HPCL

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Weaker refining leads to earningsmiss, as expansion projects weigh in

- HPCL's Q3FY23 SA EBITDA/PAT of Rs20.7bn/Rs1.7bn missed our estimates by 26%/82%. The EBITDA-miss was driven by lower reported GRM at USD9.1/bbl (vs USD13.5 est). PAT was further affected by higher forex losses and lower Other Income.
- We estimate Q3 core GRM at ~USD11/bbl, affected by the Vizag expansion. Our marketing inventory loss estimate of Rs6-7bn (based on BPCL) implies blended margin of ~Rs3.7/kg (6% beat to our estimate). Gross-debt fell 6% QoQ to Rs642bn (up 72% YoY).
- While OMCs' fortunes improve on the marketing front, HPCL's ongoing major refinery expansions with the lowest refining/marketing ratio put it in a weak spot, with sizeable loss likely in FY23, unless more subsidy is provided (we, however, assume Rs150bn subsidy).
- We build RPAT of Rs15bn in FY23, but cut FY24/25E EPS by 11/18%, building-in higher finance costs on elevated debt levels. We roll-over to Mar-25, but retain our TP of Rs230. We maintain our HOLD rating. Subsidy and auto-fuel price hikes remain key upside risks.

Other Highlights: Refinery volume was up 8% QoQ, at 4.8mmt. Domestic marketing sales grew 10% YoY, while overall volume was up 7% on lower exports. Petrol/diesel sales volume growth was 11/15% YoY vs. 8/10% for the industry. Pipeline volume grew 6% QoQ to 5.8mmt. HPCL's gross profit turned positive to Rs64.8bn, after two consecutive quarters of losses as marketing margins improved QoQ. Other Expenditure was flat YoY/fell 8% QoQ to Rs36.9bn (12% below our est.). Depreciation rose 3% QoQ, while interest rose 15% QoQ to Rs6.8bn. Other Income was down 52% YoY at Rs2.9bn (a 42% miss), while forex loss stood at Rs4bn vs. our est. of Rs3bn. Share of associate/JV profits turned positive to Rs2.9bn vs. Rs2.6bn loss QoQ, implying margin recovery in HMEL. 9MFY23 capex was ~Rs92bn.

Management KTAs: Debt has reduced now, as LPG subsidy payout of Rs56.2bn was in Jan-23. The Vizag expansion should conclude by Q1FY24 and the resid upgradation project by end-CY23. There is still no clarity on the Rs300bn capital support or how to avail it.

Outlook: HPCL logged weaker-than-expected refining performance in Q3, while marketing performance was a tad better. We estimate HPCL to post profit in Q4FY23, though we assume the Rs150bn of auto-fuel subsidy (Rs300bn for the industry, with the highest share for HPCL) would result in FY23 PAT of Rs15bn; hence, we await any related announcements. Ex-subsidy, HPCL could albeit suffer sizeable losses in full-FY23. HPCL's major projects would last for a year at least, given Rs140-150bn capex p.a. along with the Barmer refinery equity infusion. Hence, debt is likely to stay elevated. Any cooling in broader commodity prices and/or resumption in auto-fuel price change based on market rate are key triggers.

Valuation: We value HPCL on SOTP-methodology, with investments at a 30% holdco discount. We retain our 5.5x target EV/EBITDA and maintain HOLD on the stock with TP of Rs230. HPCL remains a high beta play, as it is the most-leveraged OMC. Key risks: Adverse commodity prices & downstream margins; currency movement; govt polices; project issues.

Financial Snapshot (Standalone)

(Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	23,29,968	34,96,829	43,07,030	39,70,087	36,38,440
EBITDA	1,59,254	1,01,759	(1,15,990)	1,28,973	1,51,559
EBITDA Margin (%)	6.8	2.9	(2.7)	3.2	4.2
APAT	1,05,310	59,162	(1,39,624)	39,145	46,238
EPS (Rs)	72.5	41.7	(98.4)	27.6	32.6
EPS (% chg)	450.2	(42.5)	NM	NM	18.1
ROE (%)	32.3	15.8	(35.4)	9.5	10.5
P/E (x)	3.2	5.6	NM	8.4	7.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	4.5	7.3	NM	7.2	6.2
P/BV (x)	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7



СМР	Target Price
Rs 232 as of (February 9, 2023)	Rs 230 (∎) 12 months
Rating	Upside
HOLD (∎)	(1.1) %

Change in Estimates

EPS Chg FY23E/FY2		NM/(11)
Target Price change	(%)	-
Target Period (Month	s)	12
Previous Reco		HOLD
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	FY23E	FY24E
Emkay	(98.4)	27.6
Consensus	(36.2)	45.9
Mean Consensus TP	(12M)	Rs 265
Stock Details		
Bloomberg Code		HPCL IN
Face Value (Rs)		10
Shares outstanding (mn)	1,419
52 Week H/L		307 / 200
M Cap (Rs bn/USD b	n) :	329 / 3.99
Daily Avg Volume (no	os.)	40,98,453
Daily Avg Turnover (I	JSD mn)	11.7
Shareholding Patter	n Dec '22	
Promoters		54.9%
Flls		15.7%
DIIs		19.6%
Public and Others		9.8%
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Price Performance	2M 61	
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Exhibit 1: Actual vs. Estimates (Q3FY23)

Rs bn	Actual	Estimates	Consensus Estimates - (Bloomberg)	Varia	ation	Comments	
RS DII F	Actual	(Emkay)		Emkay	Consensus		
Total Revenue	1,096.0	994.5	1,028.7	10%	7%		
Adjusted EBITDA	20.7	28.1	6.1	-26%	239%	Lower than expected GRMs	
EBITDA Margin	1.9%	2.8%	0.6%	-93bps	223bps		
Adjusted Net Profit	1.7	9.3	-6.4	-82%	NM	Forex losses and Other Income miss	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: Quarterly summary

Rs mn	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	YoY	QoQ	9MFY22	9MFY23	YoY
Revenue	9,66,024	9,75,727	11,44,547	10,28,003	10,96,032	13%	7%	25,21,102	32,68,582	30%
COGS	9,06,271	9,01,413	12,13,482	10,45,509	10,31,258	14%	-1%	23,18,744	32,90,249	42%
Gross Profit	59,753	74,315	(68,935)	(17,507)	64,774	8%		2,02,358	(21,667)	
Opex	42,997	52,456	46,557	47,611	44,027	2%	-8%	1,27,207	1,38,195	9%
Total Expenditure	9,49,268	9,53,869	12,60,039	10,93,120	10,75,284	13%	-2%	24,45,951	34,28,443	40%
EBITDA	16,756	21,859	(1,15,492)	(65,118)	20,748	24%		75,151	(1,59,861)	
Depreciation	10,247	10,832	10,945	10,809	11,105	8%	3%	28,859	32,858	14%
Interest	2,358	3,283	3,327	5,950	6,817	189%	15%	6,444	16,093	150%
Other Income	6,040	15,979	3,397	2,805	2,889	-52%	3%	17,510	9,091	-48%
Exceptional Items*	-	-	-	56,170	-			-	56,170	
Forex Gain/(Losses)	1,416	(872)	(9,454)	(6,031)	(4,031)			1,830	(19,516)	
PBT	11,607	22,850	(1,35,820)	(28,932)	1,684	-85%		59,187	(1,63,068)	
Тах	2,918	4,897	-33,850	-7,211	-40			13,314	-41,101	
РАТ	8,689	17,953	-1,01,969	-21,721	1,724	-80%		45,874	-1,21,967	
Adjusted PAT	8,689	17,953	(1,01,969)	(63,656)	1,724	-80%		45,874	(1,63,902)	
Adjusted EPS (Rs)	6.1	12.7	(71.9)	(44.9)	1.2	-80%		32.3	(115.5)	
Tax Rate	25%	21%	25%	25%	-2%			22%	25%	
Core EBITDA^	64,256	(1,07,242)	(1,07,592)	(38,118)	32,748	-49%		79,451	(1,12,961)	
Core PAT^	43,153	(78,823)	(88,612)	(38,949)	13,251	-69%		46,120	(1,14,310)	
Core EPS (Rs)^	30.4	(55.6)	(62.5)	(27.5)	9.3	-69%		32.5	(80.6)	
Refining Volumes (mmt)	4.2	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.8	14%	8%	9.3	14.1	52%
Reported GRM (USD/bbl)	6.4	12.4	16.7	8.4	9.1	43%	9%	4.5	11.5	156%
Core GRM (USD/bbl)^	4.9	6.4	14.7	13.4	11.1	126%	-17%	2.6	13.1	400%
Adjusted Refining EBITDA^	6,706	23,287	36,325	12,846	17,220	157%		2,280	66,391	
Marketing Volumes (mmt)	10.5	10.7	10.7	10.4	11.3	7%	8%	28.5	32.3	14%
Diesel	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.3	5.1	15%	17%	12.1	14.3	18%
Petrol	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.2	11%	2%	5.6	6.5	17%
Marketing Margin (Rs/mt)^	8,806	-6,963	-9,714	-2,740	3,681	-58%		6,512	-2,814	
Adjusted Marketing EBITDA^	7,343	-4,095	-1,54,545	-80,623	681	-91%		65,640	-2,34,487	
Marketing Inventory Gain/(Losses)^	-50,900	1,13,600	-13,300	-14,000	-6,300			-13,700	-33,600	
Pipeline Volumes (mmt)	5.5	5.3	5.8	5.5	5.8	6%	6%	14.6	17.1	17%
Implied Pipeline EBITDA	2,706	2,666	2,728	2,660	2,847	5%	7%	7,231	8,235	14%
Gross Debt	3,72,500	4,31,930	4,72,830	6,85,460	6,42,450	72%	-6%	3,72,500	6,42,450	72%
Implied Net Debt	3,18,655	3,77,950	4,18,945	6,31,669	5,88,659	85%	-7%	3,18,655	5,88,659	85%
Net Under-recovery	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	

Source: Company, Emkay Research; ^OMCs have largely discontinued reporting inventory gain/loss figures; hence these numbers are assumed; Segmental EBITDA is also computed; * Rs56.2bn of LPG subsidy assumed as exceptional, being one-time

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Exhibit 3: Change in assumptions

	FY23E			FY24E			FY25E		
	Previous	Revised	Variance	Previous	Revised	Variance	Previous	Revised	Variance
GRM (USD/bbl)	10.0	11.5	15%	8.0	8.0	0%	8.5	8.5	0%
Marketing Margin (Rs/mt)	2,067	-1,016	NM	4,404	4,449	1%	4,691	4,800	2%
Marketing Sales (mmt)	45	44	-3%	46	45	-1%	47	47	-1%
Growth	14.7%	11.6%	-312bps	1.6%	3.2%	159bps	2.7%	3.2%	46bps

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 4: Change in estimates

(Rs bn)	FY23E				FY24E		FY25E		
	Previous	Revised	Variance	Previous	Revised	Variance	Previous	Revised	Variance
Revenue	4,334	4,307	-1%	3,815	3,970	4%	3,481	3,638	5%
EBITDA	14	-116	NM	129	129	0%	154	152	-2%
EBITDA Margins	0.3%	-2.7%	NM	3.4%	3.2%	-13bps	4.4%	4.2%	-26bps
PAT	-38	-140	NM	44	39	-11%	56	46	-18%
EPS (Rs)	-26.5	-98.4	NM	30.9	27.6	-11%	39.7	32.6	-18%

Source: Company, Emkay Research; Note - RPAT estimate for FY23 is ~Rs15bn as LPG & potential auto-fuel subsidy has been put under exceptional items

Exhibit 5: SOTP-based Valuation – Mar-24E

Components	Basis	Mar-25E EBITDA	Multiple(x)	EV (Rs bn)	EV/share (Rs)	Comments
Refining Standalone	EV/EBITDA	88	5.5	482	340	
Pipelines Standalone	EV/EBITDA	14	5.5	74	52	
Petrochemicals Standalone	EV/EBITDA	-		-	-	
Marketing Standalone	EV/EBITDA	50	5.5	277	195	
Core Business EV		152	5.5	834	588	Blended multiple at 5.5x
Less: Adj. Net Debt (at Mar-24	end)			581	410	
Core Business Valuation				252	178	
Value of HMEL Stake	P/E			56	39	
Value of Listed Investments	TP/CMP			18	13	At 30% HoldCo Discount
Target Price-Fair Value (Rs/sl	h)				230	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 6: Schedule and Value of Investments

Listed	Туре	Basis of Valuation	TP/CMP (Rs/sh)	Equity Value (Rs bn)	HPCL Stake	Pro-rata Value (Rs bn)	HoldCo Discount	Contr. to SOTP (Rs bn)	Per Share Value (Rs)
MRPL	Financial	CMP*1.12x	61	107	17.0%	18	30%	13	8.9
Oil India	Financial	TP (Emkay)	270	293	2.5%	7	30%	5	3.6
Total Listed						25		18	13

Source: Company, Emkay Research; *1.12x is taken as 1 year forward over CMP

Exhibit 7: Value of the HMEL-stake

Components	Basis	Mar-25E PAT (Rs bn)	Multiple (x)	Equity value (Rs bn)		Pro-rata value (Rs bn)	Holdco Disc.	Contr. To SOTP (Rs bn)	
HPCL Mittal Energy (HMEL)	P/E	20	8.0	160	50%	80	30%	56	39

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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Key Financials (Standalone)

Income Statement

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	23,29,968	34,96,829	43,07,030	39,70,087	36,38,440
Expenditure	21,70,714	33,95,071	44,23,020	38,41,114	34,86,881
EBITDA	1,59,254	1,01,759	(1,15,990)	1,28,973	1,51,559
Depreciation	35,527	39,691	44,608	59,922	67,843
EBIT	1,23,728	62,067	(1,60,599)	69,051	83,717
Other Income	16,004	22,741	17,696	18,651	19,882
Interest expenses	9,147	9,727	23,761	35,368	41,783
РВТ	1,30,584	75,081	(1,66,663)	52,333	61,815
Тах	37,158	22,875	1,59,131	13,188	15,577
Extraordinary Items	11,884	6,956	1,86,170	0	0
Minority Int./Income from Assoc.	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Net Income	1,06,639	63,826	14,591	39,145	46,238
Adjusted PAT	1,05,310	59,162	(1,39,624)	39,145	46,238

Balance Sheet

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Equity share capital	14,524	14,189	14,186	14,186	14,186
Reserves & surplus	3,47,337	3,72,581	3,87,172	4,12,616	4,42,671
Net worth	3,61,861	3,86,770	4,01,358	4,26,802	4,56,857
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Loan Funds	4,29,159	4,65,906	5,62,106	6,62,106	6,92,106
Net deferred tax liability	55,111	59,783	19,283	(967)	(11,092)
Total Liabilities	8,46,131	9,12,459	9,82,746	10,87,940	11,37,870
Net block	4,99,005	5,71,336	7,97,058	9,07,284	9,68,177
Investment	1,49,928	1,79,437	1,81,232	1,83,044	1,84,874
Current Assets	4,21,265	4,83,171	5,88,686	5,54,587	5,20,972
Cash & bank balance	2,372	1,310	4,307	12,256	20,017
Other Current Assets	6,388	6,275	7,729	7,124	6,529
Current liabilities & Provision	4,66,403	5,89,145	7,18,059	6,50,655	6,11,098
Net current assets	(45,137)	(1,05,974)	(1,29,373)	(96,068)	(90,126)
Misc. exp	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	8,46,131	9,12,459	9,82,746	10,87,940	11,37,870

Cash Flow Y/E Mar (Rs mn) FY21 FY22 FY23E FY24E FY25E PBT (Ex-Other income) (NI+Dep) 1,14,581 33,682 41,934 52,340 (1,84,359) Other Non-Cash items 21,638 15,146 1,86,170 0 0 Chg in working cap 41,864 (14,103) (45,606) (8,306) 64,446 **Operating Cashflow** 1,77,223 1,58,898 51,160 70,179 1,27,676 Capital expenditure (1, 22, 526)(1, 37, 347)(1, 36, 500)(1, 30, 000)(1, 10, 000)**Free Cash Flow** 17,676 54,697 21,551 (85,340) (59,821) Investments (1,830) (24,812) (29, 510)(1,794) (1,812) Other Investing Cash Flow 4,052 18,462 0 0 0 **Investing Cashflow** (1,27,282) (1,20,598) (1,13,161) (91,949) (1,25,653) Equity Capital Raised (718) (335)(4) 0 0 Loans Taken / (Repaid) (1,050)36,747 96,200 1,00,000 30,000 Dividend paid (incl tax) (13,701) (16,183) (14,844) (32,229) 0 Other Financing Cash Flow (22,941) (28,763) 0 0 0 **Financing Cashflow** (48,700) 72,436 50,931 (27, 966)(34,306) 1,241 Net chg in cash (1,062) 2,998 7,948 7,761 Opening cash position 1,132 2,372 1,310 4,307 12,256 **Closing cash position** 2,372 1,310 4,307 12,256 20,017

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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Profitability (%)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EBITDA Margin	6.8	2.9	(2.7)	3.2	4.2
EBIT Margin	5.3	1.8	(3.7)	1.7	2.3
Effective Tax Rate	28.5	30.5	NM	25.2	25.2
Net Margin	4.0	1.5	(7.6)	1.0	1.3
ROCE	17.2	9.6	(15.1)	8.5	9.3
ROE	32.3	15.8	(35.4)	9.5	10.5
RoIC	19.1	9.4	(55.7)	7.1	7.6
Per Share Data (Rs)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EPS	72.5	41.7	(98.4)	27.6	32.6
CEPS	97.0	69.7	(67.0)	69.8	80.4
BVPS	249.1	272.6	282.9	300.9	322.1
DPS	22.7	14.0	0.0	9.7	11.4
Nelvetiene (v)	EV04	EVaa	EVODE	EVOAE	EVOEL
Valuations (x) PER	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
	3.2	5.6	NM	8.4	
P/CEPS	2.4	3.3		3.3	2.9
P/BV	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
EV / Sales	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
EV / EBITDA	4.5	7.3	NM	7.2	6.2
Dividend Yield (%)	9.8	6.0	0.0	4.2	4.9
Gearing Ratio (x)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Net Debt/ Equity	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.3
Net Debt/EBIDTA	2.3	4.0	NM	4.6	4.1
Working Cap Cycle (days)	27.8	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1
Growth (%)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	(13.3)	50.1	23.2	(7.8)	(8.4)
EBITDA	165.6	(36.1)	NM	NM	17.5
EBIT	359.5	(49.8)	NM	NM	21.2
PAT	304.4	(40.1)	NM	NM	18.1
Quarterly (Rs mn)	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23
Revenue	9,66,024	9,75,727	11,44,547	10,28,003	10,96,032
EBITDA	16,756	21,859	(1,15,492)	(65,118)	20,748
EBITDA Margin (%)	1.7	21,000	(10.1)	(6.3)	1.9
PAT	8,689	17,953	(1,01,969)	(21,721)	1,724
EPS (Rs)	6.1	12.7	(71.9)	(15.3)	1.2
. ,	0.1	12.1	(11.5)	(10.0)	
Source: Company, Emkay Research			L 00	Sep-22	Dec-22
Shareholding Pattern (%)	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22	
	Dec-21 54.9	Mar-22 54.9	Jun-22 54.9	54.9	54.9
Shareholding Pattern (%)					
Shareholding Pattern (%) Promoters	54.9	54.9	54.9	54.9	54.9

Source: Capitaline

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Date	Closing Price	ТР	Period	Rating	Analyst	
06-Dec-22	224	230	12m	Hold	Sabri Hazarika	
04-Nov-22	204	230	12m	Hold	Sabri Hazarika	
07-Sep-22	244	260	12m	Hold	Sabri Hazarika	
07-Aug-22	251	260	12m	Hold	Sabri Hazarika	
15-Jul-22	240	295	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
28-Jun-22	222	295	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
22-May-22	244	295	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
21-May-22	244	295	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
09-Mar-22	269	330	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
02-Feb-22	291	360	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
25-Dec-21	292	340	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
23-Nov-21	319	340	12m	Hold	Sabri Hazarika	
03-Nov-21	314	340	12m	Hold	Sabri Hazarika	
06-Aug-21	265	290	12m	Hold	Sabri Hazarika	
26-Jul-21	274	270	12m	Hold	Sabri Hazarika	
23-Jun-21	300	270	12m	Hold	Sabri Hazarika	
29-May-21	281	270	12m	Hold	Sabri Hazarika	
22-May-21	276	270	12m	Hold	Sabri Hazarika	
23-Apr-21	234	285	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
23-Mar-21	239	285	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
18-Mar-21	234	285	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
05-Feb-21	225	285	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
06-Jan-21	221	280	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
26-Nov-20	213	280	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
05-Nov-20	205	280	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
28-Sep-20	184	280	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
23-Sep-20	177	280	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
08-Aug-20	214	280	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
18-Jun-20	223	280	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
03-Jun-20	197	320	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
06-May-20	203	320	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	
26-Feb-20	209	320	12m	Buy	Sabri Hazarika	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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