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Q2FY23 Result Update

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Change in Estimates

	Cu	rrent	Prev	vious
	FY24E	FY25E	FY24E	FY25E
Rating	В	UY	В	UY
Target Price	5	520	5	507
Sales (Rs. m)	37,058	37,790	37,054	37,772
% Chng.	-	-		
EBITDA (Rs. m)	4,064	4,250	4,061	4,246
% Chng.	0.1	0.1		
EPS (Rs.)	16.9	17.7	16.9	17.7
% Chng.	0.2	0.2		

Key Financials - Consolidated

Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Sales (Rs. m)	23,333	33,678	37,058	37,790
EBITDA (Rs. m)	1,938	2,786	4,064	4,250
Margin (%)	8.3	8.3	11.0	11.2
PAT (Rs. m)	1,502	2,150	3,101	3,252
EPS (Rs.)	8.2	11.7	16.9	17.7
Gr. (%)	84.9	43.1	44.3	4.9
DPS (Rs.)	4.2	5.6	8.1	8.5
Yield (%)	1.0	1.3	1.9	2.0
RoE (%)	17.5	22.1	28.0	25.5
RoCE (%)	19.9	26.0	34.1	31.0
EV/Sales (x)	3.2	2.2	2.0	1.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	38.2	26.4	18.0	17.1
PE (x)	53.0	37.0	25.7	24.5
P/BV (x)	8.7	7.7	6.7	5.9

Key Data	PRAJ.BO PRJ IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.462 / Rs.288
Sensex / Nifty	59,107 / 17,512
Market Cap	Rs.80bn/\$959m
Shares Outstanding	184m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.507.21m

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	32.83
Foreign	15.93
Domestic Institution	10.01
Public & Others	41.23
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	-

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	11.8	6.9	30.3
Relative	11.9	2.1	36.0

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Praj Industries (PRJ IN)

Rating: BUY | CMP: Rs434 | TP: Rs520

Reasonable quarterly performance

Quick Pointers:

- Order inflow reported a healthy growth of 31.7% YoY, driven by strong growth in Bioenergy segment.
- Margins were impacted in Q2FY23 (down 62bps YoY), owing to higher domestic contribution, supply chain issues and commodity inflation.

Praj Industries (PRAJ) reported a reasonable quarterly performance with revenue growth of 64.6% YoY. EBITDA margin were impacted during the quarter owing to higher contribution of domestic revenue, commodity inflation and supply chain issues. Though margins are likely to improve from H2FY23 with commodity softening, improving supply chain conditions and favorable business mix. Praj's domestic market share has increased from 60% to 66% in 1G ethanol plant during the quarter, with increasing focus of customers on quality products. On exports front, healthy traction in order inflows is likely to be witnessed from H2FY23 onwards, led by increasing ethanol blending opportunities in geographies like Canada and Mexico, while CPES exports likely to be driven by modular process equipment in green hydrogen space.

We believe PRAJ is well poised for growth in the coming years given 1) its strong leadership in domestic ethanol plants (~60-65% market share), 2) global presence (+100 countries) 3) focus on future-ready technologies like 2G plants, Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) and 4) diversification in Wastewater Treatment (ZLD), Critical Process Equipment's & System (CPES) & HiPurity business. Factoring in lower margins in H1FY23 and revenue mix skid towards domestic market, we lower our FY23E EPS by 5.4%, but keep it unchanged for FY24E and FY25E. The stock is trading at 37x/25.7x/24.5x FY23/24/25E. We roll forward our TP to Sep'24E with revised TP of Rs520 (Rs507 earlier) valuing it at 30x Sep24E EPS and maintain 'Buy' rating.

Commodity inflation, revenue mix impacts margin: PRAJ reported strong revenue growth of 64.6% YoY to Rs8.8bn (vs PLe ~Rs8.7bn). On segmental front, Bioenergy reported a strong revenue growth of ~66.9% YoY to Rs6.6bn, Engineering business grew 84% YoY to Rs1.7bn and Hi-Puritysegment grew 9.8% YoY to Rs526mn. EBITDA grew 46.6% YoY to Rs676mn (PLe ~Rs721mn), while EBITDA margin declined 62bps YoY to 7.4% (vs PLe ~ 8.3%), majorly impacted due to lower gross margins (34.7% in Q2FY23 vs 37.2% in Q2FY22). PAT grew 44.3% YoY to Rs481mn (vs PLeRs541mn).

Healthy order book: Order inflows came in at Rs9.8bn up 31.7% YoY, mainly driven by healthy growth in Bioenergy segment up 44.8% YoY to Rs8.4bn. Order book stands healthy at Rs33.5bn (1.1x TTM revenue) comprising of Bioenergy (79%), HiPurity (4%) and Engineering segment (17%).

Exhibit 1: Commodity inflation from domestic market impacted margins

Y/e March (Rs mn)	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	YoYgr. (%)	QoQ gr. (%)	H1FY23	H1FY22	YoYgr. (%)
Revenue	5,324	5,856	8,290	7,299	8,766	64.6	20.1	16,065	9,187	74.9
Total Revenues	5,324	5,856	8,290	7,299	8,766	64.6	20.1	16,065	9,187	74.9
Expenditure	4,899	5,385	7,548	6,773	8,119	65.7	19.9	14,892	8,463	76.0
as % of sales	92.0	91.9	91.0	92.8	92.6			92.7	92.1	
Consumption of RM	3,345	3,590	5,235	4,719	5,726	71.2	21.3	10,444	5,712	82.9
as % of sales	62.8	61.3	63.2	64.7	65.3			65.0	62.2	
Employee Cost	562	585	584	541	655	16.5	21.1	1,196	1,007	18.8
as % of sales	10.6	10.0	7.0	7.4	7.5			7.4	11.0	
Other expenditure	991	1,209	1,729	1,513	1,738	75.4	14.9	3,251	1,744	86.4
as % of sales	18.6	20.6	20.9	20.7	19.8			20.2	19.0	
EBITDA	426	472	742	526	647	52.0	23.0	1,173	724	62.0
Depreciation	54	52	67	64	72	33.6	12.5	136	107	26.8
EBIT	372	420	676	462	575	54.6	24.4	1,037	617	68.1
Other Income	102	88	113	88	91	(10.3)	3.9	179	161	11.3
Interest	6	5	8	7	8	43.9	10.8	16	12	33.3
PBT	468	503	781	542	658	40.6	21.3	1,200	766	56.7
Total Tax	134	132	204	130	177	31.4	36.1	306	210	45.6
Adjusted PAT	333	371	577	413	481	44.4	16.7	894	555	60.9
(Profit)/loss from JV's/Ass/MI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PAT after MI	333	371	577	413	481	44.4	16.7	894	555	60.9
Extra ordinary items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	333	371	577	413	481	44.4	16.7	894	555	60.9
Adjusted EPS	1.8	2.0	3.1	2.3	2.6	44.3	16.6	4.9	3.0	60.9
Margins (%)						bps	bps			bps
EBIDTA	8.0	8.1	9.0	7.2	7.4	(62)	17	7.3	7.9	(58)
EBIT	7.0	7.2	8.1	6.3	6.6	(42)	23	6.5	6.7	(26)
EBT	8.8	8.6	9.4	7.4	7.5	(128)	7	7.5	8.3	(86)
PAT	6.3	6.3	7.0	5.7	5.5	(77)	(16)	5.6	6.0	(48)
Effective Tax rate	28.7	26.3	26.1	23.9	26.8	(188)	292	25.5	27.5	(195)

Source: Company, PL

Conference call highlights

- Management indicated off the additional total required capacity of 10bn liter to meet 20% ethanol blending, ~5bn liter is yet to be tendered out.
- Post EBP20: Flex fuel, diesel blending, SAF and replacement of diesel generator with ethanol are likely to be key growth drivers in the long run.
- Commodity inflation, supply chain issues and higher revenue contribution from domestic market impacted margins.
- Other income on standalone basis is higher, due to dividend income from one of its subsidiary (HiPurity).
- Off the total domestic order inflows (~Rs9bn), bioenergyaccounted for 89% of inflows during the quarter.
- Bioenergy: Praj's domestic market share has increased from 60% to 66% in 1G ethanol plant during the quarter, with increasing focus of customers on qualityproducts. Sugar based ethanol plants are likely to witness traction in the coming period.
- Exports: Discussion on 2G ethanol plant in Europe is progressing well, though finalization has been delayed due to geopolitical tension. Management expects order inflows from export markets to gain traction from H2FY23 onwards.
 - The USA passed Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) that has significant provisions of support on advancement of biofuels across different modes of mobility. As a result of this development, low carbon ethanol is likely to witness traction opportunity.
- CBG: Customers are now seeking solutions for different varieties of agriculture residues and Praj is working on a program to find optimal solution for addressing this need.
 - Recently UP government is sued comprehensive policy to attract big ticket investment in Biofuel project. Policy aims to support and promote CBG.
- CPES: Energy transition phenomena is driving development of blue, green hydrogen projects globally, creating business opportunities for this segment. Additional capacity at Kandla is now fully operational and exploring further capacity enhancement.
- Brewery: The beer consumption levels have crossed the pre-pandemic levels.
 Healthy enquiries are likely to be witnessed from India and Africa.
- HiPurity Systems: High Capacity fermenter offering is receiving positive response from customers.
- Renewable Chemicals and Materials (RCM): Praj has entered into an MoU with ICT to establish Center of Excellence Innovation (for Biopolymers). This center will undertake research besides promote and explore newer applications including biodegradable plastic.

FY25E

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Financials

Income Statement (Rs m)

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Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Net Revenues	23,333	33,678	37,058	37,790	Non-Current Assets			
YoY gr. (%)	78.8	44.3	10.0	2.0				
Cost of Goods Sold	14,538	20,995	21,142	21,336	Gross Block	4,817	5,117	5,417
Gross Profit	8,796	12,683	15,916	16,454	Tangibles	4,817	5,117	5,417
Margin (%)	37.7	37.7	42.9	43.5	Intangibles	-	-	-
Employ ee Cost	2,176	2,673	3,351	3,535				
Other Expenses	1,142	1,987	2,594	2,683	Acc: Dep/Amortization	2,731	2,992	3,279
					Tangibles	2,731	2,992	3,279
EBITDA	1,938	2,786	4,064	4,250	Intangibles	-	-	-
YoY gr. (%)	72.5	43.8	45.8	4.6				
Margin (%)	8.3	8.3	11.0	11.2	Net fixed assets	2,085	2,124	2,137
					Tangibles	2,085	2,124	2,137
Depreciation and Amortization	226	261	287	303	Intangibles	-	-	-
EBIT	1,712	2,526	3,777	3,947	Capital Work In Progress	659	659	659
Margin (%)	7.3	7.5	10.2	10.4	Goodwill	-	-	-
					Non-Current Investments	928	941	974
Net Interest	25	34	37	42	Net Deferred tax assets	19	19	19
Other Income	362	382	407	443	Other Non-Current Assets	31	67	74
Profit Before Tax	2,049	2,874	4,146	4,348	Current Assets			
Margin (%)	8.8	8.5	11.2	11.5	Investments	3,979	4,547	4,573
					Inv entories	3,450	4,060	4,467
Total Tax	546	724	1,045	1,096	Trade receivables	5,118	6,920	7,919
Effective tax rate (%)	26.7	25.2	25.2	25.2	Cash & Bank Balance	1,551	1,580	1,919
					Other Current Assets	4,233	4,412	5,040
Profit after tax	1,502	2,150	3,101	3,252	Total Assets	22,108	25,394	27,855
Minority interest	-	-	-	-				
Share Profit from Associate	-	-	-	-	Equity			
					Equity Share Capital	367	367	367
Adjusted PAT	1,502	2,150	3,101	3,252	Other Equity	8,790	9,908	11,520
YoY gr. (%)	85.4	43.1	44.3	4.9	Total Networth	9,157	10,275	11,888
Margin (%)	6.4	6.4	8.4	8.6				
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-	Non-Current Liabilities			
					Long Term borrowings	-	-	-
Reported PAT	1,502	2,150	3,101	3,252	Provisions	-	-	-
YoY gr. (%)	85.4	43.1	44.3	4.9	Other non current liabilities	-	-	-
Margin (%)	6.4	6.4	8.4	8.6				
					Current Liabilities			
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	1,502	2,150	3,101	3,252	Trade pay ables	4,248	5,997	6,599
Equity Shares O/s (m)	184	184	184	184	Other current liabilities	8,715	9,134	9,381
	104	104	104	104	Total Equity & Liabilities	22,108	25,394	27,855

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs m)

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Cash Flow (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
PBT	2,049	2,874	4,146	4,348
Add. Depreciation	0	-	-	-
Add. Interest	-	-	-	-
Less Financial Other Income	362	382	407	443
Add. Other	56	295	324	345
Op. profit before WC changes	2,104	3,169	4,471	4,692
Net Changes-WC	93	(482)	(1,235)	(1,189)
Direct tax	(450)	(724)	(1,045)	(1,096)
Net cash from Op. activities	1,747	1,962	2,191	2,408
Capital expenditures	(184)	(300)	(300)	(300)
Interest / Dividend Income	87	-	-	-
Others	(1,171)	(568)	(26)	(378)
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(1,268)	(868)	(326)	(678)
Issue of share cap. / premium	26	-	-	-
Debt changes	-	-	-	-
Div idend paid	(397)	(1,032)	(1,489)	(1,561)
Interest paid	(19)	(34)	(37)	(42)
Others	(54)	-	-	-
Net cash from Fin. activities	(444)	(1,066)	(1,526)	(1,603)
Net change in cash	36	29	339	127
Free Cash Flow	1,562	1,662	1,891	2,108
Source: Company Data, PL Resear	rch			

Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Per Share(Rs)				
EPS	8.2	11.7	16.9	17.7
CEPS	9.4	13.1	18.4	19.4
BVPS	49.9	55.9	64.7	73.9
FCF	8.5	9.0	10.3	11.5
DPS	4.2	5.6	8.1	8.5
Return Ratio(%)				
RoCE	19.9	26.0	34.1	31.0
ROIC	41.1	52.6	61.5	51.5
RoE	17.5	22.1	28.0	25.5
Balance Sheet				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	(0.6)	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.5)
Net Working Capital (Days)	68	54	57	61
Valuation(x)				
PER	53.0	37.0	25.7	24.5
P/B	8.7	7.7	6.7	5.9
P/CEPS	46.1	33.0	23.5	22.4
EV/EBITDA	38.2	26.4	18.0	17.1
EV/Sales	3.2	2.2	2.0	1.9
Dividend Yield (%)	1.0	1.3	1.9	2.0

Quarterly Financials (Rs m)

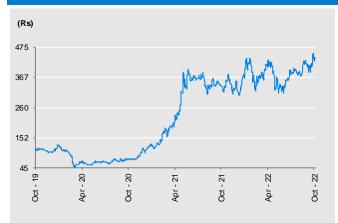
Y/e Mar	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23
Net Revenue	5,856	8,290	7,299	8,766
YoY gr. (%)	68.4	46.2	89.0	64.6
Raw Material Expenses	3,590	5,235	4,719	5,726
Gross Profit	2,266	3,055	2,580	3,040
Margin (%)	38.7	36.8	35.3	34.7
EBITDA	472	742	526	647
YoY gr. (%)	18.6	(1.0)	76.3	51.9
Margin (%)	8.1	9.0	7.2	7.4
Depreciation / Depletion	52	67	64	72
EBIT	420	676	462	575
Margin (%)	7.2	8.1	6.3	6.6
Net Interest	5	8	7	8
Other Income	88	113	88	91
Profit before Tax	503	781	542	658
Margin (%)	8.6	9.4	7.4	7.5
Total Tax	132	204	130	177
Effective tax rate (%)	26.3	26.1	23.9	26.8
Profit after Tax	371	577	412	481
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associates	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	371	577	412	481
YoY gr. (%)	31.6	10.8	85.8	44.3
Margin (%)	6.3	7.0	5.7	5.5
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	371	577	412	481
YoY gr. (%)	31.6	10.8	85.8	44.3
Margin (%)	6.3	7.0	5.7	5.5
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	371	577	412	481
Avg. Shares O/s (m)	183	183	183	183
EPS (Rs)	2.0	3.1	2.3	2.6

Source: Company Data, PL Research

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Price Chart



Recommendation History

No.	Date	Rating	TP (Rs.) Share Price	e (Rs.)
1	06-Oct-22	BUY	507	415
2	26-Aug-22	BUY	507	390

Analyst Coverage Universe

Sr.No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	ABB India	Accumulate	3,115	3,100
2	Apar Industries	UR	-	1,445
3	Bharat Electronics	BUY	98	102
4	BHEL	Sell	36	62
5	Cummins India	Accumulate	1,296	1,214
6	Engineers India	BUY	89	65
7	GE T&D India	Hold	102	129
8	Kalpataru Pow er Transmission	BUY	442	419
9	KEC International	Accumulate	473	440
10	Larsen & Toubro	BUY	2,030	1,873
11	Praj Industries	BUY	507	415
12	Siemens	Accumulate	3,116	2,750
13	Thermax	Accumulate	2,190	2,199
14	Triveni Turbine	UR	-	268
15	Voltamp Transformers	Hold	2,748	2,616

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Buy	:	> 15%
Accumulate	:	5% to 15%
Hold	:	+5% to -5%
Reduce	:	-5% to -15%
Sell	:	< -15%
Not Rated (NR)	:	No specific call on the stock
Under Review (UR)	:	Rating likely to change shortly

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