

Kaveri Seeds

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Bloomberg	KSCL IN
Equity Shares (m)	63
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	30.9 / 0.4
52-Week Range (INR)	816 / 469
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-2/-26/-14
12M Avg Val (INR M)	200

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

2022E	2023E	2024E
9.7	11.8	13.0
2.0	3.0	3.3
2.1	3.0	3.4
20.1	25.1	25.2
35.4	51.6	57.7
(33.4)	46.0	11.9
222	264	313
(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)
16.3	21.2	20.0
17.7	23.9	22.6
19.9	18.2	16.2
14.5	9.9	8.9
16.4	10.8	9.6
1.2	1.6	1.6
4.7	7.3	9.1
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Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Dec-21	Sep-21	Dec-20
Promoter	57.4	57.3	55.5
DII	6.7	7.5	12.2
FII	19.1	18.2	14.1
Others	16.8	17.0	18.1

CMP: INR512 TP: INR635 (+24%) Buy

Better maize and selection rice volumes drive performance

Operating performance better than our expectation

- Kaveri Seeds (KSCL) reported in-line sales in 3QFY22 with higher sales growth in selection rice (+44 % YoY) and maize (13% YoY). Its operating performance was better than our estimate.
- We largely retain our FY22E/FY23E/FY24E earnings for KSCL. Its 3QFY22 revenue contributed to just 13% of its total annual revenue. We value the stock at 11x FY24E EPS to arrive at our TP of INR635. Reiterate BUY with a 24% potential upside.

Non-cotton seeds continue to drive sales

- Consolidated revenue rose 6% YoY to INR1.3b (est. of INR1.3b) in 3QFY22. EBITDA declined 28% YoY to INR74m (est. of INR65m). EBITDA margin contracted 270bp YoY to 5.9% (est. of 5.0%). Gross margin stood at 51.8% (-10bp YoY). As a percentage of sales, employee cost was at 20.9% (v/s 20.7% YoY), while other expenses stood at 25.1% (v/s 22.6% YoY). Adjusted PAT stood at INR76m, down 16% YoY (est. of INR87m).
- Revenue/EBITDA/PAT declined 7%/32%/32% YoY to INR9.0b/INR2.1b/ INR2.2b in 9MFY22, respectively.
- Cotton seed volumes dropped 26% YoY to 5.2m packets in 9MFY22, leading to a 24% decline in revenue to INR3.3b. KSCL gained cotton seed market share in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Haryana, while it lost share in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The contribution from new products in Maize rose to 25.49% from 9.55% of volumes. Maize seed volumes dipped 24% YoY to 7,649MT and revenue declined 13% YoY to INR1,630m in 9MFY22.
- Hybrid rice volumes rose 22% to 6,834m packets in 9MFY22, leading to a revenue growth of 32% YoY to INR1,730m. Introduction of new hybrid 7299, 471, and 473 led to strong growth in this segment. Selection rice volumes grew 7% at 15,685MT in 9MFY22, while topline increased 21% YoY to INR1,150m in 9MFY22.
- Revenue from vegetable seeds rose 8% YoY to INR330m in 9MFY22, driven by a 2% growth in volumes to 183m packets.

Highlights from the management commentary

- The management expects a 10% growth for cotton seeds in FY23 over FY22. 1HFY22 was impacted by increasing unbranded cotton seed sales. The management believes that margins would reach normalized levels in FY23.
- Despite a decline in volumes and revenue, KSCL gained market share in cotton seed in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Haryana. The company reported a drop in sales in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- Adding new crops such as mustard and wheat, which have a great potential in the years to come, would be the next growth engine for the company.

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Valuation and view

- KSCL is well on track to diversify from cotton seed sales by increasing the share of higher margin rice and vegetables, which are growing at a faster pace.
- KSCL's operating performance was better than our estimate.
- We largely maintain our FY22E/FY23E/FY24E earnings for KSCL. Its 3QFY22 revenue contributed to just 13% of its total annual revenue. We value the stock at 11x FY24E EPS to arrive at our TP of INR635. Reiterate BUY with a 24% potential upside.

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Y/E March		FY2	1			FY2			FY21	FY22E	FY22	Var
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE			3QE	%
Net Sales	7,195	1,340	1,185	643	6,298	1,476	1,261	677	10,363	9,711	1,297	-3
YoY Change (%)	14.6	13.9	-2.8	1.8	-12.5	10.1	6.3	5.4	11.4	-6.3	9.4	
Total Expenditure	4,325	1,174	1,083	801	4,302	1,412	1,187	858	7,383	7,758	1,232	
EBITDA	2,869	167	102	-158	1,996	64	74	-181	2,980	1,953	65	13
Margin (%)	39.9	12.4	8.6	-24.6	31.7	4.3	5.9	-26.7	28.8	20.1	5.0	
Depreciation	55	56	56	56	48	50	55	56	222	208	55	
Interest	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	1	1	
Other Income	235	105	75	42	151	151	68	47	457	416	83	
PBT before EO expense	3,049	214	121	-174	2,099	165	87	-191	3,210	2,160	93	
Extra-Ord expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PBT	3,049	214	121	-174	2,099	165	87	-191	3,210	2,160	93	
Tax	84	-20	30	4	52	37	16	-11	98	93	6	
Rate (%)	2.8	-9.4	24.4	-2.4	2.5	22.3	18.7	6.0	3.1	4.3	6	
MI & Profit/Loss of Asso. Cos.	-11	1	0	4	-10	0	6	4	-7	0	0	
Reported PAT	2,953	235	91	-174	2,037	128	76	-175	3,105	2,067	87	-12
Adj PAT	2,953	235	91	-174	2,037	128	76	-175	3,105	2,067	87	-12
YoY Change (%)	28.6	72.1	10.4	-329.3	-31.0	-45.3	-16.1	0.8	19.9	-33.4	-5	
Margins (%)	41.0	17.5	7.7	-27.0	32.4	8.7	6.1	-25.9	30.0	21.3	6.7	

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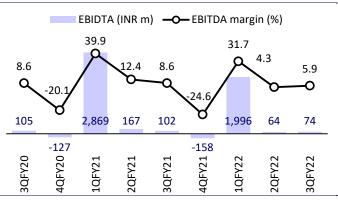
Y/E March		FY2	21			FY2	22		FY21	FY22E
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE		
Segment Revenue Growth (%)										
Cotton seed	4.8	(69.3)	(114.5)	30.9	(27.5)	87.4	(431.2)	4.0	(2.2)	(23.6)
Hybrid Rice	53.2	(65.7)	427.2	(50.5)	43.3	107.8	(62.1)	7.1	55.9	31.6
Maize Seeds	8.7	112.7	(26.0)	95.7	(7.8)	(38.3)	13.4	(11.9)	18.4	(12.4)
Cotton Seed Vol (m packets)	7.0	0.1	(0.1)	0.0	5.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	(1.9)	(25.2)
Cost Break-up										
RM Cost (% of sales)	52.4	57.5	48.1	45.8	55.9	61.9	48.2	46.8	52.2	55.2
Staff Cost (% of sales)	2.3	15.7	20.7	35.4	3.2	15.4	20.9	37.0	8.2	9.7
Other Cost (% of sales)	5.4	14.4	22.6	43.4	9.2	18.3	25.1	43.0	10.9	15.0
Gross Margins (%)	47.6	42.5	51.9	54.2	44.1	38.1	51.8	53.2	47.8	44.8
EBITDA Margins (%)	39.9	12.4	8.6	-24.6	31.7	4.3	5.9	-26.7	28.8	20.1
EBIT Margins (%)	42.4	16.1	10.3	-26.8	33.3	11.2	6.9	-28.1	34.6	20.9

Key Exhibits

Exhibit 1: Revenue trend

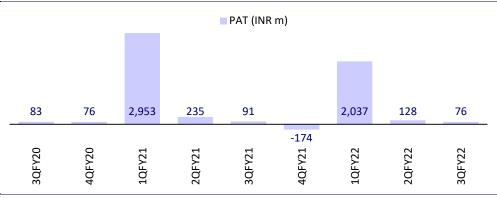


Exhibit 2: EBITDA margin trend



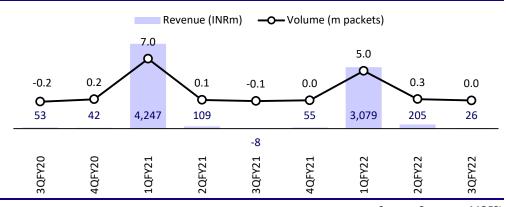
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 3: Adj. PAT trend



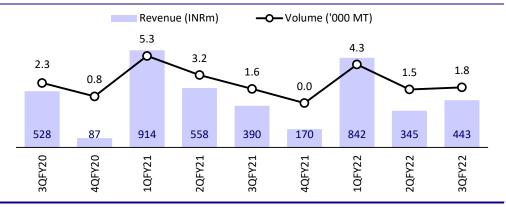
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Exhibit 4: Cotton revenue and volume trends



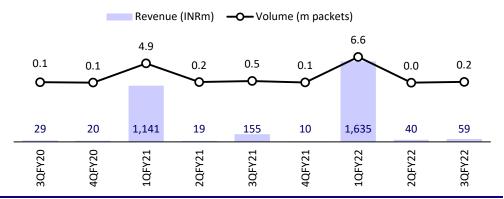
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 5: Maize revenue and volume trends



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 6: Hybrid rice revenue and volume trends



Source: Company, MOFSL

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Conference call highlights

Cotton

- Cotton continues to face significant challenges as the share of illegal cotton seed sale has hampered 1HFY22 performance. The company expects this situation to improve going ahead as there is a shift towards branded cotton.
- KSCL registered volume de-growth of 26% in 9MFY22 in the cotton seed segment, with corresponding revenue dropping 24% YoY over the same period.
- Despite drop in volumes and revenue, KSCL gained market share in cotton seed in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Haryana. It reported a sales drop in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- The company has a saleable cotton inventory of 8m to 9m packets, which is in line with last year's inventory.
- The management expects a 10% growth over FY22 for cotton seeds. 1HFY22 was impacted by increasing unbranded cotton seed sales. The management believes that margins would reach normalized levels in FY23.
- In line with the company's focus, the contribution from non-cotton segment in 9MFY22 has increased to 62% from 53% in 9MFY21.

Maize

- Maize seed segment reported 11% volume growth and 13% revenue growth during the quarter.
- The contribution from new products in Maize rose to 25.49% from 9.55% of volumes.

Hybrid rice

- Hybrid Rice volumes increased 22.38% in 9MFY22 along with a 32% revenue growth to INR1.7b in 9MFY22.
- The introduction of the new hybrids KPH471, KPH473 & KRH7299 has helped to achieve this strong growth.
- The contribution of new hybrid rice products rose to 75.68% from 67.93%.
- Revenue from the selection rice surged 21% in 9MFY22 with 7% volume growth.

Vegetables

- Vegetables sales revenue increased by 8% in 9MFY22, despite excess rain in North East and South India resulting in lower Okra sales in the quarter.
- The management has guided for a better 4QFY22 on a YoY basis.

Other highlights

- In line with 1HFY22, 3QFY22 also saw the non-cotton portfolio performing much better against cotton. Despite a decline in the overall market of Rice (~5%), KSCL registered significant (20%-25%) growth in this segment.
- Erratic rainfall in 3QFY22 across all major states adversely affected vegetable sowing thereby impacting the vegetable seed business across industry.
- Cash: Cash stood at INR3.14b as on Dec'21 v/s INR3.74b in Sep'21.
- **Volume mix:** Currently share of non-cotton products is ~60%; going forward, the share is further expected to improve.

- **Export:** KSCL is shifting its focus towards exports and gaining traction in the Middle East and Africa markets as it aims to form a significant chunk of revenue from exports in the near term.
- **Buyback:** The company completed a buyback of 2m equity shares from the open market worth INR1.2b in the guarter.
- Contribution from new products across seed segments remained stable during the year; this should move upwards during the next year and could be the biggest driver for the company.
- Conversion from traditional seeds to hybrids in rice, maize and vegetables and increased demand consumption of healthy foods would improve demand for non-cotton, margin-accretive seeds.
- Adding new crops such as mustard and wheat, which have a great potential in the years to come, would be the next growth engine for the company.
- The company is expecting large contributing States to resume the tendering process for seeds during the next year, as the pandemic recedes.
- KSCL expects the provision reversal income of INR150m to be received from the government in early H1FY22, which would directly impact its profit level.

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Exhibit 7: Change in estimates

Earnings Change	Old				New		Change (%)		
(INR m)	FY22E	FY23E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	9,749	11,858	13,099	9,711	11,766	12,999	0	-1	-1
EBITDA	1,936	3,019	3,349	1,953	2,952	3,275	1	-2	-2
Adj. PAT	2,070	3,064	3,429	2,067	3,017	3,376	0	-2	-2

Source: MOFSL

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Financials and valuations

Consolidated Income Statement									(INR m)
Y/E March	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Net Sales	7,449	7,050	8,192	8,094	9,303	10,363	9,711	11,766	12,999
Change (%)	-35.9	-5.4	16.2	-1.2	14.9	11.4	-6.3	21.2	10.5
EBITDA	1,875	1,395	2,218	2,116	2,532	2,980	1,953	2,952	3,275
Margin (%)	25.2	19.8	27.1	26.1	27.2	28.8	20.1	25.1	25.2
Depreciation	274	302	251	230	257	222	208	256	275
EBIT	1,601	1,093	1,967	1,887	2,275	2,758	1,745	2,696	3,000
Int. and Finance Charges	2	2	6	5	5	5	1	6	6
Other Income - Rec.	131	344	237	430	456	457	416	520	599
PBT bef. EO Exp.	1,729	1,435	2,198	2,311	2,727	3,210	2,160	3,210	3,592
EO Expense/(Income)	0	592	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PBT after EO Exp.	1,729	843	2,198	2,311	2,727	3,210	2,160	3,210	3,592
Current Tax	58	75	87	117	118	67	93	193	216
Deferred Tax	-3	-5	-3	20	10	31	0	0	0
Tax Rate (%)	3.2	8.3	3.8	5.9	4.7	3.1	4.3	6.0	6.0
Minority Interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.7	7.1	-0.3	0.0	0.0
Reported PAT	1,675	773	2,114	2,174	2,590	3,105	2,067	3,017	3,376
PAT Adj for EO items	1,675	1,316	2,114	2,174	2,590	3,105	2,067	3,017	3,376
Change (%)	-44.4	-21.4	60.6	2.8	19.1	19.9	-33.4	46.0	11.9
Margin (%)	22.5	18.7	25.8	26.9	27.8	30.0	21.3	25.6	26.0

Consolidated Balance Sheet									(INR m)
Y/E March	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Equity Share Capital	138	138	132	126	121	121	117	117	117
Total Reserves	9,134	10,005	9,992	9,942	9,466	12,325	12,876	15,345	18,174
Net Worth	9,272	10,143	10,124	10,069	9,587	12,445	12,993	15,462	18,291
Minority Interest	-2	-7	-6	-6	2	10	10	10	10
Deferred Liabilities	0	0	168	202	182	157	157	157	157
Total Loans	16	46	29	68	58	11	11	11	11
Capital Employed	9,286	10,182	10,315	10,332	9,829	12,622	13,170	15,639	18,468
Gross Block	3,033	3,322	3,463	4,199	4,551	4,733	5,133	5,533	5,933
Less: Accum. Deprn.	1,018	1,320	1,571	1,800	2,057	2,279	2,488	2,744	3,019
Net Fixed Assets	2,015	2,002	1,892	2,399	2,494	2,454	2,645	2,789	2,914
Capital WIP	197	340	376	384	185	311	194	235	260
Total Investments	5,064	6,569	6,226	5,096	3,839	5,990	5,690	7,190	8,990
Curr. Assets, Loans&Adv.	6,327	6,358	6,153	7,626	9,255	10,850	10,666	12,624	14,259
Inventory	5,044	4,478	4,428	5,612	6,391	7,195	6,752	7,934	8,765
Account Receivables	804	854	859	846	1,180	1,057	1,064	1,289	1,425
Cash and Bank Balance	94	210	139	87	81	141	325	459	820
Loans and Advances	386	817	727	1,081	1,603	2,457	2,525	2,942	3,250
Curr. Liability & Prov.	4,320	5,095	4,340	5,180	5,957	6,997	6,041	7,215	7,971
Account Payables	4,237	3,026	2,202	2,411	2,669	3,584	2,862	3,363	3,715
Provisions	83	9	116	72	68	117	71	86	95
Other current liabilities	0	2,060	2,022	2,696	3,221	3,296	3,108	3,765	4,160
Net Current Assets	2,007	1,263	1,814	2,446	3,297	3,852	4,625	5,409	6,288
Appl. of Funds	9,286	10,182	10,315	10,332	9,829	12,622	13,170	15,639	18,468

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Financials and valuations

Ratios									
Y/E March	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Basic (INR)									
EPS	28.6	22.5	36.2	37.2	44.3	53.1	35.4	51.6	57.7
Cash EPS	33.3	27.7	40.4	41.1	48.7	56.9	38.9	56.0	62.4
BV/Share	158.6	173.5	173.1	172.2	163.9	212.8	222.2	264.4	312.8
DPS	5.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	8.0
Payout (%)	24.7	32.2	11.7	11.3	9.5	8.8	19.9	18.2	16.2
Valuation (x)									
P/E	17.9	22.8	14.2	13.8	11.6	9.6	14.5	9.9	8.9
Cash P/E	15.4	18.5	12.7	12.5	10.5	9.0	13.2	9.2	8.2
P/BV	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.4	2.3	1.9	1.6
EV/Sales	4.3	4.6	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.1	3.3	2.7	2.4
EV/EBITDA	17.2	23.1	14.5	15.3	12.8	10.8	16.4	10.8	9.6
Dividend Yield (%)	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.2	1.6	1.6
FCF per share	37.1	26.8	23.8	8.5	29.3	36.6	24.0	37.4	46.4
Return Ratios (%)									
EBITDA Margins (%)	25.2	19.8	27.1	26.1	27.2	28.8	20.1	25.1	25.2
Net Profit Margins (%)	22.5	18.7	25.8	26.9	27.8	30.0	21.3	25.6	26.0
RoE	19.9	13.6	20.9	21.5	26.4	28.2	16.3	21.2	20.0
RoCE	21.2	16.0	22.5	24.2	28.9	30.0	17.7	23.9	22.6
RoIC	42.0	33.8	61.5	47.9	45.4	47.7	27.7	38.8	39.4
Working Capital Ratios	72.0	33.0	01.5	47.5	75.7	77.7	27.7	30.0	33.4
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Asset Turnover (x)	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7
Inventory (Days)	247	232	197	253	251	253	254	246	246
	39	44	38	38	46	37	40	40	40
Debtor (Days)	208	157		109	105				
Creditor (Days)	94	55	98 75		126	126	108	104	104
Working Capital Turnover (Days)	94		/5	106	120	131	162	154	154
Leverage Ratio (x)	1.5	1.2	1 /	1 Г	1.6	1.6	1.0	1 7	1.0
Current Ratio			1.4	1.5 345	1.6 476	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.8
Interest Cover Ratio	670	453	326			546	1,329	415	462
Debt/Equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Consolidated Cash Flow Statement									(INR m)
Y/E March	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Net P / L Bef. Tax and Eo Items	1,729	1,435	2,198	2,311	2,727	3,210	2,160	3,210	3,592
Depreciation	274	302	251	230	257	222	208	256	275
Interest & Finance Charges	2	2	6	5	5	5	1	6	6
Direct Taxes Paid	58		87	117	118	67	93	193	216
(Inc)/Dec in WC	407	860	-621	-1,150	-952	-852	-589	-650	-519
CF from Operations	2,355	2,525	1,747	1,279	1,918	2,519	1,688	2,629	3,140
EO Expense	467	-245	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CF from Operating incl EO	2,822	2,280	1,747	1,279	1,918	2,519	1,688	2,629	3,140
(inc)/dec in FA	-262	-432	-177	-744	-153	-308	-283	-441	-425
Free Cash Flow		1,848		535					
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	2,560		1,570		1,765	2,211	1,405 300	2,188	2,715
	-2,114	-1,505	343	1,130	1,257	-2,151		-1,500	-1,800
Others C. from Investment	-4	-5	2	438	21	286	0	0	0
CF from Investments	-2,380	-1,943	168	824	1,125	-2,173	1 100	-1,941	-2,225
Issue of Shares	-5 2	0	-2,000	-2,000	-2,404	0	-1,108	0	0
(Inc)/Dec in Debt	2	30	-18	39	-10	-47	0	0	0
Interest Paid	-2	-2	-6	-5	-5	-5	-1	-6	-6
Dividend Paid	-414	-249	-247	-247	-247	-274	-411	-548	-548
CF from Fin. Activity	-415	-221	-1,985	-2,156	-3,049	-285	-1,520	-554	-554
Inc/Dec of Cash	28	116	-71	-52	-6	60	184	134	360
Add: Beginning Balance	66	94	210	139	87	81	141	325	459
Closing Balance	93	210	139	87	81	141	325	459	820

Explanation of Investment Rating							
Investment Rating	Expected return (over 12-month)						
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