# Reduce



## Cigarette performance ordinary; improvement in others

- ITC's Q2FY21 revenue and APAT came ahead of our estimates. The Cigarette business posted ~3.9% YoY de-growth, vs est of 5% decline. Our analysis suggests 10%+ volume decline in cigarette business.
- A 880bps decline in margin in the Cigarette business indicates that the product mix was unfavorable and economy brand contribution must have increased during the quarter.
- Significant increase in duty has resulted in widening of price gap between ITC and smuggled cigarettes. We believe that this would continue to pressurize volume growth going ahead.
- FMCG business exhibited strong performance with 15.4% revenue increase and 390bps margin expansion.
- We have upward revised our FY21E and FY22E EPS estimates to Rs 11.0 (+3.9%) and Rs 12.7 (+5.7%) to factor in Q2 performance and introduced FY23E EPS at Rs 13.6.
- Though the stock is trading at a steep discount to other FMCG peers, we believe that the stock would remain under pressure. Therefore, we maintain Reduce with TP of Rs 187.

#### **Results exceed estimate**

Net sales de-grew 4.1% YoY to Rs 111.8bn – came marginally ahead of our estimate. EBITDA de-grew by 11.0% YoY to Rs 40.6bn – came ahead of our estimate. EBITDA margins declined by 280bps YoY to 36.3% as increase of 390/50bps in RM/staff cost respectively was partially offset by 160bps decline in other expenses. APAT fell by 19.7% YoY to Rs 32.3bn.

### Volume growth expected to remain under pressure

Since FY14, ITC's cigarette volumes have declined significantly, due to a continuous increase in duties and rise in the contribution of smuggled cigarettes in the market. In FY20, government further increased duty on cigarettes, which has widened price gap between ITC and smuggled cigarettes. (Gold flake King size at Rs 330 vs Esse Light (smuggled) Rs 150 max). We believe that the market share would continue to shift from ITC, in favor of these smuggled cigarette players until government come up with some plans to curb illegal trades.

#### O2FY21 Result (Rs Mn)

Particulars	Q2FY21	Q2FY20	YoY (%)	Q1FY21	QoQ (%)
Revenue	111,831	116,593	(4.1)	89,113	25.5
Total Expense	71,225	70,970	0.4	62,647	13.7
EBITDA	40,606	45,624	(11.0)	26,466	53.4
Depreciation	3,825	3,957	(3.3)	3,982	(3.9)
EBIT	36,781	41,667	(11.7)	22,484	63.6
Other Income	6,100	6,543	(6.8)	8,968	(32.0)
Interest	138	133	3.2	168	(18.0)
EBT	42,743	48,077	(11.1)	31,284	36.6
Tax	10,419	7,846	32.8	7,857	32.6
RPAT	32,324	40,231	(19.7)	23,428	38.0
APAT	32,324	40,231	(19.7)	23,428	38.0
			(bps)		(bps)
Gross Margin (%)	57.6	61.6	(392)	55.7	193
EBITDA Margin (%)	36.3	39.1	(282)	29.7	661
NPM (%)	28.9	34.5	(560)	26.3	261
Tax Rate (%)	24.4	16.3	806	25.1	(74)
EBIT Margin (%)	32.9	35.7	(285)	25.2	766

СМР	Rs 174					
Target / Upside	Rs 187 / 89					
NIFTY		1	.2,264			
Scrip Details						
Equity / FV	Rs 12,	292mn	/ Rs 1			
Market Cap	Rs 2,138bn					
		USD	29bn			
52-week High/Low		Rs 266	5/ 135			
Avg. Volume (no)		27,09	9,900			
Bloom Code			ITC IN			
<b>Price Performance</b>	1M	3M	12M			
Absolute (%)	4	(11)	(33)			
Rel to NIFTY (%)	0	(21)	(37)			

### **Shareholding Pattern**

	Mar'20	Jun'20	Sep'20
Promoters	0.0	0.0	0.0
MF/Banks/FIs	74.9	74.6	74.6
FIIs	14.6	14.6	14.6
Public / Others	10.5	10.8	10.8

#### Valuation (x)

	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
P/E	15.8	13.7	12.8
EV/EBITDA	12.4	10.5	9.7
ROE (%)	22.6	27.5	28.9
RoACE (%)	22.0	26.6	28.0

# Estimates (Rs mn)

	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue	429,514	476,901	509,219
EBITDA	155,813	183,079	197,389
PAT	135,565	156,027	167,465
EPS (Rs.)	11.0	12.7	13.6

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**Exhibit 1: Segmental Performance** 

Particulars (Rs Mn)	Q2FY21	Q2FY20	YoY (%)	Q1FY21	QoQ (%)	Rer	marks
Cigarettes						•	Strong sequential recovery in Cigarette
Revenue	51,213	53,268	(3.9)	38,538	32.9		volumes (12% YoY degrowth). South,
EBIT	32,448	38,445	(15.6)	23,564	37.7		metros and large towns were relatively
							more impacted due to disruption in sales operations. Easing of restrictions in Sept'20 enhanced ability to service markets effectively.
EBIT Margin (%)	63.4	72.2		61.1		•	Rapid growth of illicit cigarette trade also weighed on performance. We believe that illicit cigarette contribution would continue to increase having negative impact on ITC's cigarette business.
						•	Steep margin contraction was largely due to unfavourable product mix.
FMCG Others						•	Comparable revenue growth was 18.4%.
Revenue	37,950	32,883	15.4	33,746	12.5		Staples, Convenience Foods and Health &
EBIT	2,527	905	179.3	1,254	101.5		Hygiene products comprising 75% of the portfolio grew 25% YoY. Discretionary
							categories posted strong sequential recovery (-2% YoY). E-com channel more than doubled during Q2, taking its contribution to >5% of segment revenue.
EBIT Margin (%)	6.7	2.8		3.7		•	Margin expansion due to higher operating leverage, enhanced operational efficiencies, better product mix, partially offset by incremental costs due to Covid-19, gestation costs of new categories/ facilities.
Hotels						•	Continued impact on business due to
Revenue	820	4,266	(80.8)	226	263.0		restrictions on travel and tourism. Leisure
EBIT	(1,849)	174	NM	(2,426)	NM		locations witnessed strong demand pick up sequentially.
EBIT Margin (%)	(225.6)	4.1		(1,074.3)		•	Negative operating leverage weighed on segment profits; aggressive reduction in controllable fixed costs partially mitigated the impact.
Agri Business						•	Growth driven by trading opportunities in
Revenue	29,853	26,475	12.8	37,463	(20.3)		rice, mustard, coffee and wheat for
EBIT	2,561	2,494	2.7	1,787	43.3		Aashirvad Atta. Value added portfolio (ex.
EBIT Margin (%)	8.6	9.4		4.8		•	Aqua) grew 25% YoY.  Subdued demand for leaf tobacco in international markets and adverse business mix weighed on margins. Easing of operational constraints helped sequential recovery in leaf tobacco exports.
Paper & Packaging						•	Strong recovery in pharma, home care,
Revenue	14,587	15,654	(6.8)	10,264	42.1		liquor, personal care while wedding cards,
EBIT	3,303	3,559	(7.2)	1,601	106.3		publication, notebooks remain subdued. Robust growth in exports.
EBIT Margin (%)	22.6	22.7		15.6		•	Stable margins due to product mix enrichment, sharp focus on operational efficiency and cost saving initiatives, despite volume and pricing pressure.
Total							
Revenue	134,421	132,547	1.4	120,237	11.8		
EBIT	38,989	45,577	(14.5)	25,781	51.2		
EBIT Margin (%)	29.0	34.4		21.4			
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Source: Company, DART



**Exhibit 2: Actual V/s DART Estimates** 

Rs mn	Actual	Estimates	Variance (%)	
Revenue	111,831	106,787	4.7	Growth in FMCG-Others business was better than anticipated
EBITDA	40,606	35 <b>,</b> 487	14.4	
EBITDA margin %	36.3	33.2	310	Other expenses were lower than anticipated
APAT	32,324	30,791	5.0	

Source: Company, DART

**Exhibit 3: Change in estimate** 

		FY21E	FY22E			
(Rs mn)	New	Old	Chg (%)	New	Old	Chg (%)
Revenue	429,514	420,423	2.2	476,901	465,958	2.3
EBITDA	155,813	148,447	5.0	183,079	170,967	7.1
Margin (%)	36.3	35.3	100 bps	38.4	36.7	170 bps
PAT	135,566	130,526	3.9	156,027	147,623	5.7
EPS (Rs)	11.0	10.6	3.9	12.7	12.0	5.7

Source: Company, DART

We have upward revised our revenue estimates for FY21E and FY22E to factor in higher than anticipated performance of ex-cigarette business. Going ahead, Hotel business is likely to improve faster compared to rest of the portfolio. Further, we have increased our margin estimates in line with revision in revenues to factor in improvement in operating leverage.

**Exhibit 4: Half yearly performance** 

Particulars	Q2FY21	Q2FY20	YoY (%)	Q1FY21	QoQ (%)	H1FY21	H1FY20	YoY (%)
Net Sales	111,831	116,593	(4.1)	89,113	25.5	200,944	229,718	(12.5)
Expenditure	71,225	70,970	0.4	62,647	13.7	133,872	138,437	(3.3)
RM Cost	47,370	44,817	5.7	39,469	20.0	86,839	86,216	0.7
Staff Cost	6,610	6,323	4.6	6,969	(5.1)	13,580	13,226	2.7
Other Expenditure	17,245	19,830	(13.0)	16,209	6.4	33,454	38,996	(14.2)
Operating Profit	40,606	45,624	(11.0)	26,466	53.4	67,072	91,281	(26.5)
Other Income	6,100	6,543	(6.8)	8,968	(32.0)	15,068	12,745	18.2
Interest	138	133	3.2	168	(18.0)	306	286	7.0
Depreciation	3,825	3,957	(3.3)	3,982	(3.9)	7,807	7,546	3.5
PBT	42,743	48,077	(11.1)	31,284	36.6	74,028	96,194	(23.0)
Tax	10,419	7,846	32.8	7,857	32.6	18,276	24,224	(24.6)
APAT	32,324	40,231	(19.7)	23,428	38.0	55,752	71,970	(22.5)
RPAT	32,324	40,231	(19.7)	23,428	38.0	55,752	71,970	(22.5)
EPS	2.6	3.3	(19.7)	1.9	38.0	4.5	5.9	(22.7)
			bps		bps			bps
Gross Profit (%)	57.6	61.6	(390)	55.7	190	56.8	62.5	(570)
Staff Cost (%)	5.9	5.4	50	7.8	(190)	6.8	5.8	100
Other Exp (%)	15.4	17.0	(160)	18.2	(280)	16.6	17.0	(30)
OPM (%)	36.3	39.1	(280)	29.7	660	33.4	39.7	(640)
NPM (%)	28.9	34.5	(560)	26.3	260	27.7	31.3	(360)

Source: Company, DART



**Exhibit 5: SOTP valuation** 

FY23E	Sales (Rs mn)	EBITDA	Basis M	ultiple (x)	Total EV	Rs/share	Comments
Cigarettes	226,396	150,637	EV/EBITDA	5.0	753,186	61	Multiple in line with peers
Paper	83,143	22,105	EV/EBITDA	3.5	77,366	6	Multiple in line with peers
Agri	164,220	15,558	EV/EBITDA	8.0	124,464	10	10% premium to domestic peers
New FMCG	168,947	16,230	EV/Sales	5.5	929,209	76	In line with most FMCG companies
Hotels	19,462	3,775	EV/Sales	4.0	77,849	6	In line with historical valuation
Total	662168	208,305			1,962,073	160	
Gross Value					1,962,073		
Net Cash					335,890		
Net Value (Rs mn)					2,297,963		
No of Shares					12,292		
Per share (Rs)					187		

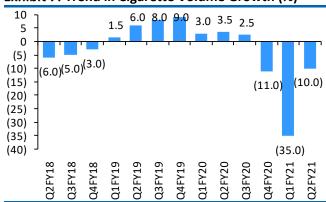
Source: Company, DART

Exhibit 6: Trend in Net Sales & YoY Growth (%)



Source: Company, DART

**Exhibit 7: Trend in Cigarette Volume Growth (%)** 



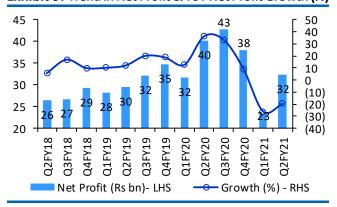
Source: Company, DART

Exhibit 8: Trend in EBITDA & YoY EBITDA growth (%)



Source: Company, DART

Exhibit 9: Trend in Net Profit & YoY Net Profit Growth (%)



Source: Company, DART



FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
456,197	429,514	476,901	509,219
277,155			311,830
172,351	170,856	187,735	200,161
26,582	27,912	29,388	29,831
78,221	74,933	76,699	81,837
179,043	155,813	183,079	197,389
15,633	15,758	16,275	16,712
163,410	140,056	166,804	180,677
557	585	614	645
30,137	35,148	34,784	35,675
(1,321)	0	0	0
191,668	174,618	200,974	215,707
40,308	39,053	44,947	48,242
151,361	135,565	156,027	167,465
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Particulars	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
(A) Margins (%)	1120A	TIZIL	I IZZL	11231
Gross Profit Margin	62.2	60.2	60.6	60.7
EBIDTA Margin	39.2	36.3	38.4	38.8
EBIT Margin	35.8	32.6	35.0	35.5
Tax rate	21.0	22.4	22.4	22.4
Net Profit Margin	33.2	31.6	32.7	32.9
	33.2	31.0	32.7	32.3
(B) As Percentage of Net Sales (%)	27.0	20.0	20.4	20.2
COGS	37.8	39.8	39.4	39.3
Employee	5.8	6.5	6.2	5.9
Other	17.1	17.4	16.1	16.1
(C) Measure of Financial Status				
Gross Debt / Equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest Coverage	293.3	239.4	271.5	280.1
Inventory days	64	74	73	73
Debtors days	17	17	17	17
Average Cost of Debt	824.3	1039.2	1091.1	1145.7
Payable days	28	27	26	26
Working Capital days	234	185	179	176
FA T/O	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.4
(D) Measures of Investment				
AEPS (Rs)	12.4	11.0	12.7	13.6
CEPS (Rs)	13.7	12.3	14.0	15.0
DPS (Rs)	6.9	17.4	11.6	12.8
Dividend Payout (%)	55.2	158.0	91.5	93.8
BVPS (Rs)	52.1	45.7	46.8	47.6
RoANW (%)	24.8	22.6	27.5	28.9
RoACE (%)	24.4	22.0	26.6	28.0
RoAIC (%)	28.4	25.2	31.5	34.1
(E) Valuation Ratios	-			
CMP (Rs)	174	174	174	174
P/E	14.0	15.8	13.7	12.8
Mcap (Rs Mn)	2,138,228	2,138,228	2,138,228	2,138,228
MCap/ Sales	4.7	5.0	4.5	4.2
EV	1,898,102	1,929,596	1,925,374	1,908,933
EV/Sales	4.2	4.5	4.0	3.7
EV/EBITDA	10.6	12.4	10.5	9.7
P/BV	3.3	3.8	3.7	3.7
Dividend Yield (%)	3.9	10.0	6.7	
	3.9	10.0	0.7	7.3
(F) Growth Rate (%)		/5.0\	44.0	
Revenue	1.4	(5.8)	11.0	6.8
EBITDA	3.5	(13.0)	17.5	7.8
EBIT	2.2	(14.3)	19.1	8.3
PBT	3.9	(8.9)	15.1	7.3
APAT	22.5	(11.2)	15.1	7.3
EPS	22.5	(11.2)	15.1	7.3
Cash Flow				
	EV204	EV21F	EV22E	EV22E
(Rs Mn)	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
CFO	139,313	194,364	161,995	188,770
CFI	(57,950)	5,639	(14,369)	(14,615)
CFF	(50,618)	(209,747)	(143,404)	(157,714)
FCFF	121,889	172,364	141,995	168,770
Opening Cash	37,687	68,432	58,689	62,911
Closing Cash	68,432	58,689	62,911	79,351



# **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 (Rs.)	Price (Rs.)
Feb-20	Reduce	238	219
Mar-20	Reduce	170	176
Mar-20	Reduce	170	156
Jun-20	Reduce	213	195
Jul-20	Reduce	213	200
Aug-20	Reduce	213	196

<sup>\*</sup>Price as on recommendation date

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