# **Colgate Palmolive**

### **Accumulate**



#### Hints of volume recovery

The Q2FY19 results came in line with our expectation. On a favorable base of 1% volume decline the company was able to post 7% growth. After consecutive 7 quarters of lackluster volume performance, the company was able to show some improvement in volume growth. Our analysis suggests that the company has gained 220bps volume MS in toothpaste category sequentially and 20bps on YoY. However, Colgate lost 250bps market share in toothbrush category sequentially, was discouraging. We attribute the improvement in volume performance to recent launch of Swarna Vedshakti and corrective action in natural portfolio. We believe that the company would report gradual recovery in volume growth on favorable base as better monsoon during the year would support. In addition, we believe that the impact of increase in reach of Swarna Vedshakti would help it to garner share in the natural category. We have revised our FY19E & FY20E earnings to ₹ 28.1 & ₹ 30.6 respectively to factor in the Q2 performance. Maintain Accumulate with TP of ₹ 1,223 (40x FY20E).

#### Operational performance was in line

Net revenues jumped 7.7% YoY to ₹ 11.7bn came in line with estimate. Volume growth during the quarter stood at 7%. EBITDA jumped by 9.5% YoY to ₹ 3.3bn — came in line with our estimate. The EBITDA margin expanded by 50bps to 28.2% as 90/100bps increase in A&P spends/Other expense was completely offset by 130/100bps decline in RM/employee expenses during the quarter. RPAT jumped 11.1% to ₹ 2.0bn. Excluding OCI and EI, APAT increased 10.6% YoY to ₹ 2.0bn — came in line.

#### Volume growth was encouraging

Colgate reported 7% volume growth vs our est of 5%. Though the volume growth was on a very favourable base of 1% de-growth, it was encouraging considering lacklustre volume performance by the company on favourable base in earlier few quarters. We attribute this to enrichment of natural portfolio and decline in competitive intensity. Going ahead, we believe that the company would continue to gain MS primarily driven by new product launch and decline in competitive pressure from Patanjali.

### Q2FY19 Result (₹ Mn)

Particulars	Q2FY19	Q2FY18	YoY (%)	Q1FY19	QoQ (%)
Revenue	11,680	10,849	7.7	10,413	12.2
Total Expense	8,385	7,840	6.9	7,597	10.4
EBITDA	3,296	3,009	9.5	2,816	17.0
Depreciation	398	392	1.7	394	1.1
EBIT	2,897	2,617	10.7	2,422	19.6
Other Income	86	86	0.3	92	(5.7)
Interest	0	0		0	
EBT	2,984	2,695	10.7	2,855	4.5
Tax	1,020	927	10.0	960	6.3
RPAT	1,964	1,768	11.1	1,895	3.6
APAT	1,964	1,776	10.6	1,554	26.4
			(bps)		(bps)
Gross Margin (%)	64.8	63.4	134	65.9	(114)
EBITDA Margin (%)	28.2	27.7	48	27.0	117
NPM (%)	16.8	16.3	52	18.2	(139)
Tax Rate (%)	34.2	34.4	(22)	33.6	57
EBIT Margin (%)	24.8	24.1	69	23.3	155

CMP	₹ 1,102
Target / Upside	₹1,223 / 11%
BSE Sensex	34,067
NSE Nifty	10,251
Scrip Details	
Equity / FV	₹ 272mn / ₹ 1
Market Cap	₹ 300bn
	US\$ 4bn
52-week High/Low	₹ 1,282/₹ 1,015
Avg. Volume (no)	486,088
NSE Symbol	COLPAL
Bloomberg Code	CLGT IN
Shareholding Patter	n Sep'18(%)
Promoters	51.0
MF/Banks/FIs	13.1
FIIs	13.8
Public / Others	22.1

#### Valuation (x)

	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E
P/E	43.8	39.2	36.0
EV/EBITDA	26.5	22.9	20.8
ROE (%)	48.1	46.9	40.2
RoACE (%)	45.8	43.1	38.0

### Estimates (₹ mn)

	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E
Revenue	41,880	45,012	48,959
EBITDA	11,124	12,732	13,786
PAT	6,734	7,992	8,320
EPS (₹)	25.2	28.1	30.6

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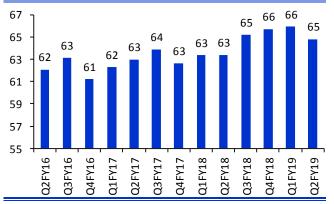




### Early sign of MS recovery in toothpaste

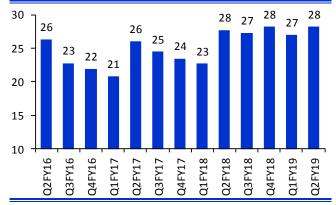
During Jan-Sep'18, the company maintained leadership in toothpaste and tooth brush MS at 52.5% (vs 54.0% in CY17) and 44.2% (vs 45.5% in CY17). Our analysis suggests that the company has sequentially gained MS in toothpaste category but lost marginal MS in tooth brush category. As Colgate was continuously losing MS in the core toothpaste category in past couple of years, recovery in Q2 is highly encouraging.

Exhibit 1: Gross Margin (%) Trend



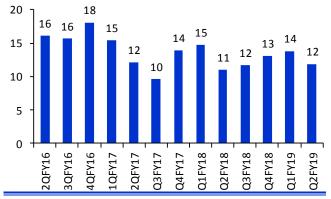
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Exhibit 2: Strong EBITDA Margins (%)



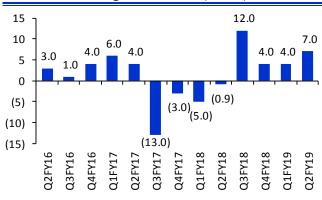
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Exhibit 3: A&P Spends (% Of Revenues)



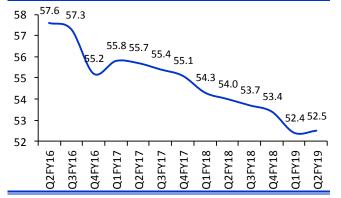
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Exhibit 4: Volume growth overall (% YoY)



Source: DART, Company

Exhibit 5: Tooth Paste Category (%)



Source: DART, Company

Exhibit 6: Toothbrush Market Share (%)



Source: DART, Company





Exhibit 7: Change in estimates

	_	FY19E			FY20E	
(₹ Mn)	New	Old	Chg %	New	Old	Chg %
Revenue	45,012	44,476	1.2	48,959	48,376	1.2
EBITDA	12,732	12,513	1.7	13,786	13,549	1.8
EBITDA Margin	28.3	28.1	20 bps	28.2	28.0	20 bps
PAT	7,992	7,845	1.9	8,320	8,159	2.0
EPS (₹)	28.1	27.6	2.0	30.6	30.0	2.0

Source: DART, Company





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(₹ Mn)	EV17A	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E
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Revenue	39,818	41,880	45,012	48,959
Total Expense	30,383	30,756	32,280	35,173
COGS	14,763	14,901	15,385	16,930
Employees Cost	2,894	3,070	3,209	3,393
Other expenses	12,726	12,786	13,686	14,850
EBIDTA	9,436	11,124	12,732	13,786
Depreciation	1,332	1,565	1,751	1,913
EBIT	8,103	9,559	10,981	11,873
Interest	0	0	0	0
Other Income	411	388	376	476
Exc. / E.O. items	0	(117)	341	0
EBT	8,514	9,830	11,698	12,350
Tax	2,740	3,097	3,706	4,030
RPAT	5,774	6,734	7,992	8,320
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0
Profit/Loss share of associates	0	0	0	0
АРАТ	5,774	6,850	7,651	8,320

#### **Balance Sheet**

(₹ Mn)	FY17A	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E
Sources of Funds				
Equity Capital	272	272	272	272
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0
Reserves & Surplus	12,466	14,974	18,568	22,310
Net Worth	12,738	15,246	18,840	22,582
Total Debt	0	0	0	0
Net Deferred Tax Liability	275	355	355	355
Total Capital Employed	13,013	15,601	19,196	22,937

### **Applications of Funds**

Net Block

CWIP	1,666	1,586	1,586	1,586
Investments	312	311	311	311
Current Assets, Loans & Advances	10,048	12,282	16,470	21,439
Inventories	2,926	2,267	2,791	3,035
Receivables	1,299	2,010	1,778	1,934
Cash and Bank Balances	2,943	4,562	8,530	12,950
Loans and Advances	2,880	3,443	3,371	3,520
Other Current Assets	0	0	0	0
Less: Current Liabilities & Provisions	10,094	10,037	10,380	11,195
Payables	6,299	6,219	6,684	7,270
Other Current Liabilities	3.795	3.818	3.696	3.924

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Total Assets	13,013	15,601	19,196	22,937
Net Current Assets	(46)	2,245	6,090	10,245
Other Current Liabilities	3,795	3,818	3,696	3,924
Payables	6,299	6,219	6,684	7,270

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E – Estimates





Important Ratios				
Particulars	FY17A	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E
(A) Margins (%)				
Gross Profit Margin	62.9	64.4	65.8	65.4
EBIDTA Margin	23.7	26.6	28.3	28.2
EBIT Margin	20.4	22.8	24.4	24.3
Tax rate	32.2	31.5	31.7	32.6
Net Profit Margin	14.5	16.1	17.8	17.0
(B) As Percentage of Net Sales (%)				
COGS	37.1	35.6	34.2	34.6
Employee	7.3	7.3	7.1	6.9
Other	32.0	30.5	30.4	30.3
(C) Measure of Financial Status				
Gross Debt / Equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest Coverage	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inventory days	27	20	23	23
Debtors days	12	18	14	14
Average Cost of Debt	12	10	14	14
Payable days	58	54	54	54
Working Capital days	0	20	49	76
FA T/O	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.5
<u>'</u>	3.0	3.7	4.0	4.3
(D) Measures of Investment				
AEPS (₹)	21.2	25.2	28.1	30.6
CEPS (₹)	26.1	30.9	34.6	37.6
DPS (₹)	12.0	13.6	16.2	16.8
Dividend Payout (%)	56.6	54.1	57.5	55.0
BVPS (₹)	46.8	56.1	69.3	83.0
RoANW (%)	50.1	48.1	46.9	40.2
RoACE (%)	46.9	45.8	43.1	38.0
RoAIC (%)	92.1	90.6	101.2	115.0
(E) Valuation Ratios				
CMP (₹)	1102	1102	1102	1102
P/E	51.9	43.8	39.2	36.0
Mcap (₹ Mn)	299,758	299,758	299,758	299,758
MCap/ Sales	23.5	19.7	15.9	13.3
EV	296,815	295,196	291,228	286,808
EV/Sales	7.5	7.0	6.5	5.9
EV/EBITDA	31.5	26.5	22.9	20.8
P/BV	23.5	19.7	15.9	13.3
Dividend Yield (%)	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.5
(F) Growth Rate (%)				
Revenue	2.9	5.2	7.5	8.8
EBITDA	(0.2)	17.9	14.5	8.3
EBIT	(2.8)	18.0	14.9	8.1
PBT	1.9	15.5	19.0	5.6
APAT	(5.7)	18.6	11.7	8.7
EPS	(5.7)	18.6	11.7	8.7
Cook Flour				
Cash Flow	F)/4 7 A	F\/4.0.A	EV4.0E	EV20E
(₹ Mn)	FY17A	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E
CFO	6,439	7,743	9,525	10,498
CFI	(3,215)	(1,863)	(1,500)	(1,500)
CFF	(3,169)	(4,262)	(4,057)	(4,578)
FCFF	3,225	5,880	8,025	8,998
Opening Cash	2,887	2,943	4,562	8,530
Closing Cash	2,943	4,562	8,530	12,950
E – Estimates				





### **DART RATING MATRIX**

**Total Return Expectation (12 Months)** 

Buy	> 20%
Accumulate	10 to 20%
Reduce	0 to 10%
Sell	< 0%

### **Rating and Target Price History**



Month	Rating	TP (₹)	Price (₹) *
Aug-17	Reduce	1,135	1,060
Oct-17	Reduce	1,118	1,063
Feb-18	Reduce	1,210	1,123
May-18	Accumulate	1,337	1,208
Jul-18	Accumulate	1,200	1,085

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