

Nestlé India

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Bloomberg	NEST IN
Equity Shares (m)	96
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	2152.9 / 26.3
52-Week Range (INR)	23390 / 17888
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-6/5/2
12M Avg Val (INR M)	1299

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

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Y/E Dec	CY22	FY24E*	FY25E
Sales	169.0	248.2	228.6
Sales Gr. (%)	14.6	46.9	-7.9
EBITDA	37.1	57.0	53.7
Margin (%)	22.0	22.9	23.5
Adj. PAT	23.9	37.7	34.8
Adj. EPS (INR)	247.9	298.3	360.9
EPS Gr. (%)	3.1	20.3	21.0
BV/Sh.(INR)	255.0	253.4	274.2
Ratios			
RoE (%)	105.2	153.9	136.8
RoCE (%)	98.6	144.6	128.6
Payout (%)	84.7	100.6	94.2
Valuations			
P/E (x)	90.1	74.8	61.9
P/BV (x)	87.5	88.1	81.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	57.2	37.3	39.6
Div. Yield (%)	0.9	1.3	1.5

^{*}Note: FY24 is 15-month period as the company changed its accounting year-end from December

Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Jun-23	Mar-23	Jun-22
Promoter	62.8	62.8	62.8
DII	9.1	9.2	9.1
FII	12.4	12.1	11.7
Others	15.8	16.0	16.5

FII Includes depository receipts

CMP: INR22,329 TP: INR22,465 (+1%) Neutral

EBITDA in-line; fair valuation limits upside

- NEST reported 2QCY23 results that are broadly in line with expectations. It delivered double-digit growth across all products, led by a better mix, healthy volume, and better pricing, along with rapid acceleration in the outof-home (OOH) business during the quarter.
- GP margin expanded 90bp YoY in line with our estimates. Management pointed that costs of edible oils, wheat and packaging materials is in lower range with stable milk cost and softening of fuel prices while Robusta prices are high. The e-commerce channel continued deliver robust growth and contribute 6.5% of 2QCY23 sales.
- We value the stock at 60x Mar'25E EPS to arrive at our TP of INR22,465. We reiterate our **Neutral** stance on fair valuations.

Broadly in-line result with estimates

- NEST reported net sales growth of 15.1% YoY to INR46.6b (est. INR45.9b),
 led by healthy balance of pricing, volume, and product mix.
- Domestic sales grew 14.6% YoY. Export sales grew 25.4% YoY to INR2.0b.
- OOI increased 31.4% YoY to INR390m.
- EBITDA grew 25.4% YoY to INR10.6b (est. INR10.3b).
- PBT grew 30% YoY to INR9.4b (est. INR8.9b)
- Adj. PAT grew 30% YoY to INR7.0b (est. INR6.6b).
- Gross margin expanded ~90bp YoY to 54.8% (est. 54.8%).
- EBITDA margin expanded ~190bp YoY to 22.7% (est. 22.4)
- In 1HCY23, Net sales/EBITDA/Adj. PAT grew 18%/22.4%/27.8%.

Category performance

- Prepared Dishes and Cooking Aids: The category delivered double-digit growth, led by MAGGI Noodles and aided by distribution expansion and consumer activations.
- Milk Products and Nutrition: It posted a strong double-digit growth despite commodity pressure. MILKMAID and Peptamen delivered strong growth. New launches are Resource Fibre choice, Everyday Zero added sugar, and MUNCH Breakfast Cereals.
- Confectionery delivered robust growth, driven by KITKAT and MUNCH.
- Beverages: The category delivered double-digit growth, led by NESCAFE Classic, NESCAFE Sunrise, and NESCAFE GOLD for both hot and cold coffee occasions. It launched a cold coffee premix NESCAFE ALL IN 1 FRAPPE.
- Pet Foods: Felix received good response from trade and cat parents.

Key highlights from the management commentary

- It is the 5th consecutive quarter of achieving double-digit growth across brands.
- Out-Of-Home (OOH): It posted a strong performance, led by Kiosk expansion and prioritization of emerging brands.
- **E-commerce** channel contributes 6.5% of quarterly sales, driven by Quick commerce.

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Costs of edible oils, wheat, and packaging materials are in the lower range. Additionally, fuel prices have also started to soften. Meanwhile, milk prices remain stable, but Robusta prices are currently high and expected to remain volatile.

 Urban growth was complemented by strong momentum in metro and mega cities, along with strong growth in rural markets.

Valuation and view

- There are no material changes to our FY24E* and FY25E EPS estimates.
- Nestle has a strong position in the domestic food market with an innovative product portfolio. They are focused on expanding out-of-home consumption and reaching rural markets, driving sustained double-digit earnings growth. Through substantial investments in capacity enhancement, brand support, and R&D initiatives, Nestle is well-positioned to capitalize on the vast opportunities in India's Packaged Foods segment, ensuring promising long-term revenue and earnings prospects.
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Quarterly performance													(INR b)
Y/E December		CY	22			FY	24			CY22	FY24E*	Est.	Var.
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3QE	4QE	5QE			2QE	
Net Sales	39.9	40.5	46.0	42.6	48.3	46.6	51.5	47.8	54.0	169.0	248.2	45.9	1.6%
YoY Change (%)	10.6	16.4	18.5	13.6	21.0	15.1	12.0	12.3	11.8	14.6	46.9	13.6	
Gross Profit	22.1	21.8	24.2	23.4	26.0	25.5	28.5	26.6	30.2	91.5	136.8	25.1	
Margin (%)	55.3	53.9	52.7	54.9	53.8	54.8	55.2	55.7	56.0	54.1	55.1	54.8	
EBITDA	9.3	8.4	10.1	9.8	11.1	10.6	11.8	11.0	12.4	37.1	57.0	10.3	3.1%
Margins (%)	23.2	20.9	21.9	22.9	23.0	22.7	22.9	23.1	23.0	22.0	22.9	22.4	
YoY Growth (%)	(0.3)	1.2	6.1	15.7	19.7	25.4	16.9	13.0	11.9	4.1	53.4	21.0	
Depreciation	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	4.0	5.7	1.3	
Interest	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.5	2.2	0.4	
Other income	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.5	0.3	
PBT	8.1	7.2	9.1	8.6	10.0	9.4	10.5	9.6	11.1	32.6	50.6	8.9	6.4%
Tax	2.1	1.9	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.8	8.7	12.9	2.3	
Rate (%)	26.2	25.5	26.3	26.8	25.3	25.6	25.5	25.4	25.7	26.6	25.5	25.6	
Adjusted PAT	6.0	5.4	6.7	6.3	7.5	7.0	7.8	7.2	8.2	23.9	37.7	6.6	6.4%
YoY Change (%)	(0.9)	2.9	7.4	11.6	25.8	30.0	17.1	13.2	9.4	3.1	57.8	21.0	

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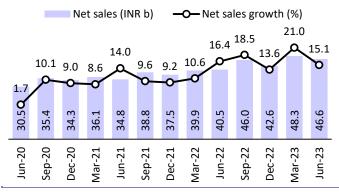
Key Performance Indicators

Y/E December	CY22			FY24		
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q
2Y average growth (%)						
Sales	9.6	15.2	14.1	11.4	15.8	15.8
EBITDA	7.9	5.6	6.0	13.6	9.7	13.3
PAT	6.1	4.2	5.3	16.9	12.5	16.5
% of Sales						
COGS	44.7	46.1	47.3	45.1	46.2	45.2
Employee Expenses	10.0	10.1	9.1	9.6	9.4	9.8
Other Expenses	22.1	22.9	21.6	22.4	21.4	22.3
Depreciation	2.6	2.5	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.3
YoY change (%)						
COGS	19.2	24.8	26.6	19.0	25.0	12.8
Employee Expenses	8.2	8.4	8.2	4.6	87.4	-5.3
Other Expenses	8.2	20.3	20.9	5.7	79.6	-11.2
Other Income	-27.7	-34.3	-9.0	8.0	57.1	23.6
EBIT	-1.7	0.5	6.4	18.9	22.6	28.1

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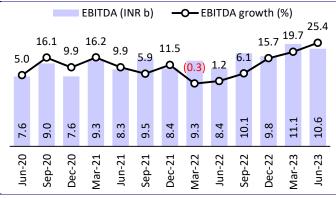
Key Exhibits

Exhibit 1: Net sales up 15.1% YoY to INR46.6b



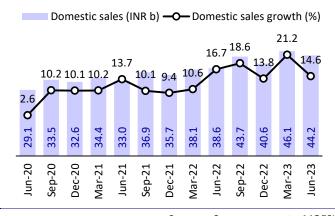
Sources: Company reports, MOFSL

Exhibit 2: EBITDA rose 25.4% YoY to INR10.6b



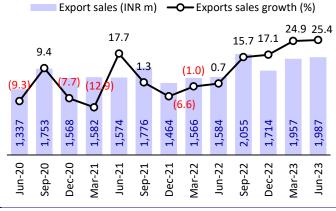
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Exhibit 3: Domestic sales rose 14.6% YoY to INR44.2b



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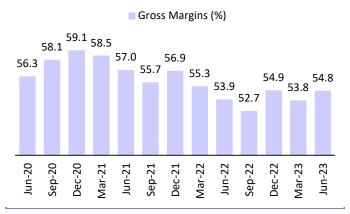
Exhibit 4: Exports grew 25.4% YoY to INR1,987m

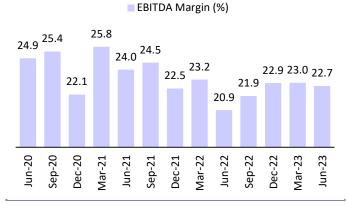


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Exhibit 5: Gross margin expanded ~90bp YoY to 54.8%

Exhibit 6: EBITDA margin expanded ~190bp YoY at 22.7%





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Valuation and view

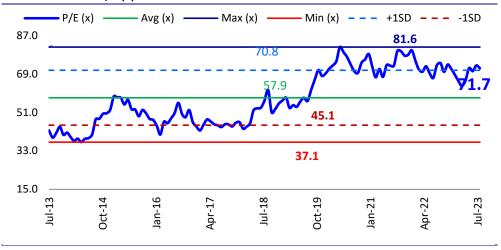
What has happened over the last 10 years?

- After a period of weak growth on all fronts in the first half of the decade, NEST has shown significant improvement in the second half, especially in the last four years.
- Its decadal performance has been modest, with sales/EBITDA/PAT CAGRs in the 7-9% range over CY12-22.
- Over the past five years, the company has experienced accelerated growth (~11% sales CAGR). Additionally, the EBITDA/PAT CAGR stood at 11%/14%, despite facing various macro disruptions, including demonetization, GST rollout, the Covid-19 pandemic, and commodity cost headwinds, which have had an adverse impact on the FMCG sector.
- Starting with damage control since the Maggi crisis in CY15, the management has initiated a series of measures, including: a) focus on volume-led, doubledigit sales growth, b) over 90 product launches since CY16, c) back-up launches, with a sharp increase in ad spends, and d) focus on distribution expansion (more recently).

Reiterate Neutral rating

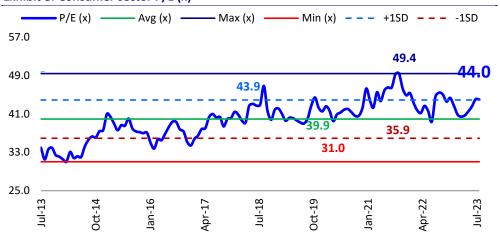
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Exhibit 7: NEST's P/E (x)



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Exhibit 8: Consumer sector P/E (x)



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Financials and valuations

Y/E December	CY17	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21	CY22	FY24*	FY25
Net Sales	100.1	112.9	123.7	133.5	147.4	169.0	248.2	228.6
Change (%)	9.5	12.8	9.5	7.9	10.4	14.6	46.9	-7.9
Gross Profit	56.8	67.0	71.4	76.8	83.9	91.5	136.8	130.7
Margin (%)	56.8	59.4	57.8	57.5	56.9	54.1	55.1	57.2
Other Expenditure	34.6	39.7	42.4	44.6	48.3	54.3	79.9	77.0
EBITDA	22.2	27.3	29.1	32.2	35.7	37.1	57.0	53.7
Change (%)	9.4	23.0	6.3	10.7	10.9	4.1	53.4	-5.7
Margin (%)	22.2	24.2	23.5	24.1	24.2	22.0	22.9	23.5
Depreciation	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.0	5.7	6.3
Int. and Fin. Ch.	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.6	2.0	1.5	2.2	1.9
Other Inc Rec.	1.8	2.6	2.5	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.3
PBT	19.6	25.4	26.5	28.3	30.9	32.6	50.6	46.8
Change (%)	13.1	29.5	4.3	6.6	9.4	5.2	55.5	-7.5
Margin (%)	19.6	22.5	21.4	21.2	21.0	19.3	20.4	20.5
Tax	6.1	8.2	7.1	7.3	7.7	8.7	12.9	12,035
Tax Rate (%)	31.3	32.3	26.6	25.8	25.0	26.6	25.5	25.7
Adjusted PAT	13.5	17.2	19.5	21.0	23.2	23.9	37.7	34.8
Change (%)	13.2	27.5	13.1	7.6	10.6	3.1	57.8	-7.7
Margin (%)	13.5	15.2	15.7	15.7	15.7	14.1	15.2	15.2
Non-rec. (Exp)/Inc.	1.2	1.1	0.2	0.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reported PAT	12.3	16.1	19.2	20.8	21.2	23.9	37.7	34.8
Balance Sheet Y/E December	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023E	FY25
Share Capital	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Reserves	33.2	35.8	18.2	19.2	19.9	23.6	23.5	25.5
Net Worth	34.2	36.7	19.2	20.2	20.8	24.6	24.4	26.4
Loans	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.5	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Capital Employed	34.6	37.1	19.7	21.7	23.5	27.3	27.1	29.1
Gross Block	33.6	34.9	34.9	40.0	51.2	54.7	67.7	86.7
Less: Accum. Depn.	7.4	10.8	13.8	18.2	21.2	24.3	29.2	35.5
Net Fixed Assets	26.2	24.0	21.1	21.8	29.9	30.4	38.5	51.2
Capital WIP	0.9	1.1	1.4	6.4	2.5	3.6	3.6	3.6
Investments	19.8	26.6	18.3	15.5	22.2	22.2	22.8	19.8
Current	13.9	19.3	10.1	7.2	0.6	2.2	2.4	1.4
Non-current	5.9	7.3	8.2	8.3	21.6	20.1	20.5	18.4
Curr. Assets, L&A	26.7	29.2	30.9	35.1	27.2	33.3	31.0	32.9
Inventory	9.0	9.7	12.8	14.2	15.8	19.3	17.2	20.3
Account Receivables	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.9
Cash and Bank Balance	14.6	16.1	13.1	17.7	7.4	9.5	8.9	7.1
Others	2.2	2.2	3.7	1.6	2.4	2.6	3.4	3.6
Curr. Liab. and Prov.	37.8	43.2	51.9	57.3	58.6	62.5	69.1	78.6
Account Payables	9.8	12.4	14.9	15.2	17.3	19.3	23.5	26.6
Other Liabilities	4.2	4.6	7.0	8.4	7.0	9.5	7.7	9.1
Provisions	23.8	26.2	29.9	33.7	34.2	33.7	37.9	42.9
Net Curr. Assets	-11.1	-14.0	-21.0	-22.2	-31.4	-29.2	-38.1	-45.7
Def. Tax Liability	-1.2	-0.6	-0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

E: MOSL Estimates

Financials and valuations

Ratios								
Y/E December	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023E	FY25
Basic (INR)								
EPS	140.0	178.6	202.0	217.4	240.6	247.9	298.3	360.9
Cash EPS	175.5	213.4	240.4	255.8	281.1	289.7	349.1	426.6
BV/Share	354.8	381.0	199.0	209.4	216.2	255.0	253.4	274.2
DPS	86.0	115.0	342.0	200.0	200.0	210.0	300.0	340.0
Payout (%)	61.4	64.4	169.3	92.0	83.1	84.7	100.6	94.2
Valuation (x)								
P/E	159.5	125.1	110.5	102.7	92.8	90.1	74.8	61.9
Cash P/E	127.2	104.6	92.9	87.3	79.4	77.1	64.0	52.3
EV/Sales	21.2	18.7	17.2	15.9	14.4	12.6	8.6	9.3
EV/EBITDA	95.4	77.2	73.0	66.0	59.6	57.2	37.3	39.6
P/BV	62.9	58.6	112.2	106.6	103.3	87.5	88.1	81.4
Dividend Yield (%)	0.4	0.5	1.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.5
Return Ratios (%)								
RoE	40.3	48.5	69.7	106.5	113.0	105.2	153.9	136.8
RoCE	41.7	50.2	71.9	107.2	109.4	98.6	144.6	128.6
Working Capital Ratios								
Debtor (Days)	3.2	4.1	3.7	4.5	4.1	4.2	3.0	3.0
Asset Turnover (x)	2.8	3.1	4.3	6.5	6.6	6.7	7.2	8.2
Leverage Ratio								
Debt/Equity (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Cash Flow Statement								(INR b)
Y/E December	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023E	FY25
OP/(loss) before Tax	18.4	24.3	26.7	28.1	28.8	32.6	38.6	46.8
Int./Div. Received	1.4	2.5	2.4	1.4	1.2	0.5	1.2	1.3
Depn. and Amort.	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.9	6.3
Interest Paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.9
Direct Taxes Paid	6.0	8.8	6.7	7.0	7.3	8.4	9.8	12.0
Incr in WC	3.7	4.1	1.6	1.0	-1.5	-0.3	8.3	5.9
CF from Operations	18.2	20.5	23.0	24.5	22.7	27.4	42.4	47.6
Others	0.6	-2.6	11.7	4.4	-5.6	2.5	1.2	1.3
Incr in FA	2.0	1.6	1.5	4.7	7.3	5.4	13.0	19.0
Free Cash Flow	16.2	18.9	21.4	19.8	15.4	22.0	29.4	28.6
Pur of Investments	1.1	1.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.6	-3.0
CF from Invest.	-2.4	-5.8	10.0	-0.4	-12.9	-4.0	-12.4	-14.7
Incr in Debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend Paid	8.3	10.9	29.5	18.9	19.3	20.2	28.9	32.8
Others	-1.7	-2.3	-6.5	-0.7	-0.9	-1.0	-1.7	-1.9
CF from Fin. Activity	-10.0	-13.2	-36.0	-19.6	-20.2	-21.2	-30.6	-34.7
Incr/Decr of Cash	5.8	1.5	-3.0	4.6	-10.3	2.1	-0.6	-1.8
Add: Opening Balance	8.8	14.6	16.1	13.1	17.7	7.4	9.5	8.9
Closing Balance	14.6	16.1	13.1	17.7	7.4	9.5	8.9	7.1

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SELL	<-10%					
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