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Britannia Industries (BRIT IN)

"Good Days" ahead

INDIA | FMCG | Company Update

Britannia's stock price has remained sideways after our downgrade, due to corporate governance concerns, tapering volume growth, and rich valuations, given that it is highly dependent on a single category. We have always maintained our positive stance on foods over HPCs based on: (1) Formalisation will be more visible in foods, with higher share of the unorganized sector; (2) more large/integrated manufacturing facilities will get benefits of economies of scale and reduced wastage; (3) distribution infrastructure will improve (availability of refrigerators / other ancillary infra); and (4) focus on LUPs will drive penetration. We upgrade our rating to BUY from Neutral with a target of Rs 3,550 (50x FY22 EPS).

We expect Britannia to deliver superior performance (14% EPS CAGR over FY19-22) vs. FMCG peers due to its higher earnings resilience (as biscuits is a low-ticket segment with characteristics of essential products) lower share (c.5% of revenue) coming from international operations. Moreover, any decision taken by the board of directors to eradicate lingering corporate-governance concerns (ICD etc.) could re-rate valuation multiples further.

Why are we upgrading to BUY?

Low-ticket packaged foods to gain prominence: We believe low-ticket packaged foods (for e.g., biscuits, noodles) will gain prominence in the short term, as consumers are likely to avoid restaurant-made food based on COVID-19-related concerns and as Britannia is the market leader in biscuits, it is in the right position to capture this trend. However, past few quarters' volume growth performance has been subdued because of: (1) slower category growth, (2) deceleration in the value segment of biscuits (rural growing much slower than urban), (3) new launches pushed back because of a weak macro environment, and (4) rationalizing trade inventory to improve distributor ROIs. We are confident that the management's solid execution capabilities will be able to tide over the current crisis based on its strengthening power brands portfolio via innovation/re-launches and premiumization, enhancing direct distribution reach, increasing the share of in-house manufacturing, and focussing on cost-efficiencies (planned savings of Rs 2.7bn in FY20). Moreover, consumption of packaged foods is likely to see an uplift 1) as customers stay indoors / work from home and 2) frequency of consumption going up.

Benign input costs to aid margins in an otherwise price-point-sensitive category

Britannia's gross margins will sustain / marginally improve in FY21 (vs. the earlier assumption of gross-margin contraction) due to softness in wheat prices on back of bumper harvests. Palm oil and milk prices are also likely to fall because of lower demand. In our view, inflationary pressure in milk is likely to subside as HORECA (which constitutes 25-30% of milk demand) will face pressure.

Impressed by its ambition of becoming a 'Total Foods Company'

We are really impressed by its ambition of becoming a 'Total Foods Company' leveraging its current distribution network. However, so far, results have been mixed.

| Category | Market size (Rs bn) | Comments |
|--------------|---------------------|--|
| Cream wafers | 5 | #3 player with 10% market share pan-India |
| Milk shakes | 28 | #2 player with 20% market share in milk-shakes within a year of launching |
| Salty snacks | 250 | Yet to see meaningful results, given hyper local competition |
| Croissants | NA | Relaunched a newer variant keeping in mind customer preference, as it is a |
| | | completely new category |

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BUY (Upgrade)

CMP RS 3,162

TARGET RS 3,550 (12%)

| SEBI CATEGORY: LARGE CAP | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| COMPANY DATA | |
| O/S SHARES (MN) : | 240 |
| MARKET CAP (RSBN): | 616 |
| MARKET CAP (USDBN): | 8 |
| 52 - WK HI/LO (RS) : | 3444/2101 |
| LIQUIDITY 3M (USDMN): | 1.4 |
| PAR VALUE (RS): | 1 |

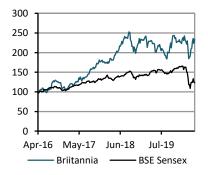
SHARE HOLDING PATTERN, %

| | Mar 20 | Dec 19 | Sep 19 |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| PROMOTERS : | 50.6 | 50.6 | 50.7 |
| FII / NRI : | 15.0 | 16.1 | 15.5 |
| FI / MF : | 13.1 | 13.3 | 13.3 |
| NON PRO : | 6.6 | 5.4 | 5.7 |
| PUBLIC & OTHERS : | 14.7 | 14.6 | 14.9 |

KEY FINANCIALS

| Rs mn | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Net Sales | 1,12,548 | 1,20,192 | 1,34,604 |
| EBIDTA | 18,303 | 19,869 | 23,079 |
| Net Profit | 13,770 | 14,590 | 17,057 |
| EPS, Rs | 57.3 | 60.7 | 71.0 |
| PER, x | 55.2 | 52.1 | 44.5 |
| EV/EBIDTA, x | 41.3 | 37.6 | 32.0 |
| P/BV, x | 19.4 | 15.7 | 12.9 |
| ROE, % | 35.1 | 30.0 | 28.9 |
| Debt/Equity (%) | 25.5 | 20.6 | 17.0 |
| | | | |

PRICE VS. SENSEX



Source: Phillip Capital India Research Est.

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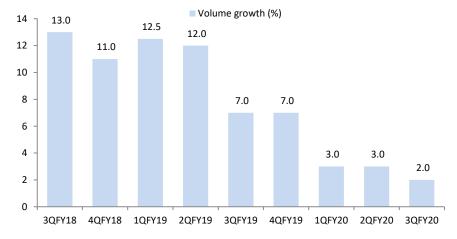
Looking relatively attractive in the context of earrings resilience and VUCA: Britannia offers the highest earning resilience (14% EPS CAGR over FY19-22) due to mainly the domestic business (95% of revenue) and characteristics of essential products.

Figure 1: Britannia trading close to its 5-year average PE multiple



Source: Bloomberg, Phillip Capital estimates

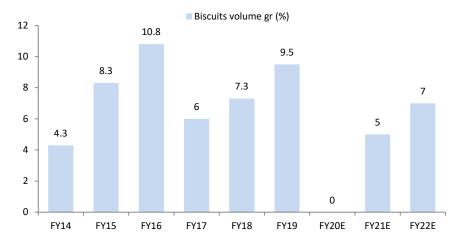
Figure 2: Volume growth has been weak since the past few quarters due to category-related challenges and sluggishness in the value segment of biscuits, which could reverse in short to medium term



Source: Company, Phillip Capital estimates

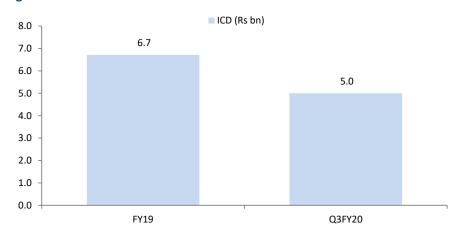


Figure 3: Volume growth to gradually pick up due to favourable base and customers' preference for essential products



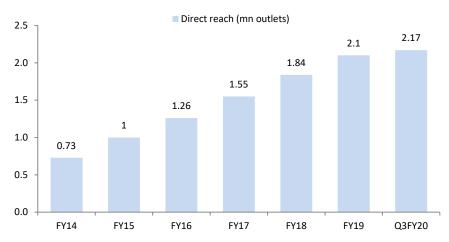
Source: Company, Phillip Capital estimates

Figure 4: ICD transaction



Source: Company

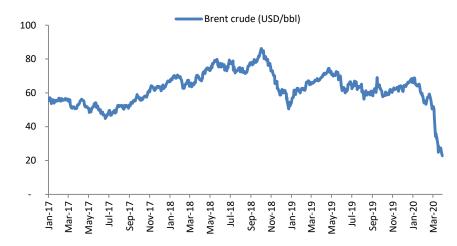
Figure 5: Focus on direct distribution reach has started bearing fruits



Source: Company



Figure 6: Fall in crude price will result in lower packaging costs



Source: Bloomberg

Figure 8: Power brands









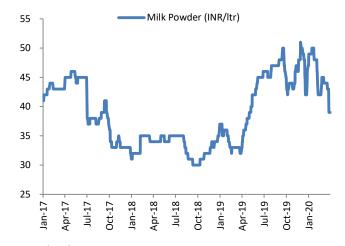


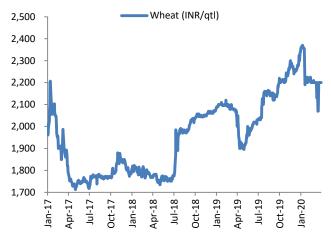


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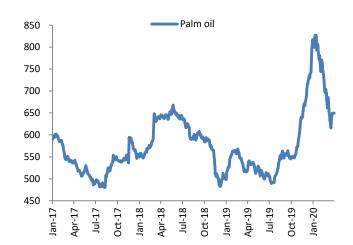


Figure 9: Benign input costs across key commodities to aid gross margins





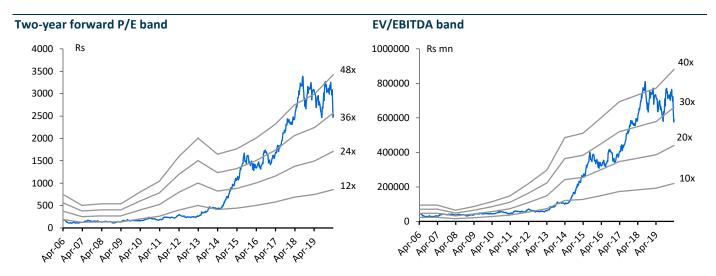
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Source: PhillipCapital India Research Estimates



Financials

Income Statement

| Y/E Mar, Rs mn | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Net sales | 1,09,735 | 1,12,548 | 1,20,192 | 1,34,604 |
| Growth, % | 11 | 3 | 7 | 12 |
| Other operating income | 812 | 1,421 | 1,599 | 1,839 |
| Total income | 1,10,547 | 1,13,969 | 1,21,791 | 1,36,442 |
| Raw material expenses | -65,615 | -67,583 | -71,976 | -79,893 |
| Employee expenses | -4,418 | -4,639 | -4,871 | -5,480 |
| Other Operating expenses | -23,180 | -23,443 | -25,075 | -27,990 |
| EBITDA (Core) | 17,334 | 18,303 | 19,869 | 23,079 |
| Growth, % | 15.4 | 5.6 | 8.6 | 16.2 |
| Margin, % | 15.8 | 16.3 | 16.5 | 17.1 |
| Depreciation | -1,619 | -1,845 | -2,169 | -2,467 |
| EBIT | 15,715 | 16,458 | 17,700 | 20,613 |
| Growth, % | 15.6 | 4.7 | 7.5 | 16.5 |
| Margin, % | 14.3 | 14.6 | 14.7 | 15.3 |
| Interest paid | -91 | -740 | -936 | -958 |
| Other Income | 2,065 | 2,684 | 2,952 | 3,395 |
| Pre-tax profit | 17,679 | 18,402 | 19,716 | 23,050 |
| Tax provided | -6,125 | -4,632 | -5,126 | -5,993 |
| Profit after tax | 11,555 | 13,770 | 14,590 | 17,057 |
| Others (Minorities, Associates) | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Profit | 11,591 | 13,770 | 14,590 | 17,057 |
| Growth, % | 15.4 | 18.8 | 5.9 | 16.9 |
| Net Profit (adjusted) | 11,591 | 13,770 | 14,590 | 17,057 |
| Unadj. shares (m) | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 |
| Wtd avg shares (m) | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 |

Balance Sheet

| Y/E Mar, Rs mn | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Cash & bank | 1,098 | 6,294 | 15,241 | 24,110 |
| Marketable securities at cost | 7,499 | 7,499 | 7,499 | 7,499 |
| Debtors | 3,942 | 4,043 | 4,318 | 4,836 |
| Inventory | 7,814 | 8,014 | 8,558 | 9,585 |
| Loans & advances | 12,039 | 12,039 | 12,039 | 12,039 |
| Other current assets | 2,871 | 2,871 | 2,871 | 2,871 |
| Total current assets | 35,263 | 40,760 | 50,527 | 60,940 |
| Investments | 7,264 | 7,264 | 7,264 | 7,264 |
| Gross fixed assets | 21,908 | 23,908 | 26,408 | 30,408 |
| Less: Depreciation | -5,025 | -6,870 | -9,039 | -11,506 |
| Add: Capital WIP | 1,012 | 1,012 | 1,012 | 1,012 |
| Net fixed assets | 17,895 | 18,050 | 18,381 | 19,914 |
| Non-current assets | 1,858 | 1,858 | 1,858 | 1,858 |
| Total assets | 62,380 | 68,031 | 78,128 | 90,075 |
| Current liabilities | 18,514 | 18,806 | 19,601 | 21,099 |
| Provisions | 115 | 115 | 115 | 115 |
| Total current liabilities | 18,629 | 18,921 | 19,715 | 21,213 |
| Non-current liabilities | 892 | 9,532 | 9,532 | 9,532 |
| Total liabilities | 19,520 | 28,453 | 29,247 | 30,745 |
| Paid-up capital | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 |
| Reserves & surplus | 42,292 | 39,012 | 48,314 | 58,763 |
| Shareholders' equity | 42,859 | 39,579 | 48,881 | 59,330 |
| Total equity & liabilities | 62,380 | 68,031 | 78,128 | 90,075 |

Source: Company, PhillipCapital India Research Estimates

Cash Flow

| Y/E Mar, Rs mn | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Pre-tax profit | 17,679 | 18,402 | 19,716 | 23,050 |
| Depreciation | 1,619 | 1,845 | 2,169 | 2,467 |
| Chg in working capital | -2,951 | -9 | -24 | -46 |
| Total tax paid | -5,998 | -4,632 | -5,126 | -5,993 |
| Other operating activities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash flow from operating activities | 10,350 | 15,607 | 16,734 | 19,478 |
| Capital expenditure | -4,030 | -2,000 | -2,500 | -4,000 |
| Chg in investments | -5,039 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chg in marketable securities | 1,069 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other investing activities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash flow from investing activities | -8,010 | -2,000 | -2,500 | -4,000 |
| Free cash flow | 2,340 | 13,607 | 14,234 | 15,478 |
| Equity raised/(repaid) | 1,573 | -8,640 | 8,640 | 0 |
| Debt raised/(repaid) | -227 | 8,640 | 0 | 0 |
| Dividend (incl. tax) | -4,339 | -8,411 | -5,287 | -6,609 |
| Other financing activities | 131 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash flow from financing activities | -2,629 | -8,411 | 3,353 | -6,609 |
| Net chg in cash | -289 | 5,196 | 17,587 | 8,869 |

Valuation Ratios

| | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Per Share data | | | | |
| EPS (INR) | 48.2 | 57.3 | 60.7 | 71.0 |
| Growth, % | 15.4 | 18.8 | 5.9 | 16.9 |
| Book NAV/share (INR) | 177.0 | 163.3 | 202.0 | 245.5 |
| FDEPS (INR) | 48.2 | 57.3 | 60.7 | 71.0 |
| CEPS (INR) | 55.0 | 65.0 | 69.7 | 81.2 |
| CFPS (INR) | 32.9 | 53.8 | 57.3 | 66.9 |
| DPS (INR) | 15.0 | 35.0 | 22.0 | 27.5 |
| Return ratios | | | | |
| Return on assets (%) | 20.4 | 22.3 | 21.2 | 21.4 |
| Return on equity (%) | 27.3 | 35.1 | 30.0 | 28.9 |
| Return on capital employed (%) | 29.4 | 31.2 | 28.8 | 28.3 |
| Turnover ratios | | | | |
| Asset turnover (x) | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| Sales/Total assets (x) | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Sales/Net FA (x) | 6.6 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 7.0 |
| Receivable days | 13.1 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 13.1 |
| Inventory days | 26.0 | 26.0 | 26.0 | 26.0 |
| Payable days | 44.7 | 44.6 | 44.7 | 45.0 |
| Working capital days | 27.1 | 26.5 | 24.9 | 22.3 |
| Liquidity ratios | | | | |
| Current ratio (x) | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.9 |
| Quick ratio (x) | 1.5 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.4 |
| Interest cover (x) | 172.9 | 22.3 | 18.9 | 21.5 |
| Total debt/Equity (%) | 3.2 | 25.5 | 20.6 | 17.0 |
| Net debt/Equity (%) | 0.7 | 9.5 | (10.8) | (23.9) |
| Valuation | | | | |
| PER (x) | 65.6 | 55.2 | 52.1 | 44.5 |
| PEG (x) - y-o-y growth | 4.3 | 2.9 | 8.8 | 2.6 |
| Price/Book (x) | 17.9 | 19.4 | 15.7 | 12.9 |
| EV/Net sales (x) | 6.9 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 5.5 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 43.4 | 41.3 | 37.6 | 32.0 |
| EV/EBIT (x) | 47.9 | 45.9 | 42.2 | 35.8 |



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. We have different threshold for large market capitalisation stock and Mid/small market capitalisation stock. The categorisation of stock based on market capitalisation is as per the SEBI requirement.

Large cap stocks

| Rating | Criteria | Definition |
|---------|------------------|---|
| BUY | >= +10% | Target price is equal to or more than 10% of current market price |
| NEUTRAL | -10% > to < +10% | Target price is less than +10% but more than -10% |
| SELL | <= -10% | Target price is less than or equal to -10%. |

Mid cap and Small cap stocks

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|---|--|--|
| Rating | Criteria | Definition | | |
| BUY | >= +15% | Target price is equal to or more than 15% of current market price | | |
| NEUTRAL | -15% > to < +15% | Target price is less than +15% but more than -15% | | |
| SELL | <= -15% | Target price is less than or equal to -15%. | | |

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