RESULT REPORT Q2 FY23 | Sector: Chemicals

Aarti Industries Ltd

Volatile macro weighs on 2Q; prognosis strong

Our View:

ARTO's 2QFY23 Adj. Ebitda at Rs 2.7bn (+31.5% YoY; -5.2%), stood largely in-line with our estimates. The YoY growth stemmed from adjustment for shortfall fee of Rs 520mn in base quarter. Higher raw material volatility, lower volume due to maintainance shutdown at Jhagadia and muted demand for discretionary products (dyes & pigments) coupled with QoQ higher operating expense led to sequential drop in operating profits. Going ahead, while Ebitda for 2HFY23 could remain flat (vs 1H), a stronger 25% CAGR is expected over FY24-25e driven by a) expansion in NCB and Ethylation capacities, b) ramp-up in LT-2 (revenue potential: Rs 5.5bn) c) commissioning and ramp-up of LT-3 (revenue potential: Rs 940mn) and d) launch of 50+ molecules currently under R&D. Maintain BUY

Result Highlights

- Revenue: The Revenue for the quarter stood at Rs 16.8bn (+34% YoY; +4.6% QoQ). As the statements are restated, so the revenue pertains only to Specialty Chemicals. Volatility in raw material prices, forex and muted demand for Dyes & Pigmenst impacted business during the quarter. However esports demand picked up as proportion of exports in the mix increased to 50%
- Consolidated Ebitda & PAT: Consol. Adj. Ebitda stood at Rs 2.7bn (+31% YoY; -5.2% QoQ) and Consol. PAT stood at Rs 1.25bn (-17% YoY; -8.2% QoQ). The sequential decline in Ebitda/Ebitda margin stemmed from contraction in gross margin to 47% (1Q: 54%) and 11% QoQ increase in operating expenses. ARTO has guided for FY23 Ebitda to be in excess of Rs 11bn (1HFY23: 5.5bn), followed by an EBITDA growth CAGR of ~ 25% over FY24-25e.
- Pharma Demerger: Given the approval for de-merger of Pharma business (effective 17th Oct'2022), the assets and liabilities pertaining to the Pharma Business Undertaking, including supporting manufacturing units, employees, cash and cash equivalents and investments (including investments in subsidiaries and joint ventures), as defined in the Scheme, stand transferred and vested into the Aarti Pharmalabs Ltd from its appointed Date i.e. from 1st Jul'21. Accordingly, the financial statement for Aarti Industries Ltd. stands restated.
- Capex: The planned Capex for FY23 is estimated at Rs 11-12bn, with Rs 5.7bn invested in 1HFY23.

Valuation

We maintain BUY rating on ARTO with a revised TP of Rs 845/sh, as we align our estimates to re-stated, post demerger financials and roll estimates forward to FY25e. Our TP is premised upon an operating earnings growth CAGR of 10% (FY22-30e) and RoEs of ~15-16%.

Exhibit 1: Actual vs estimate

		Estimate		% V	ariation		
Rsmn	Actual	YES Sec	Consensus	YES Sec	Consensus	Remarks	
Sales	16,850	15,296	20,654	10.2	(18.4)		
EBITDA	2,670	2,799	3,797	(4.6)	(29.7)	Operating earnings	
EBITDA Margin (%)	16	18	18	-245 bps	-254 bps	broadly in-line with estimates	
Adjusted PAT	1,245	1,287	2,043	(3.3)	(39.1)		



Reco : **BUY**CMP : Rs 669

Target Price : Rs 845

Potential Return : +26%

Stock data (as on Nov 21, 2022)

Nifty	18,160
52 Week h/I (Rs)	976/584
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	242642/2965
Outstanding Shares (mn)	363
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	631
Div yield (%):	0.4
Bloomberg code:	ARTO IN
NSE code:	AARTIIND

Stock performance



Shareholding pattern (As of Sep '22 end)

Promoter	44.2%
FII+DII	26.9%
Others	28.7%

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(1-Yr)	New	Old					
Rating	BUY	BUY					
Target Price	845*	1195					
*Restatement after demerger of Pharma segment							

Financial Summary

(Rs bn)	FY22	FY23e	FY24e	FY25e
Revenues	70.0	65.6	74.0	81.9
yoy gr. (%)	55.3	-6.2	12.7	10.7
EBITDA	17.9	11.8	14.6	18.1
OPM (%)	25.6	17.9	19.8	22.1
PAT	13.1	5.8	7.4	9.3
yoy gr. (%)	144.3	-55.3	25.9	26.2
EPS (Rs)	36.0	15.6	19.7	25.0
P/E (x)	18.6	42.8	33.9	26.8
P/B (x)	5.4	4.8	4.3	3.7
EV/EBITDA	14.7	22.9	19.0	15.3
RoE (%)	32.6	12.2	13.8	15.3

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Exhibit 2: Quarterly snapshot

Particulars (Rs mn)	Q1 FY22	Q2 FY22	Q1 FY23	Q2 FY23	y/y (%)	q/q (%)	1HFY22	1HFY23	y/y (%)
Revenue	13,168	12,559	16,103	16,850	34.2	4.6	25,726	32,953	28.1
Expenditure	10,030	10,010	13,288	14,180	41.7	6.7	20,039	27,463	37.0
-Raw Material	6,101	6,623	9,262	9,781	47.7	5.6	12,724	19,038	49.6
-Staff Cost	995	731	910	928	27.0	2.0	1,726	1,838	6.5
-Other Expenses	2,934	2,656	3,116	3,471	30.7	11.4	5,590	6,587	17.8
EBITDA	2,806	2,030	2,815	2,670	31.5	(5.2)	4,836	5,490	13.5
EBITDA margin (%)	21.3	16.2	17.5	15.8	-32 bps	-164 bps	18.8	16.7	-214 bps
Other Income	1	5	4	0	(96)	(95)	6	4	(28.6)
Depreciation	686	574	718	729	27	2	1,260	1,446	14.8
EBIT	2,121	1,461	2,102	1,941	33	(8)	3,582	4,048	13.0
EBIT margin	16.1	11.6	13.1	11.5	-11 bps	-153 bps	13.9	12.3	-164 bps
Interest	383	145	445	437	203	(2)	527	883	67.3
Excp. Item	332	519	-	-	(100)	-	851	-	(100.0)
PBT	2,070	1,835	1,656	1,504	(18.0)	(9.2)	3,905	3,165	(18.9)
Tax	419	336	301	259	(22.8)	(13.8)	755	565	(25.1)
PAT	1,651	1,500	1,356	1,245	(17.0)	(8.2)	3,150	2,600	(17.5)
Adj.PAT	1386	1076	1356	1245	15.7	(8.2)	2462	2601	5.6

Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 3: Pharma-Proforma P&L

Pharma Proforma P&L	
Net Revenue	9,145
Total Expenses	7057.5
Ebitda	2,087
Depreciation	421
Ebit	1,666
Interest	120
PBT	1,547
PAT	1,216

Exhibit 4: Pharma - Proforma Balance Sheet

Pharma Balance Sheet	
Property, Plant and Equipment	7,801
Capital work-in-progress	1,874
Total Non-Current Assets	10,148
Inventories	4,772
Trade Receivables	2,990
Cash and Cash Equivalents	833
Total Current Assets	6,276
Total Assets	16,424
Total Equity	13,985
LT Borrowings	6
Total Non-Current Liabilities	727
ST Borrowings	131
Trade Payables	1,375
Total Current Liabilities	1,713
Total Equity and Liabilities	16,425

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

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KEY CALL HIGHLIGHTS

- Almost 78% of sales was derived from value added product
- Revenue mix was equally distributed between non-discretionary application viz agrochemicals,
 FMCG and discretionary applications viz Dyes & Pigments, polymers etc
- Volatility in raw material cost and foreign exchange rate impacted the business during the quarter
- In addition, to above, muted demand from certain key segments like Dyes and pigments was also a drag; demand to recover from 4QFY23
- Demerged Pharma business into Aarti Pharma Labs to maximize shareholder return, as both entities are now free to take appropriate business decisions.
- Listing of Aarti Pharma labs in Dec 2022
- Export contribution to total revenue at 50%
- Base 2QFY22 Ebitda included shortfall fee of Rs 520mn from termination of LT-1
- Raw material and freight costs elevated during the quarter, but ARTO operates under a pass through mechanism; the costs are also likely to soften in 3Q
- Due to maintenance work at Jhagadia, the volume was lower in 2QFY23 for few products
- Mark to market impact of Rs 200 mn, due to forex fluctuation, raised interest costs
- FY23 Ebitda to be above Rs 11bn
- Expansion Program: Production at LT-1 plant progressing as per expectations and expected to reach a utilization of 70% by next financial year.
- Long term contract -2 is also progressing as per plan in phased manner to generate guided Ebitda
- Plant with respect to third long term contract at Jhagadia is expected to commission by end of this quarter
- Brownfield expansion of NCB capacity would be progressively commissioned over next four quarter to contribute from next Financial Year
- The Ethylation capacity at Dahez SEZ which is currently operating at 90% would be tripled through an investment of Rs 2000mn, to come on stream by 1HFY25
- Looking to de-bottleneck Nitrotoulene capacity, with certain Agrochemical molecules as key target segment
- Annual growth capex estimated at Rs 11-12bn, with Rs 5.77bn spent over 1HFY23
- The impact of capacity expansion to be visible by FY24 and FY25 as the expanded capacity ramps up
- Ebitda CAGR of 25% expected in FY24 and FY25
- FY24-25 collective capex about Rs 30bn, to drive future earnings growth
- The capex over FY24-25 to add new high potential products in the portfolio and tap new market segments
- 250 plus R&D engineers working on cutting edge products including that in sunrise sectors
- 50+ products in R&D phase in chemicals
- From contract: should be on the lower side, contract 1 is terminated and from contract 2 contribution should be low



VIEW & VALUATIONS

BUY with a TP of Rs 845/sh

We maintain BUY rating on ARTO with a revised TP of Rs 845/sh, as we align our estimates to restated, post demerger financials and roll estimates forward to FY25e. Our TP is premised upon an operating earnings growth CAGR of 10% (FY22-30e) and RoEs of ~15-16%. While 2HFY23 could continue to be tepid, but we believe in ARTO's strong guidance for ~25% CAGR in operating earnings backed by ongoing investment in capacity expansion and more than new 50 molecules under development.

Exhibit 5: Valuation table

	(Rs mn)	USD mn	Rs /sh
Discounted projected FCFF	72,889	911	201
Terminal Value	268,238	3,353	740
EV	341,128	4,264	941
Net Debt/ (cash)	35,680	446	98
Equity	305,448	3,818	843
Rs/USD	80		
Shr Outstanding	362.5		
Terminal Growth rate	4%		
WACC	9.3%		



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Exhibit 6: Income statement

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22(R)	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	31,635	38,061	47,055	41,863	45,061	60,855	65,634	74,003	81,930
Total Expense	(25,100)	(31,069)	(37,404)	(32,090)	(35,246)	(43,654)	(53,868)	(59,364)	(63,848)
Operating Profit	6,535	6,991	9,651	9,773	9,815	15,821	11,767	14,638	18,082
Other Income	20	78	21	88	7	8	9	10	11
Depreciation	(1,225)	(1,462)	(1,627)	(1,852)	(2,313)	(2,464)	(2,583)	(3,423)	(4,287)
EBIT	5,329	5,607	8,045	8,010	7,509	13,365	9,193	11,225	13,806
Interest	(1,173)	(1,317)	(1,825)	(1,248)	(864)	(1,023)	(1,893)	(2,033)	(2,208)
Extraordinary Item	-	-	-	-	-	1,380	-	-	-
PBT	4,156	4,290	6,220	6,762	6,646	13,722	7,300	9,193	11,598
Tax	(881)	(829)	(1,178)	(1,290)	(1,293)	(1,863)	(1,460)	(1,839)	(2,320)
PAT	3,275	3,461	5,042	5,471	5,352	11,858	5,840	7,354	9,279
Adj. PAT	3,275	3,461	5,042	5,471	5,352	10,478	5,840	7,354	9,279
Eps	8.7	9.2	13.6	14.8	14.4	32.6	15.6	19.7	25.0

Source: Company, YES Sec (R): Restated

Exhibit 7: Balance sheet

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22(R)	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Equity capital	411	407	436	871	871	1,813	1,813	1,813	1,813
Reserves	13,214	15,378	25,872	28,917	34,158	43,347	48,430	54,852	62,985
Net worth	13,625	15,784	26,308	29,788	35,029	45,160	50,242	56,664	64,797
Total Debt	14,357	19,208	21,056	18,105	24,921	23,228	30,846	36,909	36,689
Deferred tax liab (net)	1,554	1,774	1,930	2,110	2,339	1,796	1,796	1,796	1,796
Other non-current liab.	643	1,410	2,872	6,455	2,367	2,392	2,566	2,763	2,981
Capital Employed	30,179	38,176	52,166	56,458	64,656	72,576	85,450	98,132	106,262
Fixed assets	19,665	24,341	29,413	38,861	48,905	49,410	60,496	72,073	75,286
Investments	470	472	332	370	635	283	283	283	283
Net working capital	10,044	13,363	22,422	17,227	15,115	21,698	24,671	25,776	30,693
Inventories	5,714	7,473	7,718	8,357	9,357	9,341	12,424	14,863	17,021
Sundry debtors	5,247	6,548	7,760	7,534	7,937	10,915	11,332	12,822	14,234
Cash & Bank Balance	285	321	8,042	2,473	4,123	1,736	3,418	1,229	3,015
Other assets	3,610	4,760	5,315	5,730	5,459	8,621	8,621	8,621	8,621
Sundry creditors	2,997	3,575	2,793	3,452	5,763	3,526	5,734	6,370	6,808
Other Liab.	1,814	2,164	3,621	3,415	5,997	5,390	5,390	5,390	5,390
Application of Funds	30,179	38,176	52,166	56,458	64,655	71,391	85,450	98,132	106,262



Exhibit 8: Cash Flow statement

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22(R)	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
PBT	4,156	4,290	6,220	6,762	6,646	15,268	7,300	9,193	11,598
Depreciation & amortization	1,225	1,462	1,627	1,852	2,313	2,885	2,583	3,423	4,287
Interest expense	1,173	1,317	1,825	1,248	864	1,143	1,893	2,033	2,208
(Inc)/Dec in working capital	(869)	(2,633)	(992)	2,902	(72)	(11,859)	(1,291)	(3,293)	(3,131)
Tax paid	(975)	(988)	(1,307)	(1,638)	(966)	(2,670)	(1,460)	(1,839)	(2,320)
Less: Interest/Dividend Income Received	-	(1)	(0)	(1)	(0)	-	-	-	-
Other operating Cash Flow	(11)	(98)	(11)	(104)	(57)	(61)	2,517	-	-
Operating Cashflow	4,700	3,349	7,362	11,021	8,727	4,707	11,541	9,516	12,642
Capital expenditure	(5,302)	(6,148)	(7,936)	(11,533)	(13,148)	(13,066)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(7,500)
Inc/(Dec) in investments	8	34	(61)	(26)	(78)	-	-	-	-
Other items	6	11	27	318	5	6	-	-	-
Investing Cashflow	(5,289)	(6,104)	(7,970)	(11,241)	(13,221)	(13,055)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(7,500)
Inc/(Dec) in share capital	(960)	(985)	7,414	(6)	-	11,867	-	0	0
Inc/(Dec) in debt	2,722	5,192	3,181	(3,032)	7,459	(2,663)	7,618	6,063	(220)
Dividend Paid	(6)	(100)	(440)	(1,064)	(451)	(1,269)	(584)	(735)	(928)
Others	(1,173)	(1,317)	(1,825)	(1,248)	(864)	(1,975)	(1,893)	(2,033)	(2,208)
Financing Cashflow	583	2,791	8,329	(5,349)	6,145	5,960	5,141	3,295	(3,356)
Net cash flow	(5)	36	7,721	(5,569)	1,650	(2,388)	1,682	(2,189)	1,786
Ending Balance	285	321	8,042	2,473	4,123	1,735	3,418	1,229	3,015

Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 9: Du Pont

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E	FY22(R)	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
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Tax burden (x)	0.8	8.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	8.0
Interest burden (x)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8
EBIT margin (x)	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asset turnover (x)	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Financial leverage (x)	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9
RoE (%)	25.8	23.3	23.7	19.1	15.8	31.0	11.9	13.4	14.9

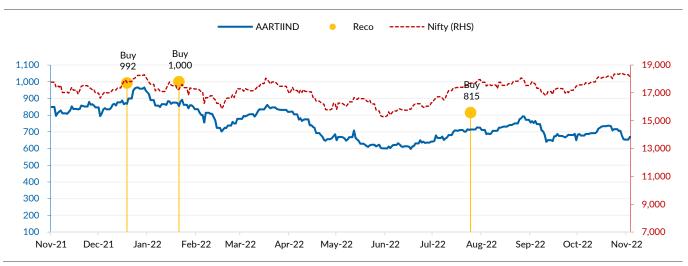


Exhibit 10: Ratio Analysis

Y/e 31 Mar	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22(R)	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Growth matrix (%)									
Revenue growth	5.4	20.7	23.9	(11.9)	4.9	47.9	(0.1)	13.2	11.0
Op profit growth	14.2	7.0	38.0	1.3	0.4	82.5	(34.3)	24.4	23.5
EBIT growth	12.1	4.1	45.1	(1.3)	(5.3)	100.2	(38.9)	22.1	23.0
Net profit growth	22.2	5.7	45.7	8.5	(2.2)	144.3	(55.3)	25.9	26.2
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Profitability ratios (%)	22.7	40.4	00.5		24.0	0/0	47.0	400	00.4
OPM	20.7	18.4	20.5	23.3	21.8	26.0	17.9	19.8	22.1
EBIT margin	16.8	14.7	17.1	19.1	16.7	22.0	14.0	15.2	16.9
Net profit margin	10.4	9.1	10.7	13.1	11.9	17.2	8.9	9.9	11.3
RoCE	16.3	14.4	15.8	13.6	11.2	20.1	9.8	10.3	11.3
RoE	26.2	23.5	24.0	19.5	16.5	32.6	12.2	13.8	15.3
RoA	10.1	8.8	9.8	9.0	7.7	15.1	6.6	7.1	8.1
Per share ratios									
EPS	8.7	9.2	13.6	14.8	14.4	32.6	15.6	19.7	25.0
Dividend per share	1.0	1.0	5.1	6.0	1.4	3.5	1.6	2.0	2.6
Cash EPS	25.0	24.6	39.4	20.8	8.4	25.9	9.0	10.8	13.8
Book value per share	165.9	194.1	303.5	171.0	96.6	124.6	138.6	156.3	178.8
Valuation ratios	7/0	70.0	40.0	45.0	4/ 0	20.5	40.0	22.0	2/0
P/E	76.8	72.8	49.3	45.2	46.3	20.5	42.8	33.9	26.8
P/CEPS	26.8	27.2	17.0	32.2	79.8	25.8	74.4	61.7	48.6
P/B	4.0	3.4	2.2	3.9	6.9	5.4	4.8	4.3	3.7
EV/EBITDA	39.3	37.4	26.5	26.4	26.8	16.7	22.9	19.0	15.3
Payout (%)									
Dividend payout	2.5	2.3	8.8	19.1	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Tax payout	21.2	19.3	18.9	19.1	19.5	14.4	20.0	20.0	20.0
Liquidity ratios									
Debtor days	61.4	57.3	56.0	68.0	65.6	54.0	65.0	65.0	65.0
Inventory days	116.3	110.9	107.9	164.7	166.8	104.4	130.0	140.0	150.0
Creditor days	66.0	55.3	45.2	64.0	86.8	51.9	60.0	60.0	60.0
Courses Comments VES See					30.0	22.7	30.0		55.5



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