

CMP: ₹ 2,144

Target: ₹ 2,200 (3%)

Target Period: 12 months

April 28, 2022

Price led growth; margin to dip in FY23...

About the stock: Hindustan Unilever (HUL) is the biggest FMCG company in India with more than 40 brands across categories. It is the market leader in fabric wash, personal wash, cosmetics, shampoos and many other categories.

- The company has a distribution reach of ~8.5 million (mn) outlets with a direct network of more than 3.5 mn
- HUL acquired GSK Consumer Healthcare's business in 2019 and integrated Horlicks and Boost brands with the foods & refreshment segment

Q4FY22 Results: HUL reported better than expected numbers.

- Sales were up 10.4% YoY driven entirely by prices
- EBITDA was at ₹ 3245 crore, up 9.7% YoY, with margins at 24.1%
- Consequent PAT was at ₹ 2327 crore (up 8.6% YoY)

What should investors do? HUL's share price has gone up by ~2.3x over the past five years (from ₹ 935 in April 2017 to ₹ 2144 levels in April 2022).

- We expect margins to contract in FY23E on account of incessant inflation in crude, palm oil & other important commodities
- We maintain our HOLD rating on the stock

Target Price and Valuation: We value HUL at ₹ 2200 i.e. 55x P/E on FY24E EPS

Key triggers for future price performance:

- Synergistic benefits of integration of nutrition business (Horlicks & Boost) to drive cost rationalisation
- Long term premiumisation trend in fabric wash to help sustain margins
- Steep commodity inflation to continue driving pricing growth but keep margins under check in near term
- The company is driving more than 20% of its sales through digital channels like e-commerce, Shikhar app (reach of 8 lakh outlets), D2C etc

Alternate Stock Idea: Besides HUL, we like TCPL in our FMCG coverage.

- Strong innovation & premiumisation strategy in salt, tea, Sampaan & Soulful in Indian market expected to drive sales & margins
- We value the stock at ₹ 910 with BUY rating

Key Financial Summary							
				5 year CAGR			2 Year CAGR
Key Financials	FY20	FY21	FY22	(FY17-22)	FY23E	FY24E	(FY22-24E)
Total Operating Income	38785.0	45996.0	51193.0	8.2	56225.9	60444.9	8.7%
EBITDA	9600.0	11324.0	12503.0	15.6	13448.9	14714.5	8.5%
EBITDA Margin %	24.8	24.6	24.4		23.9	24.3	
Net Profit	6738.0	7954.5	8818.0	11.9	9280.8	10254.1	7.8%
EPS (₹)	31.19	33.86	37.53	10.0	39.50	43.65	7.8%
P/E	68.7	63.3	57.1		54.3	49.1	
RoNW %	85.7	17.1	18.1		19.1	21.2	
RoCE (%)	89.5	18.9	20.2		21.9	24.2	



Particulars	
Particular (₹ crore)	Amount
Market Capitalization	503,770.1
Total Debt (FY22)	0.0
Cash and Investments (FY22)	7,128.0
EV	496,642.1
52 week H/L (₹)	2859 / 1901
Equity capital	235.0
Face value	₹1

Shareho	olding pa	ittern		
(in %)	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22
Promoter	61.9	61.9	61.9	61.9
FII	15.1	15.5	14.7	13.7
DII	10.7	10.5	10.9	11.6
Others	12.3	12.1	12.5	12.8



Recent event & key risks

- Premium products have grown 2x of rest of portfolio in FY22
- Key Risk: (i) Incessant increase in RM costs (ii) Revival in rural growth due to expected strong agricultural growth

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Result Update

Key takeaways of recent quarter & conference call highlights

Q4FY22 Results: Volumes flat; cut in ad-spends & other costs protect margins

- Net sales grew 10.4% to ₹ 13190 crore led by aggressive price hikes in home care segment. The company reported flat volumes in Q4 and 3% volume growth in FY22
- Home care segment revenues witnessed strong growth of 24% in Q4 and 19% in FY22 driven by price hikes to pass on steep inflation in crude based raw material
- The fabric wash category saw high double-digit growth driven by growth across the portfolio with mid-single digit volume growth. The household care category grew in high double-digit. Dishwash and surface cleaners both performed well
- Beauty & personal care segment grew 4% in Q4 and 8% in FY22. The company has not passed on palm oil inflation entirely mainly to sustain market share. Skin cleansing saw double-digit growth driven by pricing. Skin Care premium portfolio growth came in double-digit whereas Glow & Lovely, Talc & colour cosmetics were impacted by slower growth in discretionary category. Oral care also saw soft sales
- Lakme's 30% sales is contributed by online channels. HUL will focus on growing through influencer marketing for beauty products. It will also reach out directly to consumers through its B2C platforms
- Foods & refreshment segment grew 5% in Q4 and 7% in FY22. Under the beverages category, tea continues strong performance and coffee witnessed double-digit growth. Rise in market share and penetration gains continue for health food drinks. Double-digit growth for foods was led by ketchup, jams and soups. Ice cream also saw double-digit growth with new launches planned ahead of the season
- In FY22, 16 brands crossed ₹ 1,000 crore sales. Surf-Excel & Brooke Bond became ₹ 5000 crore brand whereas Wheel, Horlicks, Lifebuoy, Glow & Lovely, Vim, Rin & Dove clocked more than 2,000 crore sales. Ponds, Clinic-Plus, Lux, Lakme, Kissan, Bru & Kwality Walls touched 1,000 crore sales
- The company is continuously increasing its direct & indirect distribution reach. Its effective coverage & store level assortments have been 1.15x of pre-Covid levels
- Some key raw material related commodities like crude & palm oil are up 60% in last one year & plastics & soda ash are up 20% & 30%, respectively in similar period. Net material inflation for the company is 4.5x in March-22 quarter compared to June-20 quarter
- HUL has stepped up prices to the tune of 7% in FY22 and incurred gross saving of 7%. Its premium product portfolio has grown by 2x compared to rest of the portfolio
- The company is taking measures to riposte high commodity inflation through efficient buying. Moreover, it is also taking calibrated pricing action through bridge packs in all commodity impacted categories. It is also driving premiumisation in select geographies
- The integration of acquired Nutrition portfolio (Horlicks & Brand) has been completed. The distribution reach of these brands doubled after acquisition

- Ban on palm oil exports from Indonesia is temporary hurdle for supplies & it would get resolved soon. However, palm oil prices are expected to remain firm
- Rising prices of crude and edible oils continues to be a challenge and will
 affect margins in the short term. Inflation is expected to impact sales
 volumes and growth is expected to be price-led in near future. The company
 will work towards reducing distribution and packing costs to improve
 margins
- The board has recommended a final dividend of ₹ 19/share for FY22. Together with the interim dividend of ₹ 15/share declared, the total dividend for FY22 amounts to ₹ 34/ share
- FMCG market volumes are on a declining trend (5-7% de-growth). Demand slowdown is more prominent in rural regions (8-10% de-growth) & discretionary categories

Exhibit 1: Peer Comp	arison	1																	
Sector / Company	CMP	TP		M Cap	Sales	Sales growth (%) EBITE		EBITDA	EBITDA Margins (%) P/E(x)				I	RoE (%)			RoCE (%)		
Sector / Company	(₹)	(₹)	Rating	(₹ Cr)	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Dabur India (DABIND)	560	745	Buy	98,242	15.6	10.1	11.2	20.7	21.3	21.6	51.2	45.7	40.9	22.7	23.2	23.2	26.0	27.3	27.8
Colgate (COLPAL)	1636	1575	Hold	37,937	6.4	9.0	9.8	30.7	30.2	30.1	36.3	34.2	31.0	84.9	86.6	89.7	109.6	112.7	116.7
Tata Consumer (TATGLO)	799	910	Buy	70,404	8.9	8.4	9.7	13.9	14.6	14.9	65.1	54.4	47.1	7.2	8.3	9.2	8.9	9.9	10.8
Zydus Wellness (ZYDWEL)	1,670	2,200	Buy	10,819	10.4	9.6	10.5	18.2	19.5	20.1	33.1	27.2	23.3	6.9	8.3	9.4	6.7	8.0	9.1
Hindustan Unilever (HINLEV)	2144	2200	Hold	503,770	11.3	9.8	7.5	24.8	24.3	24.7	57.1	54.3	49.1	18.1	19.1	21.2	20.2	21.9	24.2

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Despite very high commodity inflation & pressure on rural volumes, the company was able to sustain volumes & operating margins through lower ad-spends & calibrated price hikes. However, we believe incessant crude & palm oil prices would continue to keep margins under check & the company would still require price hikes to protect its margins in near term. Further, rural volumes have taken a hit due to down trading in such inflationary scenario. Moreover, FMCG companies would require to increase ad-spends to previous levels to support new products & categories. Though, we believe HUL is best placed within FMCG industry to face these challenging scenario, next few quarters would see continued volume as well as margin pressure. We maintain our HOLD rating with the revised target price of ₹ 2200 /share (earlier: ₹ 2460).

Particulars (₹ crore)	Q4FY22	Q4FY22E	Q4FY21	YoY (%)	Q3FY22	QoQ (%)	Comments
Net Sales	13,190.0	12,984.6	11,947.0	10.4	12,900.0	2.2	Revenue witnessed growth of 10.4% led entirely by price hikes. Volumes remain flat
Other Operating Income	272.0	201.1	185.0	47.0	192.0	41.7	
Raw Material Expenses	6,792.0	6,555.7	5,756.0	18.0	6,269.0	8.3	Gross margins contracted 300 bps given sharp increase in crude & palm oil prices
Employee Expenses	542.0	678.8	522.0	3.8	657.0	-17.5	
Marketing Expenses	1,290.0	1,288.6	1,413.0	-8.7	1,189.0	8.5	The compamny reduced its marketing spend to protect operating margins
Other operating expenses	1,593.0	1,534.2	1,484.0	7.3	1,698.0	-6.2	
EBITDA	3,245.0	3,128.5	2,957.0	9.7	3,279.0	-1.0	
EBITDA margin (%)	24.1	23.7	24.4	-27 bps	25.0	-94 bps	With savings from marketing, employee & overhead spends, the company was able to safeguard operating margins
Depreciation	261.0	254.2	249.0	4.8	255.0	2.4	
nterest	36.0	29.8	9.0	300.0	25.0	N.A.	
Other Income	122.0	103.5	109.0	11.9	91.0	34.1	
PBT	3,070.0	2,948.0	2,808.0	9.3	3,024.0	1.5	
Exceptional Items	58.0	0.0	14.0	N.A.	-66.0	N.A.	
Tax Outgo	801.0	906.4	679.0	18.0	781.0	2.6	
РАТ	2,327.0	2,041.6	2,143.0	8.6	2,243.0	3.7	Net profit witnessed a growth of 8.6% inline with operating profit growth
Key Metrics growth Y	'oY (%)						
Home care	23.7	5.6	14.6		23.0		The company took aggressive price hikes in fabric wash brands to pass on high inflation of crude derivatives. Leading brand surf excel enjoys the pricing power
Beauty & Personal care	3.6	12.2	19.7		6.9		BPC segment saw dismal growth given muted volumes & small price hikes. The company didn't pass on full cost inflation in dicretionary categories to protect market share
Food & Refreshments	5.3	2.3	96.4		3.3		Led by strong growth in tea despite considerable dip in tea procurement prices

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

		FY23E			FY24E		
(₹ Crore)	Old	New	% Change	Old	New	% change	Comments
Total operating Income	56130.9	56,225.9	0.2	60804.9	60444.9	-0.6	No major change in revenue estimates
EBITDA	13789.7	13448.9	-2.5	14904.7	14714.5	-1.3	
EBITDA Margin (%)	24.6	23.9	-65 bps	24.5	24.3	-17 bps	We cut our operating margin estimate with incessant inlfation in palm oil, crude ${\rm \hat{e}}$ other important commodities
PAT	9642.2	9280.8	-3.7	10499	10254.1	-2.3	
EPS (₹)	41.0	39.5	-3.7	44.7	43.6	-2.4	

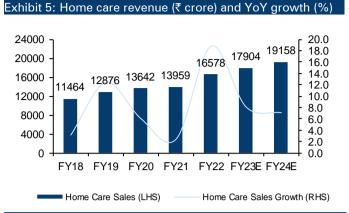
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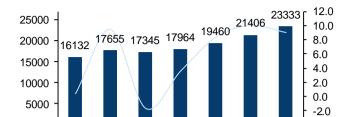
Exhibit 4: Assumptions

			Curr	ent			Earl	ier
(₹ crore)	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E
Home care	12,876.0	13,642.0	13,959.0	16,578.0	17,904.2	19,157.5	17298.4	18509.3 No major change in revenue estima
Personal care	17,655.0	17,345.0	17,964.0	19,460.0	21,406.0	23,332.5	22,029.5	24,452.8
Food & Refreshments	7,133.0	7,450.0	13,204.0	14,105.0	14,951.3	15,848.4	14,840.0	15,730.4
Source: ICICI Direct Research								

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Key Metrics





FY21

Exhibit 6: Personal care revenue (₹ crore) & growth (%) trend

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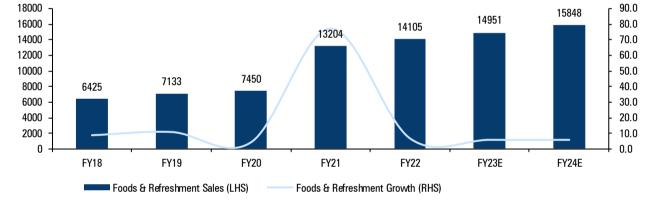
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Personal care Sales (LHS)

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Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 8: EBITDA margin and raw material trend

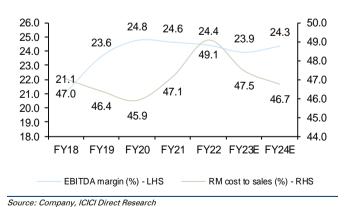
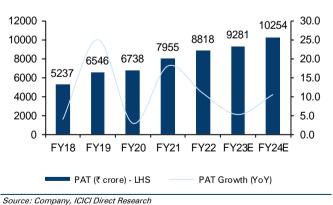


Exhibit 9: PAT to grow at CAGR of 7.8% in FY22-24E



FY22 FY23E FY24E

PC Sales Growth (RHS)

12.0

-4.0

Financial Summary

Exhibit 10: Profit and los	ss stateme	nt		₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Total operating Income	45,996.0	51,193.0	56,225.9	60,444.9
Growth (%)	18.6	11.3	9.8	7.5
Raw Material Expenses	21,677.0	25,124.0	26,680.8	28,248.1
Employee Expenses	2,229.0	2,399.0	2,765.7	2,973.2
Marketing Expenses	4,737.0	4,718.0	5,586.6	6,184.2
Administrative Expenses	0.0	0.0	3,097.5	3,330.0
Other expenses	6,029.0	6,449.0	4,646.3	4,995.0
Total Operating Expenditure	34,672.0	38,690.0	42,777.0	45,730.5
EBITDA	11,324.0	12,503.0	13,448.9	14,714.5
Growth (%)	18.0	10.4	7.6	9.4
Depreciation	1,012.0	1,025.0	1,359.4	1,385.4
Interest	108.0	98.0	88.2	79.4
Other Income	513.0	393.0	440.2	493.0
Exceptional Income	-226.5	-34.0	-34.0	-34.0
PBT	10,490.5	11,739.0	12,407.5	13,708.7
Total Tax	2,536.0	2,921.0	3,126.7	3,454.6
PAT	7,954.5	8,818.0	9,280.8	10,254.1
Growth (%)	18.1	10.9	5.2	10.5
EPS (₹)	33.9	37.5	39.5	43.6

Exhibit 11: Cash flow state	ment			₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Profit after Tax	8,123.0	9,019.0	9,280.8	10,254.1
Add: Depreciation	1,069.0	1,040.0	1,359.4	1,385.4
(Inc)/dec in Current Assets	-866.0	-992.0	-942.9	242.1
Inc/(dec) in CL and Provisions	810.0	203.0	724.8	1,853.1
CF from operating activities	8,957.0	8,964.0	10,422.1	13,734.6
(Inc)/dec in Investments	-1,467.0	-1,096.0	-100.0	-100.0
(Inc)/dec in loans & advances	-532.0	-770.0	-25.0	-25.0
(Inc)/dec in Fixed Assets	0.0	0.0	-1,358.4	-1,385.4
Others	632.0	134.0	-121.4	24.6
CF from investing activities	(1,367.0)	(1,732.0)	(1,604.8)	(1,485.8)
Issue/(Buy back) of Equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inc/(dec) in loan funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend paid & dividend tax	-8,811.0	-7,519.0	-9,400.0	-10,340.0
Inc/(dec) in Sec. premium	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	-469.0	-465.0	0.0	0.0
CF from financing activities	(9,280.0)	(7,984.0)	(9,400.0)	(10,340.0)
Net Cash flow	-1,390.0	-752.0	-582.7	1,908.8
Opening Cash	3,130.0	1,740.0	988.0	405.3
Closing Cash*	4,321.0	3,618.0	3,035.3	4,944.1

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 12: Balance Shee	et			₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY21E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Liabilities				
Equity Capital	235.0	235.0	235.0	235.0
Reserve and Surplus	47,199.0	48,525.0	48,405.8	48,319.9
Total Shareholders funds	47,434.0	48,760.0	48,640.8	48,554.9
Other Non Current Liabilities	2,304.0	2,339.0	2,339.0	2,339.0
Long Term Provisions	1551.0	1553.0	139.6	154.2
Total Liabilities	57,275.0	58,793.0	57,270.4	57,209.1
Assets				
Gross Block	9,305.0	10,357.0	10,557.0	10,757.0
Less: Acc Depreciation	3,519.0	4,544.0	4,544.0	4,544.0
Net Block	5,786.0	5,813.0	6,013.0	6,213.0
Capital WIP	623.0	901.0	700.0	500.0
Total Fixed Assets	6,409.0	6,714.0	6,713.0	6,713.0
Goodwill on Consolidation	17316	17316	17316	17316
Net Intangible Assets	27,925.0	27,905.0	27,905.0	27,905.0
Other Investments	312.0	612.0	712.0	812.0
Inventory	3,383.0	3,890.0	4,546.3	4,072.9
Debtors	1,648.0	1,932.0	2,273.1	2,117.9
Loans and Advances	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investments & Other CA	1,605.0	1,697.0	1,515.4	1,629.1
Cash	4,321.0	3,618.0	3,035.3	4,944.1
Total Current Assets	13,640.0	14,647.0	15,007.2	16,674.0
Creditors	8,627.0	8,864.0	9,698.8	11,404.0
Provisions & other CL	2,214.0	2,080.0	1,970.1	2,117.9
Total Current Liabilities	10,841.0	10,944.0	11,668.8	13,521.9
Net Current Assets	2,799.0	3,703.0	3,338.4	3,152.1
Others Non-Current Assets	1,133.0	1,261.0	1,286.0	1,311.0
Application of Funds	57,275.0	58,793.0	57,270.4	57,209.1

FY21 FY22 FY23E FY24E (Year-end March) Per share data (₹) EPS 33.9 37.5 39.5 43.6 Cash EPS 38.2 41.9 45.3 49.5 BV 201.9 207.5 207.0 206.7 DPS 27.0 34.0 40.0 44.0 Cash Per Share 18.4 15.4 12.9 21.0 **Operating Ratios (%)** 24.4 EBITDA/Total Operating Income 24.6 23.9 24.3 22.7 PBT Margin 23.0 22.1 23.3 PAT Margin 17.3 17.2 16.5 17.0 25 Inventory days 27 28 30 Debtor days 13 14 15 13 Creditor days 69 64 64 70 Return Ratios (%) RoE 17.1 18.1 19.1 21.2 RoCE 18.9 20.2 21.9 24.2 Valuation Ratios (x) P/E 63.3 57.1 54.3 49.1 EV / EBITDA 40.0 33.9 44.1 37.2 EV / Net Sales 9.9 8.4 11.0 9.1 Market Cap / Sales 11.1 10.0 9.1 8.5 Price to Book Value 10.6 10.3 10.4 10.4 **Solvency Ratios** Debt/EBITDA 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 Debt / Equity 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 **Current Ratio** 0.9 1.0 1.0 0.9 0.7 Quick Ratio 0.5 0.6 0.6

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

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Exhibit 13: Key ratios

Exhibit 14: ICICI Direc	t cove	erage	unive	erse (FN	MCG)														
	CMP	TP		М Сар		EPS (₹)			P/E (x)		Price/Sales (x)			F	RoCE (%)	RoE (%)		
	(₹)	(₹)	Rating	(₹ Cr)	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Colgate (COLPAL)	1,636	1,575	Hold	37,937	38.5	40.8	45.0	42.5	40.1	36.4	7.4	6.8	6.2	109.6	112.7	116.7	84.9	86.6	89.7
Dabur India (DABIND)	560	745	Buy	98,242	10.9	12.2	13.6	51.6	46.0	41.2	8.9	8.1	7.3	26.0	27.3	27.8	22.7	23.2	23.2
Hindustan Unilever (HINLEV)	2,144	2,200	Hold	503,770	37.5	39.5	43.6	57.1	54.3	49.1	10.0	9.1	8.5	20.2	21.9	24.2	18.1	19.1	21.2
ITC Limited (ITC)	258	260	Hold	287,822	12.6	14.6	16.2	20.5	17.7	15.9	5.0	4.8	4.3	32.4	35.9	38.5	25.0	27.7	29.6
Jyothy Lab (JYOLAB)	155	150	Hold	5,133	4.2	6.2	6.5	36.6	25.0	23.8	2.3	2.2	2.0	19.1	26.6	28.0	16.5	23.1	23.7
Marico (MARLIM)	530	550	Buy	60,768	10.0	11.4	12.3	52.8	46.4	42.9	6.3	5.9	5.5	42.6	47.5	49.1	38.4	41.4	42.7
Nestle (NESIND)	18,223	19,050	Hold	175,243	222.4	252.9	291.6	81.9	72.0	62.5	12.0	10.8	9.8	58.7	58.8	62.9	111.3	110.4	111.8
Tata Consumer Products (TAT	799	910	Buy	70,404	11.7	14.1	16.2	68.0	56.8	49.3	5.6	5.1	4.7	8.9	9.9	10.8	7.2	8.3	9.2
VST Industries (VSTIND)	3,220	3,425	Hold	4,986	229.3	252.9	290.5	14.0	12.7	11.1	4.2	3.9	3.6	39.2	44.6	50.6	30.0	33.4	37.8
Varun Beverage (VARBEV)	1,036	1,050	Hold	41,121	17.2	20.5	25.2	60.2	50.6	41.0	4.7	4.2	3.8	17.1	20.5	24.9	18.3	18.9	21.3
Zydus Wellness (ZYDWEL)	1,670	2,200	Buy	10,819	51.4	62.6	73.0	32.5	26.7	22.9	5.3	4.8	4.3	6.7	8.0	9.1	6.9	8.3	9.4

Source: Bloomberg, ICICI Direct Research

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