# Nestlé India (NESIND)

CMP: ₹ 16735 Target: ₹ 18000 (8%)

Target Period: 12 months

HOLD

ICICI direct

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# Thrust on new launches to propel growth

Nestlé India's (NIL) results were below our estimates with 9% revenue, 2.2% earnings growth. Domestic revenue growth was 10.1% whereas coffee exports were down 7.7%. Demand conditions in two-thirds of its product portfolio, comprising Maggi noodles, Nescafe Classic, KitKat were strong. These brands reported double digit growth in CY20 driven by higher 'athome' consumption. With significant decline in milk prices in last 10 months, gross margins expanded 231 bps. Employee spends were up 150 bps due to higher incentives in pandemic year. Though overhead spends were similar to the corresponding quarter, NIL has utilised saving in some overhead spends for higher marketing spends. It has increased A&P spends to support many news launches in last one year. Operating profit was up 14.6% to ₹ 777 crore while operating margins expanded 111 bps to 22.6%. PAT rose 2.2% to ₹ 483.3 crore mainly on account of higher depreciation & income tax provisioning. The company declared a dividend of ₹ 65/share.

### Continued thrust on new category, product launches

The company continued its thrust on new launches & foray in subcategories. New launches are contributing 3-4% of total sales. Moreover, ecom channels' contribution has more than doubled in CY20 at 3.7% to total sales. NIL has been aggressive in terms of new launches in the last five years with introduction of more than 70 new products, variants. It forayed into breakfast cereals poha, upma in last two years that have grown faster in CY20. It has also been raising its marketing spend to support these brands. With higher consumption in rural areas, smaller towns, it is increasing its rural penetration by introducing smaller SKUs across segments. We estimate 10.1% revenue CAGR in CY20-22E backed by new products, increasing rural penetration & higher contribution of e-com channel.

#### Benign milk prices help increase advertisement spends

Key raw material prices like milk, wheat are down by 10-15% in the last one year. Moreover, sugar & green coffee prices have been largely stable. We believe the company would continue to benefit from lower milk prices given major companies tend to procure SMPs during flush winter season. We believe NIL would focus on increasing marketing spends to support new launches in future as well and try to maintain operating margins at current levels. We expect operating margins of 24.8% & 25.1% in CY21E & CY22E respectively (100 bps expansion over CY20).

#### Valuation & Outlook

The company is undertaking a major capex of ₹ 2600 crore in the next three to four years to ensure swift supplies in case of significant demand traction in any of the categories. Our channel checks suggest NIL was facing supply constraints for Maggi noodles in Q2CY20 and Q3CY20, which could have impelled the company to undertake capacity expansion. Despite huge capex, in the next four years, we believe NIL would be able to maintain dividend-payout at 80%. The stock is trading at premium valuation multiples at 65x CY21E & 59x CY22E. We maintain our HOLD recommendation and target price of ₹ 18000/share on the stock.



Particulars	
Particulars (₹ crore)	Amount
Market Capitalization	161600
Total Debt (CY20)	97.5
Cash & Investments (CY20)	2,492.8
EV	159,204.6
52 week H/L (₹)	18944 / 15500
Equity capital	96.4
Face value (₹)	10.0

#### **Key Risk**

- Strong demand conditions for its major brands like Maggi, Nescafe & KitKat may lead to stronger than anticipated sales growth
- Any sudden or sharp movement in commodity prices may pressurise margins, going forward



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Key Financial Summary						
Key Financials	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21E	CY22E	CAGR (CY20-22E)
Net Sales	11216.2	12295.3	13290.2	14667.3	16109.7	10.1%
EBITDA	2759.8	2864.3	3201.5	3633.6	4036.8	12.3%
EBITDA Margin %	24.6	23.3	24.1	24.8	25.1	
Net Profit	1606.9	1969.6	2082.4	2451.1	2736.8	14.6%
EPS (₹)	166.66	204.27	215.97	254.21	283.85	
P/E	100.6	82.0	77.6	65.9	59.0	
RoNW %	45.6	101.9	103.1	124.3	142.5	
RoCE (%)	42.9	56.9	54.6	62.6	69.1	

Exhibit 1: Variance A	nalysis						
Particulars (₹ crore)	Q4CY20	Q4CY20E	Q4CY19	YoY (%)	Q3CY20	QoQ (%)	Comments
Total Operating Income	3,432.6	3,558.7	3,149.3	9.0	3,541.7	-3.1	Revenue grew 9% led by healty 10.1% growth in domestic buisness and 7.7% decline in exports
Operating Income	15.1	3.0	18.6	-18.8	16.3	-7.6	
Raw Material Expenses	1,404.5	1,471.8	1,361.4	3.2	1,484.3	-5.4	With benign milk prices prevailing for the last six months, gross margins expanded 231 bps in Q4
Employee Expenses	403.3	371.0	322.7	25.0	369.7	9.1	Employee spends saw a substaintail increase due to higher incentives provided in a pandemic impacted year
Other operating Expenses	847.8	881.0	787.4	7.7	804.2	5.4	The company increased marketing spends during the quarter to support newly launched products in last one year
EBITDA	777.0	834.8	677.9	14.6	883.6	-12.1	
EBITDA Margin (%)	22.6	23.5	21.5	111 bps	24.9	-231 bps	Operating margins improved 110 bps with strong gross margins expansion during the quarter
Depreciation	95.5	95.0	79.6	20.0	91.1	4.8	
Interest	42.0	43.3	28.4	47.9	40.5	3.8	
Other Income	30.6	41.7	44.7	-31.5	34.5	-11.2	
Exceptional Items	0.0	0.0	0.0	NA	0.0	NA	
PBT	670.2	738.1	614.6	9.0	786.5	-14.8	
Tax Outgo	186.9	186.0	141.6	32.0	199.4	-6.3	
PAT	483.3	552.1	473.0	2.2	587.1	-17.7	PAT increased mere 2.2% despite strong growth in operating profit due to higher income tax provisiong
Adjusted PAT	483.3	555.4	473.0	2.2	587.1	-17.7	

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 2: Chan	ge in esti	imates					
		CY21E			CY22E		
(₹ Crore)	Old	New '	% Change	Old	New	% Change	Comments
Net Sales	14,667.3	14,667.3	0.0	16,109.7	16,109.7	0.0	No change in our estimates
EBITDA	3620.4	3633.6	0.4	4022.3	4036.8	0.4	
EBITDA Margin(%)	24.7	24.8	9 bps	25.0	25.1	9 bps	
PAT	2443.3	2451.1	0.3	2740.3	2736.8	-0.1	
EPS (₹)	253.4	254.2	0.3	284.2	283.8	-0.1	

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 3: Assumption	าร									
			Current					Earl	ier	
	CY16	CY17	CY18	CY19E	CY20E	CY21E	CY22E	CY21E	CY22E	Comments
Gross Sales (₹ crore)										
Milk Product and Nutrition	4,635.0	4,819.6	5,187.6	5,651.8	6,228.9	6,736.5	7,354.9	6,736.5	7,354.9	
Beverages	1,286.1	1,387.0	1,522.6	1,501.8	1,547.1	1,672.8	1,790.9	1,672.8	1,790.9	No change in our estimates
Prepared dishes	2,317.6	2,707.1	3,105.3	3,498.2	3,883.0	4,356.7	4,928.3	4,356.7	4,928.3	No change in our estimates
Chocolate & confectionery	1,170.9	1,221.4	1,400.7	1,643.5	1,692.8	1,901.3	2,035.6	1,901.3	2,035.6	
Volume Growth (%)										
Overall Volume Growth	25.0	10.9	11.1	7.0	8.5	8.2	9.4	8.2	9.4	
Milk Product and Nutrition	-2.4	1.6	4.8	1.4	7.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	
Beverages	-0.2	10.6	10.6	-2.3	2.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	
Prepared dishes	71.5	19.0	14.5	9.6	11.0	10.0	12.0	10.0	12.0	
Chocolate & confectionery	6.7	4.3	14.7	16.2	3.0	8.0	6.0	8.0	6.0	

# **Key Metrics**

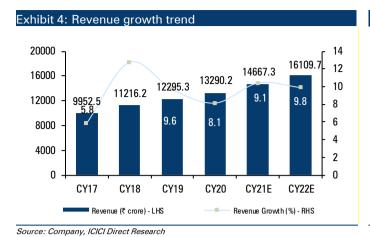


Exhibit 5: Volume growth to drive revenue 15 1.4 0.4 10 11.1 5 8.5 9.4 8.2 10.9 0 -0.4 -5 -10 CY17 CY18 CY19 CY20 CY21E CY22E ■ Volume Growth (%) Price Growth (%)

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

### Milk products & nutrition

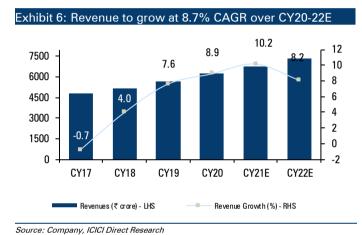
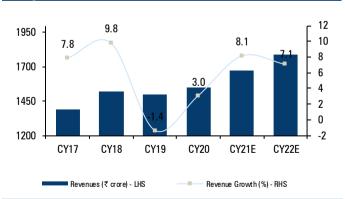


Exhibit 7: Revenue growth to be mix of volume & price growth 14 12 10 8 6 4 7.0 5.0 2 0 -2.4 -2 CY17 CY18 CY19 CY21E CY22E CY20 ■ Volume growth (%) Realisation growth(%)

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

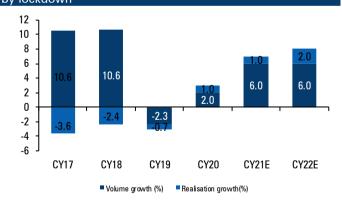
### **Beverages**

Exhibit 8: Beverages revenue growth expected at 7.6% CAGR during CY20-22E

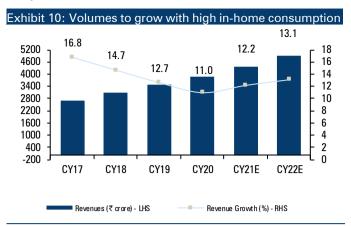


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Exhibit 9: Volume growth has not been significantly impacted by lockdown

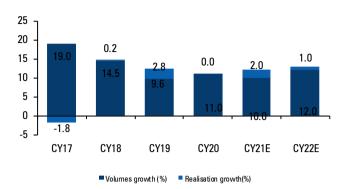


### **Prepared dishes**



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

### Exhibit 11: Growth aided by strong demand for convenience food



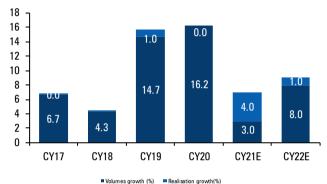
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#### Chocolate & confectionery



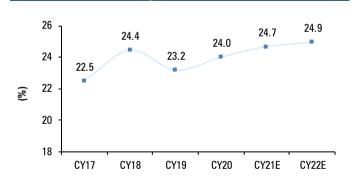
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# Exhibit 13: Volume & realisation growth trend 18



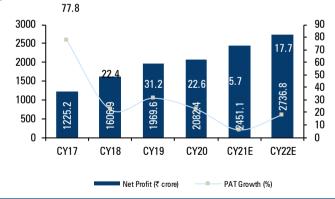
Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

### Exhibit 14: : EBITDA margin to remain above 24%



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

# Exhibit 15: PAT to grow at 14.6% CAGR over CY20-22E



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 16	: Valuation							
	Sales	Growth	Growth EPS		PE	EV/EBITDA	RoNW	RoCE
	(₹ cr)	(%)	(₹)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)
CY19	12295.3	9.6	204.3	22.6	82.0	56.0	101.9	56.9
CY20	13290.2	8.1	216.0	5.7	77.6	50.0	103.1	54.6
CY21E	14667.3	10.4	254.2	17.7	65.9	44.3	124.3	62.6
CY22E	16109.7	9.8	283.8	11.7	59.0	40.0	142.5	69.1

# Financial summary

Exhibit 17: Profit and los	s statemer	nt		₹ crore
(Year-end December)	CY19	CY20	CY21E	CY22E
Total operating Income	12,368.9	13,350.0	14,733.2	16,182.1
Growth (%)	9.5	7.9	10.4	9.8
Raw Material Expenses	5,223.9	5,673.9	6,303.4	6,877.5
Employee Expenses	1,263.0	1,501.0	1,540.1	1,659.3
Marketing Expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Administrative Expenses	63.2	60.4	88.0	96.7
Other expenses	2,954.5	2,913.3	3,168.1	3,511.9
Total Operating Expenditure	9,504.6	10,148.5	11,099.6	12,145.3
EBITDA	2,864.3	3,201.5	3,633.6	4,036.8
Growth (%)	3.8	11.8	13.5	11.1
Depreciation	316.4	370.4	374.2	405.1
Interest	119.8	164.2	159.3	165.7
Other Income	246.9	145.9	176.8	192.9
PBT	2,675.0	2,812.8	3,276.9	3,658.9
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Tax	705.4	730.4	825.8	922.0
PAT	1,969.6	2,082.4	2,451.1	2,736.8
Growth (%)	22.6	5.7	17.7	11.7
EPS (₹)	204.3	216.0	254.2	283.8

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 18: Cash flow stat	tement			₹ crore
(Year-end December)	CY19	CY20	CY21E	CY22E
Profit after Tax	1,969.6	2,082.4	2,451.1	2,736.8
Add: Depreciation	316.4	370.4	374.2	405.1
(Inc)/dec in Current Assets	617.8	93.9	-1,145.1	-350.1
Inc/(dec) in CL	292.6	345.0	169.5	256.9
CF from operating activities	3,196.2	2,891.8	1,849.6	3,048.7
(Inc)/dec in LT loans & adv	-6.8	0.4	46.6	0.0
(Inc)/dec in other investments	-10.2	2.8	-20.0	-20.0
(Inc)/dec in Fixed Assets	-180.6	-818.4	-720.0	-720.0
Others	401.0	365.1	77.9	100.0
CF from investing activities	194.8	-478.9	-506.3	-640.0
Issue/(Buy back) of Equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inc/(dec) in loan funds	18.0	44.3	0.0	0.0
Dividend paid & dividend tax	-3,957.1	-2,277.2	-2,498.0	-2,788.5
Inc/(dec) in Sec. premium	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	246.0	281.9	0.0	0.0
CF from financing activities	-3,693.0	-1,951.0	-2,498.0	-2,788.5
Net Cash flow	-302.0	461.8	-1154.7	-379.8
Opening Cash	1,610.1	1,308.1	1,769.9	615.2
Closing Cash	1,308.1	1,769.9	615.2	235.4

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 19: Balance sheet				₹ crore
(Year-end December)	CY19	CY20	CY21E	CY22E
Liabilities				
Equity Capital	96.4	96.4	96.4	96.4
Reserve and Surplus	1,835.8	1,922.9	1,876.0	1,824.4
Total Shareholders funds	1,932.3	2,019.3	1,972.4	1,920.8
Total Debt	53.1	97.5	97.5	97.5
Deferred Tax Liability	18.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long Term Provisions	2,906.9	3,268.3	3,368.3	3,468.3
Total Liabilities	4,910.7	5,407.2	5,438.2	5,486.6
Assets				
Gross Block	3,785.4	3,951.0	4,651.0	5,351.0
Less: Acc Depreciation	1,401.2	1,771.5	2,145.7	2,550.8
Net Block	2,226.7	2,179.4	2,505.2	2,800.2
Capital WIP	143.3	638.6	658.6	678.6
Total Fixed Assets	2,370.0	2,818.0	3,163.8	3,478.7
LT Loans & Advances	47.0	46.6	0.0	0.0
Inventory	1,283.1	1,416.5	1,607.4	1,765.4
Debtors	124.3	164.9	160.7	176.5
Loans and Advances	12.5	13.2	160.7	176.5
Current Investments	1,089.3	820.6	1,631.5	1,791.9
Cash	1,308.1	1,769.9	615.2	235.4
Total Current Assets	3,817.2	4,185.1	4,175.6	4,145.9
Creditors	1,494.7	1,516.6	1,768.1	1,942.0
Provisions	85.5	106.0	241.1	264.8
Other Current Liabilities	567.4	870.0	652.8	712.1
Total Current Liabilities	2,147.5	2,492.6	2,662.0	2,918.9
Net Current Assets	1,669.7	1,692.5	1,513.6	1,227.0
Application of Funds	4,910.7	5,407.2	5,438.2	5,486.6

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 20: Key ratios				₹ crore
(Year-end December)	CY19	CY20	CY21E	CY22E
Per share data (₹)				
EPS	204.3	216.0	254.2	283.8
Cash EPS	237.1	254.4	293.0	325.9
BV	200.4	209.4	204.6	199.2
DPS	342.0	196.0	215.0	240.0
Cash Per Share	145.3	183.7	222.5	264.6
Operating Ratios (%)				
EBITDA Margin	23.2	24.0	24.7	24.9
PBT / Net Sales	21.8	21.2	22.3	22.7
PAT Margin	16.0	15.7	16.7	17.0
Inventory days	38.1	38.9	40.0	40.0
Debtor days	3.7	4.5	4.0	4.0
Creditor days	44.4	41.7	44.0	44.0
Return Ratios (%)				
RoE	101.9	103.1	124.3	142.5
RoCE	56.9	54.6	62.6	69.1
RoIC	70.4	93.5	77.3	78.6
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	82.0	77.6	65.9	59.0
EV / EBITDA	56.0	50.0	44.3	40.0
EV / Net Sales	13.0	12.0	11.0	10.0
Market Cap / Sales	13.1	12.2	11.0	10.0
Price to Book Value	83.6	80.0	81.9	84.1
Solvency Ratios				
Debt/EBITDA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Debt / Equity	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Current Ratio	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.4
Quick Ratio	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.7

Exhibit 21: ICICI Direct of	Exhibit 21: ICICI Direct coverage universe (FMCG)																		
	CMP	TP		M Cap		EPS (₹)			P/E (x)		Pric	e/Sales	(x)	R	OCE (%	)		RoE (%)	
	(₹)	(₹)	Rating	(₹ Cr)	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Colgate (COLPAL)	1,590	1,860	Buy	43,654	35.0	37.8	40.5	45.4	42.0	39.3	9.3	8.5	8.0	76.7	80.2	83.7	58.7	61.5	64.3
Dabur India (DABIND)	520	620	Buy	91,067	9.9	11.0	12.3	52.5	47.2	42.4	9.4	8.5	7.7	26.5	27.0	27.4	22.9	23.0	23.3
Hindustan Unilever (HINLEV)	2,164	2,600	Hold	561,507	33.6	40.5	45.0	64.4	53.5	48.1	12.4	10.8	10.0	25.3	29.4	31.7	19.1	22.5	24.3
ITC Limited (ITC)	217	245	Hold	267,970	10.7	12.8	14.1	20.3	17.0	15.4	5.8	5.1	4.7	26.3	31.0	33.1	20.1	23.7	25.3
Jyothy Lab (JYOLAB)	152	175	Hold	5,728	5.9	6.4	7.1	25.9	23.8	21.4	3.1	2.8	2.6	30.6	31.1	31.6	26.0	25.9	26.3
Marico (MARLIM)	413	490	Buy	53,156	9.1	9.8	10.9	45.4	42.3	37.8	6.8	6.1	5.5	42.9	45.4	48.2	37.1	38.6	40.9
Nestle (NESIND)	16,735	18,000	Hold	161,600	216.0	254.2	283.8	77.5	65.8	59.0	12.2	11.0	10.0	54.6	62.6	69.1	103.1	124.3	142.5
Tata Consumer Products (TATGLO	628	700	Buy	53,448	11.0	12.5	14.1	57.0	50.3	44.5	4.6	4.3	4.0	8.9	9.8	10.5	7.2	8.1	8.8
VST Industries (VSTIND)	3,592	4,200	Hold	5,809	202.4	218.7	235.2	17.7	16.4	15.3	5.1	4.7	4.3	44.7	47.4	52.8	33.2	35.2	39.0
Varun Beverage (VARBEV)	945	965	Hold	26,011	12.5	21.0	26.5	75.3	45.1	35.7	4.0	3.4	3.1	10.9	17.2	20.1	10.3	15.1	16.5
Zydus Wellness (ZYDWEL)	1,884	2,500	Buy	12,343	19.0	60.3	71.3	99.3	31.2	26.4	6.6	5.8	5.3	6.2	7.8	9.0	5.5	8.0	9.3

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