

## OMCs shine on robust Refining margins

- OMCs reported strong performance due to Refining business performance. RIL reported EBITDA growth of 5.1%YoY
- Exploration companies' performance got impacted by decline in crude realisations and lower Oil & Gas volumes
- Post results, we maintain BUY on RIL and BPCL; upgrade to BUY from HOLD on Mahanagar Gas (MGL) and Indraprastha Gas (IGL)

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**OMCs reported strong performance:** Among various sub-segments of the Oil & Gas sector; oil marketing companies (OMCs) showed strong operational performance on account of higher GRM YoY. OMCs coverage universe reported a revenue growth of 5.0%YoY and EBITDA growth of 91.0%YoY. Average GRM of universe increased to USD11.4/bbl from USD4.9/bbl in Q3FY25, due to higher product cracks. OMCs' domestic volumes also went up 4.6% YoY (+12.8% QoQ), showing improved performance.

**RIL:** reported a good performance with revenue growth of 10.4% YoY and EBITDA growth of 5.1%YoY. (+4.0% QoQ). EBITDA performance was driven by Telecom and O2C businesses with +16.1%YoY and 14.6%YoY growth. Telecom subscribers grew by 6.9%YoY and ARPU rose by 5.1%YoY to Rs214. Revenue performance of FMCG business remained strong at Rs150bn - a growth of 1.8xYoY. Outlook is positive, driven by consumption demand in Retail, fixed broadband in Telecom; FMCG consumer brands and green energy business.

**Upstream (ONGC & Oil India):** Performance of ONGC (standalone) & Oil India (standalone) declined at both the revenue & EBITDA levels primarily due to fall in crude oil realisation by 15.0% YoY. Crude oil production also saw a decline YoY by 2.2% for ONGC and 1.2% for Oil India.

**CGD companies:** MGL and IGL reported good growth of 11.5%YoY and 8.2%YoY respectively, driven by volume growth. The YoY volume growth of MGL was 12.0% and while that of IGL was 3.4%YoY. However, Gujarat gas disappointed with a 11.9%YoY decline in revenue, given the 28% YoY fall in industrial volumes. EBITDA spread for the coverage CGD players increased 18% YoY and 3.7% QoQ on an average to Rs6.5/scm, due to the benefit of lower gas cost.

**Prefer RIL, BPCL, MGL and IGL:** Maintain a BUY on RIL with TP of Rs1,690 due to positive outlook on O2C, Retail and Telecom businesses. Maintain a Buy on BPCL with TP of Rs448 on account of positive outlook on product cracks, expansion project at Bina refinery and Petchem project at Kochi.



We upgrade MGL to BUY from HOLD with TP of Rs1,369, on account of the stock correction and growth momentum in CNG and PNG volumes. We upgrade IGL to BUY from HOLD with TP of Rs197, considering the volume growth in future and recent stock corrections. We remain positive on volume growth, driven by the new areas outside of Delhi region as the foray into the Saudi Arabia market for IGL will be a positive over medium term.

**Gas Utility companies:** GAIL reported declines in revenue by 4.5%YoY and in EBITDA by 7.6%YoY. Gas transmission volumes fell by 4.6% YoY due to the delay in pipeline connectivity and low offtake by refineries, power and fertiliser sectors. Petchem business continued to incur losses. Petronet showed a weak operational performance with a 3.9%YoY decrease in EBITDA. Kochi terminal showed an improved offtake QoQ from MRPL and Kochi refineries.

**Management outlook:** Management across OMCs remained positive on volume growth and refining margins, supported by disciplined capex execution. In the CGD segment, outlook remains positive on CNG and PNG demand. The new areas would be growth engines for CGD companies. Within the upstream space, ONGC is focused on ramping up production from new wells, while Oil India's management expressed a positive outlook on crude & gas volumes, as also its confidence on the outcome of the ongoing drilling campaign.

**Fig 1 – BOBCAPS OMCs universe Q3FY26 review**

Y/E March	Net Sales (Rs mn)			EBITDA (Rs mn)			PAT (Rs mn)		
	Q3FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Q3FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Q3FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
HPCL	1,146,235	4.1	14.2	69,977	17.4	2.1	40,114	57.7	3.9
BPCL	1,190,294	5.2	13.4	116,866	55.3	19.7	73,552	90.3	15.7
IOC	2,051,574	5.7	14.9	227,454	200.4	40.0	130,069	-	66.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,388,103</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>414,297</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>243,735</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>28.7</b>

Source: Company

**Fig 2 – RIL Q3FY26 review**

Y/E March	Net Sales (Rs mn)			EBITDA (Rs mn)			PAT (Rs mn)		
	Q3FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Q3FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Q3FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
RIL	2,649,050	10.4	4.0	460,180	5.1	0.3	186,450	0.6	2.6

Source: Company

**Fig 3 – OMCs GRM performance**

USD/bbl	Q3FY26	Q3FY25	YoY (%)	Q2FY26	QoQ (%)
HPCL	8.8	6.1	44.3	8.8	0.0
BPCL	13.3	5.6	137.5	10.8	23.1
IOC	12.2	2.9	320.7	10.7	14.0
<b>Average</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>167.5</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>12.4</b>

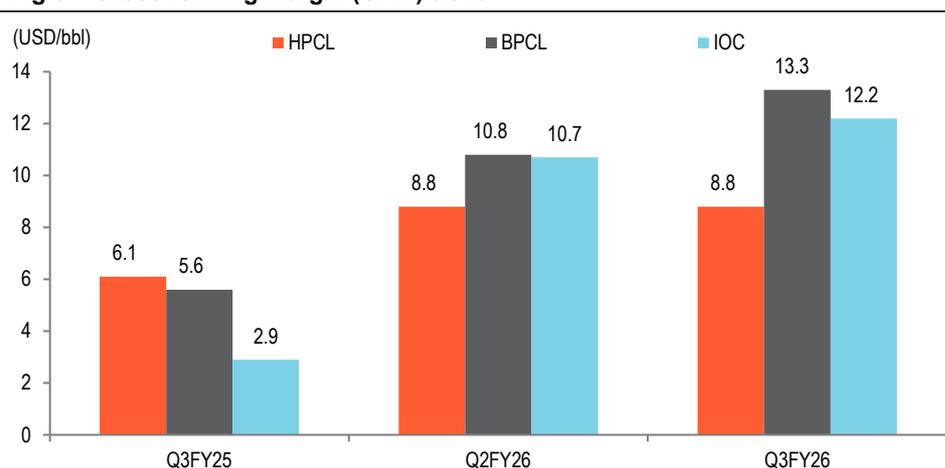
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**Fig 4 – OMCs domestic sales volume**

Mn tonne	Q3FY26	Q3FY25	YoY (%)	Q2FY26	QoQ (%)
HPCL	12.7	12.3	3.3	11.2	13.4
BPCL	14.1	13.4	5.2	12.7	11.0
IOC	26.0	24.8	4.8	22.9	13.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>46.8</b>	<b>12.8</b>

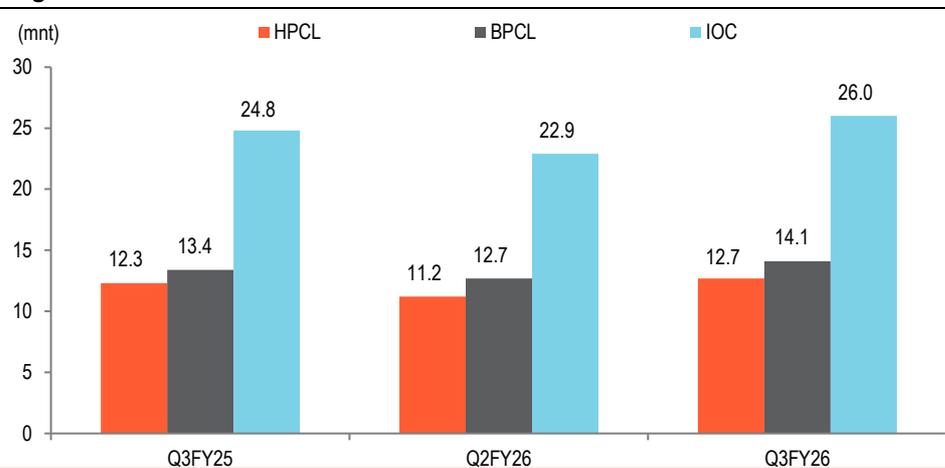
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**Fig 5 – Gross refining margin (GRM) trend**



Source: Company

**Fig 6 – Domestic sales volume trend**



Source: Company

**Fig 7 – BOBCAPS exploration(upstream) universe Q3FY26 review (standalone)**

Y/E March	Net Sales (Rs mn)			EBITDA (Rs mn)			PAT (Rs mn)		
	Q3FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Q3FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Q3FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
ONGC	315,465	(6.4)	(4.5)	152,718	(10.9)	(8.0)	83,719	1.6	(15.0)
Oil India	49,160	(6.2)	(9.9)	13,084	(38.7)	(1.2)	8,083	(33.8)	(22.6)
<b>Total</b>	<b>364,625</b>	<b>(6.3)</b>	<b>(7.2)</b>	<b>165,802</b>	<b>(24.8)</b>	<b>(4.6)</b>	<b>91,802</b>	<b>(16.1)</b>	<b>(18.8)</b>

Source: Company

**Fig 8 – BOBCAPS CGD universe Q3FY26 review**

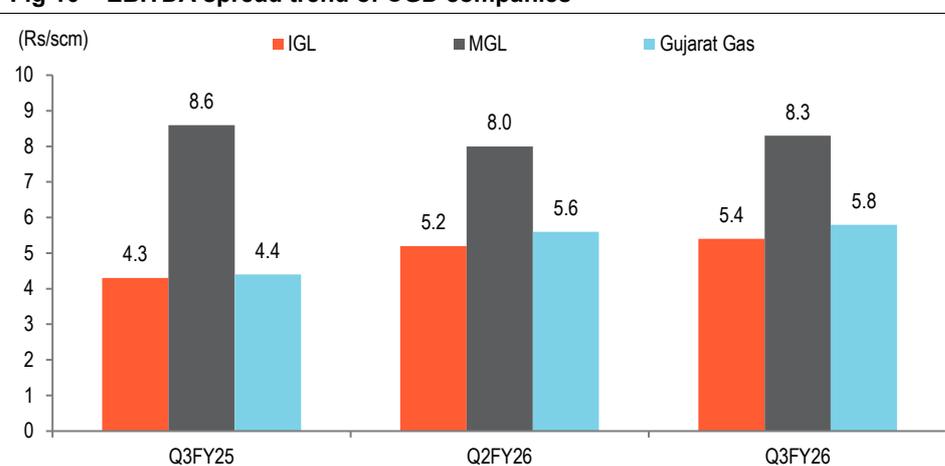
Y/E March	Net Sales (Rs mn)			EBITDA (Rs mn)			PAT (Rs mn)		
	Q3FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Q3FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Q3FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
IGL	40,672	8.2	1.1	4,725	29.9	6.7	3,586	25.4	(3.7)
MGL	20,583	11.5	0.4	3,521	8.4	4.2	2,020	(9.4)	4.4
Gujarat Gas	36,584	(11.9)	(3.2)	4,473	17.6	0.0	2,662	20.5	(5.5)
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,839</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>(0.6)</b>	<b>12,719</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>8,268</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>(1.6)</b>

Source: Company

**Fig 9 – EBITDA spread of CGD companies**

Rs/scm	Q3FY26	Q3FY25	YoY (%)	Q2FY26	QoQ (%)	Comments
IGL	5.4	4.3	25.6	5.2	3.8	MGL - EBITDA spread came lower due to lower APM allocation at 39% vs 50% in Q3FY25 for CNG .
MGL	8.3	8.6	(3.5)	8.0	3.8	
Gujarat Gas	5.8	4.4	31.8	5.6	3.6	Gujarat Gas- EBITDA spread was higher, due to lower gas cost on YoY basis.

Source: Company

**Fig 10 – EBITDA spread trend of CGD companies**

Source: Company

**Fig 11 – Coverage summary**

Company	Rating	CMP (Rs)	Target (Rs)	Upside (%)	EV/EBITDA			P/E		
					FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Reliance Industries	BUY	1,410	1,690	19.9	15.3	9.4	7.6	3.4	2.9	2.5
HPCL	HOLD	434	464	6.9	12.5	8.9	6.5	2.2	2.0	1.7
BPCL	BUY	368	448	21.7	12.2	7.2	5.7	2.3	2.1	1.8
IOC	HOLD	174	181	4.0	7.8	6.5	6.4	0.9	0.9	0.8
ONGC	HOLD	275	278	1.1	5.4	4.5	4.0	10.9	7.7	7.2
Oil India	HOLD	477	530	11.1	8.7	9.3	7.4	11.9	12.7	9.8
GAIL	SELL	167	153	(8.4)	7.8	8.8	7.2	8.5	12.1	10.0
Petronet	HOLD	302	300	(0.7)	6.3	6.7	5.4	11.0	12.3	9.8
GSPL	HOLD	300	305	1.7	5.6	6.3	5.5	15.1	11.7	11.3
IGL	BUY	168	197	17.3	10.1	10.1	8.5	15.9	16.7	14.4
MGL	BUY	1,119	1,369	22.3	6.5	6.6	6.1	11.2	11.9	11.1
Gujarat Gas	SELL	408	379	(7.1)	14.3	14.8	12.5	23.9	25.2	21.6

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

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