

Indigo Paints

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Bloomberg	INDIGOPN IN
Equity Shares (m)	48
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	71.2 / 0.9
52-Week Range (INR)	2398 / 1375
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-5/-11/-38
12M Avg Val (INR M)	98

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

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Y/E March	2022	2023E	2024E
Sales	9.1	11.1	13.9
Sales Gr. (%)	25.3	23.0	25.0
EBITDA	1.4	1.7	2.8
EBIT Margin (%)	15.0	15.7	19.9
Adj. PAT	0.8	1.1	1.8
Adj. EPS (INR)	17.7	23.0	38.1
EPS Gr. (%)	18.6	30.2	65.8
BV/Sh.(INR)	136.6	159.6	197.8
Ratios			
RoE (%)	13.9	15.5	21.3
RoCE (%)	13.6	15.2	21.0
Valuation			
P/E (x)	84.7	65.1	39.2
P/BV (x)	11.0	9.4	7.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	50.3	39.1	24.1

Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Sep-22	Jun-22	Sep-21
Promoter	54.0	54.0	54.0
DII	3.1	3.4	2.6
FII	8.8	9.1	11.6
Others	34.1	33.5	31.9

FII Includes depository receipts

CMP: INR1,496 TP: INR1,720 (+15%) Buy Below our estimates, but better than peer trends resume

- While INDIGOPN's 2QFY23 result was below our estimates it did not witness the huge mix deterioration reported by its peers. Consequently, the three-year sales CAGR stood at 23.6%, which is better than both APNT and KNPL, two of its Paint peers to have reported their results so far. While INDIGOPN posted much lower sales, the momentum seen in FY22 v/s its peers seems to be returning.
- The management indicated a continued sales momentum and a significant pick up in margin in subsequent quarters, led by lower commodity cost pressures. We maintain our Buy rating.

Sales in line; higher than expected pressure on GM

- Net sales grew 23.7% YoY to INR2,426m (in line).
- Gross margin remained flat YoY at 41.7%, but contracted by 350bp QoQ (est. 45.5%). This, along with stable employee costs (up 20bp YoY) and lower other expenses (down 220bp), as a percentage of sales, aided the expansion of ~200bp YoY (but contracted by 180bp QoQ) in EBITDA margin to 13.9% (est. 17.5%).
- A&P spends decreased by 7% YoY to INR146.5m. However, the same rose 13.6% YoY in 1HFY23.
- EBITDA grew 45% YoY to INR338m (est. INR429m).
- PBT increased by 53% YoY to INR282m (est. INR366m).
- Adjusted PAT rose 53% YoY to INR208m (est. INR274m).
- We have adjusted INR163.3m pertaining to the excess tax provision of earlier years being reversed in 2QFY23.
- Sales/EBITDA/adjusted PAT grew 33%/59%/62% to INR4,666m/ INR690m/INR407m in 1HFY23.

Highlights from the management commentary

- Demand: The management expects the loss in demand due to an early Diwali and an extended monsoon (Oct'22 was a dull month) to get covered by Dec'22 or Jan'23.
- Kerala performed extremely well in Oct'22. It was a blended impact of the campaign launched on 15th Sep'22 and a normalized monsoon in the state.
- EBITDA margin is higher in the third quarter and the highest in the fourth quarter vis-à-vis the second quarter. The management expects a healthy improvement in gross margin and EBITDA margin.
- Price hike: The management raised prices by 20% in the past 12 months. There is no need for further price increases or decreases in the industry. As raw material prices are softening, trade discounts may be used aggressively by the industry.

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Valuation and view

As a result of the 2Q miss, the changes to our model have led to a 16% reduction in our FY23 EPS estimate. However, good sales momentum at a time when its peers are slowing down, and a sharp likely improvement in incremental margin meant that our FY24 EPS forecast has not seen any major cut.

- INDIGOPN has successfully surmounted the high entry barriers of the Indian Paints industry, through its patient and multi-pronged strategy, comprising: a) introducing of differentiated products, b) purposefully building a distribution network via rural markets, c) creating brand equity through high investments in advertising, d) rapidly driving the penetration of tinting machines, and e) engaging with influencers (painters/contractors) to build trust as indicated in our initiating coverage note in Dec'21.
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(INR m)

Y/E March		FY22 FY23					FY22	FY23	FY23	Var.		
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3QE	4QE			2QE	(%)
Net Sales	1,560	1,961	2,655	2,884	2,240	2,426	3,186	3,292	9,060	11,143	2,451	-1.0%
Change (%)	49.2	26.7	26.6	13.4	43.6	23.7	20.0	14.2	25.3	23.0	25.0	
Gross Profit	710	818	1,138	1,258	1,012	1,012	1,402	1,544	3,925	4,970	1,115	-9.3%
Gross Margin (%)	45.5	41.7	42.9	43.6	45.2	41.7	44.0	46.9	43.3	44.6	45.5	
EBITDA	202	234	387	538	353	338	500	557	1,360	1,748	429	-21.3%
Margin (%)	12.9	11.9	14.6	18.6	15.7	13.9	15.7	16.9	15.0	15.7	17.5	
Change (%)	6.1	-19.6	22.8	25.2	74.9	44.5	29.3	3.7	11.0	28.5	83.5	
Interest	3	3	3	5	4	3	3	5	13	15	3	
Depreciation	74	77	79	83	84	85	87	104	313	360	85	
Other Income	30	30	23	25	5	32	24	29	109	90	24	
PBT	156	185	328	474	269	282	434	477	1,143	1,463	366	-22.9%
Tax	40	49	85	128	70	74	106	118	302	369	92	
Effective Tax Rate (%)	25.5	26.6	26.0	27.1	26.0	26.4	24.5	24.7	26.5	25.2	25.2	
Adjusted PAT	116	135	243	346	199	208	328	359	840	1,094	274	-24.1%
Change (%)	38.2	-28.0	29.4	39.1	71.5	53.2	34.9	3.9	18.6	30.2	101.9	

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Key Performance Indicators - Consolidated

Y/E March		FY2	23			
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q
Segmental volume growth (%)						
Cement Paints + Putty	23.1	9.2	0.1	7.9	12.7	6.2
Emulsions	73.1	24.2	15.9	39.8	34.4	-4.2
Enamels + Wood Coatings	17.4	10.2	-4.5	16	15.8	28.8
Primers + Distempers + Others	5.1	31.1	-3.6	21.4	2.4	13.1
Segmental value growth (%)						
Cement Paints + Putty	24.8	11.5	3.7	3.9	22.7	16.3
Emulsions	83.1	40.6	35.4	21.7	65.7	17.4
Enamels + Wood Coatings	25.6	20.3	8.9	2.9	38.1	46.9
Primers + Distempers + Others	7.4	43.3	18.5	5.4	28	22.4
2Y average growth (%)						
Sales	10.9	23.5	24.4	27.1	46.4	25.2
EBITDA	-	-	-	8.7	40.5	12.4
PAT	-	-	-	15.1	54.9	12.6
% of Sales						
COGS	54.5	58.3	57.1	56.4	54.8	58.3
Operating Expenses	32.6	29.8	28.3	25.0	29.4	27.8
A&P spends	10.1	8.0	11.1	9.4	9.4	6.0
Depreciation	4.7	3.9	3.0	2.9	3.8	3.5
YoY change (%)						
COGS	46.4	48.2	43.5	19.9	44.4	23.7
Operating Expenses	85.0	20.2	3.7	-4.9	29.7	15.4
Other Income	1,558.8	375.5	94.0	59.0	-83.9	4.6
EBIT	-4.8	-33.1	21.8	26.3	109.6	61.3

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Highlights from the management commentary

Performance and outlook

- The management said demand remains strong, and that the dark clouds of material cost escalation and price increases are seemingly behind it.
- The emulsions category volumes are up 34% and price growth was ~65%. This is the second successive quarter of strong growth which is thereby leading to a better mix.
- Primer growth was the only category where there was disappointment.
- The management is cognizant of the fact that growth off late has been in line with industry, and hence it is focusing on Tier I and II cities as guided in its 4QFY22 call. INDIGOPN is seeing good early traction on this strategy. It said that greater clarity and impactful results will be visible over the next couple of quarters.
- The first quarter is usually the weakest for INDIGOPN. It expects 2Q, 3Q, and 4Q to be better sequentially.
- As INDIGOPN is only present in decorative paints and larger players have automotive/industrials as other categories, the growth of the larger players in 1Q and 2Q may appear optically higher compared to INDIGOPN.

Cost and margin

■ INDIGOPN has taken price increases in line with the industry. If raw material prices remain at the current levels then the company is unlikely to take further price increases. Only if material costs fall sharply will there be a price reduction. Typically modest deflation doesn't result in price reduction by paint companies.

IPL ad spends were fully recognized in 1QFY23 unlike last fiscal, when the league was played across two separate quarters. This was the key reason why EBITDA margin was lower, despite an improvement in gross margin.

Key mix

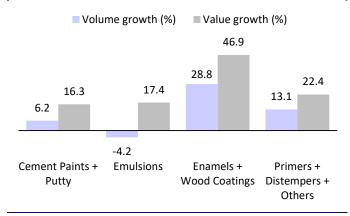
Management highlighted that the expansion of dealers and tinting machines continues as before and except it to be incrementally more focused on Tier1 and Tier 2 cities compared to the past.

Other points

- INDIGOPN has signed actor Mohanlal as the brand for the Kerala market as it is their largest market and the mix is different compared to other parts of India. However, they intend to continue with cricketer MS Dhoni for other markets.
- The management said the expansion in dealerships and tinting machines continue as before. It expects to be incrementally more focused on Tier I and II cities as compared to the past.
- Company doesn't have sales to real estate players as viability maybe suspect and margins are also lower.
- Management highlighted few points regarding consumption/demand in paints industry Consumption of paints is once in every four-five years unlike other FMCG categories which may be purchased every month. Paint is also correlated with marriages as fresh painting is done. Actual cost of paint is only 40% of the total cost and labour costs have not increased drastically. 20% increase in paint costs have resulted in only around 8% increase in the total painting costs. Lastly people have spent more time at home and hence noticed the need for painting.

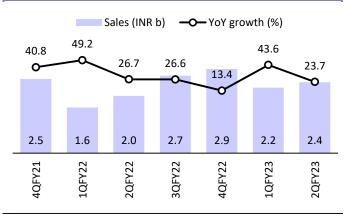
Key exhibits

Exhibit 1: Value growth significantly outperforms volume growth across categories due to price hikes in 2QFY23



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 2: Sales up 23.7% YoY to INR2.4b in 2QFY23



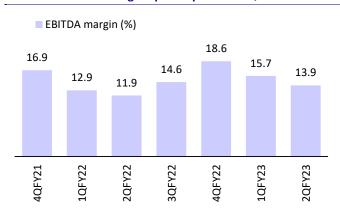
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Exhibit 3: Gross margin remain flat YoY at 41.7% in 2QFY23



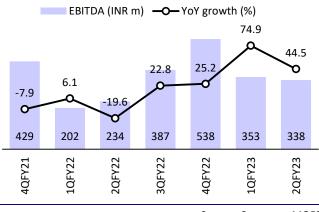
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Exhibit 4: EBITDA margin up 200bp YoY in 2QFY23



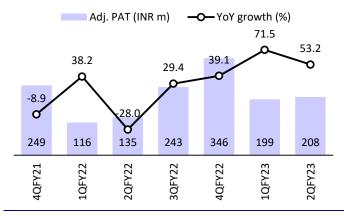
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 5: EBITDA up 44.5% YoY to INR338m in 2QFY23



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 6: PAT up 53.2% YoY to INR208m in 2QFY23



Source: Company, MOFSL

Valuation and view

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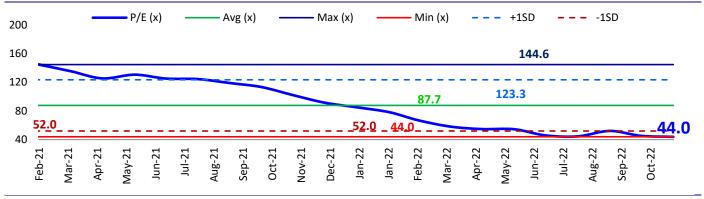
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Exhibit 7: We cut our FY23/FY24 EPS forecasts by 16%/1%

	New e	stimate	Old es	timate	Change (%)		
INR m	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E	
Sales	11,143	13,929	11,053	13,816	0.8	0.8	
EBITDA	1,748	2,770	2,032	2,803	-14.0	-1.2	
PAT	1,094	1,814	1,307	1,839	-16.3	-1.3	

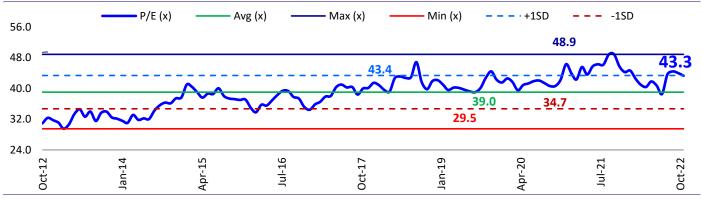
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 8: P/E ratio (x) for INDIGOPN



Source: Bloomberg, Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 9: Consumer sector P/E ratio



Source: Bloomberg, Company, MOFSL

Financials and valuations

Consolidated Income Statement							(INR m)
Y/E March	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Net Sales	4,015	5,356	6,248	7,233	9,060	11,143	13,929
Change (%)		33.4	16.6	15.8	25.3	23.0	25.0
Raw Materials	2,377	2,985	3,220	3,765	5,135	6,173	7,243
Gross Profit	1,638	2,371	3,028	3,468	3,925	4,970	6,686
Margin (%)	40.8	44.3	48.5	47.9	43.3	44.6	48.0
Operating Expenses	1,380	1,830	2,118	2,243	2,565	3,222	3,916
EBITDA	258	541	910	1,225	1,360	1,748	2,770
Change (%)		109.6	68.2	34.7	11.0	28.5	58.5
Margin (%)	6.4	10.1	14.6	16.9	15.0	15.7	19.9
Depreciation	90	171	196	244	313	360	428
Int. and Fin. Charges	45	47	56	38	13	15	17
Other Income	16	16	16	36	109	90	100
Profit before Taxes	139	340	674	979	1,143	1,463	2,426
Change (%)		145.2	98.2	45.2	16.7	28.0	65.8
Margin (%)	3.5	6.4	10.8	13.5	12.6	13.1	17.4
Tax	-3	48	147	256	288	369	611
Deferred Tax	0	20	49	15	15	0	0
Tax Rate (%)	-2.2	20.1	29.1	27.6	26.5	25.2	25.2
Adjusted PAT	142	272	478	709	840	1,094	1,814
Change (%)		91.7	76.0	48.2	18.6	30.2	65.8
Margin (%)	3.5	5.1	7.7	9.8	9.3	9.8	13.0
Exceptional/Prior Period inc	13	3	0	0	0	0	0
Reported PAT	155	275	478	709	840	1,094	1,814
Balance Sheet							(INR m)
Y/E March	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Share Capital	286	289	290	476	476	476	476
Reserves	989	1,186	1,680	5,159	6,023	7,117	8,931
Net Worth	1,275	1,475	1,971	5,635	6,499	7,593	9,407
Loans	316	516	392	0	0	0	0
Other Liability	77	115	132	157	209	209	209
Capital Employed	1,667	2,106	2,495	5,792	6,708	7,802	9,616
Gross Block	686	1,006	1,669	2,339	2,669	3,619	3,919
Less: Accum. Depn.	67	137	245	452	773	1,154	1,554
Net Fixed Assets	619	869	1,424	1,887	1,896	2,465	2,365
Capital WIP	25	44	11	31	510	510	510
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Investments

Financials and valuations

Ratios							
Y/E March	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Basic (INR)							
EPS	3.0	5.7	10.1	14.9	17.7	23.0	38.1
Cash EPS	4.9	9.3	14.2	20.0	24.2	30.6	47.1
BV/Share	26.8	31.0	41.4	118.5	136.6	159.6	197.8
DPS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	4.6	7.6
Payout %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.0	20.0	20.0
Valuation (x)							
P/E	502.1	261.9	148.9	100.5	84.7	65.1	39.2
Cash P/E	306.8	160.9	105.6	74.7	61.7	49.0	31.8
EV/Sales	10.7	8.1	7.0	9.4	7.6	6.1	4.8
EV/EBITDA	166.2	80.1	47.9	55.6	50.3	39.1	24.1
P/BV	55.8	48.3	36.1	12.6	11.0	9.4	7.6
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.5
Return Ratios (%)							
RoE	11.1	19.8	27.8	18.6	13.9	15.5	21.3
RoCE	11.3	16.4	22.5	17.8	13.6	15.2	21.0
RoIC		16.8	23.3	25.3	18.4	17.7	25.2
Working Capital Ratios							
Debtor (Days)	88	71	61	61	69	69	69
Asset Turnover (x)	2.4	2.5	2.5	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.4
Leverage Ratio							
Debt/Equity (x)	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Flow Statement							(INR m)
Y/E March	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
OP/(loss) before Tax	126	337	674	979	1,143	1,463	2,426
Depreciation	90	171	196	244	313	360	428
Net interest	44	45	54	22	-47	-75	-83
Others	4	6	-8	-5	-19	0	0
Direct Taxes Paid	0	-44	-124	-164	-258	-369	-611
(Incr)/Decr in WC	-25	2	-69	137	-479	-309	-399
CF from Operations	238	516	723	1,214	652	1,070	1,760
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Incr in FA	-181	-633	-613	-660	-1,208	-950	-300
Free Cash Flow	57	-117	110	553	-556	120	1,460
Pur of Investments	5	0	0	-2,522	460	-400	-500
Others	5	23	-21	2,138	-1,438	323	419
CF from Invest.	-171	-611	-634	-1,044	-2,186	-1,027	-381
Issue of Shares	0	17	18	2,932	0	0	0
Incr in Debt	-30	209	-143	-500	0	0	0
Dividend Paid	0	0	0	0	0	-143	-219
Net interest Paid	-38	-37	-47	-33	-2	-105	-117
Others	0	0	0	-41	-50	-50	-50
CF from Fin. Activity	-68	189	-172	2,357	-53	-298	-386
Incr/Decr of Cash	-1	94	-83	2,526	-1,587	-255	993
Add: Opening Balance	47	46	140	57	2,583	996	741
Closing Balance	46	140	57	2,583	996	741	1,734

Closing Balance
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Explanation of Investment Rating	
Investment Rating	Expected return (over 12-month)
BUY	>=15%
SELL	<-10%
NEUTRAL	< - 10 % to 15%
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