

Buy



# **Indraprastha Gas**

**BSE SENSEX S&P CNX** 81,927 25,108



## **Stock Info**

| Bloomberg             | IGL IN      |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Equity Shares (m)     | 1400        |
| M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)   | 308.2 / 3.5 |
| 52-Week Range (INR)   | 277 / 153   |
| 1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%) | 2/4/-20     |
| 12M Avg Val (INR M)   | 1260        |
| Free float (%)        | 55.0        |

Financials Snapshot (INR b)

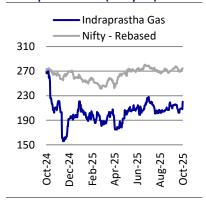
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|------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| Y/E March        | FY26E                     | FY27E | FY28E |  |  |  |
| Sales            | 169.1                     | 184.3 | 205.0 |  |  |  |
| EBITDA           | 20.8                      | 24.3  | 26.1  |  |  |  |
| PAT              | 15.2                      | 18.0  | 19.3  |  |  |  |
| EPS (INR)        | 10.9                      | 12.8  | 13.8  |  |  |  |
| EPS Gr. (%)      | 3.8                       | 17.9  | 7.6   |  |  |  |
| BV/Sh.(INR)      | 72.8                      | 80.4  | 88.6  |  |  |  |
| Ratios           |                           |       |       |  |  |  |
| Net D:E          | -0.3                      | -0.3  | -0.3  |  |  |  |
| RoE (%)          | 15.6                      | 16.7  | 16.3  |  |  |  |
| RoCE (%)         | 15.0                      | 16.1  | 15.8  |  |  |  |
| Payout (%)       | 40.5                      | 40.5  | 40.5  |  |  |  |
| Valuations       |                           |       |       |  |  |  |
| P/E (x)          | 20.2                      | 17.2  | 15.9  |  |  |  |
| P/BV (x)         | 3.0                       | 2.7   | 2.5   |  |  |  |
| EV/EBITDA (x)    | 13.6                      | 11.5  | 10.4  |  |  |  |
| Div. Yield (%)   | 2.0                       | 2.4   | 2.5   |  |  |  |
| FCF Yield (%)    | 3.0                       | 3.7   | 4.5   |  |  |  |
|                  |                           |       |       |  |  |  |

## Shareholding pattern (%)

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| As On    | Jun-25 | Mar-25 | Jun-24 |
| Promoter | 45.0   | 45.0   | 45.0   |
| DII      | 29.0   | 31.2   | 30.1   |
| FII      | 16.8   | 14.7   | 16.2   |
| Others   | 9.2    | 9.2    | 8.7    |

FII Includes depository receipts

## Stock performance (one-year)



CMP: INR220 TP: INR250 (+14%)

# Tax tweak could deliver margin bonanza

- As per media reports and our channel checks, Indraprastha Gas (IGL) could see a potential EBITDA/scm upside of 16-20% due to a change in the tax rate on gas sourced from Gujarat (official confirmation is awaited). Moreover, IGL could see EBITDA margin benefits of INR0.7-1.3/scm from PNGRB's move to a two-zone tariff regime. We have a BUY rating on IGL.
- While Mahanagar Gas (MAHGL) has been our preferred pick in the CGD space, we estimate a minor EBITDA upside of 3-4% for MAHGL from this tax change (if confirmed).

# ~INR1/scm EBITDA margin gain possible for IGL

- As per media reports and our channel checks, tax rates on gas sourced from Gujarat (and sold outside the state) have been revised. The earlier value-added tax (VAT) of 15% has been replaced with a 2% central sales tax (CST), effective 1st Oct'25. However, an official confirmation about this is yet to be received, and we are not factoring in any potential benefits in our current estimates.
- As per our scenario analysis (refer Exhibit 1 & 2), we estimate an INRO.9/scm EBITDA margin gain for IGL (we currently build in INR5.9/6.5/6.5 per scm EBITDA margin for IGL in FY26/27/28). Hence, if this tax change materializes, it would lead to 8%/15%/15% increase in our FY26/27/28 PAT estimates.
- MAHGL would also record an INRO.3/scm EBITDA margin gain, while GUJGA is unlikely to see any substantial benefits.

## Zonal tariff reform to further boost EBITDA margin by INR0.7-1.3/scm

- In the 1QFY26 earnings call, IGL management guided for an INR0.7-1.3/scm EBITDA margin gain from PNGRB's move to a two-zone tariff regime.
- While IGL could pass on some of the cost decrease to consumers, there is an upside risk to our EBITDA margin estimates.

## Reducing raw material costs to drive margin expansion

- We remain bullish on the city gas distribution sector (<u>Marketing sub-sector favored; turning bullish on CGDs</u>) and have been highlighting the scope for margin expansion.
- Weaker crude and lower slope the twin emerging tailwinds: As highlighted in our recent sector update (<u>Era of margin expansion for CGDs</u>), we expect that a soft crude price outlook, coupled with a lower pricing slope for natural gas amid the upcoming LNG oversupply, will reduce gas costs. This should also ease concerns around the APM deallocation affecting margins.
- R-LNG cost could dip INR2.5/scm: While Brent crude prices averaged 
  ~USD69/bbl in 2QFY26YTD, we forecast Brent to average USD65/60 per bbl in 
  FY26/FY27. We estimate that every USD5/bbl decline in Brent prices reduces 
  the landed cost of natural gas by ~INR2.5/scm. Further, according to our 
  discussions with the listed and unlisted India CGD companies, new long-term 
  gas contracts are already being signed for a 1.0-1.3% lower slope given the 
  expected surge in LNG supply in 2HFY26 and beyond. Note that the risks of

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- crude oil prices falling below the USD60/bbl mark are mounting as OPEC+ strategy shifts from "managing" oil prices to "protecting market share".
- Lower crude outlook to ease APM/NWG gas costs by ~INR4/scm: Similarly, a weak crude price outlook shall also lower APM & New Well Gas (NWG) price. If the APM/NWG price dips to USD6/7.2 per mmbtu (from USD7/8.4 per mmbtu currently), the cost of natural gas reduces by ~INR3.6/4.3 per scm.

## Valuation and view

■ We value IGL at 16x FY27E consol. P/E and add INR47/sh as a value of JVs to arrive at our TP of INR250/sh.

Exhibit 1: Change in tax structure would result in INR2.9/scm decrease in cost of landed gas sourced from Gujarat

| Particulars   | Unit      | Under 15% VAT | Under 2% CST |
|---|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| Gas Cost assumed (Ex-Hazira/Ex-Dahej)                 | USD/mmbtu | 7.0           | 7.0          |
| Gujarat VAT (@15%)                                    | USD/mmbtu | 1.1           |              |
| CST (@2%)   | USD/mmbtu |               | 0.1          |
| Gas Cost (incl. Gujarat VAT)                          | USD/mmbtu | 8.1           | 7.1          |
| Exchange Rate   | INR/USD   | 87.0          | 87.0         |
| Gas Cost  | INR/mmbtu | 700.4         | 621.2        |
| Marketing Margin                                      | INR/mmbtu | 11.7          | 11.7         |
| Applicable Unified Tariff                             | INR/mmbtu | 80.1          | 80.1         |
| 12% GST on Transportation charges                     | INR/mmbtu | 9.6           | 9.6          |
| LNG landed cost (pre state specific VAT and S&D cost) | INR/mmbtu | 801.7         | 722.5        |
| LNG landed cost (pre state specific VAT and S&D cost) | INR/scm   | 29.7          | 26.8         |
| Decrease in landed cost                               | INR/scm   |               | 2.9          |

Source: Industry, MOFSL

Exhibit 2: IGL's EBITDA margin to increase by INR0.9/scm

| Particulars                                     | Unit    | IGL | MAHGL |
|---|---------|-----|-------|
| Gas sourced from Gujarat                        | mmscmd  | 3.0 | 0.5   |
| Total volume expected in FY26 (MOFSL)           | mmscmd  | 9.6 | 4.4   |
| % Volume sourced from Gujarat                   | %       | 31% | 11%   |
| Decrease in landed cost (refer Exhibit 1 above) | INR/scm | 2.9 | 2.9   |
| Margin impact                                   | INR/scm | 0.9 | 0.3   |
| FY26E EBITDA margin                             | INR/scm | 5.9 | 9.8   |

Source: Industry, MOFSL

Exhibit 3: Brent-linked R-LNG landed cost (pre-state-specific VAT and S&D costs) analysis

| Particulars  | Unit      | Current | Scenario 1 | Scenario 2 |
|--|-----------|---------|------------|------------|
| Crude price  | USD/mmbtu | 69.0    | 64.0       | 64.0       |
| Slope (including shipping cost)                            | %         | 13.4%   | 13.4%      | 12.4%      |
| LNG price including shipping                               | USD/mmbtu | 9.3     | 8.6        | 7.9        |
| Custom duty (@2.75%)                                       | USD/mmbtu | 0.3     | 0.3        | 0.3        |
| Handling losses (@0.66%)                                   | USD/mmbtu | 0.1     | 0.1        | 0.1        |
| LNG price before regas (Ex-terminal price)                 | USD/mmbtu | 9.6     | 8.9        | 8.3        |
| Regas charges by PLNG at Dahej @62.91/mmbtu                | USD/mmbtu | 0.7     | 0.7        | 0.7        |
| GST on regas @12%  | USD/mmbtu | 0.1     | 0.1        | 0.1        |
| Price after regas  | USD/mmbtu | 10.4    | 9.7        | 9.1        |
| Gujarat VAT (@15%)   | USD/mmbtu | 1.6     | 1.5        | 1.4        |
| Marketing margin of seller @INR16.62/mmbtu                 | USD/mmbtu | 0.2     | 0.2        | 0.2        |
| Transportation tariff for pipeline - Zone 2 INR80.08/mmbtu | USD/mmbtu | 0.9     | 0.9        | 0.9        |
| GST on transportation @12%                                 | USD/mmbtu | 0.1     | 0.1        | 0.1        |
| LNG landed cost (pre-state-specific VAT and S&D costs)     | USD/mmbtu | 13.2    | 12.4       | 11.7       |
| LNG landed cost (pre-state-specific VAT and S&D costs)     | INR/scm   | 42.0    | 39.5       | 37.2       |

Source: PNGRB, MOFSL

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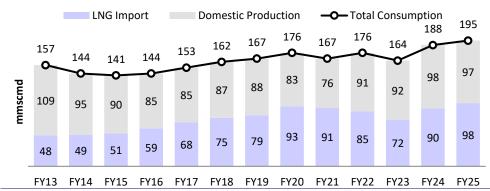


Exhibit 4: APM/New Well Gas landed cost (pre-state-specific VAT and S&D cost) analysis

| Particulars   | l lmit    | APM     |            | New Well Gas |            |
|---|-----------|---------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Particulars   | Unit      | Current | Scenario 1 | Current      | Scenario 1 |
| Gas Cost (Ex-Hazira/Ex-Dahej)                         | USD/mmbtu | 7.0     | 6.0        | 8.4          | 7.2        |
| Gujarat VAT (@15%)                                    | USD/mmbtu | 1.0     | 0.9        | 1.3          | 1.1        |
| Gas Cost (incl. Gujarat VAT)                          | USD/mmbtu | 8.0     | 6.9        | 9.6          | 8.3        |
| Exchange Rate   | INR/USD   | 86.0    | 86.0       | 86.0         | 86.0       |
| Gas Cost  | INR/mmbtu | 690.9   | 593.4      | 829.1        | 712.1      |
| Marketing Margin                                      | INR/mmbtu | 11.7    | 11.7       | 11.7         | 11.7       |
| Applicable Unified Tariff                             | INR/mmbtu | 80.1    | 80.1       | 80.1         | 80.1       |
| 12% GST on Transportation charges                     | INR/mmbtu | 9.6     | 9.6        | 9.6          | 9.6        |
| LNG landed cost (pre-state-specific VAT and S&D cost) | INR/mmbtu | 792.3   | 694.8      | 930.5        | 813.4      |
| LNG landed cost (pre-state-specific VAT and S&D cost) | INR/scm   | 29.3    | 25.7       | 34.5         | 30.1       |

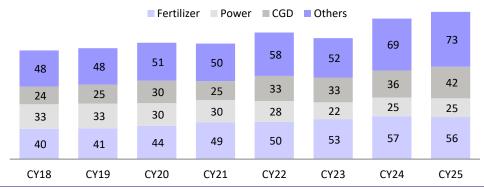
Source: PNGRB, MOFSL

Exhibit 5: Natural gas consumption pattern in India over FY13-25



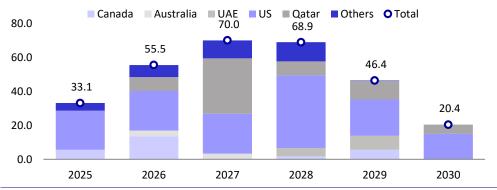
Source: Industry, MOFSL

Exhibit 6: Sectoral natural gas consumption pattern in India over FY18-25



Source: Industry, MOFSL

Exhibit 7: ~295bcm/year LNG liquefaction capacity upcoming globally during CY25-30



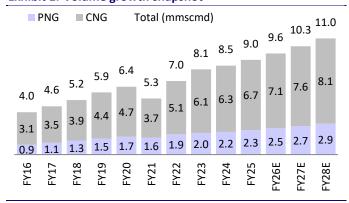
Source: IEA, MOFSL

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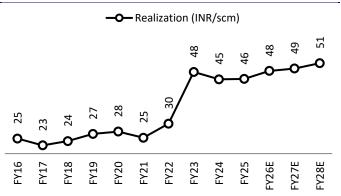
# **Story in charts**

**Exhibit 1: Volume growth snapshot** 



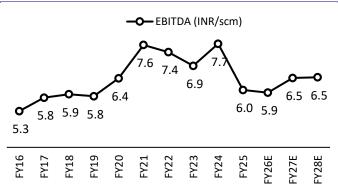
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 2: Realization trends way above historical levels



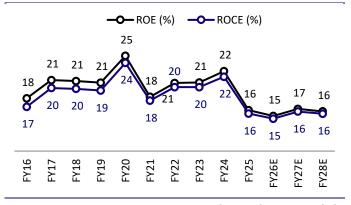
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Exhibit 3: EBITDA/scm snapshot



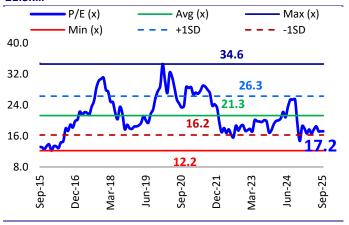
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**Exhibit 4: Return ratios for IGL** 



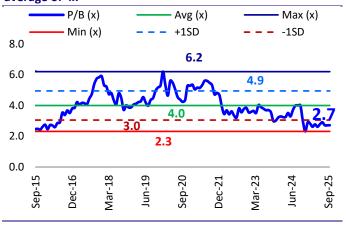
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 5: 1-year fwd P/E trades at 17.2, with LT average of 21.3x...



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 6: ...and 1-year fwd P/B trades at 2.7x, with LT average of 4x



Source: Company, MOFSL

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**Application of Funds** 

# **Financials and valuations**

| Income Statement             |                 |             |          |          |          | (INR m)  |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Y/E March                    | FY23            | FY24        | FY25     | FY26E    | FY27E    | FY28E    |
| Net Sales                    | 1,41,407        | 1,40,001    | 1,49,276 | 1,69,104 | 1,84,285 | 2,04,972 |
| Change (%)                   | 83.4            | -1.0        | 6.6      | 13.3     | 9.0      | 11.2     |
| EBITDA                       | 20,343          | 23,669      | 19,787   | 20,819   | 24,259   | 26,113   |
| As a percentage of Net Sales | 14.4            | 16.9        | 13.3     | 12.3     | 13.2     | 12.7     |
| Depreciation                 | 3,634           | 4,138       | 4,741    | 4,996    | 5,272    | 5,548    |
| Interest                     | 106             | 92          | 92       | 90       | 86       | 81       |
| Other Income                 | 2,674           | 3,632       | 4,416    | 4,628    | 5,095    | 5,349    |
| PBT                          | 19,277          | 23,072      | 19,369   | 20,360   | 23,997   | 25,832   |
| Tax                          | 4,827           | 5,591       | 4,693    | 5,125    | 6,040    | 6,510    |
| Rate (%)                     | 25.0            | 24.2        | 24.2     | 25.2     | 25.2     | 25.2     |
| PAT                          | 14,451          | 17,481      | 14,676   | 15,236   | 17,957   | 19,323   |
| Adj. PAT                     | 14,451          | 17,481      | 14,676   | 15,236   | 17,957   | 19,323   |
| Change (%)                   | 9.9             | 21.0        | -16.0    | 3.8      | 17.9     | 7.6      |
| Balance Sheet                |                 |             |          |          |          | (INR m)  |
| Y/E March                    | FY23            | FY24        | FY25     | FY26E    | FY27E    | FY28E    |
| Share Capital                | 1,400           | 1,400       | 2,800    | 2,800    | 2,800    | 2,800    |
| Reserves                     | 69,466          | 84,117      | 90,040   | 99,099   | 1,09,776 | 1,21,265 |
| Net Worth                    | 70,866          | 85,517      | 92,840   | 1,01,899 | 1,12,576 | 1,24,065 |
| Deferred Tax                 | 3,168           | 3,695       | 4,563    | 4,563    | 4,563    | 4,563    |
| Capital Employed             | 74,033          | 89,213      | 97,403   | 1,06,462 | 1,17,138 | 1,28,627 |
| Gross Fixed Assets           | 86,423          | 99,272      | 1,09,739 | 1,18,739 | 1,27,739 | 1,36,739 |
| Less: Depreciation           | 31,285          | 35,423      | 40,163   | 45,159   | 50,431   | 55,978   |
| Net Fixed Assets             | 55,138          | 63,850      | 69,575   | 73,580   | 77,308   | 80,760   |
| Capital WIP                  | 14,337          | 13,964      | 14,857   | 20,857   | 26,857   | 32,857   |
| Rights to use assets         | 2,067           | 2,139       | 2,134    | 2,134    | 2,134    | 2,134    |
| Investments                  | 6,773           | 11,576      | 16,217   | 16,217   | 16,217   | 16,217   |
| Curr. Assets, Loans and Adv. | 0,773           | 11,570      | 10,217   | 10,217   | 10,217   | 10,217   |
| Inventory                    | 492             | 522         | 488      | 552      | 602      | 670      |
| Debtors                      | 9,034           | 10,185      | 7,078    | 8,018    | 8,738    | 9,719    |
| Cash and Bank Balance        |                 | 21,493      | 22,568   | 25,479   | 29,380   |          |
| Cash                         | 26,332<br>1,056 | 21,493      | 1,361    | 4,271    | 8,172    | 35,440   |
| Bank balance                 | ,               | •           | 21,207   | •        | •        | 14,232   |
| Loans and Advances           | 25,276          | 19,365<br>0 |          | 21,207   | 21,207   | 21,207   |
| Other Current Assets         | 143             |             | 153      | 153      | 153      | 153      |
|                              | 3,444           | 7,476       | 8,819    | 8,819    | 8,819    | 8,819    |
| Current Liab. and Prov.      | 20.200          | 25.660      | 26 567   | 44 450   | 45.400   | E0 252   |
| Liabilities                  | 38,288          | 35,669      | 36,597   | 41,458   | 45,180   | 50,252   |
| Provisions                   | 5,438           | 6,324       | 7,887    | 7,887    | 7,887    | 7,887    |
| Net Current Assets           | -4,282          | -2,317      | -5,379   | -6,324   | -5,376   | -3,339   |

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# **Financials and valuations**

| Ratios                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Y/E March                    | FY23    | FY24    | FY25    | FY26E   | FY27E   | FY28E   |
| Basic (INR)                  |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| EPS (Standalone)             | 10.3    | 12.5    | 10.5    | 10.9    | 12.8    | 13.8    |
| EPS (Consolidated)           | 12.1    | 14.9    | 13.1    | 13.6    | 15.7    | 13.8    |
| Cash EPS                     | 12.9    | 15.4    | 13.9    | 14.5    | 16.6    | 17.8    |
| Book Value                   | 50.6    | 61.1    | 66.3    | 72.8    | 80.4    | 88.6    |
| DPS                          | 6.5     | 3.7     | 4.3     | 4.4     | 5.2     | 5.6     |
| Payout                       | 63      | 30      | 41      | 41      | 41      | 41      |
| Valuation (x)                |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| P/E (Standalone)             | 21.3    | 17.6    | 21.0    | 20.2    | 17.2    | 15.9    |
| P/E (Consolidated)           | 18.2    | 14.7    | 16.8    | 16.2    | 14.0    | 15.9    |
| Cash P/E                     | 17.0    | 14.2    | 15.9    | 15.2    | 13.3    | 12.4    |
| EV/EBITDA                    | 6.3     | 5.6     | 14.4    | 13.6    | 11.5    | 10.4    |
| EV/Sales                     | 0.9     | 0.9     | 1.9     | 1.7     | 1.5     | 1.3     |
| Price/Book Value             | 4.3     | 3.6     | 3.3     | 3.0     | 2.7     | 2.5     |
| Dividend Yield (%)           | 3.0     | 1.7     | 1.9     | 2.0     | 2.4     | 2.5     |
| Profitability Ratios (%)     |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| RoE                          | 20.6    | 22.4    | 16.5    | 15.6    | 16.7    | 16.3    |
| RoCE                         | 19.9    | 21.5    | 15.8    | 15.0    | 16.1    | 15.8    |
| RoIC                         | 48.6    | 43.0    | 26.5    | 27.0    | 32.1    | 34.6    |
| Turnover Ratios              |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Debtors (No. of Days)        | 20      | 15      | 17      | 22      | 22      | 22      |
| Asset Turnover (x)           | 1.9     | 1.7     | 1.6     | 1.7     | 1.6     | 1.7     |
| Leverage Ratio               |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Net Debt/Equity ratio (x)    | -0.4    | -0.3    | -0.2    | -0.3    | -0.3    | -0.3    |
| Cash Flow Statement          |         |         |         |         | 0       | (INR m) |
| Y/E March                    | FY23    | FY24    | FY25    | FY26E   | FY27E   | FY28E   |
| OP/(Loss) before Tax         | 19,283  | 23,072  | 19,369  | 20,360  | 23,997  | 25,832  |
| Depreciation                 | 3,634   | 4,138   | 4,741   | 4,996   | 5,272   | 5,548   |
| Interest and Finance charges | 87      | 68      | 63      | 90      | 86      | 81      |
| Direct Taxes Paid            | -4,833  | -4,871  | -3,951  | -5,125  | -6,040  | -6,510  |
| (Inc.)/Dec. in Wkg. Capital  | 6,469   | -3,828  | 5,518   | 3,856   | 2,952   | 4,023   |
| Others                       | -2,333  | -3,221  | -3,687  | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| CF from Op. Activity         | 22,306  | 15,357  | 22,053  | 24,178  | 26,267  | 28,975  |
| (Inc.)/Dec. in FA and CWIP   | -12,221 | -12,021 | -11,216 | -15,000 | -15,000 | -15,000 |
| Free Cash Flow               | 10,085  | 3,335   | 10,837  | 9,178   | 11,267  | 13,975  |
| (Pur.)/Sale of Investments   | -56,286 | -20,834 | -25,380 | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Others                       | 60,093  | 21,908  | 21,522  | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| CF from Inv. Activity        | -8,414  | -10,948 | -15,074 | -15,000 | -15,000 | -15,000 |
| Dividends Paid (incl. tax)   | -12,948 | -2,797  | -7,348  | -6,177  | -7,280  | -7,834  |
| CF from Fin. Activity        | -13,586 | -3,337  | -7,747  | -6,267  | -7,366  | -7,915  |
| Inc./(Dec.) in Cash          | 306     | 1,072   | -767    | 2,911   | 3,901   | 6,060   |
| Add: Opening Balance         | 750     | 1,056   | 2,128   | 1,361   | 4,271   | 8,172   |
| Closing Balance              | 1,056   | 2,128   | 1,361   | 4,271   | 8,172   | 14,232  |
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| Explanation of Investment Rating |  |
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| Investment Rating                | Expected return (over 12-month)  |
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