MoM).
- PE, PP and PX margins over naphtha in Feb'24 were up ~12%/14%/16% MoM at USD422/366/511 per mt respectively.
- We note that RIL's O2C earnings in 3QFY24 were impacted by a scheduled shutdown, and accordingly its 4QFY24 O2C earnings should see the full impact of higher volumes as well as improving spreads.

## O2C earnings driven by strong refining; petchem bottoming out

- In the FY23-26 period, we build in a 10% CAGR in standalone EBITDA, driven by higher volumes (no major shutdowns like in FY24), strong refining margin, and a moderate expansion in petrochemical spreads, especially in FY26.
- We had highlighted previously in our report (<u>Can petrochemicals surprise</u> in 2HFY25-26?) that petrochemical capacity additions in the Asia-Pacific and Middle East regions are coming off sharply in CY24, which should alleviate over-supply concerns and lead to spreads bottoming out.
- Strong O2C earnings should result in robust FCF generation at the standalone level, which in our estimates rises from INR49bn in FY24 to INR359bn in FY26, thus providing support to the deleveraging argument.

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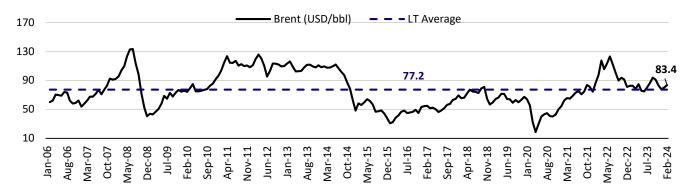
## New energy to witness start of PV and battery storage facilities in FY25

- FY25 will witness RIL commence operations in phases at its solar PV giga factory and production of battery packs. While there is no "external revenue" for now, RIL should witness energy savings as it will replace conventional power with renewable energy from FY26. Over the medium term, energy costs may decline by ~30-40% (FY23 standalone utility expenditure: INR235b).
- RIL expects to scale up its 10GW PV factory to 20GW by CY26. The energy storage giga factory will initially have a 5GWh annual cell-to-pack manufacturing facility, which will ramp up to 50GWh by CY27.
- Meanwhile, policy support tailwinds for the renewable sector continue as the central government has increased budgetary allocations to solar and hydrogen by 110% and 102%, respectively.

## Valuation and view

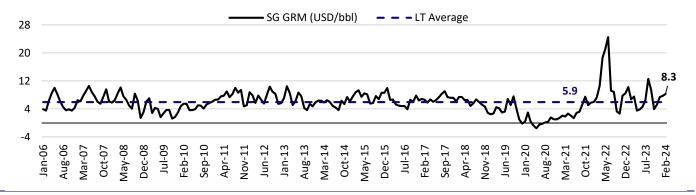
- We value Reliance Retail's core business at ~35x EV/EBITDA on FY26E and connectivity at ~5x to arrive at our valuation of INR1,759. Reliance Retail's value in RIL share is INR1,547/share (for its 87.9% stake). Our premium valuation multiples capture the opportunity for the rapid expansion of RIL's retail business and the aggressive rollout of digital platforms.
- For RJio, we have broadly kept our estimates unchanged for FY25/FY26, factoring in a CAGR of 11%/15% in revenue/EBITDA during FY24-26. The business is valued at an EV/EBITDA multiple of 12x on FY26E EBITDA. Potential tariff hikes, market share gains from VIL, and opportunities in digital offer an option value of INR130, thereby arriving at a valuation of INR889/share (adjusted for its 66% stake).
- According to IEA estimates, global oil demand growth is projected to remain strong, led by transportation fuels. The global downstream chemical markets are likely to remain well-supplied in the near term. LNG demand remains stagnant as a milder winter in Northeast Asia and Europe has resulted in a lower-than-expected depletion in inventory.
- Using SoTP, we value the standalone business at 7.5x Dec'25E EV/EBITDA to arrive at a valuation of INR955/share. We ascribe an equity valuation of INR889/share to RJio and INR1,547/share to Reliance Retail (factoring in the recent stake sale) as well as INR37/share to the new energy business. We reiterate our BUY rating with a TP of INR3,210.

Exhibit 1: Brent has remained stable despite supply side risks due to Middle East tensions



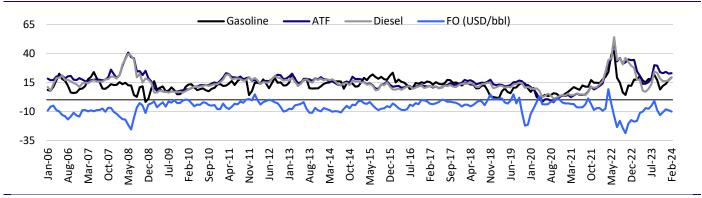
Source: Reuters, MOFSL

Exhibit 2: SG GRM has risen to USD8.3/bbl, currently at a premium of 41% to LT average



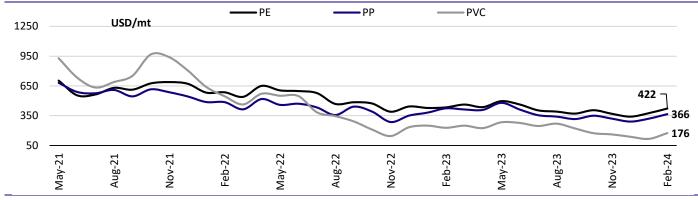
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Exhibit 3: Diesel/petrol cracks seem to be improving



Source: Reuters, MOFSL

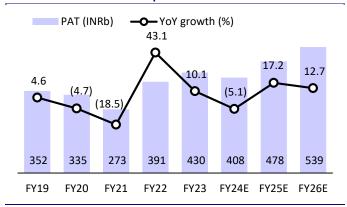
Exhibit 4: Petchem cracks improving as well



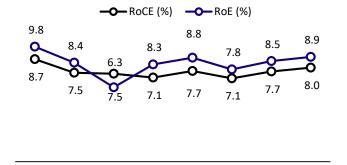
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## **Story in charts**

**Exhibit 5: Standalone PAT profile** 



**Exhibit 6: Return ratios to improve going forward** 



FY19 FY20 FY21 FY22 FY23 FY24E FY25E FY26E

Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 7: Standalone business to generate FCF of INR801b over FY24-26E...

Source: Company, MOFSL

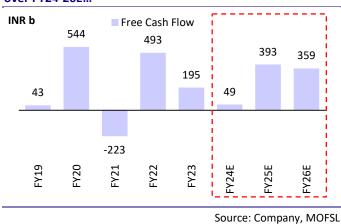
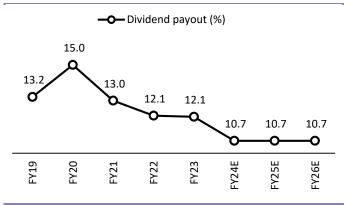


Exhibit 8: ...with expected dividend payout of ~10.7% going forward



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 9: Consol one-year forward P/E

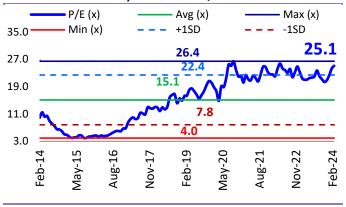
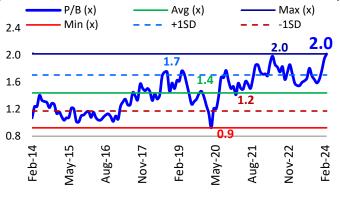


Exhibit 10: Consol one-year forward P/B



Source: Company, MOFSL

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## **Financials and Valuations**

Y/E March	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Total Income from Operations	3,716	3,370	2,457	4,237	5,283	5,247	5,522	5,612
Change (%)	28.1	-9.3	-27.1	72.5	24.7	-0.7	5.2	1.6
EBITDA	589	528	335	523	656	741	807	880
Margin (%)	15.8	15.7	13.6	12.3	12.4	14.1	14.6	15.7
Depreciation	106	97	92	103	101	171	165	178
EBIT	483	431	243	420	555	570	641	702
Int. and Finance Charges	98	121	162	91	126	137	127	127
Other Income	88	136	148	139	112	103	122	142
PBT bef. EO Exp.	474	446	229	468	541	537	636	717
EO Items	0	-42	43	0	12	0	0	0
PBT after EO Exp.	474	403	272	468	553	537	636	717
Total Tax	122	94	-47	77	111	128	158	178
Tax Rate (%)	25.8	23.3	-17.4	16.5	20.1	23.9	24.8	24.8
Reported PAT	352	309	319	391	442	408	478	539
Adjusted PAT	352	335	273	391	430	408	478	539
Change (%)	4.6	-4.7	-18.5	43.1	10.1	-5.1	17.2	12.7
Margin (%)	9.5	9.9	11.1	9.2	8.1	7.8	8.7	9.6

Standalone - Balance Sheet								(INR b)
Y/E March	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Equity Share Capital	63	63	64	68	68	68	68	68
Total Reserves	3,990	3,849	4,680	4,648	4,958	5,323	5,750	6,232
Net Worth	4,053	3,912	4,745	4,715	5,026	5,390	5,818	6,299
Total Loans	1,572	1,973	1,667	1,946	2,166	1,884	1,884	1,884
Deferred Tax Liabilities	473	506	308	308	340	340	340	340
Capital Employed	6,098	6,391	6,720	6,969	7,531	7,614	8,041	8,523
Gross Block	3,286	4,417	4,512	3,943	4,100	4,642	5,022	5,402
Less: Accum. Deprn.	1,255	1,352	1,444	1,547	1,648	1,828	1,993	2,171
Net Fixed Assets	2,032	3,065	3,068	2,396	2,452	2,814	3,029	3,231
Capital WIP	1,116	280	328	347	489	506	576	646
Total Investments	3,317	4,918	3,473	4,088	4,086	4,086	4,086	4,086
Curr. Assets, Loans&Adv.	1,293	1,454	1,851	1,933	2,121	1,814	2,041	2,278
Inventory	441	388	374	459	489	486	511	520
Account Receivables	121	75	42	144	169	168	177	179
Cash and Bank Balance	38	85	56	217	618	206	420	594
Loans and Advances	693	907	1,379	1,113	845	955	933	985
Curr. Liability & Prov.	1,659	3,326	2,001	1,795	1,617	1,606	1,690	1,717
Account Payables	1,626	3,301	1,977	1,770	1,595	1,584	1,667	1,694
Provisions	33	25	24	25	22	22	23	24
Net Current Assets	-366	-1,872	-150	138	504	208	351	560
Appl. of Funds	6,098	6,391	6,720	6,969	7,531	7,614	8,041	8,523

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Ratios								
Y/E March	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	EV22	FY24E	EVOCE	EV26E
Basic (INR)	F119	FYZU	FYZI	F1ZZ	FY23	F1Z4E	FY25E	FY26E
EPS	54.6	52.0	42.4	60.6	66.7	63.3	74.2	83.7
Cash EPS	70.9	67.1	56.6	76.6	82.4	89.9	99.9	111.3
BV/Share	658.8	635.8	771.2	766.4	816.9	876.1	945.6	1,023.8
Valuation (x)	036.6	055.6	//1.2	700.4	010.9	870.1	945.0	1,023.0
P/E	53.4	56.1	68.8	48.1	43.7	46.0	39.3	34.8
Cash P/E	41.1	43.4	51.5	38.1	35.4	32.4	29.2	26.2
P/BV	41.1	43.4	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.1	2.8
EV/Sales	5.5	6.1	8.3	4.8	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.6
EV/SaleS EV/EBITDA	34.5	39.1	60.9	39.2	31.0	27.6	25.1	22.8
Dividend Yield (%)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
FCF per share	6.7	84.3	-34.5	76.6	30.2	7.7	60.9	55.7
Return Ratios (%)	0.7	64.5	-34.3	70.0	30.2	7.7	60.9	33.7
RoE	9.8	8.4	6.3	8.3	8.8	7.8	8.5	8.9
RoCE	8.7	7.5	7.5	7.1	7.7	7.8	7.7	
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Working Capital Ratios	26.1	24.1	14.4	13.6	19.1	16.8	16.7	17.2
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Fixed Asset Turnover (x) Asset Turnover (x)	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.1 0.7	0.7	1.0
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Inventory (Days)	43	42	56	40	34	34	34	34
Debtor (Days)	12	8	6	12	12	12	12	12
Creditor (Days)	160	358	294	152	110	110	110	110
Leverage Ratio (x)	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2
Current Ratio	0.8	0.4	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.3
Interest Cover Ratio	5.0	3.6	1.5	4.6	4.4	4.2	5.0	5.5
Net Debt/Equity	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Standalone - Cash Flow Statement								(INR b)
Y/E March	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	474	403	272	468	556	537	636	717
Depreciation	106	97	92	103	101	171	165	178
Interest & Finance Charges	98	121	162	91	126	137	127	127
Direct Taxes Paid	-94	-53	-17	-15	-49	-128	-158	-178
(Inc)/Dec in WC	-193	335	-320	138	-122	-116	72	-35
Others	-98	-129	-194	-111	-131	0	0	0
CF from Operations	292	775	-5	675	481	599	843	809
(Inc)/Dec in FA	-249	-232	-218	-181	-286	-550	-450	-450
Free Cash Flow	43	544	-223	493	195	49	393	359
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	-127	-1,309	1,202	-563	183	0	0	0
Others	-163	105	-242	292	97	0	0	0
CF from Investments	-539	-1,436	743	-453	-6	-550	-450	-450
Inc/(Dec) in Debt	415	118	-181	-238	277	-282	0	0
Interest Paid	-116	-145	-143	-110	-140	-137	-127	-127
Dividend Paid	-43	-46	-39	-43	-51	-44	-51	-58
CF from Fin. Activity	258	708	-766	-60	-74	-462	-178	-185
Inc/Dec of Cash	10	47	-29	161	401	-412	214	174
Opening Balance	27	38	84	56	217	618	206	420
Closing Balance	38	85	56	217	618	206	420	594

## **Financials and Valuations**

Y/E March	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Total Income from Operations	5,671	5,967	4,669	7,000	8,795	9,236	10,288	11,245
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Change (%)	44.8	5.2	-21.8	49.9	25.6	5.0	11.4	9.3
Total Expenditure	4,832	5,085	3,862	5,895	7,366	7,634	8,478	9,208
% of Sales	85.2	85.2	82.7	84.2	83.8	82.7	82.4	81.9
EBITDA	839	882	807	1,105	1,429	1,601	1,811	2,037
Margin (%)	14.8	14.8	17.3	15.8	16.2	17.3	17.6	18.1
Depreciation	209	222	266	298	403	498	523	583
EBIT	630	660	542	807	1,026	1,103	1,288	1,454
Int. and Finance Charges	165	220	212	146	196	210	205	212
Other Income	86	140	163	149	118	113	133	156
PBT bef. EO Exp.	551	579	493	810	948	1,006	1,215	1,398
EO Items	0	-44	56	28	0	0	0	0
PBT after EO Exp.	551	535	549	839	948	1,006	1,215	1,398
Total Tax	154	137	17	163	207	249	306	352
Tax Rate (%)	27.9	25.7	3.1	19.4	21.8	24.7	25.2	25.2
Minority Interest	-1	-1	41	69	74	75	93	107
Reported PAT	398	399	491	607	667	682	817	939
Adjusted PAT	398	432	437	584	667	682	817	939
Change (%)	7.2	8.4	1.1	33.8	14.2	2.3	19.7	15.0
Margin (%)	7.0	7.2	9.4	8.3	7.6	7.4	7.9	8.4

Consolidated - Balance Sheet								(INR b)
Y/E March	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Equity Share Capital	59	63	64	68	68	68	68	68
Eq. Share Warrants & App. Money	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Reserves	3,812	4,428	6,937	7,727	8,144	8,780	9,545	10,427
Net Worth	3,871	4,492	7,002	7,795	8,212	8,847	9,613	10,494
Minority Interest	83	122	993	1,095	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,130
Total Loans	2,719	2,914	2,238	2,820	3,351	3,351	3,351	3,351
Deferred Tax Liabilities	499	541	370	496	603	603	603	603
Capital Employed	7,173	8,069	10,602	12,206	13,296	13,932	14,697	15,579
Gross Block	5,868	7,450	7,802	8,938	10,289	13,239	14,639	15,639
Less: Accum. Deprn.	2,004	2,226	2,492	2,790	3,193	3,691	4,214	4,797
Net Fixed Assets	3,864	5,224	5,310	6,148	7,096	9,548	10,425	10,842
Goodwill on Consolidation	120	103	102	130	137	137	137	137
Capital WIP	1,795	1,091	1,260	1,725	2,938	1,188	688	588
Total Investments	2,403	2,768	3,648	3,943	3,366	3,366	3,366	3,366
Curr. Assets, Loans&Adv.	1,843	2,474	2,892	3,051	3,598	3,725	4,573	5,555
Inventory	676	739	817	1,078	1,400	1,470	1,638	1,790
Account Receivables	301	197	190	236	285	299	333	364
Cash and Bank Balance	111	309	174	362	747	109	544	1,152
Loans and Advances	755	1,229	1,711	1,375	1,167	1,847	2,058	2,249
Curr. Liability & Prov.	2,851	3,590	2,610	2,791	3,839	4,031	4,491	4,908
Account Payables	1,083	968	1,089	1,593	1,472	1,546	1,722	1,882
Other Current Liabilities	1,721	2,581	1,465	1,159	2,329	2,446	2,725	2,978
Provisions	47	41	56	38	38	40	44	48
Net Current Assets	-1,009	-1,116	282	260	-241	-307	82	647
Appl. of Funds	7,173	8,069	10,602	12,206	13,296	13,932	14,697	15,579

## **Financials and Valuations**

Ratios								
Y/E March	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Basic (INR)								
EPS	67.2	68.1	67.7	86.4	98.6	100.9	120.7	138.8
Cash EPS	94.3	101.5	109.0	136.9	166.1	183.2	207.9	236.2
BV/Share	601	697	1,086	1,209	1,274	1,373	1,491	1,628
DPS	6.0	6.0	6.4	7.0	7.9	6.9	7.6	8.5
Payout (%)	11.6	11.6	8.4	7.8	8.0	6.9	6.3	6.1
Valuation (x)								
P/E	43.4	42.8	43.0	33.8	29.6	28.9	24.1	21.0
Cash P/E	30.9	28.7	26.7	21.3	17.6	15.9	14.0	12.3
P/BV	4.9	4.2	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8
EV/Sales	3.8	3.6	4.5	3.2	2.5	2.5	2.2	1.9
EV/EBITDA	25.5	24.2	25.8	20.1	15.6	14.3	12.4	10.8
Dividend Yield (%)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
FCF per share	-0.8	-22.1	14.3	-18.3	22.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Return Ratios (%)								
RoE	11.7	10.3	7.6	7.9	8.3	8.0	8.9	9.3
RoCE	9.1	8.5	8.2	7.8	8.1	7.7	8.4	9.0
RoIC	17.7	14.5	11.1	11.1	12.9	10.7	9.9	10.6
Working Capital Ratios								
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
Asset Turnover (x)	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Inventory (Days)	43	45	64	56	58	58	58	58
Debtor (Days)	19	12	15	12	12	12	12	12
Creditor (Days)	70	59	85	83	61	61	61	61
Leverage Ratio (x)								
Current Ratio	0.6	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1
Interest Cover Ratio	3.8	3.0	2.6	5.5	5.2	5.3	6.3	6.9
Net Debt/Equity	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Consolidated - Cash Flow Stateme	nt							(INR b)
Y/E March	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
PBT	552	536	555	839	948	1,006	1,215	1,398
Depreciation	209	222	266	298	403	498	523	583
Tax paid	-122	-84	-32	-38	-207	-249	-306	-352
Change in deferred tax liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in net working capital	-288	219	-507	7	-196	-573	47	43
Misc	72	87	-19	1	202	-75	-93	-107
Operating cash flow	423	981	262	1,107	1,150	608	1,387	1,565
Capex	-928	-756	-1,035	-970	-1,318	-1,200	-900	-900
Change in investments	-19	141	-473	3	294	0	0	0
Misc	-5	-142	92	-124	154	0	0	0
Investing cash flows	-951	-757	-1,416	-1,092	-870	-1,200	-900	-900
Change in borrowings	865	356	-837	99	381	0	0	0
Misc	-265	-337	-241	-285	-231	0	0	0
Issuance of equity	203	1	2,136	402	5	0	0	0
Others	-263	-335	1,895	117	-225	0	0	0
Dividend paid	-43	-333 -46	-39	-43	-51	-47	-51	-58
Financing cash flow	559	-46 - <b>25</b>	1,019	173	105	-47 - <b>47</b>	-51 - <b>51</b>	-58
Net change in cash	31	198	-135	188	385	-639	436	608
	111	309						
Closing cash balance	111	309	174	362	747	109	544	1,152

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