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Q4FY22 Result Update

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Change in Estimates

	Current		Pre	vious
	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E
Rating	В	UY	E	BUY
Target Price	2,	384	2	,356
Sales (Rs. m)	570,959	630,551	560,554	618,740
% Chng.	1.9	1.9		
EBITDA (Rs. m	n)133,909	156,488	132,262	154,421
% Chng.	1.2	1.3		
EPS (Rs.)	40.7	48.4	40.4	47.8
% Chng.	0.7	1.2		

Key Financials - Standalone

Y/e Mar	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Sales (Rs. bn)	460	512	571	631
EBITDA (Rs. bn)	113	125	134	156
Margin (%)	24.6	24.4	23.5	24.8
PAT (Rs. bn)	82	88	96	114
EPS (Rs.)	34.8	37.5	40.7	48.4
Gr. (%)	8.4	7.8	8.5	18.9
DPS (Rs.)	37.5	32.0	35.0	40.0
Yield (%)	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.9
RoE (%)	29.5	18.3	19.3	22.3
RoCE (%)	37.2	23.9	24.7	28.1
EV/Sales (x)	10.8	9.7	8.6	7.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	43.9	39.7	36.8	31.3
PE (x)	61.6	57.2	52.7	44.3
P/BV (x)	10.6	10.3	10.1	9.7

Key Data	HLL.BO HUVR IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.2,859 / Rs.1,902
Sensex / Nifty	56,819 / 17,038
Market Cap	Rs.5,040bn/\$65,859m
Shares Outstanding	2,350m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.4552.6m

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	61.90
Foreign	13.66
Domestic Institution	11.61
Public & Others	12.83
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	-

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	9.8	(10.5)	(9.9)
Relative	10.9	(3.7)	(22.4)

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Hindustan Unilever (HUVR IN)

Rating: BUY | CMP: Rs2,145 | TP: Rs2,384

Expect back ended returns amidst Volume and cost pressures

Quick Pointers:

- Domestic consumer growth at 10% with flat underlying volumes
- Near term growth to be price led, margins to decline given RM inflation

HUL has given cautious commentary in 4Q22 as high input costs and inflation will continue to weight on volume growth and margins in 1H23. 4Q22 displayed flat volumes despite mid-single digit volume growth in Fabric wash, showing growth concerns in BPC portfolio. Near term margin headwinds are likely to sustain due to 1) inflationary environment in commodity basket. 2) down trading of products across categories 3) rising gap between realisations vs commodity prices. However, we remain positive on the longer term structural story given 1) sustained market share gains 2) strong innovation pipeline 3) scale up in emerging categories (Green Tea, Fabric Conditioner, Liquid Detergents, Liquid Dishwash, Hair conditioner) 4) distribution gains from strategies like WIMI and SHIKHAR and 5) faster growth in premium portfolio (2x than company growth).

We expect 11.0% Sales and 13.6% PAT CAGR over FY22-24 and assign a DCF based target price of Rs 2384 (Rs 2356 earlier). We have marginally increased our FY23/24 EPS by 0.7%/1.2% on calibrated price hikes & cost synergies. Risk reward is favorable at 44x FY24 EPS and ~2% dividend yield, however we expect the returns to be back ended given near term volume pressures and volatility in Input costs. Retain Buy.

Volumes flat, Revenues up 11%: Revenues grew by 11% YoY to Rs134.6bn with flat volumes. Gross margins contracted by 301bps YoY to 49.5%. EBITDA grew by 9.7% YoY to Rs32.5bn. A&P expenses declined by 8.7% YoY to Rs12.9bn. Adj PAT grew by 7.9% YoY to Rs22.7bn. Home Care sales grew 23.7% YoY; EBIT grew 15.6% YoY; while margins contracted 138bps YoY to 19.8%. Personal Care revenues grew 3.6% YoY; EBIT declined 1.3% YoY; while margins contracted 129bps YoY to 26.2%. Food & Refreshment revenues grew 5.3% YoY; EBIT grew 24% YoY; while margins expanded by 290bps YoY to 19.3%. Others revenues grew 30.2% YoY. EBIT grew 39.1% YoY; while margins expanded 205bps YoY to 31.8%.

Concall Takeaways: 1) Inflationary environment & rural slowdown continue to impact volumes, higher Agri output and prices can boost demand if inflation stabilizes. 2) 30% of business comes from Rs1/5/10 packs. Grammage reduction in these packs impacted volumes by 2/3%. 3) HUL is developing bridge packs at new price points which would help provide better value to consumers and support volumes 4) 20% of portfolio comprising of premium products grew at 2x of company's overall growth rate. 5) near term growth will be led by price hikes 6) Increasing price vs cost gap will impact margins in near term. 7) Palm oil prices to remain volatile in near term. 8) Expect inflationary environment to sustain in 1HFY23. 9) B2B app: 'Shikhar' ended FY22 with 800k stores (added 1000 stores daily in FY22)

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Exhibit 1: Q4FY22 Results (Rs m): Volumes stood flat; Gross margins declined by 301 bps, Ad spend cut 210bps

Y/e March	Q4FY22	Q4FY21	YoY gr. (%)	Q3FY22	FY22E	FY21	YoY gr. (%)
Net Sales	1,34,620	1,21,320	11.0	1,30,920	5,11,930	4,59,960	11.3
Gross Profit	66,700	63,760	4.6	68,230	2,60,690	2,43,190	7.2
% of NS	49.5	52.6	(3.0)	52.1	50.9	52.9	(1.9)
A&P Exp.	12,900	14,130	(8.7)	11,890	47,180	47,370	(0.4)
% of NS	9.6	11.6	(2.1)	9.1	9.2	10.3	(1.1)
EBITDA	32,450	29,570	9.7	32,790	1,25,030	1,13,240	10.4
Margins	24.1	24.4	(0.3)	25.0	24.4	24.6	(0.2)
Depreciation	2,610	2,490	4.8	2,550	10,250	10,120	1.3
EBIT	29,840	27,080	10.2	30,240	1,14,780	1,03,120	11.3
Interest	360	90	300.0	250	980	1,080	(9.3)
Other Income	1,220	1,090	11.9	910	3,930	5,130	(23.4)
PBT	30,700	28,080	9.3	30,900	1,17,730	1,07,170	9.9
Tax	8,010	7,050	13.6	7,980	30,630	27,550	11.2
Tax Rate (%)	26.1	25.1	1.0	25.8	26.0	25.7	0.3
Adjusted PAT	22,690	21,030	7.9	22,920	87,100	79,620	9.4
Extraordinary	1,150	470		(270)	2,230	130	
Reported Profit	23,840	21,500	10.9	22,650	89,330	79,750	12.0

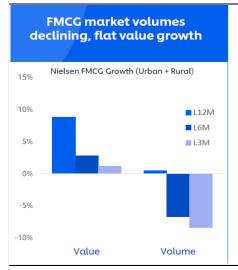
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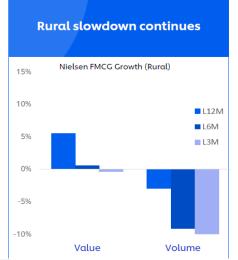
Exhibit 2: 4Q22 performance was driven by 24%/30% sales growth in Home Care segment & Others

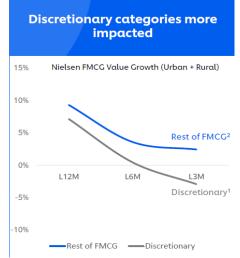
Quarterly Segmental	3QFY20	4QFY20	1QFY21	2QFY21	3QFY21	4QFY21	1QFY22	2QFY22	3QFY22	4QFY22
Net Sales (Rs m)	98,080	90,110	1,05,600	1,14,420	1,18,620	1,21,320	1,19,150	1,27,240	1,30,920	1,34,620
Home Care	34,560	33,500	33,920	33,180	34,090	38,400	37970	38,380	41,930	47,500
Personal Care	44,120	38,010	40,390	45,350	48,410	45,490	45730	50,000	51,750	47,120
Foods & Refreshment	18,650	17,880	29,580	33,790	33,560	35,110	33190	36,220	34,660	36,980
Others	750	720	1,710	2,100	2,560	2,320	2260	2,640	2,580	3,020
Sales Growth %	2.6	(9.4)	4.4	16.1	20.9	34.6	12.8	11.2	10.4	11.0
Home Care	9.8	(4.3)	(2.1)	(1.6)	(1.4)	14.6	11.9	15.7	23.0	23.7
Personal Care	(2.8)	(13.5)	(12.0)	(0.2)	9.7	19.7	13.2	10.3	6.9	3.6
Foods & Refreshment	7.9	(6.7)	51.7	82.9	79.9	96.4	12.2	7.2	3.3	5.3
Others	(47.6)	(46.3)	55.5	130.8	241.3	222.2	32.2	25.7	0.8	30.2
EBIT (Rs m)	22,130	18,100	24,020	26,200	25,820	27,080	26,030	28,670	30,240	29,840
Home Care	6,290	6,360	6,370	6,780	6,460	8,120	6620	7,280	8,640	9,390
Personal Care	12,520	9,450	11,340	13,280	14,130	12,520	12870	13,900	14,410	12,360
Foods & Refreshment	3,340	2,250	5,820	5,590	4,730	5,750	6000	6,640	6,460	7,130
Others	-20	40	490	550	500	690	540	850	730	960
EBIT Growth %	22.5	(17.2)	(1.5)	18.8	16.7	49.6	8.4	9.4	17.1	10.2
Home Care	55.7	2.7	(8.9)	13.9	2.7	27.7	3.9	7.4	33.7	15.6
Personal Care	7.7	(22.5)	(16.5)	1.0	12.9	32.5	13.5	4.7	2.0	(1.3)
Foods & Refreshment	36.9	(35.0)	53.6	90.1	41.6	155.6	3.1	18.8	36.6	24.0
Others	(33.3)	100.0	2,350.0	2,650.0	(2,600.0)	1,625.0	10.2	54.5	46.0	39.1
EBIT Margin %	22.6	20.1	22.7	22.9	21.8	22.3	21.8	22.5	23.1	22.2
Home Care	18.2	19.0	18.8	20.4	18.9	21.1	17.4	19.0	20.6	19.8
Personal Care	28.4	24.9	28.1	29.3	29.2	27.5	28.1	27.8	27.8	26.2
Foods & Refreshment	17.9	352.8	16.9	17.8	164.6	18.1	18.1	18.3	18.6	19.3
Others	(2.7)	5.6	28.7	26.2	19.5	29.7	23.9	32.2	28.3	31.8

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 3: Rural slowdown continues to impact overall FMCG volumes





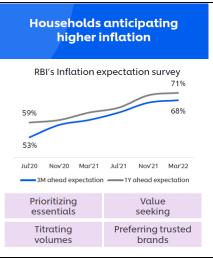


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Exhibit 4: Margins will remain under pressure in near term amidst rising input cost scenario







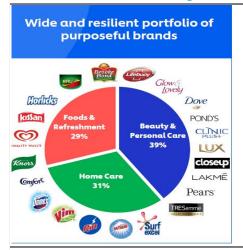
Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 5: Innovations pipeline remains healthy



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 6: Product assortment grew to 1.15x from pre covid levels.







Source: Company, PL

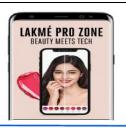
Exhibit 7: Increase in Lakme digital presence



Hyper-connected consumer journey



Building brand across multiple touch-points



Superior consumer experience led by technology



Scaling content and commerce

2.3 mn
Instagram followers







Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 8: Digital demand captures >20% in Mar'22

>800K Shikhar outlets



Accelerating eCommerce



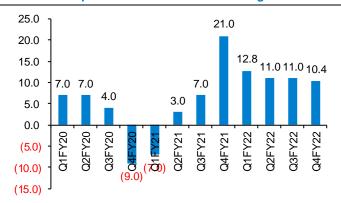
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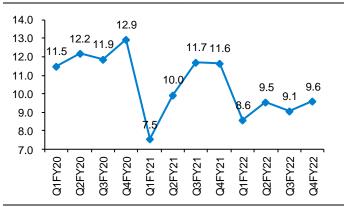
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Exhibit 9: Comparable Domestic FMCG sales grew 10.4%



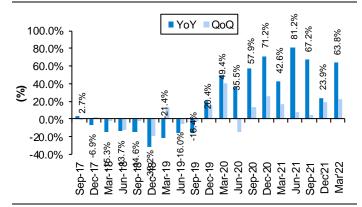
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Exhibit 11: Ad-spends lower by 210bps YoY



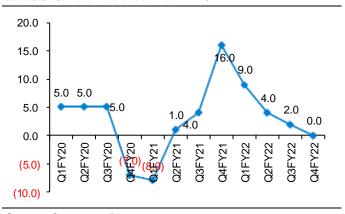
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Exhibit 13: PFAD prices up 63.8% YoY and 22.2% QoQ



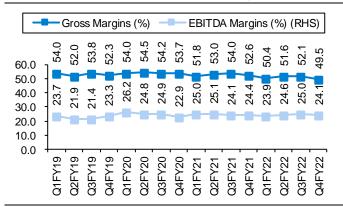
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Exhibit 10: Volumes stood flat in 4Q



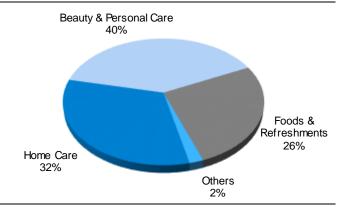
Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 12: GM down 300bps, EBITDA margin down 30bps



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 14: GSK-merger leads to rise in FR contribution



Source: Company, PL



Financials

	Income	Statement ((Rs m)
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Y/e Mar	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Net Revenues	459,960	511,930	570,959	630,551
YoY gr. (%)	18.6	11.3	11.5	10.4
Cost of Goods Sold	216,770	251,240	281,938	301,747
Gross Profit	243,190	260,690	289,021	328,804
Margin (%)	52.9	50.9	50.6	52.1
Employee Cost	22,290	23,990	25,944	29,362
Other Expenses	70	252	281	311
EBITDA	113,240	125,031	133,909	156,488
YoY gr. (%)	18.0	10.4	7.1	16.9
Margin (%)	24.6	24.4	23.5	24.8
Depreciation and Amortization	10,120	10,281	11,883	12,934
EBIT	103,120	114,750	122,026	143,554
Margin (%)	22.4	22.4	21.4	22.8
Net Interest	1,080	980	1,220	1,507
Other Income	5,130	3,590	5,330	7,989
Profit Before Tax	107,170	117,361	126,136	150,036
Margin (%)	23.3	22.9	22.1	23.8
Total Tax	25,360	29,210	30,525	36,309
Effective tax rate (%)	23.7	24.9	24.2	24.2
Profit after tax	81,810	88,151	95,612	113,727
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associate	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	81,810	88,151	95,612	113,727
YoY gr. (%)	18.0	7.8	8.5	18.9
Margin (%)	17.8	17.2	16.7	18.0
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	(2,270)	(340)	500	500
Reported PAT	79,540	87,811	96,112	114,227
YoY gr. (%)	18.0	10.4	9.5	18.8
Margin (%)	17.3	17.2	16.8	18.1
Other Comprehensive Income	210	1,150	(200)	(200)
Total Comprehensive Income	79,750	88,961	95,912	114,027
Equity Shares O/s (m)	2,350	2,350	2,350	2,350
EPS (Rs)	34.8	37.5	40.7	48.4

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	368,760	379,111	396,978	408,269
Tangibles	88,640	98,941	116,808	128,099
Intangibles	280,120	280,170	280,170	280,170
Acc: Dep / Amortization	31,650	41,931	53,814	66,747
Tangibles	30,780	40,811	52,444	65,127
Intangibles	870	1,120	1,370	1,620
Net fixed assets	337,110	337,180	343,165	341,521
Tangibles	57,860	58,130	64,365	62,971
Intangibles	279,250	279,050	278,800	278,550
Capital Work In Progress	6,230	9,010	5,000	5,000
Goodwill	173,160	173,160	173,160	173,160
Non-Current Investments	13,400	18,730	13,339	13,697
Net Deferred tax assets	(59,860)	(61,410)	(62,293)	(63,343)
Other Non-Current Assets	13,810	12,820	14,402	15,842
Current Assets				
Investments	43,020	35,440	63,870	85,000
Inventories	33,830	38,900	41,607	45,117
Trade receivables	16,480	19,320	20,033	21,282
Cash & Bank Balance	27,020	36,180	54,344	63,239
Other Current Assets	5,430	5,800	6,852	7,567
Total Assets	681,160	697,370	748,838	785,226
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	2,350	2,350	2,350	2,350
Other Equity	471,990	485,250	498,602	518,690
Total Networth	474,340	487,600	500,952	521,040
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	-	-	-	-
Provisions	15,510	15,530	17,747	19,676
Other non current liabilities	1,870	3,290	3,537	3,802
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	-	-	-	-
Trade payables	86,270	88,640	110,458	118,219
Other current liabilities	22,140	20,800	25,412	27,427
Total Equity & Liabilities	681,160	697,370	748,838	785,226

Source: Company Data, PL Research



Cash Flow (Rs m)				
Y/e Mar	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
PBT	107,170	117,360	126,135	150,036
Add. Depreciation	6,550	5,997	7,359	7,999
Add. Interest	-	-	-	-
Less Financial Other Income	-	-	-	-
Add. Other	(2,060)	810	300	300
Op. profit before WC changes	111,660	124,166	133,794	158,335
Net Changes-WC	78,180	(4,790)	23,623	5,449
Direct tax	(25,360)	(29,210)	(30,525)	(36,309)
Net cash from Op. activities	164,480	90,166	126,892	127,475
Capital expenditures	(467,360)	(8,847)	(1,948)	(7,177)
Interest / Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
Others	(35,660)	2,250	(23,039)	(21,488)
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(503,020)	(6,597)	(24,987)	(28,666)
Issue of share cap. / premium	402,045	423	(316)	55
Debt changes	3,140	1,290	6,202	3,203
Dividend paid	(88,110)	(75,190)	(82,240)	(93,990)
Interest paid	-	-	-	-
Others	346	(932)	(7,387)	818
Net cash from Fin. activities	317,421	(74,409)	(83,741)	(89,914)
Net change in cash	(21,120)	9,160	18,164	8,895
Free Cash Flow	(302,880)	81,319	124,944	120,298

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Quarterly Financials (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22
Net Revenue	119,150	127,240	130,920	134,620
YoY gr. (%)	12.8	11.2	10.4	11.0
Raw Material Expenses	59,050	61,580	62,690	67,920
Gross Profit	60,100	65,660	68,230	66,700
Margin (%)	50.4	51.6	52.1	49.5
EBITDA	28,470	31,320	32,790	32,450
YoY gr. (%)	7.7	9.2	14.9	9.7
Margin (%)	23.9	24.6	25.0	24.1
Depreciation / Depletion	2,440	2,650	2,550	2,610
EBIT	26,030	28,670	30,240	29,840
Margin (%)	21.8	22.5	23.1	22.2
Net Interest	110	260	250	360
Other Income	670	1,130	910	1,220
Profit before Tax	26,590	29,540	30,900	30,700
Margin (%)	22.3	23.2	23.6	22.8
Total Tax	6,970	7,670	7,980	8,010
Effective tax rate (%)	26.2	26.0	25.8	26.1
Profit after Tax	19,620	21,870	22,920	22,690
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associates	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	19,620	21,870	22,920	22,690
YoY gr. (%)	4.8	7.5	17.5	7.9
Margin (%)	16.5	17.2	17.5	16.9
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	(990)	-	(490)	580
Reported PAT	18,630	21,870	22,430	23,270
YoY gr. (%)	(1.0)	8.9	17.5	8.6
Margin (%)	15.6	17.2	17.1	17.3
Other Comprehensive Income	90	270	220	570
Total Comprehensive Income	18,720	22,140	22,650	23,840
Avg. Shares O/s (m)	2,350	-	2,350	2,350
EPS (Rs)	8.3	-	9.8	9.7

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Key Financial Metrics						
Y/e Mar	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E		
Per Share(Rs)						
EPS	34.8	37.5	40.7	48.4		
CEPS	39.1	41.9	45.7	53.9		
BVPS	201.8	207.5	213.2	221.7		
FCF	(128.9)	34.6	53.2	51.2		
DPS	37.5	32.0	35.0	40.0		
Return Ratio(%)						
RoCE	37.2	23.9	24.7	28.1		
ROIC	38.0	21.1	24.6	30.0		
RoE	29.5	18.3	19.3	22.3		
Balance Sheet						
Net Debt : Equity (x)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.3)		
Net Working Capital (Days)	(29)	(22)	(31)	(30)		
Valuation(x)						
PER	61.6	57.2	52.7	44.3		
P/B	10.6	10.3	10.1	9.7		
P/CEPS	54.8	51.2	46.9	39.8		
EV/EBITDA	43.9	39.7	36.8	31.3		
EV/Sales	10.8	9.7	8.6	7.8		
Dividend Yield (%)	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.9		

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Analyst Coverage Universe

Sr. No.	CompanyName	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	Asian Paints	BUY	3,542	3,206
2	Avenue Supermarts	Accumulate	5,345	4,146
3	Bajaj Electricals	Accumulate	1,278	1,091
4	Britannia Industries	BUY	3,823	3,353
5	Colgate Palmolive	Accumulate	1,664	1,565
6	Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals	BUY	531	376
7	Dabur India	Accumulate	603	556
8	Emami	Accumulate	607	464
9	Havells India	Accumulate	1,378	1,268
10	Hindustan Unilever	BUY	2,356	2,183
11	ITC	BUY	285	268
12	Jubilant FoodWorks	Accumulate	3,230	2,792
13	Kansai Nerolac Paints	BUY	675	464
14	Marico	Accumulate	538	518
15	Mold-tek Packaging	BUY	793	797
16	Nestle India	Accumulate	19,426	18,203
17	Pidilite Industries	Hold	2,417	2,525
18	Polycab India	Hold	2,385	2,684
19	Restaurant Brands Asia	BUY	220	113
20	Titan Company	BUY	2,754	2,510
21	Voltas	Hold	1,182	1,318
22	Westlife Development	BUY	645	497

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 : > 15%

 Accumulate
 : 5% to 15%

 Hold
 : +5% to -5%

 Reduce
 : -5% to -15%

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 : < -15%</td>

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