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CMP: ₹ 824

Target: ₹ 925 (12%) Target Period: 12 months

August 7, 2021

Revival in end user demand to drive growth...

About the stock: Commencing operation in 1944, Tata Chemicals has come a long way to become one of the top five players in the global soda ash market.

- Under basic chemical, TCL offers soda ash, soda bicarbonate, cement, salt, marine chemicals and crushed refined soda, while speciality chemical consists solution towards agro chemical through Rallis and other specialty solutions such as nutritional products and HDS
- Basic chemical forms 75% of overall revenue while the rest comes from speciality products

Q1FY22 Results: Topline was marginally above but margins beat primarily due to lower-than-expected power & fuel and freight cost.

- Reported revenue growth of 26.8% YoY to ₹ 2977.2 crore, led by higher growth in the basic chemical segment across four units
- Gross margins expanded 330 bps YoY to ~78.1% while EBITDA margin improved 490 bps YoY to 20.2 due to operating leverage
- EBITDA was up 67% YoY to ₹ 601.2 crore
- PAT was at ₹ 288 crore against ₹ 13.3 crore in Q1FY21. The growth was largely due to strong operational performance and higher share from JV

What should investors do? The stock appreciated at 79% CAGR in last two years

• We retain **HOLD** rating on the back of better growth outlook of base business due to revival in the flat glass demand

Target Price and Valuation: We value Tata Chemicals at SOTP valuation to arrive at a revised target price of ₹ 925/share (earlier ₹ 750/share).

Key triggers for future price performance:

- Improvement in the soda ash pricing environment bodes well for future growth outlook
- Revival in export demand for North America unit to sustain group performance
- Higher share of speciality business to command better valuations for the overall group

Alternate Stock Idea: Apart from Tata Chemicals, in our chemical coverage we also like Neogen Chemical

- Trigger for Neogen Chemical's future revenue growth would be increasing CRAMS opportunity
- BUY with a target price of ₹ 1085



HOLD

Particul	ars							
Particul	ar			Amount				
Market of	cap (₹ Cr	ore)		20,997				
FY21 Tot	al Debt (₹ Crore)		6,933				
FY21 Ca	sh & Inv	(₹ Crore)	2,104				
EV (₹ Cr	ore)		25,826					
52 Weel	k H/L		834/273					
Equity C	apital (₹ (Crore)		254.8				
Face Va	ue (₹)			10				
Shareh	olding pa	ttern						
in %	Sept-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21				
Promoter	35.5	38.0	38.0	38.0				
DII	29.2	24.6	20.8	19.7				
FII	9.1	12.3	14.0	13.0				



Recent event & key risks

- Soda ash prices witnessed uptrend
- Key Risk: (i) Fall in the soda ash prices and rise in crude to impact EBITDA/tonne (ii) Revival in the demand and thereby prices to pose upside risk to our estimates

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Key Financial Summar	Ŋ						
(₹ Crore)	FY19	FY20	FY21	4 year CAGR (FY17-21)	FY22E	FY23E	2 year CAGR (FY21-23E)
Net Revenue	10,336.7	10,356.8	10,199.8	-0.4%	12,006.9	13,483.4	15.0%
EBITDA	1,780.5	1,949.2	1,500.6	-8.0%	2,335.9	2,656.5	33.1%
EBITDA Margins (%)	17.2%	18.8%	14.7%		19.5%	19.7%	
Adj.PAT	931.9	806.6	256.4	-26.5%	995.8	1,086.1	105.8%
Adj. EPS (₹)	36.6	31.7	10.1		39.1	42.6	
EV/EBITDA	12.3x	11.6x	15.8x		10.0x	8.3x	
P/E	22.5x	26.0x	81.9x		21.1x	19.3x	
ROE (%)	7.6	6.3	1.8		6.6	6.9	
ROCE (%)	7.1	7.7	4.1		7.1	7.7	

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Result Update

Key takeaways of recent quarter & conference call highlight

Q1FY22 Results: Revival in soda ash volume & realisations aid better performance

- Basic chemical topline performance: Revenues were up 30% YoY to ₹ 2172.8 crore, led by growth across geographies. The India business reported a surge of 24.7% YoY to ₹ 794.8 crore while the same from North America, UK and Magadi remained higher by 35.2% YoY, 28.8% YoY & 34% YoY to ₹ 837 crore, ₹ 407 crore & ₹ 134 crore, respectively. The growth across geographies was primarily driven by volume growth owing to revival in the demand of end user industry
- Basic chemical operational performance: EBITDA for the segment increased 96% YoY to ₹ 490 crore, largely on the back of better margins from India and North America businesses. OPM for the segment was at 22.6% (up 770 bps YoY)

Q1FY22 Earnings Conference Call highlights

India:

- Two price increases have been taken, one in June and another in July. The quantum remains ₹ 1000/tonne each
- The company is witnessing strong rebound in demand for end user industries, which can support better realisation growth
- Contract pricing normally happens on a quarterly basis
- Total ₹ 2700 crore worth of capex is ongoing to expand capacity across soda ash, bicarb, salt businesses of which around ₹ 950 crore has been spent till June 2021. The capex is expected to be commissioned by March 2024.

North America:

- Around 20% of the contract pricing happens on quarterly basis with the rest at the end of December
- Expecting to maintain strong volume growth trajectory on the back of end user demand revival
- The company can debottleneck ~180,000-200,000 MT worth of soda ash capacity, post which it has to lay out a capex to cater to incremental demand
- There has been royalty cut by the US government last quarter, the benefit of which has been recorded during this quarter. Quantum of the same is undisclosed

Europe:

- There has been increase in the carbon cost, which has impacted bottomline performance for the unit. Carbon cost has been increased from €30 to €50 per tonne
- The impact of higher carbon prices remained to the tune of £1-2 million per quarter

Other updates:

- Increase in demand for solar cell and lithium carbonate to expand demand outlook for soda ash business
- Net debt for the quarter was at ₹ 3991 crore against ₹ 3828 crore in Q1FY21. The capex for the quarter remained at ₹ 323 crore

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Financial story in charts

Basic chem Revenue	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21	Q1FY22
India	671	690	708	719	637	700	764	806	795
TCA - North America	845	886	872	800	619	711	742	807	837
TCE - Europe	307	337	348	365	316	337	374	383	407
TCM - Magadi	126	139	82	115	100	91	107	115	134

Basic chem sales volume ('000 MT	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21	Q1FY22
TCL India	190	179	187	185	139	176	198	215	195
Soda Ash	163	154	158	159	118	151	168	184	167
Sodium Bicarbonate	27	25	29	26	21	25	30	31	28
TCA - North America	539	570	569	553	387	475	475	566	580
Soda Ash	539	570	569	553	387	475	475	566	580
TCE - Europe	92	104	97	101	92	94	98	96	95
Soda Ash	68	77	70	71	62	67	70	67	68
Sodium Bicarbonate	24	27	27	30	30	27	28	29	27
TCM - Magadi	63	74	40	75	57	51	56	68	83
Soda Ash	63	74	40	75	57	51	56	68	83

Source: ICICI Direct Research

Basic chem realisation/tonne	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21	Q1FY22
India	35,329	38,549	37,835	38,846	45,850	39,755	38,565	37,504	40,758
TCA - North America	15,677	15,544	15,325	14,467	15,995	14,968	15,621	14,258	14,431
TCE - Europe	33,370	32,404	35,876	36,139	34,348	35,851	38,163	39,896	42,842
TCM - Magadi	20,000	18,784	20,500	15,333	17,544	17,843	19,107	16,912	16,145

Source: I	CICI Dir	ect Rese	earch	

DA/tonne– Ge	ographical	bifurcatio	on					
Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21	Q1FY22
10,443	11,236	10,899	8,721	12,710	7,454	9,494	8,264	13,487
3,506	3,263	3,216	3,689	904	2,021	3,326	1,113	2,983
1,957	4,327	4,433	5,050	3,043	4,894	4,592	1,979	3,053
3,175	3,649	-2,250	1,467	1,754	1,176	4,643	2,941	3,012
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Source: ICICI Direct Research

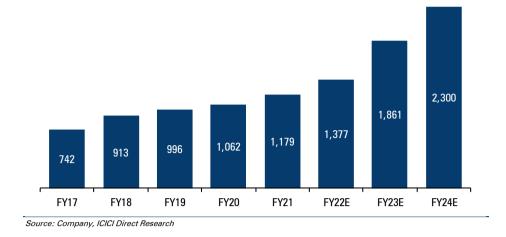
Exhibit 5: Basic chemical OI	PM %– Geograpi	hical bifuro	cation						
Basic chem OPM (%)	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21	Q1FY22
India	29.6%	29.1%	28.8%	22.5%	27.7%	18.8%	24.6%	22.0%	33.1%
TCA - North America	22.4%	21.0%	21.0%	25.5%	5.7%	13.5%	21.3%	7.8%	20.7%
TCE - Europe	5.9%	13.4%	12.4%	14.0%	8.9%	13.6%	12.0%	5.0%	7.1%
TCM - Magadi	15.9%	19.4%	-11.0%	9.6%	10.0%	6.6%	24.3%	17.4%	18.7%
Source: ICICI Direct Research									

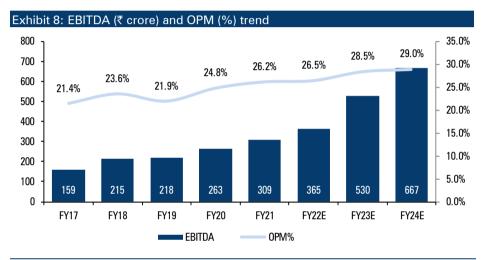
Exhibit 6: SOTP valuation

In ₹ Casas and as a share mantianed	Rev	enue	EBI	TDA	EV/EBITDA	EV
In ₹ Crore unless other mentioned	FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E	FY23E	FY23E
Basic Chemical						
India	3,434	3,673	1,037	1,131	8.0x	9,045
ROW	5,472	5,903	889	979	6.0x	5,875
Speciality Products						
Rallis (50.09% stake and 20% holding company discount)	2,843	3,383	364	464	13.8x	2,561
Other Speciality	226	339	22	38	10.0x	385
Consolidated EV						17,864
Less: Net debt						1,159
Residual business MCAP						16,706
Add: NC investment portfolio excl Tata sons inv @ 50% disc						2,084
Add: Fair value of Tata sons inv @ 50% disc						4,750
Target MCAP						23, 539
No.of shares						25.5
Target price/share						925
СМР						824
Upside/downside						12%
Source: ICICI Direct Research		-	-	-		

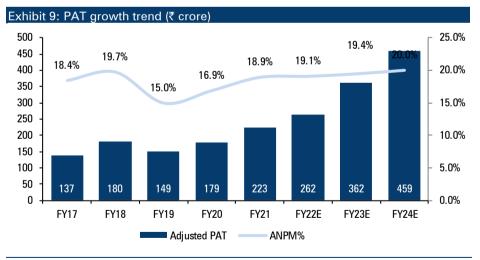
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Exhibit 7: Revenue trend (₹ crore)





Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Financial summary

Exhibit 10: Profit and	l loss state	ment			₹ crore
Year end March	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
Total Operating Income	10,336.7	10,356.8	10,199.8	12,006.9	13,483.4
Growth (%)	0.7	0.2	-1.5	17.7	12.3
Raw Material Expenses	2,002.0	1,968.4	2,396.9	2,521.4	2,696.7
Gross Profit	8,334.7	8,388.4	7,802.9	9,485.5	10,786.7
Employee Cost	1,318.5	1,375.4	1,399.7	1,548.9	1,645.0
Other Operating Expenses	5,235.8	5,063.8	4,902.5	5,600.6	6,485.2
EBITDA	1,780.5	1,949.2	1,500.6	2,335.9	2,656.5
Growth (%)	-18.7	9.5	-23.0	55.7	13.7
Other Income	409.5	311.1	234.4	246.4	257.6
EBITDA, including OI	2,189.9	2,260.3	1,735.1	2,582.3	2,914.2
Depreciation	568.5	666.5	759.3	808.7	911.7
Net Interest Exp.	353.7	341.9	367.4	356.7	316.8
Other exceptional items	70.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PBT	1,338.1	1,251.9	608.4	1,417.0	1,685.6
Total Tax	274.4	219.7	197.8	311.7	370.8
Tax Rate	20.5%	17.5%	32.5%	22.0%	22.0%
PAT	1,063.6	1,032.3	410.6	1,105.2	1,314.8
Adj.PAT after Minority interest	931.9	806.6	256.4	995.8	1,086.1
Adj. EPS (₹)	36.6	31.7	10.1	39.1	42.6
Shares Outstanding	25.5	25.5	25.5	25.5	25.5

Source: Company, IC	CICI Direct Research
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Exhibit 12: Balance sł	neet				₹ cror
Year end March	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
Liabilities					
Share Capital	254.8	254.8	254.8	254.8	254.8
Reserves	12,086.5	12,642.8	14,035.2	14,750.6	15,556.4
Total Shareholders Funds	12,341.3	12,897.7	14,290.0	15,005.4	15,811.2
Minority Interest	2,914.7	763.8	852.6	1,162.1	1,490.8
Long Term Borrowings	4,769.3	3,473.4	5,388.1	5,188.1	4,688.1
Net Deferred Tax liability	1,297.1	1,437.9	1,572.1	1,572.1	1,572.1
Other long term liabilities	129.9	437.6	173.0	106.4	119.5
Long term provisions	1,503.9	1,653.5	1,598.1	2,068.1	2,322.4
Current Liabilities and Provisions					
Short term borrowings	352.5	1,912.9	277.6	177.6	77.6
Trade Payables	1,475.3	1,630.9	1,682.9	1,579.0	1,773.2
Other Current Liabilities	1,840.5	3,267.6	2,137.8	2,631.6	2,955.3
Short Term Provisions	280.3	276.9	365.1	296.1	332.5
Total Current Liabilities	3,948.6	7,088.4	4,463.4	4,684.3	5,138.5
Total Liabilities	26,904.8	27,752.2	28,337.2	29,786.5	31,142.5
Assets					
Net Block	11,664.8	13,073.9	12,971.3	13,232.3	14,555.3
Capital Work in Progress	735.8	787.8	1,034.7	1,334.7	165.0
Intangible assets under devl.	38.0	47.2	58.8	58.8	58.8
Goodwill on Consolidation	1,859.0	1,999.8	1,963.3	1,963.3	1,963.3
Non-current investments	3,362.9	2,683.8	4,252.3	4,252.3	4,252.3
Deferred tax assets	36.2	15.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long term loans and advances	7.9	10.0	10.7	9.3	10.4
Other Non Current Assets	1,102.0	1,272.1	1,400.4	821.1	915.4
Current Assets, Loans & Advances	·····				
Current Investments	2,252.3	1,601.0	1,563.5	1,800.0	1,800.0
Inventories	1,725.6	1,869.2	1,686.6	2,204.0	2,475.0
Sundry Debtors	1,452.5	1,579.9	1,397.0	1,875.1	2,105.6
Cash and Bank	1,952.2	2,079.5	1,411.0	1,314.3	1,806.9
Loans and Advances	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Current assets	714.4	732.5	587.5	921.1	1,034.3
Current Assets	8,098.3	7,862.3	6,645.7	8,114.6	9,222.0
Total Assets	26,904.9	27,752.2	28,337.2	29,786.5	31,142.5

Exhibit 11: Cash flow statement ₹ crore Year end March FY23E FY19 FY20 FY21 FY22E PBT & Extraordinary 1,730.4 7,407.5 634.0 1,417.0 1,685.6 Depreciation 571.4 666.5 759.3 808.7 911.7 After other adjustments (Inc) / Dec in Working Capital -214.4 -129.9 323.3 -24.1 111.3 Taxes -484.9 -147.8 -96.3 -370.8 -311.7 Others -21.3 -6,016.2 417.0 356.7 316.8 CF from operating activities 1,581.3 1,780.1 2,037.3 2,246.5 2,654.7 Purchase of Fixed Assets -1,082.3 -1,199.4 -1,241.9 -1,369.7 -1,065.0 Others 100.0 -875.9 -1,168.7 111.6 -36.5 -965.0 CF from investing activities -1,958.2 -2,368.1 -1,130.3 -1,406.2 Proceeds from issue of shares 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 Borrowings (Net) -576.2 735.1 -544.1 -300.0 -600.0 Others -1,135.7 -864.4 -911.5 -637.0 -597.1 CF from financing activities -1,711.8 -129.3 -1,455.7 -937.0 -1,197.1 492.5 Net cash flow -2,088.7 -717.3 -548.7 -96.7 0.0 0.0 Effects of foreign currency translation 31.2 0.0 0.0 **Opening Cash** 4,483.0 1,952.2 2,079.5 1,411.0 1,314.3 **Closing Cash** 1,952.2 2,079.5 1,411.0 1,314.3 1,806.9

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 13: Key ratio Year end March	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
	FTIS	F120	F121	FT22E	FTZJE
Per share data (₹)	36.6	31.7	10.1	39.1	10 0
Adj. EPS				70.8	42.6
Adj. Cash EPS BV	58.9	57.8	39.9		78.4
	484.3	506.1	560.8	588.9	620.5
DPS	23.5	11.0	0.0	11.0	11.0
Operating Ratios (%)	00.0	01.0	70 5	70.0	00.0
Gross Margin (%)	80.6	81.0	76.5	79.0	80.0
EBITDA Margin (%)	17.2	18.8	14.7	19.5	19.7
PAT Margin (%)	9.0	7.8	2.5	8.3	8.1
Debtor Days	51	56	58	57	57
Inventory Days	61	66	70	67	67
Creditor Days	52	57	48	48	48
Cash Conversion Cycle	60	64	80	76	76
<u>Return Ratios (%)</u>					
Return on Assets (%)	3.5	2.9	0.9	3.3	3.5
RoCE (%)	7.1	7.7	4.1	7.1	7.7
Core RoIC (%)	9.1	8.8	4.4	8.9	10.3
RoE (%)	7.6	6.3	1.8	6.6	6.9
<u>Solvency Ratios</u>					
Total Debt / Equity	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Interest Coverage	4.6	4.7	2.7	5.0	6.3
Current Ratio	2.1	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.8
Quick Ratio	1.6	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.3
<u>Valuation Ratios (x)</u>					
ev/ebitda	12.3	11.6	15.8	10.0	8.3
P/E	22.5	26.0	81.9	21.1	19.3
P/B	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3
EV/Sales	2.1	2.2	2.3	1.9	1.6

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 14: ICICI Direct coverage universe (Chemicals)

Company	CMP			M Cap		EPS (₹)		P/E (x)		EV/EBITDA (x)		(x)	RoCE (%)			RoE (%)			
	(₹)	TP(₹)	Rating	(₹ Cr)	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
PI Industries	3316	3,855	Buy	50,403	48.6	59.2	77.1	68.3	56.0	43.0	47.8	39.2	30.1	17.2	18.6	20.4	13.8	14.6	16.1
Aarti Industries	853	960	Buy	30,927	30.2	72.8	60.0	55.2	22.9	27.8	32.2	23.5	18.0	10.7	12.7	15.3	15.0	16.3	18.7
Sumitomo Chemical	431	505	Buy	21,513	6.9	8.5	10.1	62.3	50.6	42.6	43.1	35.1	29.0	29.8	29.3	28.1	22.4	22.1	21.2
Vinati Organics	1954	2,300	Buy	20,086	26.2	40.2	44.3	74.6	48.6	44.1	56.4	36.2	32.3	21.7	29.4	27.1	17.4	22.1	20.4
Tata Chemical	824	925	Hold	20,997	10.1	39.1	42.6	81.9	21.1	19.3	15.8	10.0	8.3	4.1	7.1	7.7	1.8	6.6	6.9
Navin Fluorine	3720	3,712	Hold	18,413	45.0	53.0	73.1	82.6	70.2	50.9	57.5	49.7	33.9	21.0	19.0	22.6	13.6	14.2	17.0
Rallis India	320	400	Buy	6,215	11.4	12.7	16.0	28.1	25.1	20.0	18.4	16.8	13.0	18.0	17.7	20.0	13.9	13.9	15.3
Sudarshan chemical	752	775	Buy	5,204	20.4	24.4	29.9	36.9	30.8	25.1	19.9	16.5	14.2	15.2	16.3	17.9	19.0	19.5	20.2
Neogen Chemicals	930	1,085	Buy	2,162	13.4	18.6	28.6	65.8	47.6	30.9	35.1	25.7	18.7	15.1	16.7	20.4	17.1	19.6	23.6

Source: Bloomberg, ICICI Direct Research

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Buy: >15%

Hold: -5% to 15%;

Reduce: -15% to -5%;

Sell: <-15%



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