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Kansai Nerolac Paints

Consumer Staples & Discretionary

Weak performance than peers in spite of revival in Automotive sector

Kansai reported revenue growth of +5.1% compared to Asian Paints (+7%) and Akzo (+6.6%) YoY. Its EBITDA margin expansion (+294bps) was also lower than Asian Paints (+537bps) and Akzo (+331bps) YoY. While Kansai is biggest beneficiary of revival in Automotive sector, it has likely lost market shares decorative paints in our view. Gain on sale of land at Thane (~INR 5.1bn post tax) is likely to provide growth capital when the competitive intensity is likely to increase from Q4FY24. Though correction in crude oil prices may provide interim relief in FY24E, we model Kansai to face steep competitive pressures post Grasim's entry. We also model likely impact on industry profit pool. Maintain **REDUCE** with DCF based revised target price of INR 300 (implied P/E of 21x FY25E).

Q1FY24 results

Kansai reported revenue, EBITDA and PAT growth of 5.1%, 30% and 44.5%, respectively. Correction in commodity prices led to gross and EBITDA margin expansion of 537bps and 294bps, respectively YoY. PAT growth was also led by 256% higher other income and 150 lower effective tax rate.

Segment-wise performance

Kansai has been able to secure price hikes from Automotive OEMs which along with recovery in automotive sector has led to stronger revenues of Industrial coatings. The demand for Decorative costings was also healthy. Revival in automotive and Industrial sectors is expected to provide tailwinds to Industry coatings ahead. Decorative demand is likely to improve closer to Diwali.

Sale of real estate at Thane

Kansai has sold its land at Thane for a consideration of INR 6.7bn in Q1FY24. It plans to use extraordinary gain (~INR 5.1bn post tax) for business initiatives.

Weak performance compared to peers

Asian Paints and Akzo Nobel reported revenue growth of 7% and 6.6%, respectively YoY. Kansai is biggest beneficiary of revival in automotive sector but it reported revenue growth of just 5.1% YoY. Asian Paints and Akzo Nobel reported EBITDA margin expansion of 537bps and 331bps, respectively YoY. However, Kansai's EBITDA margin expanded just 294bps.

Financial Summary

Y/E March (INR mn)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Net Revenue	63,694	75,427	82,352	93,578
EBITDA	6,494	8,180	10,809	11,816
EBITDA Margin (%)	10.2	10.8	13.1	12.6
Net Profit	3,432	4,685	6,705	7,565
EPS (INR)	6.4	8.7	12.4	14.0
EPS % Chg YoY	(34.7)	36.5	43.1	12.8
P/E (x)	50.3	36.9	25.8	22.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	26.2	20.4	14.7	13.3
RoCE (%)	7.8	10.1	12.4	11.8
RoE (%)	8.3	10.8	13.2	12.9

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259bn
3,132mn
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Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	24.0	15.9	(3.5)
Relative to Sensex	7.4	8.2	13.2

ESG Disclosure	2021	2022	Change
ESG score	55.6	56.6	1.0
Environment	44.3	40.9	(3.4)
Social	38.9	38.9	-
Governance	83.6	89.9	6.3

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

Source: Bloomberg, I-sec research

Earnings Revisions (%)	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	(3.4)	(3.4)
EBITDA	7.8	(8.0)
EPS	9.6	1.7

Previous Reports

09-05-2023: <u>Q4FY23 results review</u> 04-02-2023: <u>Q3FY23 results review</u>



Maintain REDUCE

We model Kansai to report revenue and PAT CAGR of 11.4% and 27.1%, respectively over FY23-25 led by correction in commodity prices. Post Grasim's entry in Decorative paints in Q4FY24, the competitive intensity is likely to increase. It is likely to curtail industry profit pool. Maintain REDUCE with DCF based revised target price of INR 300 (implied P/E of 21x FY25E).

Key risks

Lower-than-expected competitive pressures and steep correction in commodity prices are upside risks to our estimates.

Exhibit 1: Q1FY24 financial performance

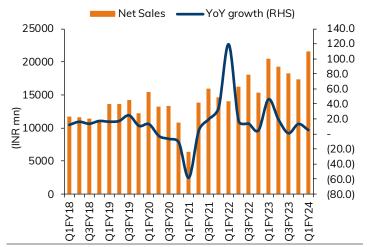
INR mn	Q1FY24	Q1FY23	% YoY	Q4FY23	% QoQ
Net revenues	21,568	20,514	5.1	17,336	24.4
Raw materials	13,961	14,379	(2.9)	11,806	18.3
% of sales	65%	70%	-537 bps	68%	-337 bps
Employee costs	1,072	884	21.2	1,008	6.3
% of sales	5.0%	4.3%	66 bps	5.8%	-85 bps
Other expenditure	3,220	2,700	19.3	2,841	13.4
% of sales	15%	13%	177 bps	16%	-146 bps
Total expenditure	18,253	17,963	1.6	15,655	16.6
EBITDA	3,315	2,550	30.0	1,681	97.2
EBITDA margin (%)	15.4%	12.4%	294 bps	9.7%	567 bps
Other income	172	48	256.1	97	77.3
PBDIT	3,487	2,599	34.2	1,778	96.1
Depreciation	467	431	8.2	458	1.9
PBIT	3,020	2,167	39.3	1,320	128.8
Interest	71	85	(16.1)	68	4.7
PBT	2,949	2,083	41.6	1,252	135.5
Tax	752	562	33.7	290	159.4
% of PBT	25%	27%	-150 bps	23%	235 bps
PAT	2,198	1,521	44.5	962	128.3
Extraordinary items	5,159	53		9	
Reported PAT	7,356	1,574	367.5	971	657.6
Adjusted PAT	2,198	1,521	44.5	962	128.3

Source: Company data, I-Sec research



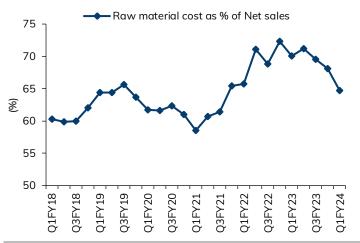
Operational highlights (Quarterly)

Exhibit 2: Revenues and growth rates



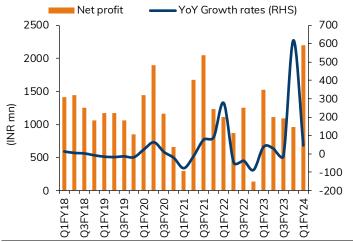
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Exhibit 4: Raw material cost



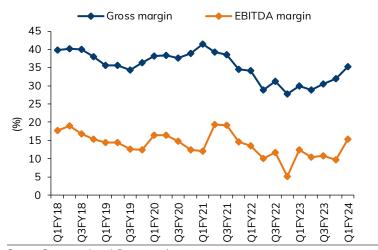
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Exhibit 6: Net profit and growth rates



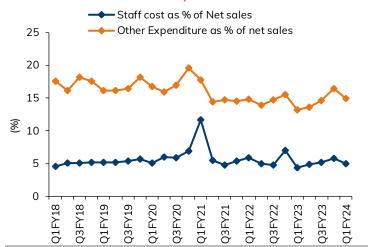
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Exhibit 3: Gross and EBITDA margins



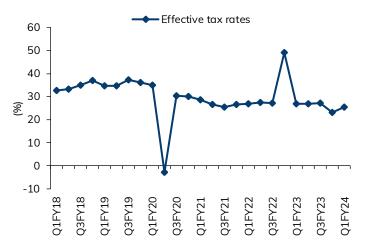
Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 5: Staff and other expenditure



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Exhibit 7: Effective tax rate

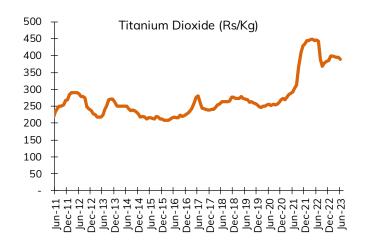


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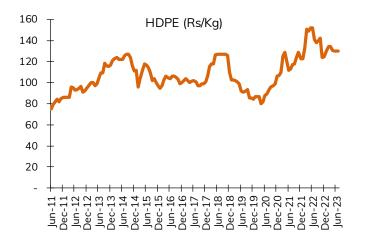
Key raw material prices

Exhibit 8: Titanium di-oxide



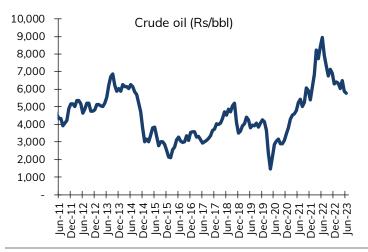
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Exhibit 10: Packaging material - HPDE



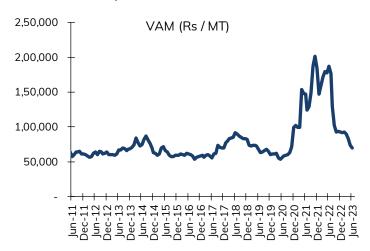
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Exhibit 9: Crude oil



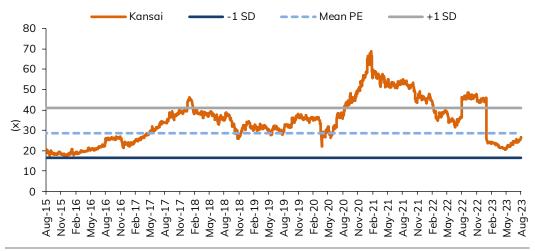
Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 11: VAM prices



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 12: Mean P/E and standard deviation



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

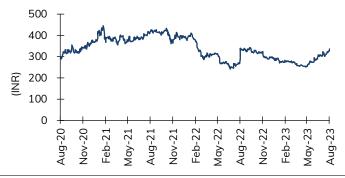


Exhibit 13: Shareholding pattern

%	Dec'22	Mar'23	Jun'23
Promoters	75.0	75.0	75.0
Institutional investors	16.7	16.7	16.5
MFs and other	5.7	5.1	4.3
Fls/ Banks	-	-	-
Insurance Cos.	7.6	7.7	7.9
FIIs	3.4	3.9	4.3
Others	8.3	8.3	8.5

Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research

Exhibit 14: Price chart



Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research



Financial Summary

Exhibit 15: Profit & Loss

(Rs mn, year ending March)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Net Sales	63,694	75,427	82,352	93,578
Operating Expenses	12,927	14,605	17,085	19,571
EBITDA	6,494	8,180	10,809	11,816
EBITDA Margin (%)	10.2	10.8	13.1	12.6
Depreciation & Amortization	1,698	1,801	1,929	2,087
EBİT	4,796	6,379	8,880	9,729
Interest expenditure	286	290	283	283
Other Non-operating Income	254	260	363	663
Recurring PBT	4,764	6,349	8,960	10,110
Profit / (Loss) from Associates	-	-	-	-
Less: Taxes	1,333	1,664	2,255	2,545
PAT	3,432	4,685	6,705	7,565
Less: Minority Interest	(159)	(53)	(60)	(60)
Extraordinaries (Net)	32	102	5,159	-
Net Income (Reported)	3,622	4,839	11,924	7,625
Net Income (Adjusted)	3,432	4,685	6,705	7,565

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 16: Balance sheet

(Rs mn, year ending March)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Total Current Assets	30,208	33,050	43,473	50,250
of which cash & cash eqv.	1,060	1,269	8,779	10,832
Total Current Liabilities & Provisions	11,340	13,513	14,754	16,765
Net Current Assets	18,868	19,536	28,719	33,484
Investments	4,680	7,803	7,803	7,803
Net Fixed Assets	19,762	20,882	21,953	22,866
ROU Assets	-	-	-	-
Capital Work-in-Progress	2,246	1,131	1,131	1,131
Total Intangible Assets	198	198	198	198
Long Term Loans &				
Advances	_	_	_	_
Deferred Tax assets	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	45,754	49,550	59,803	65,482
Liabilities				
Borrowings	3,174	2,827	2,827	2,827
Deferred Tax Liability	1,065	1,119	1,119	1,119
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Equity Share Capital	539	539	539	539
Reserves & Surplus	40,783	44,798	55,051	60,730
Total Net Worth	41,322	45,337	55,590	61,269
Minority Interest	193	267	267	267
Total Liabilities	45,754	49,550	59,803	65,482

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 17: Quarterly trend

(INR mn, year ending March)

	Sep-22	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23
Net Sales	19,310	18,268	17,336	21,568
% growth (YOY)	19.2%	0.9%	13.2%	5.1%
EBITDA	1,994	1,955	1,681	3,315
Margin %	10.3%	10.7%	9.7%	15.4%
Other Income	41	74	97	172
Extraordinaries	44.1	-4.2	8.5	5,159
Adjusted Net Profit	1,112	1,090	962	2,198

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 18: Cashflow statement

(Rs mn, year ending March)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Operating Cashflow	241	6,080	6,962	6,939
Working Capital Changes	(4,864)	(460)	(1,672)	(2,713)
Capital Commitments	(2,715)	(1,806)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Free Cashflow	(2,474)	4,274	3,962	3,939
Other investing cashflow	4,367	(3,123)	-	-
Cashflow from Investing Activities	1,652	(4,929)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Issue of Share Capital	-	-	-	-
Interest Cost	-	-	_	-
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	730	(347)	_	-
Dividend paid	(1,213)	(1,455)	(1,671)	(1,886)
Others	-	-	_	-
Cash flow from Financing Activities	(2,079)	(942)	3,548	(1,886)
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	(185)	209	7,510	2,053
Closing cash & balance	1,060	1,269	8,779	10,832

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 19: Key ratios

(Year ending March)

Per Share Data (INR) Reported EPS Adjusted EPS (Diluted) Cash EPS Dividend per share (DPS) Book Value per share (BV) Dividend Payout (%) Growth (%)	6.4 6.4 9.5 2.3 76.7 35.3	8.7 8.7 12.0 2.7 84.1 31.1	12.4 12.4 16.0 3.1 103.2 24.9	
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Dividend Payout (%)	35.3			113.7
• • •		31.1	24.9	242
Growth (%)				24.9
Net Sales	26.3	18.4	9.2	13.6
EBITDA	(24.8)	26.0	32.1	9.3
EPS (INR)	(34.7)	36.5	43.1	12.8
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	50.3	36.9	25.8	22.8
P/CEPS	33.7	26.6	20.0	17.9
P/BV	4.2	3.8	3.1	2.8
EV / EBITDA	26.2	20.4	14.7	13.3
P/Sales	2.7	2.3	2.1	1.8
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Ratios				
Gross Profit Margins (%)	30.5	30.2	33.9	33.5
EBITDA Margins (%)	10.2	10.8	13.1	12.6
Effective Tax Rate (%)	28.0	26.2	25.2	25.2
Net Profit Margins (%)	5.4	6.2	8.1	8.1
Net Debt / Equity (x)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.3)
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	(0.4)	(0.8)	(1.3)	(1.3)
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.4
Working Capital Days	20	23	9	3
Inventory Turnover Days	104	91	87	89
Receivables Days	70	65	63	64
Payables Days	15	16	16	16
Profitability Ratios				
RoCE (%)	7.8	10.1	12.4	11.8
RoE (%)	8.3	10.8	13.2	12.9
RoIC (%)	7.8	10.1	12.4	11.8



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