## Resilient performance

HUL's 2QFY20 show was respectable amidst concerns of slowdown worsening. Co maintains a cautious outlook and hopes for a recovery in rural demand. We maintain our estimates and NEUTRAL rating. We value HUL at 45x on Sep-21 EPS with TP of Rs 2,017 .

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE QUARTER

- Domestic revenue/volume grew at $7 / 5 \%$ vs. our exp of $6 / 5 \%$. HUL's $2 Q$ show was at par with $1 Q$ despite deceleration in rural growth. We were surprised to note the sharp slowdown in rural to $0.5 x$ of urban vs. $0.9 x$ in 1QFY20 and 1.3x in FY19. We believe delayed monsoons followed by floods deteriorated sentiments. We expect rural uptick in 2HFY2O.
- Home Care revenue grew by healthy 9\% (volume led) despite a base of $12 \%$. Growth was broad based across laundry, household care and purifiers. Home care EBIT growth continues to be remarkable at $21 \%$ ( $25 \%$ in last 12 qtrs). This has been led by premiumisation, market share gains and benign commodity inflation.
- Beauty \& PC (BPC) revenue growth was modest at 5\% (10\% base). After a price cut in popular segment (Lux and Lifebuoy) of personal wash, HUL looks to pass on benign cost inflation in premium segment (Dove and Pears). Price cut (6\%) in personal wash will spur volume growth in 2HFY20. EBIT grew by 18\% (10\% last 12 qtrs)
- F\&R grew by $8 \%$ ( $12 \%$ base) driven by beverages, ice cream \& frozen desserts (innovations). EBIT growth (up $2 \%, 16 \%$ in last 12 qtrs) was under pressure owing to steep commodity inflation. Co will not take immediate price action considering co enjoys benign raw material for other segments.
- GM expanded by 251bps to 54.5\% owing to richer mix and commodity deflation. Adjusting for IND-AS 116 and reclassification of GST refunds, EBITDAM expanded by 150bps (vs. exp. of 140bps) to $23.4 \%$. Adj EBITDA up by $14 \%$ vs expectation of $13 \%$.
- Corp tax cuts can be a new lever for growth and margin expansion. Co is working out the benefits of realigning its manufacturing footprint under the new tax structure


## STANCE

Most consumer categories have seen uptick in demand in the ongoing festive season. We believe volume growth trajectory has bottomed out. However, we don't expect HUL's volume growth to accelerate meaningfully (high single digit territory) in 2HFY20 given its higher base on a 3 year CAGR basis (9\% vs. 6\% in 1HFY20). GSK's acquisition is running behind schedule and is expected to be integrated by Feb-20 (vs. Dec-19 earlier). We maintain our NEUTRAL rating as we don't see any near-term triggers for re-rating in the stock.

| Financial Summary |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| YE March (Rs mn) | 2QFY20 | 2QFY19 | YoY (\%) | 1QFY19 | QoQ (\%) | FY18 | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
| Net Revenues | 98,520 | 92,340 | 6.7 | 101,140 | $(2.6)$ | 355,450 | 393,100 | 434,582 | 530,512 | 586,221 |
| EBITDA | 24,430 | 20,190 | 21.0 | 26,470 | $(7.7)$ | 74,990 | 88,800 | 106,173 | 136,861 | 153,066 |
| APAT | 18,264 | 15,220 | 20.0 | 17,510 | 4.3 | 20,790 | 25,440 | 27,984 | 34,741 | 39,124 |
| Diluted EPS (Rs) | 8.4 | 7.0 | 20.0 | 8.1 | 4.3 | 23.8 | 28.1 | 34.3 | 42.2 | 47.5 |
| P/E (x) |  |  |  |  |  | 84.8 | 71.6 | 58.8 | 47.8 | 42.4 |
| EV / EBITDA (x) |  |  |  |  |  | 57.2 | 48.3 | 43.7 | 33.6 | 29.9 |
| Core RoCE (\%) |  |  |  |  | 64.0 | 69.2 | 29.1 | 22.5 | 24.0 |  |



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HUL quarterly commentary

| Particulars | 3QFY19 | 4QFY19 | 1QFY20 | 2QFY20 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industry | - Demand stable; rural grows ahead of urban <br> - Rural grew 1.3x of urban | - Near term market growth has moderated given macro economic indicators <br> - Rural urban gap going down <br> - No material change in the channel inventory <br> - Premium contributes $28-30 \%$ for FMCG market and HUL share of premium is higher | - Near term demand to remain subdued given macro economic conditions <br> - Expect pickup in 2HFY20 <br> - Rural is at par with Urban <br> - Nielsen is saying 300bps decline in growth sequentially | - Demand outlook continues to be challenging <br> - Premiumisation is intact <br> - Naturals is growing faster <br> - MP, Chattisgarh, Greater Maharashtra, Punjab, Haryana have been slow <br> - Southern mkts and UP are doing well |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Home Care | - Increased category penetration of bars in rural markets <br> - Urban India upgradation on liquids <br> - Purifiers is re-aligned portfolio strategy towards premium devices; phasing out gravity segment | - Home care has few more quarters for healthy growth than PC <br> - Launched Surf Excel Easy Wash liquid nationally <br> - Household Care sustained double digit growth performance driven by Liquids upgradation and increased penetration on bars | - Relaunched Rin nationally <br> - Launched Sunlight liquid in select geographies <br> - Household care portfolio growth is led by Central \& South markets | - Launched premium brand Love \& Care in select channels <br> - Launched Magic Rinse powder sachet in TN <br> - Purifiers good growth in the premium segment |
| PC | - Personal Wash: Growth driven by premium segment and differentiated propositions on freshness and naturals <br> - Robust growth in winter portfolio for winter portfolio <br> - Hair Care seeing strong growth led by the premium portfolio <br> - Oral Care: Growth on the back of good performance in north and central markets <br> - Close Up Mouthwash launched in South <br> - Deodorants seen another quarter of strong double digit growth | - Personal wash premium brands performed well; Popular segment delivery below expectations <br> - Relaunched FAL with renewed communication and product; launched Pond's Sun Protect - Momentum on Close Up and Ayush Oral Care continues to build. Pepsodent WIP <br> - Axe Signature Dark Temptation launched nationally | - Price reduction in 4-6\% on Lux and Lifebuoy. Commodity in beign in the near term <br> - Launched Lux Botanicals and Pears Naturale range nationally and Fair \& Lovely Soap in select geographies <br> - Relaunched Pond's Men range; launched <br> FAL Ayurveda facewash and facial kits <br> - Haircare is doing well (Launched new <br> Sunsilk variants nationally with natural ingredients) <br> - Momentum on Close Up and Ayush Oral Care continues to build. Pepsodent WIP | Personal wash pricing actions on popular segment landed, Dove and Pears price cuts coming (Total price cut of $\sim 6 \%$ ) <br> - Fair \& Lovely soap launch well received - Launched Pears Natural bodywash range nationally <br> - Skin Care seen double digit growth backed by robust performance across brands <br> - Hair Care seeing steady performance across portfolio <br> - Colour Cosmetics seeing strong growth sustained; Continued focus in channels of the future |
| Foods | - Beverages seen good growth by leveraging the opportunity at the bottom end with Taaza <br> - Green tea is driving premiumization <br> - Ice Cream \& Frozen Desserts: Sustained strong growth momentum <br> - Foods : Steady growth trajectory maintained; market development key to drive penetration | - Beverages consistent, secular growth led by WiMI actions <br> - Ice Cream \& Frozen Desserts strong performance across all formats <br> - Foods steady growth sustained; good performance in Kissan range | - Robust growth in Ice Creams <br> - Tea - stress in few plantations. Need to track impact on price and quality of upcoming crop | - Ice Cream \& Frozen Desserts: Sustained strong growth momentum <br> - New communications released on Taj Mahal, Lipton \& 3 Roses tea <br> - Naturals is growing at $1.5 x$ YTD because Indulekha growth has moderated |
| Margin |  |  |  |  |
| Gross Margin | - Commodity volatility continues led by crude and INR | - Co is better positioned to handle crude volatility than peers <br> - Ecommerce is $\sim 3 \%$ and growing at a healthy pace. It develops market and helps in premiumisation | - Palm oil is down 15-20\% <br> - Pricing strategy - Based on outlook of commodity. Home care and other BPC there are options to take price hikes | - Product mix, benign RM inflation and cost saving initiatives drove margin |
| EBITDA Margin | Adj EBITDA margin was up by 140 bps (170bps reported, 30bps impact due to reclassification of fiscal refunds) | - Adv is higher YoY. Digital mix is gaining share and it will further increase | - Competitive intensity has declined in GT hence lower A\&P spend. Home care earlier spent more and hence moderated <br> - Competitive intensity has increased in few categories in modern trade | Adj EBITDA Margin (ex-IND AS and refunds) was up by 150bps YoY. Thereby, adj EBITDA grew by $14 \%$ YoY <br> Co will continue to invest on A\&P <br> - Cost rationalisation initiatives will continue |

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Net revenue grew by 7\% led by $5 \%$ volume growth (exp 5\%)

Gross margins was up by 251bps YoY (-74bps in 2QFY19) after witnessing decline in the last 4 quarters

Stringent cost control led to muted growth in overheads

EBITDAM expansion was driven by richer mix and cost savings. Adj EBITDA margin (ex-IND AS impact and GST refunds) was up by 150bps (vs exp of 140bps). Adj EBITDA was up by $14 \%$ vs. expectation of $13 \%$

Exceptional in 2QFY20 was on account of profit on sale of properties, restructuring and acquisition disposal related expenses

## Quarterly Financials (Standalone)

| Particulars | 2QFY20 | 2QFY19 | YoY (\%) | 1QFY20 | QoQ (\%) | FY19 | FY18 | YoY (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Sales | 97,080 | 91,380 | 6.2 | 99,840 | (2.8) | 376,600 | 339,260 | 11.9 |
| Other Operating Income | 1,440 | 960 | 50.0 | 1,300 | 10.8 | 5,640 | 5,990 | (5.8) |
| Total Income | 98,520 | 92,340 | 6.7 | 101,140 | (2.6) | 382,240 | 345,250 | 10.7 |
| Material Expenses | 44,850 | 44,350 | 1.1 | 46,480 | (3.5) | 179,600 | 162,320 | 10.6 |
| Employee Expenses | 4,300 | 4,380 | (1.8) | 4,520 | (4.9) | 17,470 | 17,450 | 0.1 |
| ASP | 11,980 | 11,060 | 8.3 | 11,610 | 3.2 | 45,520 | 41,050 | 10.9 |
| Other Operating Expenses | 12,960 | 12,360 | 4.9 | 12,060 | 7.5 | 53,280 | 51,670 | 3.1 |
| EBITDA | 24,430 | 20,190 | 21.0 | 26,470 | (7.7) | 86,370 | 72,760 | 18.7 |
| Adj EBITDA (IND AS 116) | 23,420 | 20,190 | 16.0 | 25,520 | (8.2) | 86,370 | 72,760 | 18.7 |
| Depreciation | 2,370 | 1,300 | 82.3 | 2,140 | 10.7 | 5,236 | 4,780 | 9.5 |
| EBIT | 22,060 | 18,890 | 16.8 | 24,330 | (9.3) | 81,134 | 67,980 | 19.3 |
| Other Income | 1,800 | 3,050 | (41.0) | 1,470 | 22.4 | 6,640 | 5,690 | 16.7 |
| Interest Cost | 310 | 70 | 342.9 | 240 | 29.2 | 280 | 215 | 30.2 |
| PBT | 23,550 | 21,870 | 7.7 | 25,560 | (7.9) | 87,494 | 73,455 | 19.1 |
| Exceptional | (470) | (350) | na | 70 | $n a$ | $(2,270)$ | (620) | na |
| PBT (after exceptional) | 23,080 | 21,520 | 7.2 | 25,630 | (9.9) | 85,224 | 72,835 | 17.0 |
| Tax | 4,600 | 6,270 | (26.6) | 8,080 | (43.1) | 25,650 | 22,100 | 16.1 |
| RPAT | 18,480 | 15,250 | 21.2 | 17,550 | 5.3 | 60,364 | 52,355 | 15.3 |
| Adjustment | 216 | 30 | na | 40 | na | (436) | 1,005 | na |
| APAT | 18,264 | 15,220 | 20.0 | 17,510 | 4.3 | 60,800 | 51,350 | 18.4 |
| EPS (Adjusted) | 8.4 | 7.0 | 20.0 | 8.1 | 4.3 | 28.1 | 23.7 | 18.4 |
| As \% Of Net Revenue | 2QFY20 | 2QFY19 | YoY (bps) | 1QFY20 | QoQ (bps) | FY19 | FY18 | YoY (bps) |
| Material Expenses | 45.5 | 48.0 | (251) | 46.0 | (43) | 47.0 | 47.0 | (3) |
| Employee Expenses | 4.4 | 4.7 | (38) | 4.5 | (10) | 4.6 | 5.1 | (48) |
| ASP Expenses | 12.2 | 12.0 | 18 | 11.5 | 68 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 2 |
| Other Operating Expenses | 13.2 | 13.4 | (23) | 11.9 | 123 | 13.9 | 15.0 | (103) |
| EBITDA Margin (\%) | 24.8 | 21.9 | 293 | 26.2 | (137) | 22.6 | 21.1 | 130 |
| Adj EBITDA Margin (\%) | 23.8 | 21.9 | 191 | 25.2 | (146) | 22.6 | 21.1 | 130 |
| Tax Rate (\%) | 19.9 | 29.1 | (921) | 31.5 | $(1,159)$ | 30.1 | 30.3 | (25) |
| APAT Margin (\%) | 18.5 | 16.5 | 206 | 17.3 | 123 | 15.9 | 14.9 | 103 |

Source: Company, HDFC sec Inst Research Note: *Like-like (GST impact)

Home care growth was driven by healthy volume growth

## Home care EBIT growth

 continues to be remarkable at 21\% (25\% in last 12 qtrs). This has been led by premiumisation, market share gains and benign commodity inflation.Beauty \& PC growth was slight slow owing to continued challenges in oral care and softer growth for soaps (Lux \& Lifebuoy)

F\&R grew by 8\% (12\% base) driven by beverages, ice cream \& frozen desserts (innovations). EBIT growth (up 2\%, 16\% in last 12 qtrs) was under pressure owing to steep commodity inflation

Quarterly Segmental (Standalone)

| Year to March (Rs mn) | 2QFY20 | 2QFY19 | YoY (\%) | 1QFY20 | QoQ (\%) | FY19 | FY18 | YoY (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Segmental Revenues |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Home Care | 33,710 | 30,800 | 9.4 | 34,650 | (2.7) | 128,760 | 116,290 | 15.0 |
| Beauty \& PC | 45,430 | 43,160 | 5.3 | 45,890 | (1.0) | 176,550 | 164,640 | 10.7 |
| Foods \& Refreshment | 18,470 | 17,040 | 8.4 | 19,500 | (5.3) | 71,330 | 64,410 | 11.5 |
| Others | 910 | 1,340 | (32.1) | 1,100 | (17.3) | 5,600 | 6,230 | (6.0) |
| Total | 98,520 | 92,340 | 6.7 | 101,140 | (2.6) | 382,240 | 351,570 | 12.0 |
| Segmental EBIT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Home Care | 5,950 | 4,920 | 20.9 | 6,990 | (14.9) | 21,090 | 16,940 | 24.5 |
| Beauty \& PC | 13,150 | 11,150 | 17.9 | 13,580 | (3.2) | 47,010 | 41,000 | 14.7 |
| Foods \& Refreshment | 2,940 | 2,880 | 2.1 | 3,790 | (22.4) | 12,060 | 9,850 | 22.4 |
| Others | 20 | 20 | - | 20 | - | (10) | (120) | (91.7) |
| Total | 22,060 | 18,970 | 16.3 | 24,380 | (9.5) | 80,150 | 67,670 | 18.4 |
| (a) Interest Cost \& Bank Charges | 310 | 70 | 342.9 | 240 | 29.2 | 280 | 210 | 33.3 |
| (b) Other Un-allocable Expenses | 20 | 20 | - | 20 | - | $(6,340)$ | $(5,380)$ | 17.8 |
| PBT | 23,080 | 21,520 | 7.2 | 25,630 | (9.9) | 86,210 | 72,840 | 18.4 |
| Capital Employed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Home Care | $(6,000)$ | $(9,300)$ | na | $(6,190)$ | na | $(6,000)$ | $(9,300)$ | na |
| Beauty \& PC | 5,730 | $(2,970)$ | na | $(6,210)$ | na | 5,730 | $(2,970)$ | na |
| Foods \& Refreshment | 5,730 | 6,110 | (6.2) | 4,650 | 23.2 | 5,730 | 6,110 | (6.2) |
| Others | 560 | 770 | (27.3) | 690 | (18.8) | 560 | 770 | (27.3) |
| Total | 6,020 | $(5,390)$ | na | $(7,060)$ | na | 6,020 | $(5,390)$ | (211.7) |
| Unallocable Capital Employed | 82,240 | 75,430 | 9.0 | 66,960 | 22.8 | 82,240 | 75,430 | 9.0 |
| Total Capital Employed | 88,260 | 70,040 | 26.0 | 59,900 | 47.3 | 88,260 | 70,040 | 26.0 |

Source: Company, HDFC sec Inst Research
EBIT Margin

| EBIT Margin | 2QFY20 | 2QFY19 | YoY (bps) | 1QFY20 | QoQ (bps) | FY19 | FY18 | YoY (bps) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Home Care | 17.7 | 16.0 | 168 | 20.2 | $(252)$ | 16.4 | 14.6 | 181 |
| PC | 28.9 | 25.8 | 311 | 29.6 | $(65)$ | 26.6 | 24.9 | 172 |
| Foods \& Refreshment | 15.9 | 16.9 | $(98)$ | 19.4 | $(352)$ | 16.9 | 15.3 | 161 |
| Others | 2.2 | 1.5 | $n a$ | 1.8 | $n a$ | $(0.2)$ | $(1.9)$ | $n a$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 2 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 . 1}$ | $(171)$ | $\mathbf{2 1 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 2}$ |
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Source: Company, HDFC sec Inst Research

## Volume growth trajectory has moderated over the last 2 quarters

EBITDAM expansion is driven by premiumisation, benign raw material inflation and cost savings

Net Revenue Growth


Source: Company, HDFC sec Inst Research


[^0]Underlying Volume Growth


Source: Company, HDFC sec Inst Research


Source: Company, HDFC sec Inst Research

## HUL has stepped up its investment on A\&P after moderate spends in the previous 2 quarters (growing slower than volume growth)



Source: Company, HDFC sec Inst Research

Home Care Performance


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## Personal Care Performance



Source: Company, HDFC sec Inst Research

Foods \& Refreshment Performance


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## BPC growth was muted in 1HFY20. EBIT clocked 15\% in 1H vs. 8\% CAGR in the last 12 quarters

Home care growth was driven by healthy volume growth. EBIT clocked 25\% CAGR in the last 12 quarters

## F\&R growth was driven by

 healthy volume growth. EBIT clocked 16\% CAGR in the last 12 quarters
## Beauty \& Personal Care Performance

| Particulars (Rs mn) | Dec-16 | Mar-17 | Jun-17 | Sep-17 | Dec-17 | Mar-18 | Jun-18 | Sep-18 | Dec-18 | Mar-19 | Jun-19 | Sep-19 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenue | 39,802 | 40,750 | 43,680 | 39,100 | 40,900 | 40,960 | 44,070 | 43,160 | 45,390 | 43,930 | 45,890 | 45,430 |
| YoY Gr. (\%) | $-2.7 \%$ | $8.1 \%$ | $3.5 \%$ | $8.0 \%$ | $20.0 \%$ | $13.0 \%$ | $14.0 \%$ | $10.4 \%$ | $11.0 \%$ | $7.3 \%$ | $4.1 \%$ | $5.3 \%$ |
| Revenue Mix (\%) | $47.9 \%$ | $45.9 \%$ | $47.4 \%$ | $47.1 \%$ | $47.6 \%$ | $45.0 \%$ | $46.5 \%$ | $46.7 \%$ | $47.5 \%$ | $44.2 \%$ | $45.4 \%$ | $46.1 \%$ |
| EBIT | 9,208 | 9,840 | 10,790 | 9,480 | 10,070 | 10,660 | 12,040 | 11,150 | 11,620 | 12,200 | 13,580 | 13,150 |
| YoY Gr. (\%) | $-7.1 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ | $9.4 \%$ | $8.3 \%$ | $11.6 \%$ | $17.6 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ | $14.4 \%$ | $12.8 \%$ | $17.9 \%$ |
| EBIT Margin (\%) | $23.1 \%$ | $24.1 \%$ | $24.7 \%$ | $24.2 \%$ | $24.6 \%$ | $26.0 \%$ | $27.3 \%$ | $25.8 \%$ | $25.6 \%$ | $27.8 \%$ | $29.6 \%$ | $28.9 \%$ |
| EBIT Mix (\%) | $68.9 \%$ | $60.9 \%$ | $59.4 \%$ | $60.9 \%$ | $65.8 \%$ | $57.2 \%$ | $56.7 \%$ | $58.8 \%$ | $64.3 \%$ | $55.8 \%$ | $55.7 \%$ | $59.6 \%$ |

Note: Like-to-like revenue growth for 2QFY18-1QFY19

## Home Care Performance

| Particulars (Rs mn) | Dec-16 | Mar-17 | Jun-17 | Sep-17 | Dec-17 | Mar-18 | Jun-18 | Sep-18 | Dec-18 | Mar-19 | Jun-19 | Sep-19 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenue | 26,891 | 30,040 | 30,470 | 27,390 | 27,410 | 31,020 | 31,460 | 30,800 | 31,480 | 35,020 | 34,650 | 33,710 |
| YoY Gr. (\%) | $1.0 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ | $5.9 \%$ | $13.0 \%$ | $17.0 \%$ | $21.0 \%$ | $20.0 \%$ | $12.4 \%$ | $14.8 \%$ | $12.9 \%$ | $10.1 \%$ | $9.4 \%$ |
| Revenue Mix (\%) | $32.4 \%$ | $33.8 \%$ | $33.1 \%$ | $33.0 \%$ | $31.9 \%$ | $34.1 \%$ | $33.2 \%$ | $33.4 \%$ | $32.9 \%$ | $35.2 \%$ | $34.3 \%$ | $34.2 \%$ |
| EBIT | 2,342 | 3,890 | 4,480 | 3,830 | 3,540 | 5,090 | 5,940 | 4,920 | 4,040 | 6,190 | 6,990 | 5,950 |
| YoY Gr. (\%) | $-0.6 \%$ | $28.8 \%$ | $25.8 \%$ | $36.8 \%$ | $51.1 \%$ | $30.8 \%$ | $32.6 \%$ | $28.5 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ | $21.6 \%$ | $17.7 \%$ | $20.9 \%$ |
| EBIT Margin (\%) | $8.7 \%$ | $12.9 \%$ | $14.7 \%$ | $14.0 \%$ | $12.9 \%$ | $16.4 \%$ | $18.9 \%$ | $16.0 \%$ | $12.8 \%$ | $17.7 \%$ | $20.2 \%$ | $17.7 \%$ |
| EBIT Mix (\%) | $17.5 \%$ | $24.1 \%$ | $24.7 \%$ | $24.6 \%$ | $23.1 \%$ | $27.3 \%$ | $28.0 \%$ | $25.9 \%$ | $22.4 \%$ | $28.3 \%$ | $28.7 \%$ | $27.0 \%$ |

Note: Like-to-like revenue growth for 2QFY18-1QFY19
Foods \& Refreshment Performance

| Particulars (Rs mn) | Dec-16 | Mar-17 | Jun-17 | Sep-17 | Dec-17 | Mar-18 | Jun-18 | Sep-18 | Dec-18 | Mar-19 | Jun-19 | Sep-19 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenue | 14,426 | 15,950 | 16,540 | 15,260 | 15,720 | 17,350 | 17,850 | 17,040 | 17,280 | 19,160 | 19,500 | 18,470 |
| YoY Gr. (\%) | $4.3 \%$ | $6.5 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ | $10.5 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ | $14.0 \%$ | $11.7 \%$ | $9.9 \%$ | $10.4 \%$ | $9.2 \%$ | $8.4 \%$ |
| Revenue Mix (\%) | $17.4 \%$ | $18.0 \%$ | $18.0 \%$ | $18.4 \%$ | $18.3 \%$ | $19.1 \%$ | $18.8 \%$ | $18.5 \%$ | $18.1 \%$ | $19.3 \%$ | $19.3 \%$ | $18.7 \%$ |
| EBIT | 1,974 | 2,470 | 2,950 | 2,310 | 1,720 | 2,870 | 3,280 | 2,880 | 2,440 | 3,460 | 3,790 | 2,940 |
| YoY Gr. (\%) | $1.5 \%$ | $6.3 \%$ | $41.1 \%$ | $24.0 \%$ | $-12.9 \%$ | $16.2 \%$ | $11.2 \%$ | $24.7 \%$ | $41.9 \%$ | $20.6 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ |
| EBIT Margin (\%) | $13.7 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ | $17.8 \%$ | $15.1 \%$ | $10.9 \%$ | $16.5 \%$ | $18.4 \%$ | $16.9 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ | $18.1 \%$ | $19.4 \%$ | $15.9 \%$ |
| EBIT Mix (\%) | $14.8 \%$ | $15.3 \%$ | $16.2 \%$ | $14.8 \%$ | $11.2 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ | $15.2 \%$ | $13.5 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ | $13.3 \%$ |

Note: Like-to-like revenue growth for 2QFY18-1QFY19
Source: Company, HDFC sec Inst Research

| Particulars | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue (Rs mn) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Home Care | 113,460 | 116,260 | 128,740 | 142,806 | 158,359 | 175,267 |
| Beauty \& PC | 164,320 | 165,880 | 178,000 | 189,621 | 207,032 | 225,197 |
| Foods | 11,240 | 11,650 | 12,543 | 21,752 | 74,192 | 82,831 |
| - HUL | 11,240 | 11,650 | 12,543 | 13,862 | 15,804 | 18,020 |
| - GSK | na | na | na | 7,890 | 58,388 | 64,811 |
| Refreshment | 48,480 | 53,110 | 58,767 | 63,848 | 72,139 | 81,599 |
| Others | 19,600 | 15,330 | 15,050 | 16,555 | 18,790 | 21,327 |
| Gross segment revenue | 357,100 | 362,230 | 393,100 | 434,582 | 530,512 | 586,221 |
| YoY Growth |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Home Care | 8\% | 14\% | 15\% | 11\% | 11\% | 11\% |
| Beauty \& PC | 2\% | 1\% | 11\% | 7\% | 9\% | 9\% |
| Foods | 3\% | 4\% | 12\% | 73\% | 241\% | 12\% |
| - HUL | 3\% | 4\% | 12\% | 11\% | 14\% | 14\% |
| - GSK (underlying growth) | na | na | na | 10\% | 11\% | 11\% |
| Refreshment | 8\% | 10\% | 12\% | 9\% | 13\% | 13\% |
| Others | -5\% | -22\% | -6\% | 10\% | 14\% | 14\% |
| Total | 3\% | 1\% | 12\% | 11\% | 22\% | 11\% |
| Total (Ex-GSK) | 3\% | 1\% | 12\% | 9\% | 11\% | 10\% |
| EBIT Margin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Home Care | 11.2\% | 14.6\% | 16.7\% | 17.8\% | 18.1\% | 18.3\% |
| Beauty \& PC | 23.7\% | 25.3\% | 26.7\% | 28.3\% | 28.6\% | 28.8\% |
| Foods | 7.7\% | 8.5\% | 10.0\% | 18.0\% | 28.8\% | 29.3\% |
| - HUL | 7.7\% | 8.5\% | 10.0\% | 9.7\% | 10.2\% | 10.5\% |
| - GSK | na | na | na | 32.5\% | 33.8\% | 34.6\% |
| Refreshment | 15.7\% | 16.9\% | 18.8\% | 19.4\% | 19.9\% | 20.4\% |
| Others | 10.2\% | 9.5\% | 11.8\% | 12.5\% | 12.5\% | 12.5\% |
| Total | 17.4\% | 19.5\% | 21.2\% | 22.4\% | 23.7\% | 24.0\% |
| Gross Margin (\%) | 50.8 | 52.9 | 53.0 | 54.8 | 57.6 | 58.2 |
| Employee (\% of sales) | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| ASP (\% of sales) | 10.7 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 11.6 | 11.5 | 11.5 |
| Distribution (\% of sales) | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| Other Expenses (\% of sales) | 11.2 | 10.6 | 9.9 | 10.3 | 11.9 | 12.4 |
| EBITDA Margin (\%) | 19.1 | 21.1 | 22.6 | 24.4 | 25.8 | 26.1 |
| Tax Rate (\%) | 30.5 | 28.5 | 29.6 | 27.0 | 26.0 | 26.0 |

[^3]HUL: RESULTS REVIEW 2QFY20
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We cut our revenue estimates to factor in slower than expected pickup in the rural demand

We increase EBITDA expectation on account of benign raw material inflation and cost control initiatives

We model 27/26/26\% tax rate for FY20/FY21/FY22E vs. 25.17\% earlier

## Change in Estimates

|  | FY20E |  |  | FY21E |  |  | FY22E |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | OLD | NEW | Chg (\%) | OLD | NEW | Chg (\%) | OLD | NEW |
| Chg (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net Sales | 445,955 | 434,582 | $-2.6 \%$ | 535,871 | 530,512 | $-1.0 \%$ | 589,167 | 586,221 |
| EBITDA | 104,312 | 106,173 | $1.8 \%$ | 135,506 | 136,861 | $1.0 \%$ | 152,305 | 153,066 |
| APAT | 77,164 | 75,660 | $-1.9 \%$ | 99,294 | 98,878 | $-0.4 \%$ | 112,857 | 111,352 |
| EPS | 35.0 | 34.3 | $-1.9 \%$ | 42.4 | 42.2 | $-0.4 \%$ | $-1.3 \%$ |  |

## Peer Set Comparison

| Companies | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { MCap } \\ \text { (Rs } \\ \text { bn) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CMP } \\ & \text { (Rs) } \end{aligned}$ | Reco. | $\begin{gathered} \text { TP } \\ \text { (Rs) } \end{gathered}$ | EPS (Rs) |  |  | P/E (x) |  |  | EV/EBITDA (x) |  |  | Core RoCE (\%) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E |
| HUL | 4,360 | 2,015 | NEU | 2,017 | 28.1 | 34.3 | 42.2 | 71.6 | 58.8 | 47.8 | 48.3 | 43.7 | 33.6 | 248.6 | 38.7 | 28.0 |
| ITC | 2,729 | 244 | BUY | 370 | 10.4 | 12.8 | 14.1 | 23.4 | 19.0 | 17.3 | 14.7 | 13.2 | 11.8 | 39.2 | 45.9 | 49.5 |
| Nestle | 1,366 | 14,169 | NR | 13,640 | 167.1 | 233.6 | 278.1 | 84.8 | 60.7 | 51.0 | 49.1 | 42.1 | 36.0 | 82.1 | 114.7 | 137.3 |
| Dabur | 801 | 455 | BUY | 490 | 8.2 | 9.5 | 11.4 | 55.5 | 47.7 | 39.9 | 44.6 | 38.3 | 33.0 | 50.1 | 52.9 | 58.3 |
| Britannia | 746 | 3,109 | BUY | 3,620 | 48.1 | 59.2 | 72.5 | 64.6 | 52.5 | 42.9 | 42.3 | 38.2 | 31.2 | 39.3 | 43.1 | 49.8 |
| Marico | 497 | 385 | NEU | 400 | 7.2 | 8.7 | 10.4 | 53.4 | 44.3 | 37.0 | 38.6 | 31.1 | 27.0 | 48.8 | 47.4 | 53.4 |
| Colgate | 414 | 1,520 | NEU | 1,398 | 27.6 | 33.2 | 37.5 | 55.2 | 45.7 | 40.5 | 33.2 | 30.2 | 27.0 | 67.2 | 76.0 | 82.5 |
| Emami | 142 | 305 | BUY | 467 | 11.0 | 12.9 | 14.6 | 27.7 | 23.6 | 20.8 | 18.7 | 16.5 | 14.4 | 21.5 | 26.5 | 32.0 |
| Jub. Food | 174 | 1,322 | BUY | 2,092 | 24.1 | 32.1 | 41.2 | 54.9 | 41.2 | 32.1 | 28.0 | 25.3 | 19.7 | 45.8 | 52.0 | 44.8 |
| United Spirits | 448 | 616 | BUY | 760 | 10.2 | 13.4 | 17.0 | 60.2 | 46.1 | 36.1 | 35.1 | 27.9 | 23.6 | 15.6 | 20.2 | 22.8 |
| Radico Khaitan | 39 | 296 | BUY | 496 | 14.1 | 17.8 | 21.5 | 20.9 | 16.6 | 13.8 | 12.2 | 10.8 | 9.0 | 11.5 | 13.8 | 15.3 |

Source: HDFC sec Inst Research

| (Rs mn) | FY18 | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Revenues | 355,450 | 393,100 | 434,582 | 530,512 | 586,221 |
| Growth (\%) | 12.0 | 12.0 | 10.6 | 22.1 | 10.5 |
| Material Expenses | 167,300 | 184,740 | 196,431 | 224,937 | 245,041 |
| Employee Expense | 18,600 | 18,750 | 19,031 | 22,984 | 24,363 |
| ASP Expense | 41,530 | 46,070 | 50,412 | 61,009 | 67,415 |
| Distribution Expenses | 15,470 | 15,990 | 17,677 | 21,579 | 23,846 |
| Other expenses | 37,560 | 38,750 | 44,858 | 63,142 | 72,491 |
| EBITDA | 74,990 | 88,800 | 106,173 | 136,861 | 153,066 |
| EBITDA Growth (\%) | 18.3 | 18.4 | 19.6 | 28.9 | 11.8 |
| EBITDA Margin | 21.1 | 22.6 | 24.4 | 25.8 | 26.1 |
| Depreciation | 5,200 | 5,650 | 9,393 | 11,033 | 11,921 |
| EBIT | 69,790 | 83,150 | 96,780 | 125,828 | 141,145 |
| Other Income (Inc. EO Items) | 3,510 | 3,220 | 7,568 | 8,566 | 10,183 |
| Interest | 260 | 330 | 704 | 774 | 852 |
| PBT | 73,040 | 86,040 | 103,644 | 133,619 | 150,476 |
| Tax | 20,790 | 25,440 | 27,984 | 34,741 | 39,124 |
| RPAT | 52,270 | 60,600 | 75,660 | 98,878 | 111,352 |
| adjustment | (920) | 818 | - | - | - |
| APAT | 51,350 | 60,800 | 75,660 | 98,878 | 111,352 |
| APAT Growth (\%) | 20.9 | 18.4 | 24.4 | 30.7 | 12.6 |
| Adjusted EPS (Rs) | 23.8 | 28.1 | 34.3 | 42.2 | 47.5 |
| EPS Growth (\%) | 20.9 | 18.4 | 21.8 | 23.0 | 12.6 |

Source: Company, HDFC sec Inst Research

| (Rs mn) | FY18 | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SOURCES OF FUNDS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Share Capital - Equity | 2,160 | 2,160 | 2,345 | 2,345 | 2,345 |
| Reserves | 70,650 | 76,510 | 408,341 | 431,589 | 457,508 |
| Total Shareholders Funds | 72,810 | 78,670 | 410,686 | 433,934 | 459,852 |
| Minority Interest | 200 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 |
| Long Term Debt | - | 990 | 990 | 990 | 990 |
| Short Term Debt | - |  |  |  |  |
| Total Debt | - | 990 | 990 | 990 | 990 |
| Net Deferred Taxes | $(3,020)$ | $(3,730)$ | $(3,730)$ | $(3,730)$ | $(3,730)$ |
| Long Term Provisions \& Others | 11,160 | 12,990 | 13,719 | 15,003 | 15,929 |
| TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS | 81,150 | 89,100 | 421,845 | 446,377 | 473,221 |
| APPLICATION OF FUNDS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net Block | 45,280 | 47,150 | 54,057 | 53,024 | 51,103 |
| CWIP | 4,610 | 4,060 | 2,030 | 1,015 | 508 |
| Other Non-current Assets | 3,500 | 6,180 | 5,800 | 6,444 | 7,161 |
| Total Non-current Assets | 53,390 | 57,390 | 61,886 | 60,483 | 58,771 |
| Goodwill | - | - | 308,700 | 308,700 | 308,700 |
| Inventories | 25,130 | 25,740 | 27,991 | 32,998 | 36,186 |
| Debtors | 13,100 | 18,160 | 20,076 | 24,508 | 27,082 |
| Other Current Assets | 14,820 | 10,530 | 11,238 | 13,708 | 15,142 |
| Cash \& Equivalents | 63,580 | 64,730 | 88,126 | 122,270 | 155,339 |
| Total Current Assets | 116,630 | 119,160 | 147,432 | 193,484 | 233,748 |
| Creditors | 71,700 | 72,060 | 79,664 | 97,249 | 107,461 |
| Other Current Liabilities \& Provns | 17,170 | 15,390 | 16,509 | 19,040 | 20,537 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 88,870 | 87,450 | 96,173 | 116,289 | 127,998 |
| Net Current Assets | 27,760 | 31,710 | 51,258 | 77,194 | 105,750 |
| TOTAL APPLICATION OF FUNDS | 81,150 | 89,100 | 421,845 | 446,377 | 473,221 |

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## Cash Flow Statement

| (Rs mn) | FY18 | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reported PBT | 73,040 | 86,040 | 103,644 | 133,619 | 150,476 |
| Non-operating \& EO Items | $(1,030)$ | 140 |  |  | - |
| Interest Expenses | $(2,340)$ | $(2,740)$ | 704 | 774 | 852 |
| Depreciation | 5,200 | 5,650 | 9,393 | 11,033 | 11,921 |
| Working Capital Change | 8,360 | $(3,420)$ | 4,957 | 8,848 | 4,723 |
| Tax Paid | $(22,640)$ | $(27,670)$ | $(27,984)$ | $(34,741)$ | $(39,124)$ |
| OPERATING CASH FLOW ( a ) | 60,590 | 58,000 | 90,714 | 119,534 | 128,848 |
| Capex | $(8,780)$ | $(7,540)$ | $(5,970)$ | $(8,985)$ | $(9,493)$ |
| Free Cash Flow (FCF) | 51,810 | 50,460 | 84,744 | 110,549 | 119,355 |
| Investments | $(5,700)$ | 390 | $(322,000)$ | $(5,000)$ | $(5,000)$ |
| Non-operating Income | 3,850 | 2,770 |  |  |  |
| INVESTING CASH FLOW ( b ) | $(10,630)$ | $(4,380)$ | $(327,970)$ | $(13,985)$ | $(14,493)$ |
| Debt Issuance/(Repaid) | - | 990 |  |  |  |
| Interest Expenses | (60) | (70) | (704) | (774) | (852) |
| FCFE | 51,750 | 51,380 | 84,040 | 109,774 | 118,503 |
| Share Capital Issuance | - |  | 317,000 |  |  |
| Dividend | $(39,110)$ | $(45,540)$ | $(50,760)$ | $(63,304)$ | $(71,510)$ |
| Others | $(10,580)$ | $(8,290)$ | $(9,884)$ | $(12,326)$ | $(13,924)$ |
| FINANCING CASH FLOW ( c ) | $(49,750)$ | $(52,910)$ | 255,652 | $(76,405)$ | $(86,286)$ |
| NET CASH FLOW ( $a+b+c$ ) | 210 | 710 | 18,396 | 29,144 | 28,069 |
| EO Items, Others | $(16,350)$ | $(2,020)$ | - | - | - |
| Closing Cash \& Equivalents | 34,840 | 37,570 | 55,966 | 85,110 | 113,179 |

Source: Company, HDFC sec Inst Research

## Key Ratios

|  | FY18 | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PROFITABILITY (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |
| GPM | 52.9 | 53.0 | 54.8 | 57.6 | 58.2 |
| EBITDA Margin | 21.1 | 22.6 | 24.4 | 25.8 | 26.1 |
| EBIT Margin | 19.6 | 21.2 | 22.3 | 23.7 | 24.1 |
| APAT Margin | 14.4 | 15.5 | 17.4 | 18.6 | 19.0 |
| RoE | 73.2 | 80.3 | 30.9 | 23.4 | 24.9 |
| RolC | 247.2 | 248.6 | 38.7 | 28.0 | 32.2 |
| RoCE | 64.0 | 69.2 | 29.1 | 22.5 | 24.0 |
| Efficiency |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tax Rate (\%) | 28.5 | 29.6 | 27.0 | 26.0 | 26.0 |
| Fixed Asset Turnover (x) | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| Inventory (days) | 25.8 | 23.9 | 23.5 | 22.7 | 22.5 |
| Debtors (days) | 13.5 | 16.9 | 16.9 | 16.9 | 16.9 |
| Other Current Assets (days) | 15.2 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.4 |
| Payables (days) | 73.6 | 66.9 | 66.9 | 66.9 | 66.9 |
| Other Current Liab \& Provns (days) | 17.6 | 14.3 | 13.9 | 13.1 | 12.8 |
| Cash Conversion Cycle (days) | (36.8) | (30.7) | (31.0) | (31.0) | (30.9) |
| Net D/E ( x ) | (0.9) | (0.8) | (0.2) | (0.3) | (0.3) |
| PER SHARE DATA (Rs) |  |  |  |  |  |
| EPS | 23.8 | 28.1 | 34.3 | 42.2 | 47.5 |
| CEPS | 26.2 | 30.8 | 38.3 | 46.9 | 52.6 |
| Dividend | 20.0 | 23.5 | 27.0 | 30.5 | 34.0 |
| Book Value | 33.7 | 36.4 | 175.2 | 185.1 | 196.1 |
| valuation |  |  |  |  |  |
| P/E (x) | 84.8 | 71.6 | 58.8 | 47.8 | 42.4 |
| P/BV ( x ) | 59.8 | 55.3 | 11.5 | 10.9 | 10.3 |
| EV/EBITDA ( x ) | 57.2 | 48.3 | 43.7 | 33.6 | 29.9 |
| EV/Revenues ( x ) | 12.1 | 10.9 | 10.7 | 8.7 | 7.8 |
| OCF/EV (\%) | 1.4 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.8 |
| FCF/EV (\%) | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| FCFE/Mkt Cap (\%) | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| Dividend Yield (\%) | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.7 |

Source: Company, HDFC sec Inst Research

## RECOMMENDATION HISTORY



| Date | CMP | Reco | Target |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10-Oct-18 | 1,514 | NEU | 1,687 |
| 13-Oct-18 | 1,570 | NEU | 1,691 |
| 4-Dec-18 | 1,808 | NEU | 1,855 |
| 9-Jan-19 | 1,771 | NEU | 1,855 |
| 18-Jan-19 | 1,752 | NEU | 1,855 |
| 10-Apr-19 | 1,681 | NEU | 1,844 |
| 4-May-19 | 1,693 | NEU | 1,804 |
| 9-Jul-19 | 1,740 | NEU | 1,817 |
| 24-Jul-19 | 1,693 | NEU | 1,804 |
| 22-Sep-19 | 1,969 | NEU | 1,960 |
| 11-Oct-19 | 1,969 | NEU | 2,036 |
| 15-Oct-19 | 2,015 | NEU | 2,017 |

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