

HOLD TP: Rs 1,754 | △ 13%

CIPLA

Pharmaceuticals

31 October 2024

Conditional launch of gAbraxane likely in FY25

- Goa plant receiving VAI likely to speed up gAbraxane launch in FY25E.
 In its 2QFY25 earnings call CIPLA said this would be delayed to H1FY27
 gAbraxane's launch could increase EBITDA margin to an all-time high of 27%/28% in FY26E/FY27E against 24-25% currently
- With a speedy gAbraxane launch likely, we raise EPS by 3%/10%/10% in FY25E/FY26E/FY27E, and upgrade the stock to HOLD (earlier SELL)

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Unexpected positive regulatory surprise: The Goa plant which was cGMP (current Good Manufacturing Practices) inspected between 10 and 21 June 2024 by the USFDA has received a VAI (Voluntary Action Indicated). This VAI status comes after a long haul as the plant has had a Warning Letter (WL) since 2020. CIPLA's Goa plant contributes ~10% of its US sales. Currently, out of nine manufacturing units, only the Pithampur plant has an OAI while the rest are cleared.

gAbraxane launch likely in FY25E: gAbraxane's launch was conditional on the Goa plant's clearance, which now paves the way for its launch. It was delayed for the past two years and in recent commentary guided for a further delay till H1FY27. We believe the launch can be brought forward to FY25.

gAbraxane – one-player market: Currently only one player (Sandoz in partnership with Jiangsu Hengrui) has launched gAbraxane in the US market. CIPLA would be the second player. Since there is only one player in the generic version, we believe this is a good opportunity for CIPLA to launch the product. Since it is a complex oncology product, it would take longer for other players to enter the market.

gAbraxane launch to result in highest-ever margin: We believe gAbraxane to be a US\$ 600mn-800mn opportunity which could result in sales of US\$ 20mn in FY25E, US\$ 90mn in FY26E and US\$ 80mn in FY27E from a one-player market for CIPLA. We believe this product could increase EBITDA margin to 27% in FY26 and 28% in FY27 which would be its highest ever.

Upgrade stock to HOLD: Due to muted earnings and supply issues in Lanreotide and delays in key launches, we had downgraded the stock to SELL. However, as conditions for the gAbraxane launch have been eased, we bake in gAbraxane numbers into our estimates which result in an EPS upgrade of 3%/10%/10% in FY25/FY26/FY27. Hence, we ascribe a higher P/E of 25x (five-year average of 23x), and roll forward our valuations to Sep'26, with a new TP of Rs 1,754 (from Rs 1,312).

Key changes

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| Ticker/Price | CIPLA IN/Rs 1,552 |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Market cap | US\$ 14.9bn |
| Free float | 65% |
| 3M ADV | US\$ 35.6mn |
| 52wk high/low | Rs 1,702/Rs 1,165 |
| Promoter/FPI/DII | 33%/26%/24% |

Source: NSE | Price as of 31 Oct 2024

Key financials

| Y/E 31 Mar | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total revenue (Rs mn) | 257,741 | 268,664 | 294,972 |
| EBITDA (Rs mn) | 62,911 | 68,356 | 79,604 |
| Adj. net profit (Rs mn) | 43,164 | 46,223 | 54,360 |
| Adj. EPS (Rs) | 53.6 | 57.4 | 67.5 |
| Consensus EPS (Rs) | 53.6 | 57.4 | 64.1 |
| Adj. ROAE (%) | 17.5 | 16.3 | 16.5 |
| Adj. P/E (x) | 29.0 | 27.0 | 23.0 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 19.4 | 17.7 | 14.8 |
| Adj. EPS growth (%) | 44.6 | 7.1 | 17.6 |

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

Stock performance



Source: NSE





Fig 1 - CIPLA's plant status

| Plants | Operations | Lat inspected | Status | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Goa | Formulations | Jun'24 | VAI | |
| Pithampur | Formulations | Feb'23 | OAI | |
| Patalganga | Formulations | Apr'24 | EIR | |
| Kurkumbh | Formulations / API | May'24 | 1 observation | |
| Virgonagar, Bangalore | API | Jul'19 | VAI | |
| Bangalore | API | Jan'20 | 4 Observation | |
| Acquired through Invagen | | | | |
| Fall River, Massachusetts | Formulations | May'23 | NAI | |
| Hauppage, New York | Formulations | May'18 | VAI | |
| Central Islip, New York | Formulations | Sep'23 | VAI | |

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Valuation

In its 2QFY25 earnings CIPLA reported an in-line set of earnings. However, its outlook looked gloomy with (1) North America sales impact in Q3FY25 due to supply issues with Lanreotide, (2) domestic region sales to grow in the single digit, and (3) delay in the launch of gAbraxane due to the Goa plant receiving six observations. However, with the Goa plant now being cleared with a VAI status, we believe the gAbraxane launch will likely be in FY25.

Currently, gAbraxane is only a one-player market, hence CIPLA could benefit from a near-term launch. Thus, we raise our EPS estimates for FY25 by 3%, FY26 by 10%, and FY27 by 10%. Hence, we upgrade the stock to HOLD from SELL. We ascribe a higher multiple of 25x (vs five-year average P/E of 23x), and roll forward our valuations to Sep'26 with a new TP of Rs 1,754 (from Rs 1,312).

Fig 2 - CIPLA: Revised estimates

| (Da) | | New | | | Old | | | Change (%) | | |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|--------|--------|
| (Rs mn) | FY24A | FY25E FY26E FY27E | | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E | |
| Sales | 257,741 | 268,664 | 294,972 | 317,650 | 267,084 | 287,281 | 307,215 | 0.59 | 2.68 | 3.4 |
| EBITDA | 62,911 | 68,356 | 79,604 | 89,008 | 66,611 | 73,185 | 81,430 | 2.62 | 8.77 | 9.3 |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 24.4 | 25.4 | 27.0 | 28.0 | 24.9 | 25.5 | 26.5 | 50bps | 151bps | 151bps |
| EPS (Rs) | 53.5 | 57.3 | 67.4 | 78.8 | 55.8 | 61.5 | 71.6 | 2.74 | 9.63 | 10.0 |

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Key risks

Key upside risks to our estimates are:

- Faster resolution of regulatory issues at the Pithampur site.
- Launch of key product gAdvair.

Key downside risk

- Delay in the launch of gAbraxane.
- No resolution of supply issue for Lanreotide.



Financials

| Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn) | FY23A | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| , , | | | | | |
| Total revenue | 227,530 | 257,741 | 268,664 | 294,972 | 317,650 |
| EBITDA Depresiation | 50,269 | 62,911 | 68,356 | 79,604 | 89,008 |
| Depreciation | 11,721 | 10,510 | 12,359 | 13,118 | 13,646 |
| EBIT | 38,548 | 52,401 | 55,997 | 66,486 | 75,361 |
| Net interest inc./(exp.) | (1,095) | (899) | (615) | (513) | (427) |
| Other inc./(exp.) | 4,755 | 7,466 | 7,082 | 7,486 | 10,872 |
| Exceptional items | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EBT | 42,207 | 58,968 | 62,463 | 73,459 | 85,806 |
| Income taxes | 12,029 | 15,466 | 16,240 | 19,099 | 22,310 |
| Extraordinary items | (1,824) | (1,948) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Min. int./Inc. from assoc. | 336 | 338 | 0 | 0 | |
| Reported net profit | 28,018 | 41,216 | 46,223 | 54,360 | 63,497 |
| Adjustments | (1,824) | (1,948) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adjusted net profit | 29,842 | 43,164 | 46,223 | 54,360 | 63,497 |
| Balance Sheet | | | | | |
| Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn) | FY23A | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| Accounts payables | 24,571 | 24,740 | 29,443 | 32,326 | 34,811 |
| Other current liabilities | 9,375 | 9,558 | 13,433 | 14,749 | 15,882 |
| Provisions | 13,888 | 17,410 | 18,148 | 19,925 | 21,457 |
| Debt funds | 8,031 | 5,594 | 4,662 | 3,885 | 3,237 |
| Other liabilities | 0,001 | 0,001 | 0 | 0,000 | 0,207 |
| Equity capital | 1,614 | 1,615 | 1,615 | 1,615 | 1,615 |
| Reserves & surplus | 232,589 | 262,384 | 304,569 | 354,892 | 414,352 |
| Shareholders' fund | 234,203 | 263,998 | 306,184 | 356,507 | 415,967 |
| Total liab. and equities | 290,067 | 321,300 | 371,870 | 427,391 | 491,355 |
| Cash and cash eq. | 15,646 | 8,750 | 51,315 | 99,692 | |
| Accounts receivables | , | | | | 159,498 |
| | 40,570 | 47,707 | 47,844 | 52,529 | 56,568 |
| Inventories Other surrent seests | 51,564 | 52,380 | 62,566 | 68,692 | 73,973 |
| Other current assets | 43,125 | 50,373 | 40,300 | 44,246 | 47,647 |
| Investments | 37,222 | 55,628 | 55,628 | 55,628 | 55,628 |
| Net fixed assets | 49,908 | 50,690 | 53,330 | 48,212 | 42,566 |
| CWIP | 10,933 | 11,527 | 11,527 | 11,527 | 11,527 |
| Intangible assets | 41,099 | 44,246 | 49,359 | 46,864 | 43,947 |
| Deferred tax assets, net | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total assets | 290,067 | 321,300 | 371,870 | 427,391 | 491,355 |
| Cash Flows | | | | | |
| Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn) | FY23A | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| Cash flow from operations | 23,805 | 41,300 | 68,263 | 59,209 | 70,000 |
| Capital expenditures | (907) | (13,150) | (15,000) | (8,000) | (8,000) |
| Change in investments | (11,102) | (18,406) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other investing cash flows | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | C |
| Cash flow from investing | (12,009) | (31,556) | (15,000) | (8,000) | (8,000) |
| Equities issued/Others | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | C |
| Debt raised/repaid | (2,527) | (2,437) | (932) | (777) | (647) |
| Interest expenses | (1,095) | (899) | (615) | (513) | (427) |
| Dividends paid | (4,036) | (4,037) | (4,037) | (4,037) | (4,037) |
| Other financing cash flows | (7,778) | (9,268) | (5,113) | 2,495 | 2,917 |
| Cash flow from financing | (15,435) | (16,640) | (10,697) | (2,832) | (2,195) |
| Chg in cash & cash eq. | (3,639) | (6,897) | 42,566 | 48,377 | 59,805 |
| Closing cash & cash eq. | 15,646 | 8,750 | 51,315 | 99,692 | 159,498 |

| Per Share | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Y/E 31 Mar (Rs) | FY23A | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| Reported EPS | 34.8 | 51.2 | 57.4 | 67.5 | 78.8 |
| Adjusted EPS | 37.0 | 53.6 | 57.4 | 67.5 | 78.8 |
| Dividend per share | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Book value per share | 286.7 | 326.3 | 378.6 | 441.0 | 514.7 |
| Valuations Ratios | | | | | |
| Y/E 31 Mar (x) | FY23A | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| EV/Sales | 5.4 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.6 |
| EV/EBITDA | 24.4 | 19.4 | 17.7 | 14.8 | 12.7 |
| Adjusted P/E | 41.9 | 29.0 | 27.0 | 23.0 | 19.7 |
| P/BV | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.0 |
| DuPont Analysis | | | | | |
| Y/E 31 Mar (%) | FY23A | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| Tax burden (Net profit/PBT) | 70.7 | 73.2 | 74.0 | 74.0 | 74.0 |
| Interest burden (PBT/EBIT) | 109.5 | 112.5 | 111.5 | 110.5 | 113.9 |
| EBIT margin (EBIT/Revenue) | 16.9 | 20.3 | 20.8 | 22.5 | 23.7 |
| Asset turnover (Rev./Avg TA) | 24.6 | 25.2 | 23.1 | 22.0 | 20.4 |
| Leverage (Avg TA/Avg Equity) | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Adjusted ROAE | 13.6 | 17.5 | 16.3 | 16.5 | 16.5 |
| Ratio Analysis | | | | | |
| Y/E 31 Mar | FY23A | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| YoY growth (%) | | | | | |
| Revenue | 4.5 | 13.3 | 4.2 | 9.8 | 7.7 |
| EBITDA | 10.4 | 25.1 | 8.7 | 16.5 | 11.8 |
| Adjusted EPS | 10.6 | 44.6 | 7.1 | 17.6 | 16.8 |
| Profitability & Return ratios (%) | | | | | |
| EBITDA margin | 22.1 | 24.4 | 25.4 | 27.0 | 28.0 |
| EBIT margin | 16.9 | 20.3 | 20.8 | 22.5 | 23.7 |
| Adjusted profit margin | 13.1 | 16.7 | 17.2 | 18.4 | 20.0 |
| Adjusted ROAE | 13.6 | 17.5 | 16.3 | 16.5 | 16.5 |
| ROCE | 18.7 | 23.4 | 21.7 | 22.0 | 22.1 |
| Working capital days (days) | | | | | |
| Receivables | 65 | 68 | 65 | 65 | 65 |
| Inventory | 83 | 74 | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| Payables | 39 | 35 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| Ratios (x) | | | | | |
| Gross asset turnover | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| | 2.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 4.0 | |

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research | Note: TA = Total Assets

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(0.5)

Current ratio

Net interest coverage ratio

Adjusted debt/equity



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