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Sun Pharmaceutical Industries

Steady quarter, valuation quite pricey

Sun Pharma (Sun)'s Q4FY24 results were aided by higher other income, barring which, performance was marginally below our expectations. Sun is on course to file its marketing application for Nidlegy in Europe in Jun'24 while PDUFA date for deuruxolitinib is in Jul'24. Marketing investments towards its specialty portfolio is likely to rise in the near term. Further phase-2 trial of GL0034 is likely to start in H2CY24, which shall increase R&D cost. In India, the new MRs are helping Sun boost volume growth. Ahead, the company will likely grow in-line or better than the pharma market's growth rate in India. Management aims to grow its revenue in single-digit in FY25E. We raise our FY25E/26E EPS by ~1%. Retain **HOLD** due to pricey valuation (30x FY26E earnings); TP revised to INR 1,463 based on 28x FY26E earnings.

Strong growth across segments; higher R&D curbs margins

Revenues grew 10.2% YoY/-1.9% QoQ to INR 120bn (I-Sec: INR 121.1bn), led by traction across segments. Gross margins rose 80bps YoY/ 250bps QoQ to 80.1%, due to better product mix. EBITDA grew 10.5% YoY to INR 30.3bn. EBITDA margins expanded 10bps YoY/-180bps QoQ to 25.3% (I-Sec: 25.6%), impacted by higher R&D (up 35% YoY). Adj. PAT growth of 21% YoY to INR 27.6bn (I-Sec: INR 23.9bn) was aided by higher other income (up 62.3% YoY).

Specialty sales muted; further investments underway

US revenue was flat QoQ at USD 476mn. Taro revenues rose 5% QoQ/12.5% YoY to USD 165mn. While Sun's generic business is expected to have flattish growth sequentially. gRevlimid did not have a material contribution in Q4FY24 to US sales. Global specialty revenue declined 1.8% QoQ to USD 271mn on an adjusted-basis. Global Ilumya sales grew 21.7% to USD 580mn in FY24 while sales Winlevi are also on an upswing. We expect overall US sales CAGR at 8.8% over FY24–26E to ~USD 2.2bn driven by a ramp up in Ilumya and Winlevi. India business grew at 10.2% YoY driven by better volumes across therapies. Sun launched nine new brands in Q4FY24. We expect domestic business CAGR of 8.5% over FY24-26E. EMs grew 11.8% YoY at INR 20.3bn. RoW, region recorded growth of 7.3% YoY at INR 16.3bn driven by Brazil and South Africa. API sales grew 12.7% YoY to INR 4.9bn. Management aims to grow revenues in FY25E in single-digits and R&D is likely to climb to 9–10%.

Financial Summary

Y/E March (INR mn)	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Net Revenue	4,37,271	4,83,309	5,28,228	5,70,832
EBITDA	1,14,882	1,28,571	1,46,654	1,64,759
EBITDA Margin (%)	26.3	26.6	27.8	28.9
Net Profit	87,894	1,02,151	1,08,315	1,23,248
EPS (INR)	36.6	42.6	45.1	51.4
EPS % Chg YoY	160.3	13.2	15.1	13.8
P/E (x)	44.4	39.2	34.1	30.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	31.4	27.5	23.6	20.5
RoCE (%)	14.8	15.0	14.6	15.2
RoE (%)	16.9	17.1	16.1	16.5

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Market Data

3,693bn
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Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	(1.2)	27.8	64.2
Relative to Sensex	(2.7)	15.4	44.4

Earnings Revisions (%)	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	2.3	1.9
EBITDA	(0.2)	0.3
EPS	0.5	0.8

Previous Reports

01-02-2024: Q3FY24 results review 02-11-2023: **Q2FY24** results review



Valuation and risks

Steady growth in key geographies of US and India boosted FY24 revenue growth to 10.4%, ahead of the guided single-digit growth by management. Better sales from the global specialty business coupled with RM cost softening has lifted gross margins by an impressive 230bps YoY to ~78% in FY24. Ramp-up in gRevlimid has been slow while the company has initiated supplies from its Mohali plant, which should support growth in the near-term. Sun has filed deuruxolitinib with USFDA while Nidlegy will also be filed in Europe – these assets are expected to rope in sizeable delta in revenue while marketing costs inch up in the next few quarters. Besides, its branded generics across markets, including India, would help maintain momentum in revenue/margins.

We expect 8.7% revenue and 9.8% adj. PAT CAGRs over FY24–26E. We see EBITDA margin improving to 28.9% with improving revenue mix towards specialty. The stock currently trades at a pricey 34.1x FY25E and 30x FY26E earnings; and EV/EBITDA multiples of 23.6x FY25E and 20.5x FY26E, which curbs potential upside from its current levels. We retain our **HOLD** rating on the stock with a higher target price of INR 1,463 (earlier INR 1,400) based on 28x FY26E EPS (27x FY26E earlier).

Key downside risks: Higher-than-expected pricing pressures in the US; and regulatory hurdles.

Key upside risks: Faster ramp-up in specialty assets in US; and M&A.

Q4FY24 conference call: Highlights

India

- In Q4FY24 Sun launched nine new products in India.
- In FY25, it aims to grow in-line or ahead of market growth rate.

US generics

- In Q4FY24, it launched two generic products in the US (ex-Taro).
- The company filed 11 ANDA's and received two approvals during the quarter.
- Pending product pipeline: 104 ANDAs and 14 NDAs await USFDA approval.
- The company has resumed supplies from its Mohali plant.
- Management believes it has a healthy pipeline of generic products under development and a few of these will be filed with USFDA in FY25E.
- Management is hopeful of being regulatory complaint in subsequent reinspections of its key sites Mohali and Halol.
- gRevlimid was not a major contributor to Q4 sales of its US business. Sales from this product will be lumpy ahead.

Global specialty

- Global sales of Ilumya grew by 21.7% to USD 580mn (excluding end-market sales of partners) in FY24.
- Ilumya has decent acceptability with prescribers and it should help the brand overcome the threat of cheaper substitutes.
- Winlevi had seen a strong pickup in Q4FY24; the momentum will likely continue in FY25E.
- Ilumya's success in Japan has been in-line with management's expectations.



- Ilumya's market share in psoriasis biologics market is less than 1% in US.
- Target population in Europe for Nidlegy is small, while reimbursement in the products will be decent.
- The company is already working towards launch of deuruxolitinib (PDUFA in Jul'24); ahead, marketing and promotion cost of this product is expected to rise.
- Key investments ahead include cost of specialty product launch (deuruxolitinib) in US and R&D.

Emerging markets

• Brazil and South Africa markets were the main growth drivers in the RoW markets.

Guidance

- Improvement in gross margins in Q4FY24 was aided by better contribution from specialty business.
- FY25E revenue growth is likely to be in high single-digits, aided by growth across all segments.
- R&D will likely inch up to 8–10% of sales in FY25E.
- Effective tax rate is expected to increase slightly every year.

Exhibit 1: Quarterly review

Particulars (INR mn)	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY % Chg	Q3FY24	QoQ % Chg	FY24	FY23	YoY % Chg
Net Sales	1,19,829	1,08,747	10.2	1,22,147	(1.9)	4,83,309	4,37,271	10.5
Gross Profit	96,025	86,245	11.3	94,778	1.3	3,76,682	3,30,649	13.9
Gross margins(%)	80.1	79.3	80bps	77.6	250bps	77.9	75.6	230bps
EBITDA	30,352	27,462	10.5	33,108	(8.3)	1,28,571	1,14,882	11.9
EBITDA margins (%)	25.3	25.3	10bps	27.1	-180bps	26.6	26.3	30bps
Other income	6,059	3,733	62.3	2,502	142.2	13,542	6,345	113.4
PBIDT	36,411	31,195	16.7	35,610	2.2	1,42,113	1,21,227	17.2
Depreciation	6,504	6,715	(3.2)	6,221	4.5	25,566	25,294	1.1
Interest	736	927	(20.7)	347	111.8	2,385	1,720	38.6
Extra ordinary income/ (exp.)	(1,016)	(1,155)		962		(3,283)	(128)	
PBT	28,155	22,397	25.7	30,004	(6.2)	1,10,879	94,084	17.9
Tax	1,489	2,229	(33.2)	4,323	(65.6)	14,395	8,476	69.8
Minority Interest	42	(16)	(365.0)	368	(88.7)	337	394	(14.5)
Share of profit in JV	(79)	(339)		(75)		(384)	(479)	
Reported PAT	26,546	19,845	33.8	25,238	5.2	95,764	84,736	13.0
Adjusted PAT	27,562	20,885	32.0	24,414	12.9	1,02,151	87,893	16.2

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 2: Business mix

Particulars (INR mn)	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY % Chg	Q3FY24	QoQ % Chg	FY24	FY23	YoY % Chg
Formulations	1,13,260	1,02,373	10.6	1,14,604	(1.2)	4,54,048	4,09,200	11.0
India	37,078	33,641	10.2	37,785	(1.9)	1,48,893	1,36,031	9.5
US	39,544	35,343	11.9	39,736	(0.5)	1,53,493	1,35,353	13.4
US (USD mn)	476	430	10.7	477	(0.2)	1,854	1,684	10.1
Emerging Markets	20,348	18,204	11.8	20,946	(2.9)	86,195	78,977	9.1
ROW	16,290	15,184	7.3	16,137	1.0	65,468	58,839	11.3
APIs & Others	4,873	4,324	12.7	5,305	(8.1)	19,187	19,724	(2.7)
Other Op. Income	1,696	2,051	(17.3)	2,238	(24.2)	2,690	2,279	18.0
Total Sales	1,19,829	1,08,747	10.2	1,22,147	(1.9)	4,75,925	4,31,203	10.4

Source: I-Sec research, Company data



Exhibit 3: Key growth drivers of domestic business in Q4FY24

Brands (INR mn)	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY (%)	Q3FY24	QoQ (%)	MAT MAR'24	MAT MAR'23	YoY (%)
Rosuvas	1,162	941	23.4	1,081	7.4	4,316	3,527	-18.3
Levipil	997	914	9.1	1,031	-3.3	4,038	3,617	-10.4
Volini	737	731	0.8	920	-19.9	3,444	3,457	0.4
Gemer	776	790	-1.8	802	-3.2	3,304	3,143	-4.9
Susten	748	713	4.9	694	7.7	2,921	2,775	-5.0
Pantocid	707	651	8.7	737	-4.1	2,871	2,620	-8.7
Pantocid-D	663	602	10.1	663	0.1	2,649	2,453	-7.4
Montek-Lc	619	673	-7.9	741	-16.4	2,434	2,300	-5.5
Sompraz-D	608	487	24.9	574	5.9	2,292	1,916	-16.4
Moxclav	611	611	0.0	633	-3.5	2,256	2,295	1.8

Source: IQVIA

Exhibit 4: Growth profile of key therapies in India

Therapies (INR mn)	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY (%)	Q3FY24	QoQ (%)	MAT MAR'24	MAT MAR'23	YoY (%)
Neuro / CNS	7,377	6,722	9.7	7,350	0.4	29,200	26,497	10.2
Cardiac	7,229	6,684	8.2	7,109	1.7	28,494	25,976	9.7
Gastro Intestinal	5,413	4,931	9.8	5,435	-0.4	21,937	19,866	10.4
Anti-Infectives	3,656	3,673	-0.5	3,915	-6.6	14,632	14,187	3.1
Pain / Analgesics	3,156	2,696	17.0	3,313	-4.8	12,897	11,656	10.6
Anti-Diabetic	3,145	2,715	15.8	3,087	1.9	12,397	11,181	10.9
Respiratory	2,324	2,365	-1.7	2,546	-8.7	8,822	8,273	6.6
Derma	1,724	1,654	4.2	1,830	-5.8	7,261	7,121	2.0
Vitamins/Minerals/Nutrients	1,715	1,584	8.2	1,755	-2.3	7,056	6,824	3.4
Gynaec.	1,649	1,556	6.0	1,623	1.6	6,679	6,330	5.5

Source: IQVIA

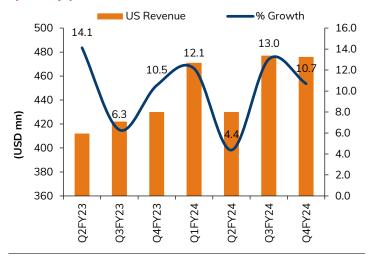
Exhibit 5: Sun's global specialty pipeline

Candidate	Indication	Current phase	Next milestone
deuruxolitinib	alopecia areata	Filed with US FDA	PDUFA date in Jul-24
NidlegyTM (EU, ANZ rights with Sun)	skin cancer	Phase-3 completed in first indication	Submission of MA application in locally advanced fully resectable melanoma to EMA on June 3
llumya	psoriatic arthritis	Phase-3	Topline data during H2CY25
MM-II	pain in osteoarthritis	Phase-2 completed	Phase-3 to start in H1CY25
SCD-044	Psoriasis Atopic dermatitis	Phase 2	Topline data by H1CY25 Topline data by H2CY24
GL0034	Type-2 diabetes & obesity	Phase-1 completed	Phase-2 to start by H2CY24

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

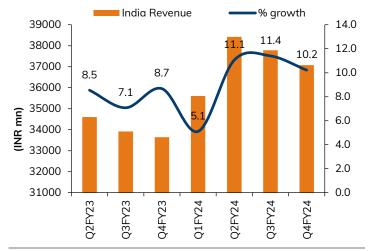
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Exhibit 6: Growth attributed to good performance in US specialty portfolio



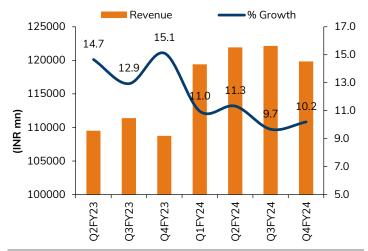
Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 8: New product launches and better volume driving momentum in India



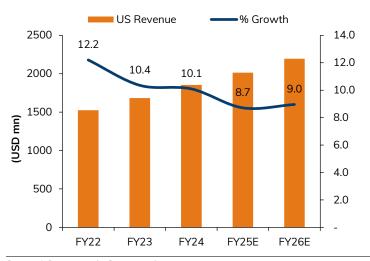
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Exhibit 10: Traction across segments aids growth



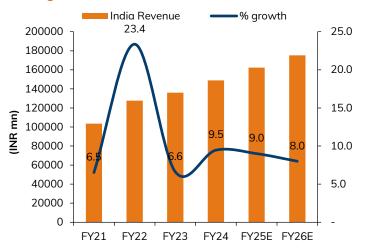
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Exhibit 7: US revenue to touch USD 2.2bn by FY26E



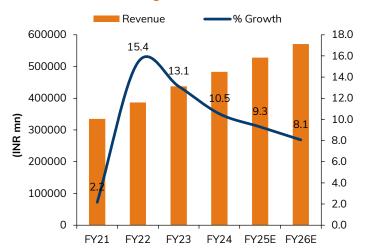
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Exhibit 9: MR addition and calibrated pricing to drive 8.5% CAGR growth in India over FY24-26E



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

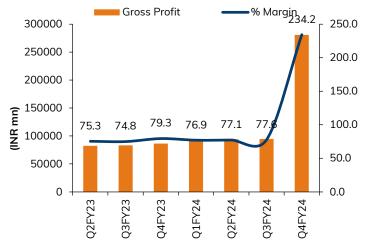
Exhibit 11: Revenue to grow 8.7% over FY24-26E



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

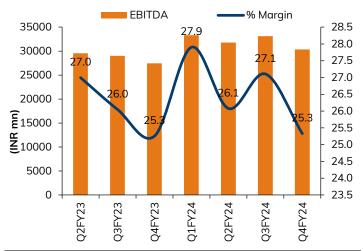


Exhibit 12: Gross margin expansion due to higher revenue from specialty and India branded business



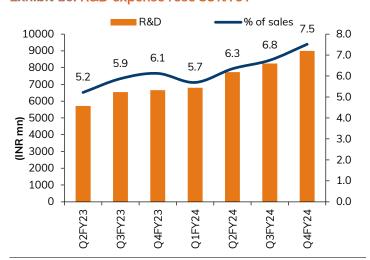
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Exhibit 14: Higher R&D costs impacted EBITDA margin



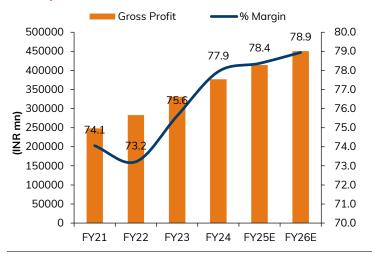
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Exhibit 16: R&D expense rose 35%YoY



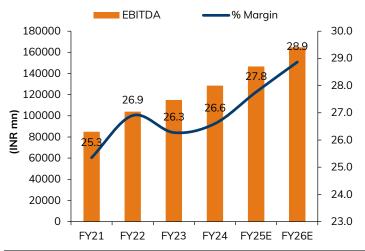
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Exhibit 13: Gross margin is expected to improve led by better product mix



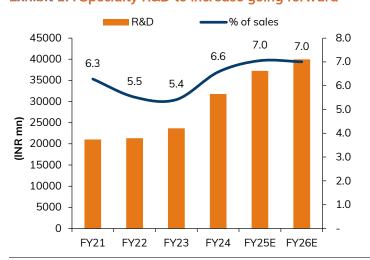
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Exhibit 15: Higher specialty sales contribution to drive **EBITDA** margin going forward



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 17: Specialty R&D to increase going forward



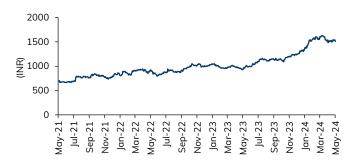
Source: I-Sec research, Company data



Exhibit 18: Shareholding pattern

%	Sep'23	Dec'23	Mar'24
Promoters	54.5	54.5	54.5
Institutional investors	36.5	36.6	36.5
MFs and others	13.1	12.9	12.2
Fls/Banks	0.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance	5.1	5.0	5.1
FIIs	18.3	18.6	19.3
Others	9.0	8.9	9.0

Exhibit 19: Price chart



Source: Bloomberg Source: Bloomberg



Financial Summary

Exhibit 20: Profit & Loss

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	4,37,271	4,83,309	5,28,228	5,70,832
Operating Expenses	2,15,767	2,48,111	2,67,321	2,85,856
EBITDA	1,14,882	1,28,571	1,46,654	1,64,759
EBITDA Margin (%)	26.3	26.6	27.8	28.9
Depreciation & Amortization	25,294	25,566	26,468	27,942
EBIT	89,588	1,03,005	1,20,186	1,36,817
Interest expenditure	1,720	2,385	1,251	999
Other Non-operating Income	6,345	13,542	7,891	8,413
Recurring PBT	94,213	1,14,162	1,26,825	1,44,232
Profit / (Loss) from Associates	(479)	(384)	(384)	(384)
Less: Taxes	8,476	14,395	17,755	20,192
PAT	85,737	99,768	1,09,069	1,24,040
Less: Minority Interest	(394)	(337)	(370)	(407)
Extraordinaries (Net)	(1,715)	(4,943)	-	-
Net Income (Reported) Net Income (Adjusted)	83,150 87,894	94,104 1,02,151	1,08,315 1,08,315	1,23,248 1,23,248

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 21: Balance sheet

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Total Current Assets	3,05,107	3,48,904	4,32,871	5,26,928
of which cash & cash eqv.	57,703	1,05,207	1,68,269	2,42,764
Total Current Liabilities &	1 25 010	1 40 1 4 4	1 51 050	1 62 401
Provisions	1,35,810	1,40,144	1,51,958	1,62,491
Net Current Assets	1,69,297	2,08,761	2,80,913	3,64,437
Investments	1,48,243	1,50,258	1,50,258	1,50,258
Net Fixed Assets	1,03,904	1,01,923	96,205	89,013
ROU Assets	-	-	-	-
Capital Work-in-Progress	9,634	11,077	11,077	11,077
Total Intangible Assets	1,76,849	1,72,652	1,72,652	1,72,652
Other assets	5,434	5,919	5,919	5,919
Deferred Tax Assets	58,259	63,887	63,887	63,887
Total Assets	6,71,626	7,14,485	7,80,919	8,57,253
Liabilities				
Borrowings	68,859	32,737	26,737	20,737
Deferred Tax Liability	317	1,551	1,551	1,551
provisions	3,429	4,139	4,524	4,888
other Liabilities	5,866	4,999	4,999	4,999
Equity Share Capital	5,59,954	6,36,668	7,08,347	7,89,908
Reserves & Surplus	33,201	34,392	34,762	35,170
Total Net Worth	5,93,155	6,71,060	7,43,109	8,25,078
Minority Interest	_	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	6,71,626	7,14,485	7,80,919	8,57,253

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 22: Cashflow statement

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Operating Cashflow	49,593	1,21,350	1,27,699	1,43,931
Working Capital Changes	(9,730)	12,014	(13,877)	(13,569)
Capital Commitments	(78,178)	(13,109)	(20,750)	(20,750)
Free Cashflow	1,27,771	1,34,458	1,48,449	1,64,681
Other investing cashflow	(1,259)	6,207	-	-
Cashflow from Investing Activities	(79,437)	(6,902)	(20,750)	(20,750)
Issue of Share Capital	-	-	-	-
Interest Cost	(1,720)	(2,385)	(1,251)	(999)
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	-	-	-	-
Dividend paid	(25,197)	(28,982)	(36,636)	(41,687)
Others	64,130	(35,735)	(6,000)	(6,000)
Cash flow from Financing Activities	37,213	(67,102)	(43,887)	(48,685)
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	7,369	47,346	63,062	74,496
Closing cash & balance	57,703	1,05,049	1,68,269	2,42,764

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 23: Key ratios

(Year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Per Share Data (INR)				
Reported EPS	34.7	39.2	45.1	51.4
Adjusted EPS (Diluted)	36.6	42.6	45.1	51.4
Cash EPS	47.2	53.2	56.2	63.0
Dividend per share (DPS)	11.5	13.5	15.3	17.4
Book Value per share (BV)	233.4	265.4	295.2	329.2
Dividend Payout (%)	33.2	34.4	33.8	33.8
Growth (%)				
Net Sales	13.1	10.5	9.3	8.1
EBITDA	10.5	11.9	14.1	12.3
EPS (INR)	160.3	13.2	15.1	13.8
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	44.4	39.2	34.1	30.0
P/CEPS	32.6	28.9	27.4	24.4
P/BV	6.6	5.8	5.2	4.7
EV / EBITDA	31.4	27.5	23.6	20.5
P / Sales	8.4	7.6	7.0	6.5
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Ratios				
Gross Profit Margins (%)	75.6	77.9	78.4	78.9
EBITDA Margins (%)	26.3	26.6	27.8	28.9
Effective Tax Rate (%)	9.2	12.8	14.0	14.0
Net Profit Margins (%)	20.1	21.1	20.5	21.6
NWC / Total Assets (%)	-	-	-	-
Net Debt / Equity (x)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.5)
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	(1.2)	(1.7)	(2.0)	(2.3)
Profitability Ratios				
RoCE (%)	14.8	15.0	14.6	15.2
RoE (%)	16.9	17.1	16.1	16.5
RoIC (%)	18.1	18.9	19.8	22.4
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	4.2	4.7	5.3	6.2
Inventory Turnover Days	93	78	77	75
Receivables Days	101	89	89	88
Payables Days	50	45	44	42



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