

Asian Paints (APNT IN)

Volume growth continues to be strong

INDIA | FMCG | Quarterly Update

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Top takeaways from Q2FY17

- ✓ Sales growth (value/volume) was in low double digits and above our expectations
- ✓ Decorative Coatings grew in double digits, Automotive Coatings/Industrial Liquid Paints/Home Improvement saw good growth
- ✓ In the international business, Nepal, Fiji, and parts of the Middle East saw strong growth
- ✗ Gross margins were higher yoy but fell qoq

Conference call takeaways

- ⇔ Macro-demand environment remains challenging; however, after good and spatially distributed monsoons this year, demand should pick up
- ✓ Demand has improved in western/central India after monsoons; also, retail demand has improved after monsoons
- ✓ The company had taken a price cut of 2% in Q4FY16 and has had no price revisions after that, in spite of rising input prices
- ✗ Rising raw material prices (including that of titanium dioxide) have affected all categories of products
- ✓ It may hike prices in Q3/Q4FY17 if input prices rise further
- ✓ There was no big change in mix in Q2FY17 as both premium categories and *putti* showed high growth
- ⇔ FY17 capex will be around Rs 6bn with major capex in Q3/Q4FY17; new plants should be capitalised by FY19
- ✓ It adds about 1000 to 2000 dealers every year; it is on track to achieve this target

Maintain Neutral: We have slightly increased our estimates for FY17/18 and introduced our estimates for FY19. The company has consistently delivered strong performance in the last six quarters while many FMCG companies have struggled. Also, it has considerable pricing power; despite a significant fall in RM prices, it has not been forced to drastically slash prices to defend its market share. A revival in the economy will aid paint demand. We value the stock at 42x our September 2016 earnings at Rs 1,150 (Rs 1,000 earlier) and maintain Neutral on rich valuations. Our target multiple for Asian Paints is at a 10% premium (historically 5%) to the target sector multiple due to the company's higher growth potential.

Neutral (Maintain)

CMP RS 1153 / TARGET RS 1150 (+0%)

COMPANY DATA

O/S SHARES (MN) :	959
MARKET CAP (RSBN) :	1082
MARKET CAP (USDBN) :	16.2
52 - WK HI/LO (RS) :	1230 / 785
LIQUIDITY 3M (USDMN) :	16.6
PAR VALUE (RS) :	1

SHARE HOLDING PATTERN, %

	Jun 16	Mar 16	Dec 15
PROMOTERS :	52.8	52.8	52.8
FII / NRI :	18.9	18.0	17.8
FI / MF :	7.5	9.1	9.3
NON PRO :	2.1	1.9	2.5
PUBLIC & OTHERS :	18.8	18.3	17.7

Key Financials

Rs mn	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E
Net Sales	170,929	197,055	227,485
EBIDTA	32,852	38,090	44,421
Net Profit	20,792	24,219	28,637
EPS, Rs	21.7	25.2	29.9
PER, x	53.2	45.7	38.6
EV/EBIDTA, x	33.5	28.6	24.3
ROE, %	31.4	31.2	31.4
Debt/Equity (%)	4.6	3.9	3.4

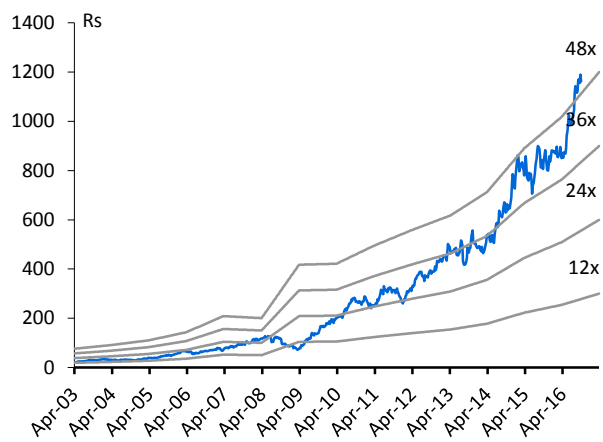
CHANGE IN ESTIMATES

	Revised Est.		% Revision	
Rs bn	FY17E	FY18E	FY17E	FY18E
Revenue	170,929	197,055	(1)	(1)
EBITDA	32,852	38,090	2	1
Core PAT	20,792	24,219	2	1
EPS (Rs)	21.7	25.2	2	1

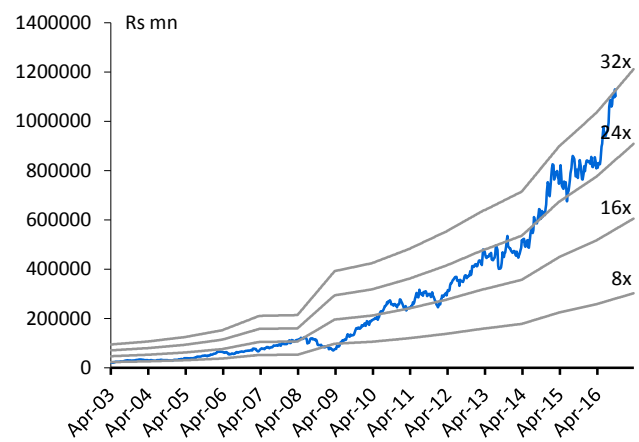
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(Rs mn)	Q2FY17	Q1FY17	qoq growth %	Q2FY16	yoy growth %	PC est. for yoy growth (%)	Comments
Volume growth est. (% yoy)	11	12		7		11	Volume growth continued to be strong
Price growth est. (%yoy)	-2	-2		-3		(2)	
Net Sales	41,897	40,348	4%	37,991	10%	9%	
Gross Profits	21,021	21,157	-1%	18,350	15%	17%	
Gross Margin (%)	50.2	52.4	-226 bps	48.3	187 bps	347 bps	Margin expansion was lower on rising input prices
Staff costs	2,794	2,774	1%	2,417	16%	15%	
Other operating expenses	6,834	6,206	10%	6,211	10%	9%	
EBITDA	7,130	8,203	-13%	6,080	17%	29%	
EBITDA margin (%)	17.0	20.3	-331 bps	16.0	101 bps	299 bps	
PBT	7,017	8,003	-12%	5,940	18%	29%	
Tax rate (%)	31.46	32.53	-107 bps	31.03	42 bps	131 bps	
PAT	4,810	5,400	-11%	4,096	17%	27%	
Adj. PAT	4,948	5,526	-10%	4,189	18%	24%	

One-year forward P/E band



EV/EBITDA



Source: Company, PhillipCapital India Research Estimates

Financials

Income Statement

Y/E Mar, Rs mn	FY16	FY17e	FY18e	FY19e
Net sales	153,307	170,929	197,055	227,485
Growth, %	9.5	11.5	15.3	15.4
Other income	2,034	2,339	2,690	3,094
Total income	155,341	173,269	199,745	230,578
Raw material expenses	-82,056	-89,385	-103,311	-119,415
Employee expenses	-10,178	-11,504	-13,108	-14,940
Other Operating expenses	-35,021	-39,527	-45,236	-51,802
EBITDA (Core)	28,086	32,852	38,090	44,421
Growth, %	25.6	17.0	15.9	16.6
Margin, %	18.3	19.2	19.3	19.5
Depreciation	-2,879	-3,306	-3,605	-3,904
EBIT	25,207	29,547	34,485	40,518
Growth, %	28.0	17.2	16.7	17.5
Margin, %	16.4	17.3	17.5	17.8
Interest paid	-405	-398	-398	-398
Other Non-Operating Income	2,007	2,308	2,541	3,158
Non-recurring Items	-525	0	0	0
Pre-tax profit	26,285	31,457	36,629	43,278
Tax provided	-8,491	-10,066	-11,720	-13,848
Profit after tax	17,794	21,392	24,909	29,430
Others (Minorities, Associates)	-531	-600	-690	-794
Net Profit	17,263	20,792	24,219	28,637
Growth, %	25.0	16.9	16.5	18.2
Net Profit (adjusted)	17,787	20,792	24,219	28,637
Unadj. shares (m)	959	959	959	959
Wtd avg shares (m)	959	959	959	959

Balance Sheet

Y/E Mar, Rs mn	FY16	FY17e	FY18e	FY19e
Cash & bank	4,204	9,797	21,373	31,649
Debtors	12,483	14,679	16,634	19,514
Inventory	20,640	23,440	27,507	31,382
Loans & advances	5,181	5,802	6,498	7,278
Other current assets	2,800	3,136	3,513	3,934
Total current assets	45,308	56,854	75,526	93,758
Investments	20,982	20,982	20,982	20,982
Gross fixed assets	49,128	55,128	60,128	65,128
Less: Depreciation	-17,074	-20,382	-23,989	-27,897
Add: Capital WIP	1,108	1,108	1,108	1,108
Net fixed assets	33,162	35,854	37,247	38,339
Non-current assets	1,976	1,976	1,976	1,977
Total assets	99,256	113,495	133,559	152,887
Current liabilities	37,203	40,601	48,618	53,719
Total current liabilities	37,203	40,601	48,618	53,719
Non-current liabilities	3,060	3,060	3,060	3,060
Total liabilities	40,263	43,661	51,677	56,779
Paid-up capital	959	959	959	959
Reserves & surplus	55,093	65,334	76,691	90,123
Shareholders' equity	58,994	69,835	81,882	96,107
Total equity & liabilities	99,257	113,496	133,560	152,887

Cash Flow

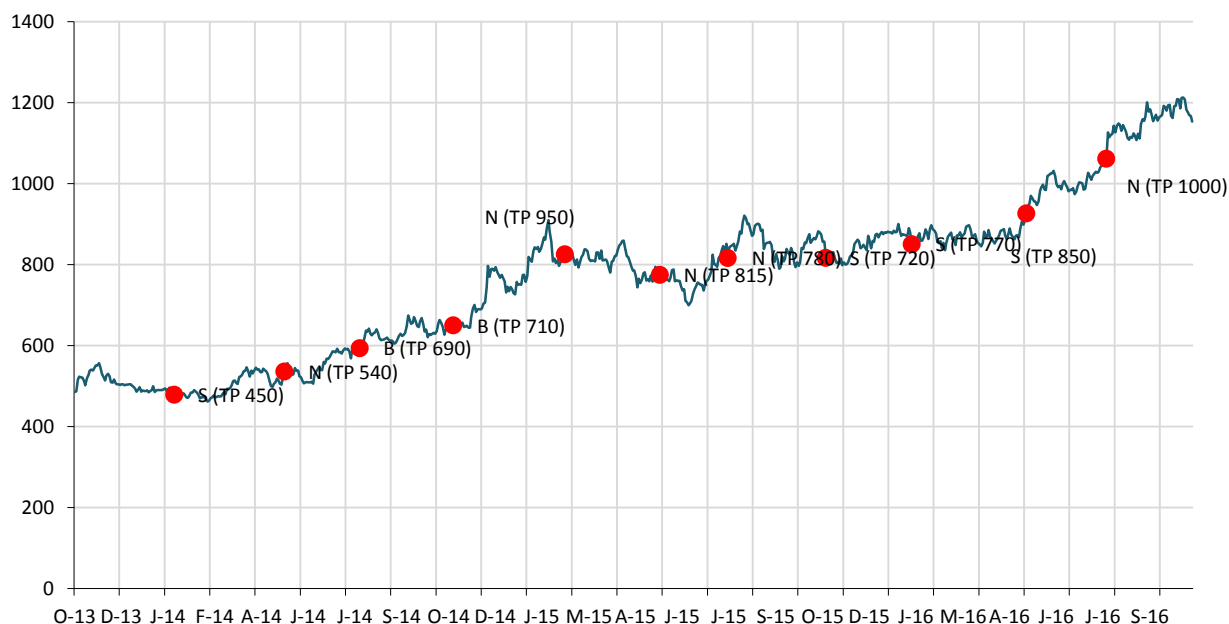
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Pre-tax profit	26,285	31,457	36,629	43,278
Depreciation	2,879	3,306	3,605	3,904
Chg in working capital	6,058	-2,556	922	-2,859
Total tax paid	-8,120	-10,066	-11,720	-13,848
Other operating activities	-8,618	-10,021	-11,247	0
Cash flow from operating activities	18,484	12,120	18,188	30,475
Capital expenditure	-9,939	-5,998	-4,997	-4,996
Chg in investments	-5,104	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing activities	-15,043	-5,998	-4,997	-4,996
Free cash flow	3,441	6,122	13,191	25,479
Equity raised/(repaid)	8,629	10,241	11,357	13,432
Dividend (incl. tax)	-8,645	-10,549	-12,858	-15,204
Cash flow from financing activities	-1,281	-308	-1,501	-1,772
Net chg in cash	2,160	5,814	11,690	23,707

Valuation Ratios

	FY16	FY17e	FY18e	FY19e
Per Share data				
EPS (INR)	18.5	21.7	25.2	29.9
Growth, %	25.0	16.9	16.5	18.2
Book NAV/share (INR)	58.4	69.1	81.0	95.0
FDEPS (INR)	18.5	21.7	25.2	29.9
CEPS (INR)	22.1	25.1	29.0	33.9
CFPS (INR)	25.7	20.7	28.0	28.5
DPS (INR)	7.5	9.3	11.4	13.4
Return ratios				
Return on assets (%)	19.4	20.3	20.4	20.7
Return on equity (%)	31.7	31.4	31.2	31.4
Return on capital employed (%)	31.1	32.1	31.9	32.2
Turnover ratios				
Asset turnover (x)	4.2	4.3	4.6	5.1
Sales/Total assets (x)	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Sales/Net FA (x)	5.2	5.0	5.4	6.0
Working capital/Sales (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Working capital days	9.3	13.8	10.3	13.5
Liquidity ratios				
Current ratio (x)	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.7
Quick ratio (x)	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.2
Interest cover (x)	62.2	74.3	86.7	101.9
Dividend cover (x)	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.2
Total debt/Equity (%)	5.5	4.6	3.9	3.4
Net debt/Equity (%)	(2.0)	(10.2)	(23.6)	(31.4)
Valuation				
PER (x)	62.2	53.2	45.7	38.6
Price/Book (x)	19.7	16.7	14.2	12.1
Yield (%)	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.2
EV/Net sales (x)	7.2	6.4	5.5	4.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	39.3	33.5	28.6	24.3
EV/EBIT (x)	43.8	37.2	31.5	26.6

Source: Company, PhillipCapital India Research Estimates

Stock Price, Price Target and Rating History



Rating Methodology

We rate stock on absolute return basis. Our target price for the stocks has an investment horizon of one year.

Rating	Criteria	Definition
BUY	$\geq +15\%$	Target price is equal to or more than 15% of current market price
NEUTRAL	$-15\% > \text{to} < +15\%$	Target price is less than +15% but more than -15%
SELL	$\leq -15\%$	Target price is less than or equal to -15%.

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