## Hester Biosciences (HESPHA)

CMP: ₹ 2154 Target: ₹ 2015 (-6%)

Target Period: 12 months

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# Weak poultry performance continues to weigh on numbers...

**About the stock:** Hester is one of India's leading animal healthcare companies & the second largest poultry vaccine manufacturer in the country. It has a strategic presence in 30+ countries with key markets being India, Nepal and Tanzania.

- It operates through four broad verticals: poultry vaccines, poultry health products, animal vaccines and animal health products
- Revenue segment wise: poultry healthcare: 73%, animal healthcare: 27%

Q1FY23 Results: Numbers weak as poultry farm economics turned adverse.

- Sales were down 16% YoY to ₹ 50.7 crore
- EBITDA was at ₹ 7.4 crore, down 56% YoY with margins at 14.7%. Margins declined amid higher spends on market expansion in the animal health
- Adjusted PAT was at ₹ 4 crore (down 68% YoY)

What should investors do? Hester's share price has grown by ~1.3x over the past three years (from ~₹ 1591 in August 2019 to ~₹ 2154 levels in August 2022).

 Downgraded from HOLD to REDUCE due to adverse demand environment for poultry vaccines, slower ramp-up in Africa business, delay and uncertainty in execution of tenders along with dwindling margins

**Target Price and Valuation:** We value Hester at ₹ 2015 (base business at ₹ 1967 i.e. 38x FY24E EPS of ₹ 51.8 + NPV of ₹ 49 for Covaxin DS opportunity)

#### Key triggers for future price performance:

- Opportunities in animal vaccines such as classical swine fever, lumpy skin disease (only player), sheep pox (only player) in the domestic space and expected launch of the modified Inactivated Coryza Vaccine, along with additional revenue from PPR national tender
- Increased focus on health products & widening of portfolio with differentiated herbal line of products looks promising for growth prospects
- Traction from manufacturing from Tanzania facility, Hester Africa and strengthened distribution network in Africa, along with increase in bulk antigen capacity and fill finish line for animal vaccines
- Foray into pet care with 11 products and new marketing teams in four zones

Alternate Stock Idea: Apart from Hester, in our healthcare coverage we like Indoco.

- Indoco manufactures and markets branded formulations and APIs for the domestic and export markets.
- BUY with target price of ₹ 525



**REDUCE** 

HESTER

| Particulars           |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Particular            | Amount       |
| Market Capitalisation | ₹ 1832 crore |
| Debt (FY22)           | ₹ 223 crore  |
| Cash (FY22)           | ₹ 25 crore   |
| EV                    | ₹ 2030 crore |
| 52 week H/L (₹)       | 2852/1964    |
| Equity capital        | ₹ 8.5 crore  |
| Face value (₹)        | ₹ 10         |

| Shareho  | olding pa | ttern  |        |        |
|----------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| (in %)   | Sep-21    | Dec-21 | Mar-22 | Jun-22 |
| Promoter | 53.7      | 53.7   | 53.7   | 53.7   |
| Others   | 46.3      | 46.3   | 46.3   | 46.3   |

| Price                                | Chart  |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 3500<br>3000<br>2500<br>2000<br>1500 | - Marine Marine  | 25000<br>20000<br>15000<br>10000 |
| 1000                                 | ] " +  | 5000                             |
| 0                                    | Aug-19<br>Nov-19<br>Feb-20<br>May-20<br>Aug-21<br>May-21<br>May-21<br>Rov-22<br>May-22<br>May-22<br>Aug-22<br>May-22<br>Aug-22 | 0                                |
|                                      | Hester Biosciences(L.H.S) NSE500 (R.H.S)   |                                  |

#### Recent Event & Key risks

- Acquired 50% stake in Thrishool Exim, Tanzania
- Key Risk: (i) Prolonged logistical challenges in exports (ii) Faster ramp up of new launches

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| Key Financial Summar     | ry    |       |       |                          |       |       |                           |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|-------|-------|---------------------------|
| Key Financials (₹ Crore) | FY20  | FY21  | FY22  | 5 year CAGR<br>(FY17-22) | FY23E | FY24E | 2 year CAGR<br>(FY22-24E) |
| Revenues                 | 183.3 | 214.3 | 235.0 | 13.8                     | 252.8 | 281.7 | 9.5                       |
| EBITDA                   | 55.4  | 68.7  | 60.0  | 8.0                      | 59.6  | 77.8  | 13.9                      |
| EBITDA margins(%)        | 30.2  | 32.0  | 25.5  |                          | 23.6  | 27.6  |                           |
| Adjusted Net Profit      | 29.2  | 37.8  | 38.9  | 10.7                     | 30.5  | 44.0  | 6.4                       |
| EPS (₹)                  | 34.3  | 44.4  | 45.7  |                          | 35.9  | 51.8  |                           |
| PE (x)                   | 62.8  | 53.2  | 47.1  |                          | 60.0  | 41.6  |                           |
| EV to EBITDA (x)         | 34.9  | 27.9  | 33.8  |                          | 33.7  | 25.4  |                           |
| RoNW (%)                 | 14.5  | 16.5  | 15.0  |                          | 10.8  | 14.0  |                           |
| RoCE (%)                 | 14.0  | 16.2  | 10.9  |                          | 9.3   | 11.8  |                           |

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

## Key takeaways of recent quarter & conference call highlights

#### Q1FY23 Results: Below-par numbers

- Revenue witnessed a 16% decline YoY to ₹ 51 crore on back of 14% YoY de-growth in poultry business to ₹ 38 crore and 20% YoY decline in animal business to ₹ 12 crore. EBITDA margins declined 1370 bps YoY to 14.7%, mainly due to higher market development cost in Animal health and petcare divisions on account of the company's continuous efforts in expansion activities. EBITDA declined 56% YoY to ₹ 7.4 crore. Subsequently, PAT was down 68% YoY to ₹ 4 crore
- Hester's poultry vaccines continued to face strong headwinds on account of increased cost of inputs (mainly feed) and pricing pressure on eggs and broiler birds. Overall margins are down due to the increase in the proportion of health products sales, which have lower gross margins compared to vaccines. Health products sales constituted 34% of total sales in Q1FY23, vs. 20% in Q1FY22. Going ahead, Hester is expected to focus on vaccine tailwinds on the back of LSD outbreak and PPR tender while improving sales productivity and scaling-up health products remain key for better operating leverage. As the company strengthens its hold in the animal healthcare space, order flow and pricing power is likely to improve

#### Q1FY23 Earnings Conference Call highlights

- Vaccine sales declined 30% YoY in Q1FY23 due to high base as Q1FY22 hugely benefited from one-off sales on account of the then prevailing poultry disease outbreak while in this quarter poultry industry continued to face strong headwinds on account of increased cost of inputs (mainly feed) and pricing pressure on eggs and broiler birds. Consequent to severe margin pressure, the poultry industry sharply reduced new bird placements along-with initiatives towards input cost optimisation
- Sales of health products grew by 42% on back of a strong momentum gained from new product and territorial expansion. Overall margins have reduced due to the increase in the proportion of health products sales which have lower gross margins compared to vaccines. Health products sales constituted 34% of the total sales in Q1FY23, vs. 20% in Q1FY22
- EBITDA and PAT margin declined in Q1FY23 due to reduction in vaccine sales, increase in marketing expenses on a low base, increased market development cost in animal health and petcare divisions on account of company's continuous efforts in expansion activities
- Going forward, management expects the recent outbreak of lumpy skin disease (LSD) to result in additional sales in Q2FY23 while supplies for government tender for PPR vaccine for sheep & goat to start from September 2022
- Over the next couple of quarters, Hester will focus on growing sales of health products on back of improving the sales productivity of the marketing team as well as launching new products and entering new territories
- In pet care division, 11 products were launched in the market and sales force
  has been employed. The company is implementing distributorship model
  for supply chain on similar lines to poultry and health products
- Hester Nepal has registered 16% growth in domestic revenues but there
  were no tender sales due to delay in tendering by FAO and other multilateral
  institutions. Hester Tanzania started commercial operations and received
  regulatory approval for four products with two additional products under
  approval process. Revenues are expected to start in Q2FY23
- Bulk antigen production capacity expansion project is completed and trial runs are ongoing with commercialisation expected from Q3FY23.
   Expansion of Fill-Finish line capacity is expected to be completed by Q4
- Government of India has allowed the manufacture and sale of Avian Influenza Inactivated vaccine, H9N2 strain, to contribute from Q3

| Exhibit 1: Variance A | nalysis |        |        |          |         |  |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|--------|----------|---------|--|
|                       | Q1FY23  | Q1FY22 | Q4FY22 | YoY (%)  | QoQ (%) | Comments   |
| Revenue               | 50.7    | 60.2   | 56.5   | -15.8    | -10.2   | YoY decline as sales of vaccines declined by 30% YoY   |
| Raw Material Expenses | 14.4    | 17.9   | 15.4   | -19.6    | -6.8    |  |
| Gross Margin (%)      | 71.7    | 70.3   | 72.7   | 135.5    | -105.2  | Sequential decline impacted due to increase in proportion of sales of Health<br>Products coupled with an increase in raw material prices   |
| Employee Expenses     | 11.8    | 11.3   | 12.3   | 5.0      | -3.4    |  |
| Other Expenditure     | 17.1    | 14.0   | 18.5   | 22.1     | -7.7    |  |
| EBITDA                | 7.4     | 17.1   | 10.3   | -56.5    | -28.0   |  |
| EBITDA (%)            | 14.7    | 28.4   | 18.3   | -1,370.4 | -362.8  | YoY decline amid higher spends in marketing expenses and market development cost in Animal Health and Petcare Divisions on account of company's continuous efforts in expansion activities |
| Interest              | 1.6     | 0.9    | 1.5    | 86.2     | 6.7     |  |
| Depreciation          | 5.1     | 3.2    | 5.1    | 56.7     | -1.4    |  |
| Other Income          | 3.1     | 2.3    | 7.2    | 33.0     | -56.6   |  |
| PBT before EO & Forex | 5.5     | 15.3   | 11.3   | -64.4    | -51.7   |  |
| Forex & EO            | 0.0     | 0.0    | 0.0    |          |         |  |
| PBT                   | 5.5     | 15.3   | 11.3   | -64.4    | -51.7   |  |
| Tax                   | 1.9     | 4.3    | 2.3    | -55.8    | -17.3   |  |
| PAT before MI         | 3.6     | 11.0   | 9.0    | -67.7    | -60.5   |  |
| MI                    | -0.4    | -1.5   | 1.3    | -72.3    | -131.8  |  |
| Adjusted Net Profit   | 4.0     | 12.5   | 7.7    | -68.2    | -48.6   | Delta vis-à-vis EBITDA mainly due to higher interest and depreciation  |
| Key Metrics           |         |        |        |          |         |  |
| Poultry Healthcare    | 38.4    | 44.8   | 39.7   | -14.3    | -3.2    | YoY decline as poultry industry continued to face strong headwinds on account of increased cost of inputs (mainly feed) and pricing pressure on eggs and broiler birds                     |
| Animal Healthcare     | 12.3    | 15.4   | 16.8   | -20.1    | -26.7   |  |

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

|                   |       | FY23E |        |       | FY24E |          | Comments   |
|-------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|----------|--|
| (₹ Crore)         | Old   | New % | Change | Old   | New   | % Change |  |
| Revenue           | 268.2 | 252.8 | -5.7   | 302.6 | 281.7 | -6.9     | Changed on back of poor offtake in Africa and lower than expected sales in poultry business          |
| BITDA             | 63.4  | 59.6  | -6.1   | 88.2  | 77.8  | -11.8    |  |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 23.6  | 23.6  | -9 bps | 29.2  | 27.6  | -154 bps | Changed mainly because of increasing operational expenses and lower margin profile for animal health |
| PAT               | 35.1  | 30.5  | -13.1  | 53.8  | 44.0  | -18.1    |  |
| EPS (₹)           | 41.3  | 35.9  | -13.1  | 63.2  | 51.8  | -18.1    |  |

Source: ICICI Direct Research

| Exhibit 3: Assump  | otions |       |        |       |       |       |       |   |
|--------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|
|                    |        | C     | urrent |       |       | Earli | ier   | Comments  |
| (₹ crore)          | FY20   | FY21  | FY22   | FY23E | FY24E | FY23E | FY24E |   |
| Poultry Healthcare | 120.3  | 156.5 | 171.8  | 181.4 | 199.5 | 192.0 | 215.1 | Changed due to adverse demand environment         |
| Animal Healthcare  | 47.3   | 50.5  | 63.2   | 71.5  | 82.2  | 76.1  | 87.5  | Changed as the offtake is slower than anticipated |

Source: ICICI Direct Research

| Exhibit 4: Trends in    | Quarterly | / Perfo | rmance | 9      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |           |          |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|----------|
| (₹ crore)               | Q1FY20    | Q2FY20  | Q3FY20 | Q4FY20 | Q1FY21 | Q2FY21 | Q3FY21 | Q4FY21 | Q1FY22 | Q2FY22 | Q3FY22 | Q4FY22 | Q1FY23 | YoY (%)   | QoQ (%)  |
| Total Operating Income  | 44.8      | 44.2    | 50.7   | 43.6   | 39.9   | 53.4   | 56.9   | 64.2   | 60.2   | 62.7   | 55.7   | 56.5   | 50.7   | -15.8     | -10.2    |
| Raw Material Expenses   | 5.6       | 5.6     | 5.7    | 2.9    | 5.0    | 15.2   | 13.7   | 17.7   | 17.9   | 16.2   | 13.3   | 15.4   | 14.4   | -19.6     | -6.8     |
| % of Revenue            | 12.5      | 12.6    | 11.2   | 6.5    | 12.4   | 28.5   | 24.0   | 27.5   | 29.7   | 25.8   | 23.9   | 27.3   | 28.3   | -135 bps  | 105 bps  |
| Gross Profit            | 39.2      | 38.6    | 45.0   | 40.8   | 34.9   | 38.2   | 43.2   | 46.5   | 42.3   | 46.5   | 42.4   | 41.1   | 36.3   | -14.1     | -11.5    |
| Gross Profit Margin (%) | 87.5      | 87.4    | 88.8   | 93.5   | 87.6   | 71.5   | 76.0   | 72.5   | 70.3   | 74.2   | 76.1   | 72.7   | 71.7   | 135 bps   | -105 bps |
| Employee Expenses       | 8.6       | 9.4     | 10.3   | 12.4   | 8.6    | 8.4    | 10.8   | 11.1   | 11.3   | 11.1   | 10.7   | 12.3   | 11.8   | 5.0       | -3.4     |
| % of Revenue            | 19.3      | 21.2    | 20.3   | 28.5   | 21.5   | 15.8   | 19.0   | 17.4   | 18.8   | 17.7   | 19.1   | 21.7   | 23.4   | 461 bps   | 165 bps  |
| Other Expenditure       | 13.0      | 18.2    | 14.0   | 21.2   | 14.4   | 14.0   | 11.2   | 15.6   | 14.0   | 17.8   | 16.7   | 18.5   | 17.1   | 22.1      | -7.7     |
| % of Revenue            | 29.0      | 41.2    | 27.7   | 48.5   | 36.2   | 26.2   | 19.8   | 24.3   | 23.2   | 28.5   | 30.0   | 32.7   | 33.7   | 1044 bps  | 93 bps   |
| Total Expenditure       | 27.2      | 33.1    | 30.0   | 36.4   | 28.0   | 37.6   | 35.7   | 44.4   | 43.1   | 45.1   | 40.7   | 46.1   | 43.3   | 0.3       | -6.2     |
| % of Revenue            | 60.7      | 75.0    | 59.2   | 83.5   | 70.1   | 70.4   | 62.8   | 69.2   | 71.6   | 72.0   | 73.0   | 81.7   | 85.3   | 1370 bps  | 363 bps  |
| EBITDA                  | 17.6      | 11.1    | 20.7   | 7.2    | 11.9   | 15.8   | 21.2   | 19.8   | 17.1   | 17.6   | 15.0   | 10.3   | 7.4    | -56.5     | -28.0    |
| EBITDA Margin (%)       | 39.3      | 25.0    | 40.8   | 16.5   | 29.9   | 29.6   | 37.2   | 30.8   | 28.4   | 28.0   | 27.0   | 18.3   | 14.7   | -1370 bps | -363 bps |
| Other Income            | 0.6       | 0.7     | 0.3    | 4.8    | 0.7    | 0.2    | 1.3    | 2.5    | 2.3    | 1.4    | 2.8    | 7.2    | 3.1    | 33.0      | -56.6    |
| Interest                | 1.9       | 1.4     | 2.6    | 2.5    | 1.5    | 2.1    | 1.5    | 1.4    | 0.9    | 0.7    | 1.0    | 1.5    | 1.6    | 86.2      | 6.7      |
| Depreciation            | 3.2       | 3.2     | 3.4    | 3.2    | 3.2    | 3.2    | 3.3    | 3.6    | 3.2    | 3.1    | 5.2    | 5.1    | 5.1    | 56.7      | -1.4     |
| PBT                     | 13.0      | 7.1     | 15.0   | 6.2    | 7.9    | 10.7   | 17.7   | 17.2   | 15.3   | 15.2   | 11.7   | 10.9   | 3.9    | -74.6     | -64.2    |
| Total Tax               | 4.9       | 0.9     | 3.0    | 1.5    | 2.8    | 4.0    | 4.8    | 3.8    | 4.3    | 4.1    | 3.3    | 2.3    | 1.9    | -55.8     | -17.3    |
| Tax rate (%)            | 37.9      | 12.7    | 20.1   | 23.7   | 35.9   | 37.5   | 27.1   | 21.9   | 28.1   | 26.7   | 28.7   | 21.1   | 48.9   | 2078 bps  | 2775 bps |
| PAT                     | 8.4       | 6.5     | 11.5   | 2.7    | 5.7    | 6.7    | 12.3   | 9.7    | 12.5   | 10.6   | 8.5    | 7.7    | 4.0    | -68.2     | -48.6    |
| PAT Margin (%)          | 18.7      | 14.8    | 22.7   | 6.3    | 14.3   | 12.5   | 21.7   | 15.1   | 20.8   | 17.0   | 15.2   | 13.7   | 7.8    |           |          |
| EPS (₹)                 | 9.9       | 7.7     | 13.5   | 3.2    | 6.7    | 7.9    | 14.5   | 11.4   | 14.7   | 12.5   | 10.0   | 9.1    | 4.7    |           |          |

Source: ICICI Direct Research

| Company               | I-Direct | CMP   | TP     | Rating | M Cap  |       | EPS   | S (₹) |       |       | PE   | (x)   |       |      | Rot  | CE (%) |       |          | RoE (%) |      |
|-----------------------|----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|--------|-------|----------|---------|------|
|                       | Code     | (₹)   | (₹)    |        | (₹ cr) | FY21  | FY22  | FY23E | FY24E | FY21  | FY22 | FY23E | FY24E | FY21 | FY22 | FY23E  | FY24E | FY21 FY2 | 2 FY23E | FY24 |
| Hospitals             |          |       |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |      |        |       |          |         |      |
| Apollo Hospitals      | APOHOS   | 4352  | 5,080  | Buy    | 62577  | 7.9   | 59.1  | 79.0  | 101.0 | 553.7 | 73.6 | 55.1  | 43.1  | 6.3  | 15.1 | 15.3   | 18.8  | 2.5 15.  | 1 17.4  | 18.9 |
| Narayana Hrudalaya    | NARHRU   | 697   | 800    | Buy    | 14240  | -0.7  | 16.7  | 20.6  | 22.7  | NA    | 41.6 | 33.9  | 30.7  | 1.2  | 20.5 | 19.6   | 19.7  | -1.3 23. | 0 22.3  | 19.9 |
| Shalby                | SHALIM   | 120   | 150    | Buy    | 1292   | 3.9   | 5.4   | 7.5   | 9.9   | 30.5  | 22.1 | 16.0  | 12.1  | 6.5  | 8.4  | 11.7   | 14.3  | 5.1 6.   | 7 8.6   | 10.4 |
| Aster DM              | ASTDM    | 206   | 250    | Buy    | 10300  | 3.0   | 10.5  | 10.8  | 16.7  | 69.7  | 19.6 | 19.1  | 12.4  | 5.4  | 9.0  | 9.4    | 12.5  | 4.4 13.  | 3 12.0  | 15.6 |
| Healthcare Global     | HEAGLO   | 284   | 345    | Buy    | 3947   | -13.9 | 3.9   | 4.5   | 8.8   | -13.9 | 73.5 | 62.4  | 32.1  | -0.9 | 5.0  | 9.4    | 12.1  | -0.9 5.  | 0 6.8   | 11.6 |
| MNC Pharma            |          |       |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |      |        |       |          |         |      |
| Abbott India          | ABBIND   | 19152 | 21,140 | Hold   | 40696  | 325.0 | 375.9 | 427.7 | 528.6 | 58.9  | 51.0 | 44.8  | 36.2  | 33.8 | 36.6 | 37.1   | 37.3  | 26.5 28. | 3 28.9  | 28.8 |
| P&G Health            | MERLIM   | 4403  | 4,955  | Hold   | 7309   | 106.5 | 121.5 | 130.5 | 141.6 | 41.3  | 36.2 | 33.7  | 31.1  | 32.2 | 37.3 | 34.7   | 32.8  | 25.1 29. | 3 27.0  | 25.4 |
| Sanofi India          | SANOFI   | 6355  | 6,885  | Hold   | 14637  | 207.4 | 410.1 | 270.5 | 264.8 | 30.6  | 15.5 | 23.5  | 24.0  | 32.3 | 33.3 | 41.1   | 50.7  | 24.5 25. | 9 31.2  | 38.7 |
| Pfizer                | PFIZER   | 4257  | 4,480  | Hold   | 19475  | 108.8 | 133.9 | 140.4 | 149.3 | 39.1  | 31.8 | 30.3  | 28.5  | 27.6 | 26.1 | 22.4   | 21.8  | 20.8 21. | 4 17.9  | 17.7 |
| Pharma                |          |       |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |      |        |       |          |         |      |
| Ajanta Pharma         | AJAPHA   | 1272  | 1,495  | Buy    | 16298  | 51.0  | 55.6  | 60.1  | 71.1  | 24.9  | 22.9 | 21.2  | 17.9  | 29.0 | 27.0 | 24.4   | 24.5  | 21.8 21. | 8 19.9  | 19.9 |
| Alembic Pharma        | ALEMPHA  | 663   | 590    | Reduce | 13030  | 62.8  | 27.8  | 15.3  | 26.9  | 10.6  | 23.9 | 43.4  | 24.6  | 25.1 | 10.6 | 6.5    | 10.5  | 24.1 10. | 4 5.6   | 9.1  |
| Aurobindo Pharma      | AURPHA   | 588   | 615    | Hold   | 34430  | 55.0  | 47.4  | 41.1  | 51.3  | 10.7  | 12.4 | 14.3  | 11.5  | 16.9 | 12.9 | 11.5   | 13.3  | 14.7 11. | 3 9.0   | 10.1 |
| Biocon                | BIOCON   | 315   | 320    | Hold   | 37819  | 6.3   | 5.7   | 5.5   | 11.3  | 50.3  | 55.3 | 57.8  | 27.8  | 7.7  | 7.5  | 4.1    | 6.5   | 9.9 8.   | 1 2.8   | 5.5  |
| Zydus Lifesciences    | CADHEA   | 394   | 405    | Hold   | 39891  | 23.3  | 21.0  | 21.0  | 23.8  | 16.9  | 18.8 | 18.8  | 16.6  | 13.8 | 12.0 | 11.8   | 11.7  | 18.4 12. | 6 11.4  | 11.6 |
| Cipla                 | CIPLA    | 1030  | 1,135  | Buy    | 83148  | 29.9  | 32.9  | 38.6  | 45.8  | 34.5  | 31.3 | 26.7  | 22.5  | 16.3 | 16.7 | 17.9   | 19.0  | 13.1 12. | 7 13.3  | 14.1 |
| Dr Reddy's Labs       | DRREDD   | 4306  | 4,750  | Buy    | 71668  | 117.3 | 126.9 | 203.4 | 191.0 | 36.7  | 33.9 | 21.2  | 22.5  | 13.1 | 13.0 | 19.1   | 18.1  | 11.1 11. | 0 15.4  | 13.0 |
| Glenmark Pharma       | GLEPHA   | 387   | 460    | Hold   | 10911  | 32.9  | 42.7  | 41.0  | 48.3  | 11.8  | 9.1  | 9.4   | 8.0   | 13.9 | 14.8 | 14.5   | 15.4  | 13.1 13. | 2 11.4  | 11.9 |
| Ipca Laboratories     | IPCLAB   | 929   | 985    | Hold   | 23560  | 44.9  | 34.8  | 27.5  | 35.1  | 20.7  | 26.7 | 33.8  | 26.4  | 27.1 | 17.4 | 14.3   | 16.3  | 24.2 16. | 1 11.4  | 13.0 |
| Jubilant Pharmova     | JUBLIF   | 345   | 340    | Reduce | 5495   | 37.4  | 26.0  | 15.9  | 26.1  | 9.2   | 13.3 | 21.7  | 13.2  | 13.7 | 9.0  | 6.1    | 8.6   | 12.6 7.  | 8 4.6   | 7.0  |
| Lupin                 | LUPIN    | 681   | 610    | Reduce | 30980  | 26.9  | 11.9  | 11.8  | 27.7  | 25.4  | 57.4 | 57.9  | 24.6  | 9.6  | 3.4  | 5.8    | 10.9  | 8.8 4.   | 4 4.2   | 9.2  |
| Natco Pharma          | NATPHA   | 656   | 735    | Hold   | 11969  | 24.2  | 9.3   | 41.6  | 42.3  | 27.1  | 70.4 | 15.8  | 15.5  | 13.1 | 4.6  | 18.1   | 16.9  | 10.7 4.  | 0 15.5  | 13.9 |
| Sun Pharma            | SUNPHA   | 918   | 1,125  | Buy    | 220151 | 30.0  | 32.0  | 34.8  | 40.1  | 30.5  | 28.7 | 26.4  | 22.9  | 14.2 | 18.2 | 18.0   | 18.7  | 15.5 16. | 0 15.2  | 15.2 |
| Torrent Pharma        | TORPHA   | 1580  | 1,800  | Buy    | 53459  | 37.0  | 32.0  | 43.7  | 54.6  | 42.7  | 49.3 | 36.2  | 29.0  | 17.6 | 19.7 | 24.7   | 29.4  | 21.4 18. | 2 20.9  | 21.8 |
| Indoco Remedies       | INDREM   | 372   | 525    | Buy    | 3429   | 10.1  | 16.8  | 21.6  | 29.2  | 36.9  | 22.2 | 17.2  | 12.8  | 11.7 | 17.5 | 17.6   | 23.9  | 12.1 17. | 1 18.6  | 20.6 |
| Caplin Point          | CAPPOI   | 811   | 1,000  | Buy    | 6146   | 81.7  | 85.3  | 70.4  | 73.0  | 9.9   | 9.5  | 11.5  | 11.1  | 25.3 | 23.7 | 22.6   | 0.0   | 20.4 20. | 2 18.7  | 17.5 |
| Advanced Enzymes      | ADVENZ   | 270   | 265    | Reduce | 3017   | 13.1  | 10.7  | 8.5   | 12.1  | 20.6  | 25.2 | 31.9  | 22.4  | 19.4 | 14.3 | 10.2   | 13.2  | 15.1 11. | 0 8.1   | 10.4 |
| Hester Biosciences    | HESPHA   | 2125  | 2,015  | Reduce | 1808   | 44.4  | 45.7  | 35.9  | 51.8  | 47.9  | 46.5 | 59.2  | 41.1  | 16.2 | 10.9 | 9.3    | 11.8  | 16.5 15. | 0 10.8  | 14.0 |
| API/CRAMS             |          |       |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |      |        |       |          |         |      |
| Divi's Lab            | DIVLAB   | 3745  | 4,315  | Buy    | 99406  | 74.7  | 111.5 | 93.0  | 113.5 | 50.1  | 33.6 | 40.3  | 33.0  | 27.6 | 30.2 | 22.8   | 24.4  | 21.3 25. | 2 18.4  | 19.2 |
| Hikal                 | HIKCHE   | 293   | 290    | Hold   | 3618   | 10.8  | 13.0  | 3.8   | 14.4  | 27.2  | 22.5 | 76.6  | 20.3  | 15.1 | 13.6 | 5.6    | 13.8  | 14.3 15. |         |      |
| Syngene Int.          | SYNINT   | 587   | 710    | Buy    | 23568  | 10.1  | 9.9   | 11.5  | 14.6  | 58.0  | 59.5 | 50.9  | 40.3  |      | 11.7 | 12.8   | 15.2  | 13.5 12. |         | 13.7 |
| Granules India        | GRANUL   | 316   | 375    | Buv    | 7837   | 22.2  | 16.6  | 21.9  | 26.8  | 14.3  | 19.0 | 14.4  | 11.8  |      | 15.6 | 18.6   | 20.5  | 25.3 16. |         |      |
| Laurus Labs           | LAULAB   | 572   | 675    | Buv    | 30737  | 18.3  | 15.4  | 20.7  | 27.0  | 31.3  | 37.1 | 27.6  | 21.2  |      | 21.3 | 23.6   | 26.0  | 37.9 24. |         | 25.6 |
| Suven Pharmaceuticals | SUVPH    | 449   | 530    | Hold   | 11436  | 14.2  | 17.8  | 17.0  | 17.6  | 31.6  | 25.2 | 26.4  | 25.5  |      | 37.5 | 28.7   | 25.0  | 30.7 29. |         |      |

Source: ICICI Direct Research

# Financial Summary

| Exhibit 6: Profit and loss stat | ement |       | ₹ crore |       |  |  |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|-------|--|--|
| (Year-end March)                | FY21  | FY22  | FY23E   | FY24E |  |  |
| Revenues                        | 214.3 | 235.0 | 252.8   | 281.7 |  |  |
| Growth (%)                      | 17.0  | 9.6   | 7.6     | 11.4  |  |  |
| Raw Material Expenses           | 51.5  | 62.7  | 69.9    | 71.7  |  |  |
| Employee Expenses               | 38.9  | 45.3  | 50.5    | 54.9  |  |  |
| Other Expenditure               | 55.3  | 67.0  | 72.9    | 77.3  |  |  |
| Total Operating Expenditure     | 145.7 | 175.0 | 193.3   | 203.9 |  |  |
| EBITDA                          | 68.7  | 60.0  | 59.6    | 77.8  |  |  |
| Growth (%)                      | 23.9  | -12.6 | -0.7    | 30.6  |  |  |
| Interest                        | 6.6   | 4.1   | 6.6     | 6.7   |  |  |
| Depreciation                    | 13.3  | 16.6  | 21.6    | 23.3  |  |  |
| Other Income                    | 4.7   | 13.7  | 13.2    | 14.1  |  |  |
| PBT before Exceptional Items    | 53.4  | 53.1  | 44.6    | 61.9  |  |  |
| Less: Forex & Exceptional Items | 3.3   | 0.0   | 0.0     | 0.0   |  |  |
| PBT                             | 50.1  | 53.1  | 44.6    | 61.9  |  |  |
| Total Tax                       | 15.4  | 14.0  | 12.6    | 16.3  |  |  |
| PAT                             | 34.4  | 38.9  | 30.5    | 44.0  |  |  |
| Adjusted PAT                    | 37.8  | 38.9  | 30.5    | 44.0  |  |  |
| Growth (%)                      | 29.4  | 3.0   | -21.5   | 44.3  |  |  |
| EPS                             | 40.5  | 45.7  | 35.9    | 51.8  |  |  |
| EPS (Adjusted)                  | 44.4  | 45.7  | 35.9    | 51.8  |  |  |

EPS (Adjusted)
Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

| Exhibit 7: Cash flow statement        | t     |        | ₹     | crore |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| (Year-end March)                      | FY21  | FY22   | FY23E | FY24E |
| Profit/(Loss) after taxation          | 36.2  | 36.4   | 30.5  | 44.0  |
| Add: Depreciation & Amortization      | 13.3  | 16.6   | 21.6  | 23.3  |
| Add: Interest                         | 4.0   | 2.6    | 6.6   | 6.7   |
| Net Increase in Current Assets        | 14.2  | -29.1  | -14.8 | -11.0 |
| Net Increase in Current Liabilities   | -15.0 | -9.5   | 2.8   | 1.6   |
| CF from operating activities          | 52.7  | 16.9   | 46.8  | 64.6  |
| (Inc)/dec in Fixed Assets             | -40.7 | -95.5  | -30.0 | -20.0 |
| (Inc)/dec in Investments              | 0.0   | -21.3  | 21.2  | 0.0   |
| Other Investing Activities            | -1.0  | -0.1   | 0.7   | 0.7   |
| CF from investing activities          | -41.7 | -116.9 | -8.1  | -19.3 |
| Proceeds from issues of Equity Shares | 0.0   | 0.4    | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Proceeds/(Repayment) Loan             | -22.9 | 116.9  | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| (Payment) of Dividend and Dividend Ta | -5.6  | -8.5   | -7.7  | -11.5 |
| Other Financing Activities            | 10.3  | 2.9    | -6.6  | -6.7  |
| CF from financing activities          | -18.2 | 111.6  | -14.3 | -18.2 |
| Net Cash flow                         | -7.2  | 11.6   | 24.5  | 27.2  |
| Opening Cash                          | 23.5  | 21.7   | 25.2  | 49.7  |
| Closing Cash                          | 16.4  | 33.3   | 49.7  | 76.8  |
| FCF                                   | 12.0  | -78.7  | 16.8  | 44.6  |

FCF
Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

| Exhibit 8: Balance Sheet      |       |       |       | ₹ crore |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| (Year-end March)              | FY21  | FY22  | FY23E | FY24E   |
| Equity Capital                | 8.5   | 8.5   | 8.5   | 8.5     |
| Reserve and Surplus           | 219.8 | 251.5 | 274.3 | 306.9   |
| Total Shareholders funds      | 228.3 | 260.0 | 282.8 | 315.4   |
| Total Debt                    | 104.5 | 222.6 | 222.6 | 222.6   |
| Deferred Tax Liability        | 7.3   | 6.5   | 6.8   | 7.2     |
| Minority Interest             | 7.7   | 7.4   | 7.8   | 8.2     |
| Other Non Current Liabilities | 23.6  | 26.8  | 28.2  | 29.6    |
| Source of Funds               | 371.4 | 523.3 | 548.2 | 582.9   |
| Gross Block - Fixed Assets    | 228.2 | 348.2 | 368.2 | 388.2   |
| Accumulated Depreciation      | 95.4  | 111.0 | 132.6 | 155.9   |
| Net Block                     | 132.8 | 237.2 | 235.5 | 232.3   |
| Capital WIP                   | 109.0 | 81.9  | 91.9  | 91.9    |
| Net Fixed Assets              | 241.8 | 319.1 | 327.5 | 324.2   |
| Total Intangible Assets       | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0     |
| Investments                   | 0.0   | 21.2  | 0.0   | 0.0     |
| Inventory                     | 62.2  | 75.4  | 84.0  | 86.1    |
| Cash                          | 21.7  | 25.2  | 49.7  | 76.8    |
| Debtors                       | 49.2  | 55.3  | 59.5  | 66.3    |
| Loans & Advances & Other CA   | 28.4  | 38.9  | 40.8  | 42.9    |
| Total Current Assets          | 161.5 | 194.8 | 234.0 | 272.1   |
| Creditors                     | 28.1  | 18.0  | 20.1  | 20.6    |
| Provisions & Other CL         | 11.6  | 20.9  | 21.6  | 22.7    |
| Total Current Liabilities     | 39.7  | 38.9  | 41.7  | 43.3    |
| Net Current Assets            | 121.8 | 155.9 | 192.3 | 228.9   |
| LT L& A, Other Assets         | 7.8   | 27.1  | 28.4  | 29.9    |
| Deferred Tax Assets           | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0     |
| Application of Funds          | 371.4 | 523.3 | 548.2 | 582.9   |

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

| Exhibit 9: Key ratios  |       |       |       |       |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| (Year-end March)       | FY21  | FY22  | FY23E | FY24E |
| Per share data (₹)     |       |       |       |       |
| EPS                    | 44.4  | 45.7  | 35.9  | 51.8  |
| Cash EPS               | 34.4  | 35.7  | 26.9  | 38.3  |
| BV                     | 268.4 | 305.6 | 332.5 | 370.8 |
| DPS                    | 10.0  | 10.0  | 9.0   | 13.5  |
| Cash Per Share         | 112.1 | 130.5 | 155.9 | 183.3 |
| Operating Ratios (%)   |       |       |       |       |
| Gross Profit Margins   | 76.0  | 73.3  | 72.4  | 74.6  |
| EBITDA margins         | 32.0  | 25.5  | 23.6  | 27.6  |
| Net Profit margins     | 17.6  | 16.6  | 12.1  | 15.6  |
| Inventory days         | 441.0 | 438.7 | 438.7 | 438.7 |
| Debtor days            | 83.8  | 85.9  | 85.9  | 85.9  |
| Creditor days          | 199.1 | 104.9 | 104.9 | 104.9 |
| Asset Turnover         | 0.9   | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.7   |
| EBITDA conversion rate | 76.8  | 28.1  | 78.6  | 83.1  |
| Return Ratios (%)      |       |       |       |       |
| RoE                    | 16.5  | 15.0  | 10.8  | 14.0  |
| RoCE                   | 16.2  | 10.9  | 9.3   | 11.8  |
| RoIC                   | 23.0  | 10.4  | 9.3   | 13.2  |
| Valuation Ratios (x)   |       |       |       |       |
| P/E                    | 53.2  | 47.1  | 60.0  | 41.6  |
| EV / EBITDA            | 27.9  | 33.8  | 33.7  | 25.4  |
| EV / Revenues          | 8.9   | 8.6   | 7.9   | 7.0   |
| Market Cap / Revenues  | 8.5   | 7.8   | 7.2   | 6.5   |
| Price to Book Value    | 8.0   | 7.0   | 6.5   | 5.8   |
| Solvency Ratios        |       |       |       |       |
| Debt / Equity          | 0.5   | 0.9   | 0.8   | 0.7   |
| Debt/EBITDA            | 1.5   | 3.7   | 3.7   | 2.9   |
| Current Ratio          | 3.5   | 4.4   | 4.4   | 4.5   |

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