BUY (Maintained)

CMP: INR 1,069 Target Price: INR 1,300 (INR 1,169) 🔺 22%

27 July 2023

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Margin accretion story unfolding...

Cipla's Q1FY24 performance was a beat on all fronts, driven primarily by swift uptick in the core markets of India (up 12%) and US (up ~9% QoQ). gRevlimid continues to be an important product in the US, though traction in Q1 was driven by volume growth in the base portfolio. Launch timeline of gAbraxane and gAdvair in FY25 remains unchanged, though gAdvair may be launched earlier if Indore facility status is not escalated to an 'official action indicated' (OAI). In India, MR addition in branded generics and strong position in trade generics and consumer health will likely drive 10% growth over FY23-FY25E for Cipla. Management has raised its FY24 margin guidance by 100bps to 23%. We raise our FY24E and FY25E EPS by 6.7% and 4.4% respectively. Maintain **BUY** while we raise the target price to INR 1,300, valuing the company at 23x FY25E earnings.

US and India outperformance drives beat

Revenues grew 17.7% YoY to INR 63.3bn (I-Sec: INR 60.3bn) driven by strong traction in the US markets and India. Gross margin expanded by 232bps YoY (+61bps QoQ) led by new launches in the US and product mix improvement. EBITDA margin expanded 233bps YoY to 23.6% (I-Sec: 22.4%) on the back of product mix improvement. Adjusted PAT was up 45.1% YoY to INR 10bn (I-Sec: INR 8.2bn).

FY24 margin guidance raised to 23%

Domestic revenues grew 11.6% YoY to INR 27.7bn with branded / trade generics / consumer health growing at 11% / 8% / 16% respectively. Strong traction in chronic therapies and presence in high-growth areas of trade generics and consumer health should aid growth going forward. Cipla added 200 MRs in India in Q1FY24 and will add 150-200 more in Q2. We believe the company's India business will grow at 10% over FY23-FY25E. US continues to touch newer highs – revenues were up 8.8% QoQ to USD 222mn, driven by market share gains in Lanreotide and volume growth in the base portfolio. Favourable macro-environment (drug shortages and favourable competitive dynamics) and attractive product pipeline is likely to ensure that the momentum is maintained ahead. We expect US business to register a CAGR of 20% over FY23-FY25E to USD 1bn. South Africa (including Global Access) business declined 5.1% YoY (-10.1% QoQ) to INR 7.5bn.

Financial summary

Y/E (INR mn)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Net Revenue	2,16,234	2,24,732	2,52,967	2,83,798
EBITDA	45,528	50,270	60,508	71,352
EBITDA Margin (%)	20.9	22.1	23.7	24.9
Net Profit	26,502	29,300	37,783	45,163
EPS (Rs)	32.9	36.4	46.9	56.1
EPS % Chg YoY	10.2	10.6	29.0	19.5
P/E (x)	32.5	29.4	22.8	19.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.1	16.2	12.9	10.6
RoCE (%)	13.2	13.3	15.2	15.9
RoE (%)	12.7	12.5	14.2	14.8

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Market Data

Market Cap (INR)	863bn
Market Cap (USD)	10,517mn
Bloomberg Code	CIPLA IN
Reuters Code	CIPL.BO
52-week Range (INR)	1,185 /852
Free Float (%)	66.0
ADTV-3M (mn) (USD)	21

Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	18.2	4.0	13.3
Relative to Sensex	11.4	11.8	22.2

ESG Disclosure	2021	2022	Change
ESG score	64.3	63.6	(0.7)
Environment	44.9	43.2	(1.7)
Social	56.7	56.5	(0.2)
Governance	91.1	91.1	0.0

Note - Score ranges from 0 - 100 with a higher score indicating higher ESG disclosures.

Source: Bloomberg, I-sec research

Earnings Revisions (%)	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	2.1	2.1
EBITDA	4.4	2.7
EPS	6.7	4.4

Previous Reports

27-04-2023: <u>Q3FY23 results review</u> 06-11-2022: <u>Q2FY23 results review</u>



Valuations and risks

Cipla's US business growth in FY24 could have been impacted due to shift in launch timeline of gAbraxane and gAdvair; however, shortages of generic drugs due to bankruptcy of a few companies drove traction in the base portfolio, thereby safeguarding the company's FY24 growth. In India, Cipla is also adding MRs and launching new products across its three business segments to drive market-beating growth. Growth across the core markets also improved its EBITDA margin in Q1 and the favourable product mix is likely to elevate it to ~25% by FY25E.

We increase our revenue estimates by ~2% over FY24E-FY25E to factor-in the healthy US business growth. We also raise our EPS estimates by 4-6% over the same period to account of the improvement in margins and cost efficiencies. Better performance in the key geographies of US and India may aid a revenue CAGR of 12.3% over FY23-FY25E while EBITDA and PAT will likely grow at 19.1% / 24.2% over FY23-FY25E. At CMP of INR 1,069, the stock currently trades at valuations of 22.8x FY24E and 19.0x FY25E earnings and EV/EBITDA multiples of 12.9x FY24E and 10.6x FY25E. Retain **BUY**. Risks: Incremental competition in niche products, delay in facility resolution.

Q1FY24 concall highlights

India

- Branded business grew 11%, driven mainly by traction in chronic therapies. Chronic segment's share stood at 60% in Q1 vs 58% last year.
- Cipla has maintained its market leadership in trade generics. It introduced 23 new products in Q1FY24.
- Consumer business grew 16% and has achieved margins in mid-teens. Seasonality impacted sales of this division.
- In the branded business, it added 200-250 MR in Q1FY24 and will add 150-200 more in Q2. Payback on this addition is likely to happen in 9-12 months.
- New product launches accounted for 2% of sales during the quarter
- Cipla has 10,000 medical representatives in India of which 75-80% are dedicated for the chronic therapies (including respiratory).
- Trade generics account for 25-30% of Indian pharma market.

US generics

- Albuterol market share had dropped in Q4 and has now stabilised. Revenues from this product declined to some extent in Q1 and is now stable.
- Lanreotide market share increased to 18% vs 17% in Q4FY23.
- gRevlimid was not a major driver of sequential growth.
- Company is targeting launch of 4-5 peptide products in next 2 years. Peptides are filed from third-party sites and there is no dependence on Goa for any major launches ahead.
- Symbicort will be filed in Q4FY24.
- Three differentiated products are undergoing clinical trials, with filings targeted in FY24 and FY25.
- Cipla is awaiting classification of Indore by the USFDA. Company has initiated CAPA as per form 483.
- Goa facility is likely to be inspected in H2FY24.



- Advair is transferred to an in-house facility and does not expect any other player to get an approval before Cipla. It may file a major amendment in ANDA because of site transfer; approval will likely take less than 8 months. Launch timeline is FY24 if Indore is cleared and FY25 if approval will come from new site.
- Abraxane has also been filed from a CMO site. Launch is expected by FY25. Teva was the first filer in this product and has got an approval.
- Supply-chain rebalancing is happening in the US due to exit of a few players. Incremental volume share is getting distributed among many players.
- Cipla is not witnessing any increase in prices of products that are in shortage in the US.
- US quarterly run-rate ahead is expected to be USD 210mn-215mn.
- Company is targeting to file 15 products in the US and launch 10 products every year.

Guidance

- Capex at INR 10-15bn in FY24
- Management has raised FY24 margin guidance to 23% (22% earlier).
- M&A focus would be towards market share and ranking improvement in India and South Africa. Cipla may also evaluate candidates in the US, which would add niche capabilities.

Exhibit 1: Q1 result review

Y/E Mar (INR mn)	Q1FY24	Q1FY23	YoY(%)	Q4FY23	QoQ (%)	FY23	FY22	YoY(%)
Net Sales	63,289	53,752	17.7	57,393	10.3	2,27,531	2,17,633	4.5
Gross Profit	40,921	33,508	22.1	36,759	11.3	1,45,008	1,32,677	9.3
Gross Margins (%)	64.7	62.3	231.9	64.0	60.8	63.7	61.0	276.8
EBITDA	14,939	11,434	30.7	11,737	27.3	50,270	45,528	10.4
EBITDA Margins (%)	23.6	21.3	233.4	20.5	315.4	22.1	20.9	117.4
Other Income	1,363	1,034	31.8	1,346	1.2	4,755	2,809	69.3
Interest	164	178	(8.0)	344	(52.3)	1,095	1,064	3.0
Depreciation	2,392	2,544	(6.0)	3,462	(30.9)	11,721	10,520	11.4
РВТ	13,746	9,746	41.0	9,278	48.2	42,208	36,754	14.8
Tax	3,780	2,680	41.1	2,223	70.1	12,029	9,338	28.8
Tax Rate (%)	27.5	27.5	0.1	24.0	354.6	28.5	25.4	309.1
PAT	9,966	7,066	41.0	7,055	41.3	30,180	27,416	10.1
Minority Interest	(9)	(202)	(95.6)	25	(134.8)	(336)	(427)	(21.4)
Adjusted Net Income	9,957	6,864	45.1	7,081	40.6	29,844	26,989	10.6
NPM (%)	15.7	12.8	296.3	12.3	339.5	13.1	12.4	71.5

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 2: Segmental breakup

INR mn	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	% YoY	% QoQ
Domestic business	27,100	24,160	25,180	21,830	24,830	25,630	25,630	22,590	27,720	11.6	22.7
Exports	24,570	28,700	27,540	28,940	27,070	30,620	30,420	32,930	33,490	23.7	1.7
North America	10,380	10,550	11,240	12,090	11,990	14,320	16,000	16,770	18,220	52.0	8.6
SAGA	8,370	9,940	8,920	9,530	7,880	8,670	6,800	8,320	7,480	(5.1)	(10.1)
International markets	5,820	8,210	7,380	7,320	7,200	7,630	7,620	7,840	7,790	8.2	(0.6)
API	3,020	1,720	1,500	1,370	1,350	1,530	1,470	1,330	1,360	0.7	2.3
Others	360	620	560	460	510	510	580	530	710	39.2	34.0
Total	55,050	55,200	54,780	52,600	53,760	58,290	58,100	57,380	63,280	17.7	10.3

Source: Company data, I-Sec research



Exhibit 3: Brand-wise breakdown

Brands	Therapy	Q1FY23	Q1FY24	YoY (%)	Q4FY23	QoQ (%)	FY22	FY23	YoY (%)
Foracort	Respiratory	1,571	1,957	24.6	2,014	-2.8	5,947	7,218	21.4
Duolin	Respiratory	869	974	12.0	1,327	-26.6	3,853	4,561	18.4
Budecort	Respiratory	648	821	26.6	1,233	-33.4	3,241	4,114	27.0
Seroflo	Respiratory	851	699	-17.9	812	-14.0	3,115	3,416	9.7
Montair-LC	Respiratory	529	566	7.0	804	-29.6	2,486	2,841	14.3
Asthalin	Respiratory	596	604	1.4	724	-16.5	2,383	2,802	17.6
Azee	Anti-Infectives	425	447	5.2	639	-30.0	2,563	2,455	-4.2
Dytor	Cardiac	567	663	16.9	593	11.7	1,992	2,295	15.3
Aerocort	Respiratory	458	510	11.3	524	-2.6	1,977	2,060	4.2
Galvus Met	Anti Diabetic	562	552	-1.8	521	6.0	2,193	2,121	-3.3

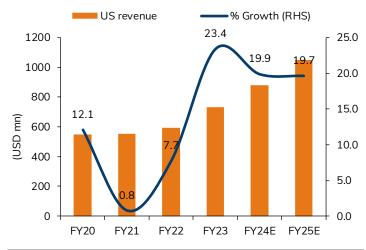
Source: IQVIA

Exhibit 4: Therapy-wise breakdown

SUPERGROUP	Q1FY23	Q1FY24	YoY (%)	Q4FY23	QoQ (%)	FY22	FY23	YoY (%)
Respiratory	8,093	9,056	11.9	11,119	-18.6	36,162	40,272	11.4
Anti-Infectives	3,328	3,593	7.9	4,010	-10.4	15,120	15,893	5.1
Cardiac	2,936	3,280	11.7	3,054	7.4	10,928	11,991	9.7
Anti Diabetic	1,684	1,636	-2.8	1,557	5.1	6,336	6,534	3.1
Gastro Intestinal	1,740	1,652	-5.0	1,475	12.0	5,589	6,463	15.6
Urology	1,228	1,324	7.8	1,193	10.9	4,713	4,860	3.1
Pain / Analgesics	922	1,059	14.9	1,005	5.4	3,316	4,078	23.0
Derma	763	920	20.6	849	8.3	3,250	3,410	4.9
Neuro / CNS	840	923	9.8	843	9.5	3,197	3,442	7.7
Antiviral	707	824	16.7	773	6.7	4,975	3,182	-36.1

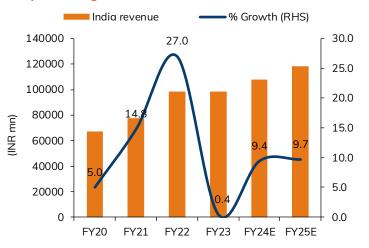
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Exhibit 5: Advair and complex launches likely to aid growth in the US



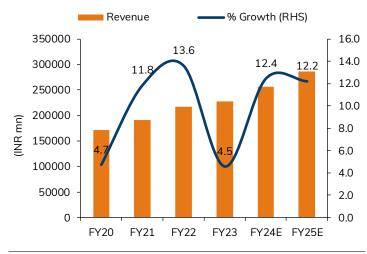
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Exhibit 6: India revenues to be driven by healthy volumeand price-led growth



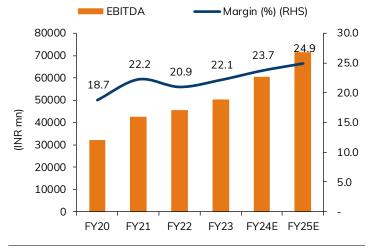
Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 7: Revenue CAGR expected at 12.3% over FY23-FY25E



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 9: EBITDA margins to expand 280bps with controlled costs and healthy domestic growth



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

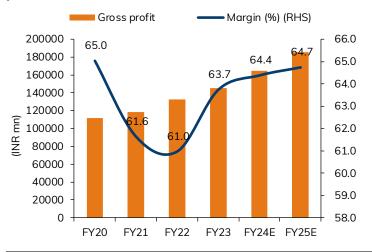
Exhibit 11: Shareholding pattern

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%	Dec'22	Mar'23	Jun'23
Promoters	33.6	33.6	33.5
Institutional investors	49.5	49.5	49.8
MFs and others	14.1	15.0	15.4
Insurance Cos	6.8	6.7	6.3
FIIs	28.6	27.8	28.1
Others	16.9	16.9	16.7

Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research

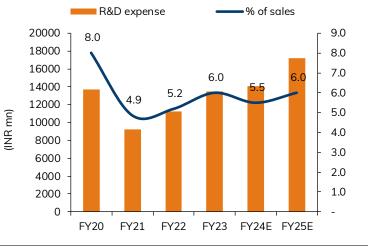
Exhibit 8: Gross margins to improve with improved product mix

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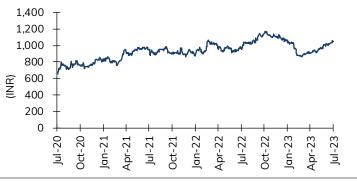
Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 10: R&D expenses to remain at ~6% of sales



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 12: Price chart



Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research



Financial Summary

Exhibit 13: Profit & Loss

(INR mn, year ending)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
	246.224	2 2 4 7 2 2	2 52 007	2 02 700
Net Sales	2,16,234	2,24,732	2,52,967	2,83,798
Operating Expenses	87,150	94,739	1,04,179	1,14,433
EBITDA	45,528	50,270	60,508	71,352
EBITDA Margin (%)	20.9	22.1	23.7	24.9
Depreciation & Amortization	10,520	11,721	11,055	11,955
EBIT	35,008	38,549	49,453	59,397
Interest expenditure	1,064	1,095	1,095	1,095
Other Non-operating Income	2,809	4,755	4,585	4,891
Recurring PBT	36,754	42,208	52,943	63,193
Profit / (Loss) from Associates	(128)	(26)	(26)	(26)
Less: Taxes	9,338	12,029	14,824	17,694
PAT	25,595	28,356	38,119	45,499
Less: Minority Interest	(299)	(310)	(310)	(310)
Extraordinaries (Net)	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Reported)	25,467	28,330	38,093	45,473
Net Income (Adjusted)	26,502	29,300	37,783	45,163

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 14: Balance sheet

(INR mn, year ending)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Total Current Assets	1,25,326	1,41,851	1,71,422	2,12,451
of which cash & cash eqv.	19,285	15,646	47,998	74,955
Total Current Liabilities & Provisions	45,053	45,893	46,473	49,514
Net Current Assets	80,273	95,958	1,24,950	1,62,937
Investments	26,120	37,222	37,222	37,222
Net Fixed Assets	51,644	49,908	47,403	48,465
ROU Assets	-	-	-	-
Capital Work-in-Progress	7,662	10,933	10,933	10,933
Total Intangible Assets	44,575	41,099	43,376	42,359
Other assets	2,189	2,582	2,582	2,582
Deferred Tax assests	4,488	4,565	4,565	4,565
Total Assets	2,25,958	2,48,740	2,81,687	3,21,018
Liabilities				
Borrowings	8,241	5,204	5,204	5,204
Deferred Tax Liability	2,440	1,633	1,633	1,633
provisions	1,002	1,022	1,186	1,330
other Liabilities	3,101	3,746	3,746	3,746
Equity Share Capital	1,614	1,614	1,614	1,614
Reserves & Surplus	2,06,803	2,32,464	2,65,247	3,04,433
Total Net Worth	2,08,417	2,34,078	2,66,861	3,06,047
Minority Interest	2,757	3,058	3,058	3,058
Total Liabilities	2,25,958	2,48,740	2,81,687	3,21,018

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 15: Cashflow statement

(INR mn, year ending)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Operating Cashflow	23,683	27,878	54,182	51,935
Working Capital Changes	12,988	16,518	659	12,185
Capital Commitments	10,774	9,780	10,828	12,000
Free Cashflow	12,909	18,098	43,354	39,935
Other investing cashflow	(914)	8,949	-	-
Cashflow from Investing Activities	(9,860)	(18,729)	(10,828)	(12,000)
Issue of Share Capital	1	1	-	-
Interest Cost	-	-	-	-
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	(7,133)	(3,038)	-	-
Dividend paid	(3,182)	(3,330)	(3,708)	(5,000)
Others	5,540	4,978	2,508	3,129
Cash flow from Financing Activities	(4,775)	(1,390)	(1,200)	(1,871)
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	9,049	7,760	42,154	38,064

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 16: Key ratios

(Year ending)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Per Share Data (INR)				
Reported EPS	32.9	36.4	46.9	56.1
Adjusted EPS (Diluted)	32.9	36.4	46.9	56.1
Cash EPS	46.0	50.9	60.7	70.9
Dividend per share (DPS)	4.0	4.1	4.6	6.2
Book Value per share (BV)	258.9	290.7	331.4	380.1
Dividend Payout (%)	12.0	11.4	9.8	11.1
Growth (%)				
Net Sales	13.9	3.9	12.6	12.2
EBITDA	7.1	10.4	20.4	17.9
EPS (INR)	10.2	10.6	29.0	19.5
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	32.5	29.4	22.8	19.0
P/CEPS	23.2	21.0	17.6	15.1
P/BV	4.1	3.7	3.2	2.8
EV / EBITDA	18.1	16.2	12.9	10.6
P / Sales	4.0	3.8	3.4	3.0
Operating Ratios				
Gross Profit Margins (%)	61.0	63.7	64.4	64.7
EBITDA Margins (%)	20.9	22.1	23.7	24.9
Effective Tax Rate (%)	26.7	29.8	28.0	28.0
Net Profit Margins (%)	11.8	12.5	14.9	15.9
Net Debt / Equity (x)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	(0.8)	(0.9)	(1.3)	(1.5)
Profitability Ratios				
RoCE (%)	13.2	13.3	15.2	15.9
RoE (%)	12.7	12.5	14.2	14.8
RoIC (%)	15.4	14.9	18.8	21.8
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	4.3	4.5	5.3	6.0
Inventory Turnover Days	95	85	93	92
Receivables Days	61	67	61	60
Payables Days	45	40	37	36

Source Company data, I-Sec research



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