

# **Retail Equity Research** Tata Chemicals Limited

Chemicals

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BUY

12 Months Investment period Rating as per Mid Cap

CMP Rs. 1,123 TARGET Rs. 1,340 RETURN 19% (Closing: 16-08-22)



### **KEY CHANGES:**

### TARGET 1



#### **EARNINGS**

## Soda ash shortage to boost realisations

Tata Chemicals Limited (TCL) is the world's third largest producer of soda ash with manufacturing facilities in Asia, Europe, Africa and North America. It also has a strong focus on consumer, Agri and specialty businesses.

- Consolidated revenue rose 34.2% YoY and 14.8% QoQ to Rs. 3,995cr in Q1FY23, led by strong performance across businesses and geographies
- EBITDA grew 68.8% YoY to Rs. 1,015cr and EBITDA margin improved 521bps YoY to 25.4%, driven by operating leverage. PAT jumped 87.2% YoY to Rs. 641cr.
- Demand for soda ash and bicarb is likely to continue in the short to medium term, along with supply tightness. Revised pricing, increasing volumes and strong demand across products is expected to boost the topline and support margins.
- Hence, we reiterate our BUY rating on the stock with a revised target price of Rs. 1,340 based on 20x FY24E adj. EPS.

### Continues demand across global

TCL's consolidated revenue grew 34.2% YoY and 14.8% QoQ to Rs. 3,995cr in Q1FY23, driven by robust demand for soda ash (detergent and glass players), bicarb and salt. Revenue from basic chemistry products grew a solid 40.8% YoY to Rs. 3,060cr, led by improved realisations and higher volumes. Revenue from specialty products increased 17.1% YoY to Rs. 934cr on account of strong growth in crop care. On a geographic basis, India revenue grew 48% YoY to Rs. 1,225cr on the back of strong demand for specialty products. US revenue grew 34% YoY to Rs. 1,119cr due to strong export prices and robust demand in the export market.

#### **Key concall highlights**

- In Q1FY23, TCL prepaid debt of \$30mn in the US from its cash accruals.
- Soda ash volumes from the US business fell 10,000 MT YoY (-1.7% YoY) due to maintenance shutdown at one of the dryers.
- Rallis continues to focus on launching products and reducing dependence on imported intermediates (from China).

### Improved realizations aids margins

EBITDA grew 68.8% YoY to Rs. 1,015cr, due in part to better operating leverage and price revisions, which offset input cost inflation. EBITDA margin expanded 521bps YoY to 25.4%. Consequently, PAT increased a higher 87.2% YoY to Rs. 641cr. The UK business turned profitable.

#### **Valuation**

TCL has been reporting solid performance consistently despite a challenging environment. We remain optimistic about continued soda ash demand across geographies, which will boost the topline. The ongoing global soda ash shortage will further improve realisations through heightened pricing. The management expects the positive momentum to continue in the near to short term and aims to leverage digitalisation for further growth. Hence, we reiterate our BUY rating on the stock, with a revised target price of Rs. 1,340 using a target multiple of 20x P/E on FY24E adj. EPS.

Company Data							
Market Cap (cr) Rs. 28,							
Enterprise Value (cr)		Rs. 35,074					
Outstanding Shares (		25.5					
Free Float			61.0%				
Dividend Yield			1.1%				
52 week high			Rs. 1,160				
52 week low			Rs. 774				
6m average volume (	lacs)		0.90				
Beta	1.3						
Face value		Rs. 10					
Shareholding %	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23				
Promoters	38.0	38.0	38.0				
FII's	14.0	13.6	15.0				
MFs/Insti	18.4	19.9	19.2				
Public	24.7	24.0	23.8				
Others	5.0	4.5	4.1				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0				
Promoters' pledge	0.0	0.0	0.0				
<b>Price Performance</b>	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year				
Absolute Return	21.8%	24.0%	28.8%				
Absolute Sensex	13.0%	3.2%	7.7%				
Relative Return*	8.9%	20.8%	21.1%				

\*over or under performance to benchmark index



Standalone (cr)	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Sales	12,622	15,298	17,565
Growth (%)	23.7	21.2	14.8
EBITDA	2,305	2,945	3,401
EBITDA Margin (%)	18.3	19.2	19.4
Adj. PAT	1,254	1,476	1,706
Growth (%)	389.0	17.7	15.5
Adj. EPS	49.2	58.0	67.0
Growth (%)	389.2	17.7	15.5
P/E	19.8	19.4	16.8
P/B	1.4	1.5	1.4
EV/EBITDA	13.5	11.9	10.3
ROE (%)	6.9	7.6	8.3
D/E	0.4	0.3	0.3





## **Quarterly Financials (Standalone)**

## **Profit & Loss Account**

	Q1FY23	Q1FY22	YoY Growth %	Q4FY22	QoQ Growth %
Revenue	3,995	2,977	34.2	3,481	14.8
EBITDA	1,015	601	68.8	657	54.4
EBITDA margins	25.4	20.2	520bps	18.9	650bps
Depreciation	213	197	7.9	205	3.7
EBIT	802	404	98.6	452	77.4
Interest	80	81	(1.5)	69	15.6
Other Income	46	54	(15.3)	106	(56.7)
Exceptional Items	-	-	n.m.	-	n.m.
PBT	797	428	86.4	513	55.3
Tax	156	85	83.0	43	264.1
Share of profit from Associate	29	51	(42.8)	24	20.7
Minority Interest	48	54	(11.7)	7	561.2
Reported PAT	593	288	105.9	438	35.3
Adjustments	-	-	n.m.	-	n.m.
Adj. PAT	593	288	105.9	438	35.3
No. of shares	25.5	25.5	(0.0)	25.5	-
Adj. EPS (Rs.)	23.3	11.3	106.0	17.2	35.3

## **Change in Estimates**

	Old es	timates	New es	stimates	Cha	nge %
Year / Rs. cr	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	13,699	15,462	15,298	17,565	11.7	13.6
EBITDA	2,706	2,964	2,945	3,401	8.8	14.7
Margins (%)	19.8	19.2	19.2	19.4	(60bps)	20bps
Adj. PAT	1,125	1,265	1,476	1,706	31.2	34.8
Adj. EPS	44.1	49.7	58.0	67.0	31.3	34.8



## **PROFIT & LOSS**

Y.E December (Rs. cr)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	10,357	10,200	12,622	15,298	17,565
% change	0.2	(1.5)	23.7	21.2	14.8
EBITDA	1,949	1,501	2,305	2,945	3,401
% change	9.3	(23.0)	53.6	27.8	15.5
Depreciation	666	759	806	879	942
EBIT	1,283	741	1,499	2,065	2,459
Interest	342	367	303	439	432
Other Income	307	260	471	398	297
PBT	1,248	634	1,667	2,024	2,324
% change	(13.2)	(49.2)	162.9	21.5	14.8
Tax	220	198	266	375	418
Tax Rate (%)	17.6	31.2	16.0	18.5	18.0
Reported PAT	7,006	256	1,258	1,476	1,706
Adj*	(6,200)	-	(4)	-	-
Adj PAT	807	256	1,254	1,476	1,706
% change	(6.4)	(68.2)	389.0	17.7	15.5
No. of shares (cr)	25.5	25.5	25.5	25.5	25.5
Adj EPS (Rs.)	31.7	10.1	49.2	58.0	67.0
% change	(6.4)	(68.2)	389.2	17.7	15.5
DPS (Rs.)	11.0	10.0	12.5	12.0	18.4
CEPS (Rs.)	57.8	39.9	80.9	92.5	103.9

## **BALANCE SHEET**

Y.E December (Rs. cr)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Cash	2,080	1,411	1,310	1,251	1,353
Accounts Receivable	1,580	1,397	1,933	1,836	2,108
Inventories	1,869	1,687	2,294	2,395	2,769
Other Cur. Assets	2,334	2,151	3,208	3,523	3,804
Investments	2,705	4,307	6,411	6,667	6,398
Gross Fixed Assets	7,111	8,345	9,610	11,599	13,882
Net Fixed Assets	5,121	5,645	6,200	7,449	8,927
CWIP	788	1,035	1,590	1,605	1,622
Intangible Assets	10,260	9,620	9,868	9,712	9,560
Def. Tax (Net)	15	-	0	0	0
Other Assets	1,000	1,085	1,029	978	934
<b>Total Assets</b>	27,752	28,337	33,843	35,417	37,474
Current Liabilities	5,175	4,186	4,019	4,178	4,682
Provisions	1,654	1,598	1,279	1,286	1,292
Debt Funds	5,386	5,477	6,803	6,653	6,504
Other Liabilities	1,876	1,934	2,585	2,799	3,058
Equity Capital	255	255	255	255	255
Reserves & Surplus	12,643	14,035	17,998	19,168	20,405
Shareholder's Fund	12,898	14,290	18,253	19,423	20,660
Minority Interest	764	853	905	1,078	1,278
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	27,752	28,337	33,843	35,417	37,474
BVPS (Rs.)	506	561	717	763	811

## **CASH FLOW**

Y.E December (Rs. cr)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Net inc. + Depn.	7,673	1,016	2,064	2,356	2,647
Non-cash adj.	(5,763)	698	229	430	481
Changes in W.C	(130)	323	(649)	(12)	(285)
C.F. Operation	1,780	2,037	1,644	2,774	2,843
Capital exp.	(1,169)	(1,233)	(1,265)	(1,989)	(2,283)
Change in inv.	790	(100)	164	(322)	199
Other invest.CF	(1,989)	203	266	(0)	-
C.F - Investment	(2,368)	(1,130)	(836)	(2,311)	(2,084)
Issue of equity	-	-	-	-	-
Issue/repay debt	823	(634)	(40)	(40)	(40)
Dividends paid	(382)	(280)	(255)	(306)	(469)
Other finance.CF	(569)	(541)	(460)	(176)	(148)
C.F - Finance	(129)	(1,456)	(755)	(522)	(657)
Chg. in cash	(717)	(549)	53	(60)	102
Closing cash	2,080	1,411	1,310	1,251	1,353

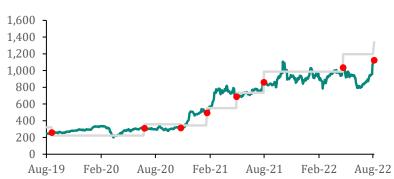
## **RATIOS**

Y.E December	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Profitab. & Return					
EBITDA margin (%)	18.8	14.7	18.3	19.2	19.4
EBIT margin (%)	12.4	7.3	11.9	13.5	14.0
Net profit mgn.(%)	7.8	2.5	9.9	9.6	9.7
ROE (%)	6.3	1.8	6.9	7.6	8.3
ROCE (%)	6.7	3.6	5.8	7.6	8.6
W.C & Liquidity					
Receivables (days)	55.7	50.0	55.9	43.8	43.8
Inventory (days)	346.6	256.8	317.4	261.0	262.8
Payables (days)	302.4	256.3	338.3	265.5	265.5
Current ratio (x)	1.1	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.3
Quick ratio (x)	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.6
Turnover & Leverage					
Gross asset T.O (x)	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Total asset T.O (x)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Int. coverage ratio (x)	3.8	2.0	4.9	4.7	5.7
Adj. debt/equity (x)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Valuation					
EV/Sales (x)	0.9	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	5.0	16.0	13.5	11.9	10.3
P/E (x)	7.0	74.7	19.8	19.4	16.8
P/BV (x)	0.4	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.4





### **Recommendation Summary (Last 3 Years)**



Dates	Rating	Target
30-Aug-19	REDUCE	223
6-Jul-20	ACCUMULATE	358
5-Nov-20	ACCUMULATE	344
1-Feb-21	ACCUMULATE	552
11-May-21	HOLD	735
11-Aug-21	BUY	987
5-May-22	BUY	1,196
17-Aug-22	BUY	1,340

Source: Bloomberg, Geojit research

### **Investment Rating Criteria**

Ratings	Large caps	Midcaps	Small Caps
Buy	Upside is above 10%	Upside is above 15%	Upside is above 20%
Accumulate	-	Upside is between 10%-15%	Upside is between 10%-20%
Hold	Upside is between 0% - 10%	Upside is between 0%-10%	Upside is between 0%-10%
Reduce/sell	Downside is more than 0%	Downside is more than 0%	Downside is more than 0%
Not rated/Neutral			

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