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Pharmaceuticals

22 July 2026

In-line quarter; Gross Margin maintained at its highs

- Sales/EBITDA/PAT were -0.5%/-3.1%/5.9% above our estimates, while EBITDA Margin was 100 bps below our estimates at 36%
- FY27 20% sales guidance retained despite a soft 1QFY27. Shipments to improve from 2QFY27. H2FY27 to be better than H1FY27
- We ascribe 57x (earlier 56x) and roll forward to Jun'28 EPS to arrive at a similar PT of Rs 900, and maintain BUY

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In-line quarter - Sales reported a 22.6% YoY decline to Rs 4.182 bn, primarily due to a 25% YoY decline in CRDMO sales to Rs 3.4 bn and an 12% YoY decline in specialty sales to Rs 774 mn. The decline in CRDMO sales was due to a delay in shipments. Gross Profit declined by 12% YoY to Rs 2.72 bn, mainly due to a lower product mix. However, Gross Margin improved by 778 bps YoY, mainly due to an increase in CRDMO Gross Margin, which rose 964 bps YoY to 68%. EBITDA reported a 21% YoY decline to Rs 1.5 bn due to lower Gross Profit and 9% YoY increase in employee cost. However, EBITDA Margin reported a 56bps YoY increase to 36%. During the quarter, depreciation cost grew by 13% YoY, interest cost declined by 45% YoY, and taxes declined by 51% YoY, leading to an 11% YoY decline in PAT to Rs 1.199 bn.

CRDMO sales declined due to deferred shipments; expect recovery in H2FY27

– In 1QFY27, CRDMO sales declined by 25% YoY to Rs 3.4 bn. The decline is due to deferred shipments owing to a timing shift with customers. However, the company's plants are utilized at optimal capacity, where Unit 1 is utilized at 78% (74% in FY26), Unit 2 Custom Synthesis capacity is utilized at 50% (65% last year) due to the addition of 135 KL capacity in CS, and fermentation is utilized at 50%, while Unit 3 is picking up with ~35% capacity utilization from 15% last year, mainly due to new orders. The company has 60% shipment visibility for FY27's whole business orderbook, and hence expects all units to operate at optimum capacity.

Specialty Ingredient business impacted due to supply chain issues - In

1QFY27, the Specialty Ingredients segment declined by 12% YoY to Rs 774 mn. The segment caters to day-to-day/month-to-month business, mostly in the domestic market (B2B). This segment was impacted due to a supply chain issue arising from the Middle East war. However, going forward, the company expects decent growth in this segment in FY27 over FY26.

Valuation - At CMP, on a roll forward basis, the stock trades at 49x Jun'28 EPS. We ascribe 57x (earlier 56x) little below the 1year forward mean PE of 58x to arrive at a similar PT of Rs 900 implying a 15% upside; thus, maintain BUY on the stock.

Key changes

Target	Rating
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Ticker/Price	ANTHEM IN/Rs 779
Market cap	US\$ 4.6bn
Free float	25%
3M ADV	US\$ 5.0mn
52wk high/low	Rs 874/Rs 579
Promoter/FPI/DII	75%/1%/8%

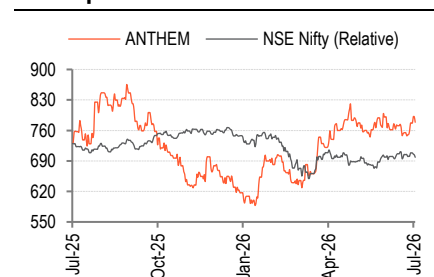
Source: NSE | Price as of 22 Jul 2026

Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	21,243	25,457	31,147
EBITDA (Rs mn)	8,338	9,705	11,939
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	5,913	6,844	8,277
Adj. EPS (Rs)	11.0	12.2	14.8
Consensus EPS (Rs)	11.0	12.9	15.6
Adj. ROAE (%)	19.4	18.4	18.2
Adj. P/E (x)	71.0	63.9	52.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	52.7	45.2	36.9
Adj. EPS growth (%)	36.5	11.2	20.9

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

Stock performance



Source: NSE



Addition of new client – In 1QFY27, the company added 1 big pharma client (not yet signed); this is in addition to the onboarding of 2 new big pharma clients in 4QFY26. Also, one of their big biotech customers was acquired by a large pharma company, and they are now sending enquiries to the company. Of the 2 customers onboarded last year, 1 has placed orders for KSM and advanced intermediates. The new order received from the customer is expected to be sticky in nature, thus providing long-term revenue visibility.

Gross Margins increasing due to backward integration – In 1QFY27, Gross Margin increased by 776 bps YoY to 65% amid a 22.6% YoY decline in sales. The Gross Margin increase was due to a 36.7% YoY decline in Raw Material cost, which contributed 35% of sales in 1QFY27 vs. a 43% contribution in 1QFY26. The CRDMO Gross Margin reported a 964 bps YoY increase to 68%, vs. a Specialty Ingredients Gross Margin of 51%, which was flat YoY. The increase in CRDMO Gross Margin is due to yield improvement and backward integration.

EBITDA Margin to stay highest in the industry amid operational deleverage in Unit 4 - ANTHEM is expanding its Unit 4 in two phases, of which one phase is expected to span 30 acres of land, with a Capex of Rs 1.2 bn earmarked by FY28 in tranches. In FY26, the company has guided for a Rs 6 bn capex for Unit 4. Unit 4 is expected to commercialize from FY28, adding 365 KL of Custom Synthesis capacity to the existing CS capacity of 425 KL, and 100 KL of Fermentation capacity. The company has broken ground and is undergoing civil work, and would place orders for equipment later. With the ordering of equipment and hiring of manpower for Unit 4, we expect operational deleverage; hence, we have reduced our EBITDA Margin estimates by 200 bps in FY27E, 444 bps in FY28E, and 402 bps in FY29E to 38.1%, 38.3%, and 40.8%, respectively. However, we believe the current estimated margins would also remain among the highest in the industry due to 1) presence across various modalities, 2) backward integration, and 3) custom synthesis for patented drugs

Fig 1 – Quarterly Highlights

(Rs mn)	Q1FY27	Q1FY26	YoY (%)	Q4FY26	QoQ (%)	Q1FY27E	Var (%)
Net Sales	4,182	5,401	(22.6)	6,109	(31.5)	4,201	(0.5)
Total Expenses	2,677	3,487	(23.2)	3,437	(22.1)	2,647	1.1
(%) of net sales	64	65		56		63	
Raw material consumed	1,462	2,309	(36.7)	2,155	(32.1)	1,471	(0.6)
(%) of net sales	35	43		35		35	
Staff cost	788	720	9.4	725	8.8	798	(1.2)
(%) of net sales	19	13		12		19	
SG&A	426	458	(7.0)	558	(23.6)	378	12.7
(%) of net sales	10	8		9		9	
EBITDA	1,506	1,914	(21.3)	2,672	(43.6)	1,555	(3.1)
Depreciation	300	264	13.4	396	(24.3)	399	(24.9)
EBIT	1,206	1,650	(26.9)	2,276	(47.0)	1,155	4.4
Interest	9	16	(44.9)	19	(53.3)	20	(55.7)
Other Income	249	228	9.1	512	(51.4)	378	(34.2)
PBT	1,446	1,862	(22.3)	2,769	(47.8)	1,514	(4.5)
Less: Taxation	246	505	(51.2)	882		381	(35.3)
Recurring PAT	1,199	1,357	(11.6)	1,887	(36.4)	1,133	5.9
Less: Minority Interest	0	0		0		0	
Exceptional items	0	0		10		10	
PAT attributable to shareholders	1,199	1,357	(11.6)	1,897	(36.8)	1,143	5.0
Key Ratios (%)							
Gross Margin	65.0	57.3	778.6	64.7	31.1	65.0	4.2
EBITDA Margin	36.0	35.4	56.2	43.7	(773.2)	37.0	(99.8)
Tax / PBT	17.0	27.1	(1,005.9)	31.8	(1,479.7)	25.2	(811.8)
NPM	28.7	25.1	355.2	30.9	(221.5)	27.0	171.9
EPS	2.1	2.4	(12.4)	1.6	29.3	3.4	(36.8)

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

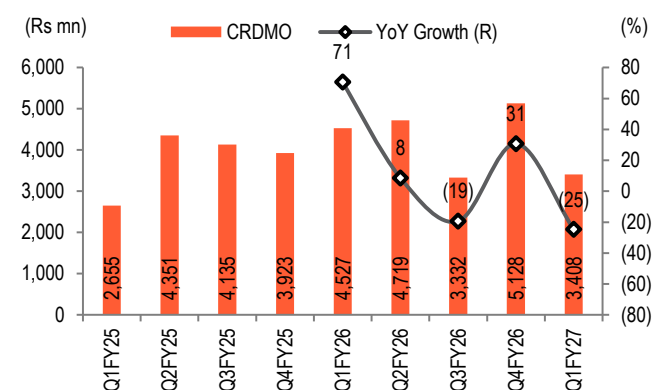
Fig 2 – Segmental break up

(Rs mn)	Q1FY27	Q1FY26	YoY (%)	Q4FY26	QoQ (%)	Q4FY26E	Var (%)
CRDMO	3,408	4,527	(24.7)	5,128	(33.5)	3,431	(0.7)
Specialty Ingredient	774	875	(11.5)	981	(21.1)	770	0.5
Net Sales	4,182	5,402	(22.6)	6,109	(31.5)	4,201	(0.5)

Source: BOBCAPS Research, Company

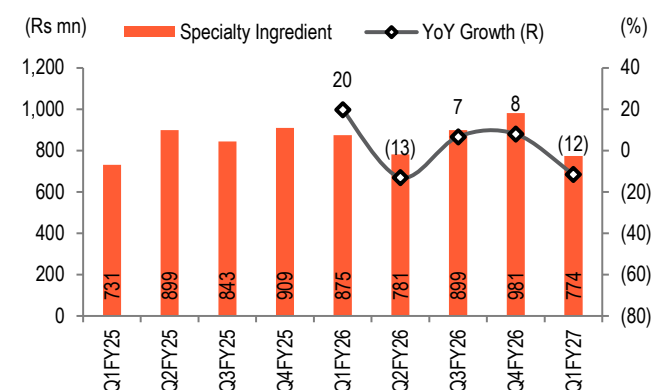
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Fig 3 – CRDMO sales lowered due to deferred shipments



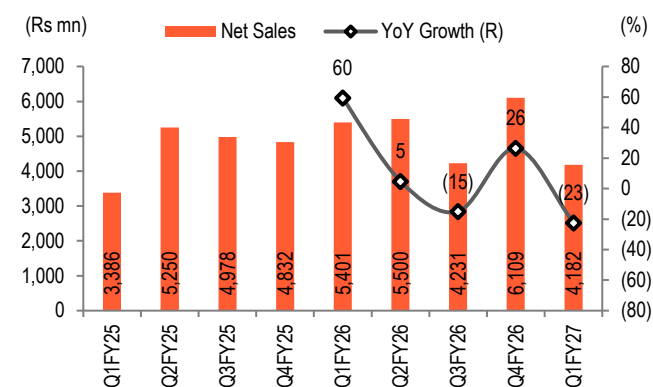
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Fig 4 – Specialty Ingredient sales lowered due to supply chain issue



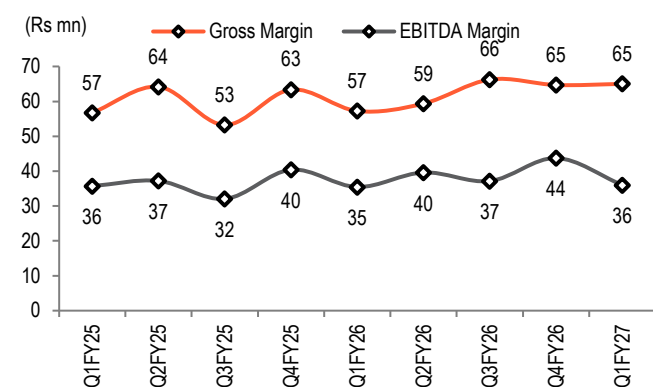
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Fig 5 – Overall sales declined due to lower segmental sales



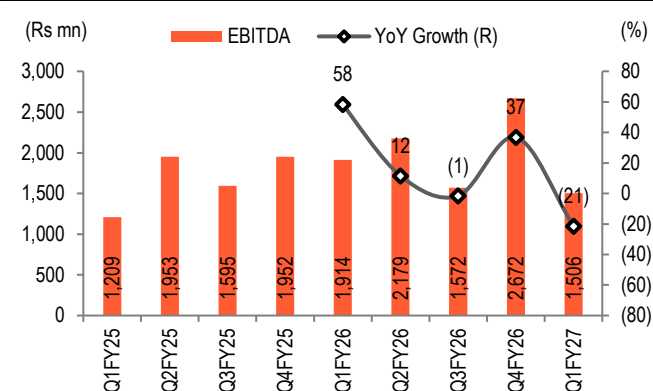
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Fig 6 – Gross Margin maintained towards its highs due to backward integration



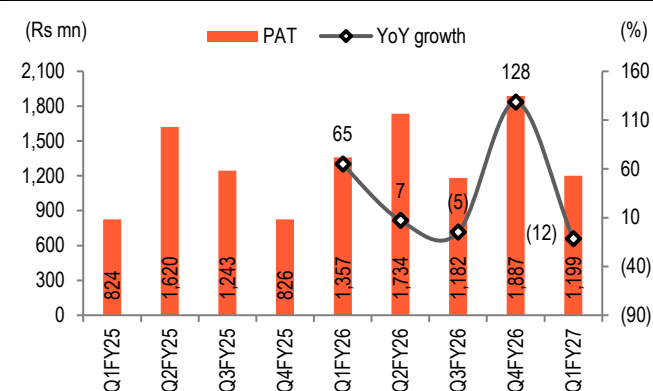
Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 7 – EBITDA growth lowered due to lower product mix



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 8 – PAT growth lowered due to lower operations and higher depreciation



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Valuation methodology

ANTHEM reported a set of numbers in line with expectations of a softer quarter on account of deferred shipments. Despite weaker sales, the company reported a healthy gross margin in the CRDMO segment, reflecting positively on the overall Gross Margin.

Going forward, the company expects a recovery from 2QFY27 with visibility of shipments, as it has 60% visibility of FY27 orderbook deliveries. However, the company is in an expansion phase with the greenfield commercialization of Unit 4, for which it would place orders for equipment; hence, operational deleverage might occur from 2QFY27E. Factoring in operational deleverage, we reduce our EPS by 3.2%/8.4%/7% for FY27E/FY28E/FY29E to Rs 12.2/14.8/19 per share, respectively.

Thus, our Sales/EBITDA/PAT CAGR for FY27E–29E stands at 20%/24%/25%, respectively. Rolling forward, at CMP, the stock trades at 49x on Jun'28 EPS of Rs 15.8 per share, and we ascribe 57x (earlier 56x) due to 1) industry-high margins, 2) presence across different modalities, and 3) backward integration in a key molecule and 4) couple of molecules in the ADC modality in Phase 3 (overall 10 molecules) and slightly below 1Y forward mean PE of 58x to arrive at a similar PT of Rs 900, implying a 15% upside; thus, we maintain BUY on the stock.

Fig 9 – change in estimates table

	New			Old			Change (%)		
	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Sales	25457	31147	36604	25,441	30,538	36,840	0.1	2.0	(0.6)
EBITDA	9705	11939	14936	10,207	13,061	16,512	(4.9)	(8.6)	(9.5)
EBITDA Margin (%)	38.1	38.3	40.8	40.1	42.8	44.8	(200bps)	(444bps)	(402bps)
EPS (Rs)	12.2	14.8	19.0	12.6	16.1	20.4	(3.2)	(8.4)	(7.0)

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Financials

Income Statement

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Total revenue	18,446	21,243	25,457	31,147	36,604
EBITDA	6,709	8,338	9,705	11,939	14,936
Depreciation	894	1,341	1,524	2,221	2,294
EBIT	5,815	6,997	8,181	9,718	12,642
Net interest inc./(exp.)	(103)	(69)	(46)	(49)	(53)
Other inc./(exp.)	857	1,558	1,018	1,402	1,647
Exceptional items	4	5	6	7	7
EBT	6,569	8,486	9,154	11,071	14,236
Income taxes	2,056	2,324	2,304	2,786	3,583
Extraordinary items	0	(244)	0	0	0
Min. int./Inc. from assoc.	0	0	0	0	0
Reported net profit	4,513	5,918	6,850	8,284	10,653
Adjustments	4	5	6	7	7
Adjusted net profit	4,509	5,913	6,844	8,277	10,646

Balance Sheet

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Accounts payables	1,101	752	926	1,028	1,092
Other current liabilities	1,488	2,042	1,940	1,970	1,877
Provisions	114	373	305	315	315
Debt funds	1,133	539	535	573	619
Other liabilities	141	161	161	161	161
Equity capital	1,118	1,123	1,123	1,123	1,123
Reserves & surplus	22,980	29,302	36,152	44,436	55,089
Shareholders' fund	24,099	30,425	37,275	45,559	56,212
Total liab. and equities	28,076	34,293	41,141	49,605	60,275
Cash and cash eq.	3,170	2,749	1,706	4,200	9,238
Accounts receivables	4,535	5,937	7,703	8,991	11,063
Inventories	3,404	1,245	1,501	1,808	2,066
Other current assets	2,128	1,476	1,785	2,495	3,297
Investments	4,331	10,075	10,084	9,956	9,734
Net fixed assets	7,012	7,828	13,345	17,138	19,858
CWIP	2,969	2,643	2,643	2,643	2,643
Intangible assets	39	4	39	39	39
Deferred tax assets, net	179	273	273	273	273
Other assets	309	2,063	2,063	2,063	2,063
Total assets	28,076	34,293	41,141	49,605	60,275

Cash Flows

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Cash flow from operations	2,710	8,450	6,097	8,398	9,846
Capital expenditures	(2,589)	(2,074)	(7,075)	(6,015)	(5,014)
Change in investments	428	(5,783)	0	0	0
Other investing cash flows	739	825	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing	(1,422)	(7,032)	(7,075)	(6,015)	(5,014)
Equities issued/Others	-	266	0	0	0
Debt raised/repaid	(1,259)	(597)	(4)	38	46
Interest expenses	(97)	(69)	(46)	(49)	(53)
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-
Other financing cash flows	(1)	0	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	(1,356)	(400)	(50)	(11)	(7)
Chg in cash & cash eq.	(69)	1,018	(1,028)	2,373	4,824
Closing cash & cash eq.	1,723	2,749	1,706	4,200	9,238

Per Share

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs)	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Reported EPS	8.0	11.0	12.2	14.8	19.0
Adjusted EPS	8.0	11.0	12.2	14.8	19.0
Dividend per share	0.0	10.5	12.3	15.0	17.4
Book value per share	42.9	54.2	66.4	81.1	100.1

Valuations Ratios

Y/E 31 Mar (x)	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
EV/Sales	23.7	20.7	17.2	14.2	12.2
EV/EBITDA	65.3	52.7	45.2	36.9	29.9
Adjusted P/E	96.9	71.0	63.9	52.8	41.1
P/BV	18.1	14.4	11.7	9.6	7.8

DuPont Analysis

Y/E 31 Mar (%)	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Tax burden (Net profit/PBT)	68.6	69.7	74.8	74.8	74.8
Interest burden (PBT/EBIT)	113.0	121.3	111.9	113.9	112.6
EBIT margin (EBIT/Revenue)	31.5	32.9	32.1	31.2	34.5
Asset turnover (Rev./Avg TA)	65.7	61.9	61.9	62.8	60.7
Leverage (Avg TA/Avg Equity)	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Adjusted ROAE	18.7	19.4	18.4	18.2	18.9

Ratio Analysis

Y/E 31 Mar	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
YoY growth (%)					
Revenue	30.0	15.2	19.8	22.4	17.5
EBITDA	32.8	24.3	16.4	23.0	25.1
Adjusted EPS	24.1	36.5	11.2	20.9	28.6

Profitability & Return ratios (%)

EBITDA margin	36.4	39.3	38.1	38.3	40.8
EBIT margin	31.5	32.9	32.1	31.2	34.5
Adjusted profit margin	24.4	27.8	26.9	26.6	29.1
Adjusted ROAE	18.7	19.4	18.4	18.2	18.9
ROCE	23.0	22.6	21.6	21.1	22.2

Working capital days (days)

Receivables	89	101	110	105	110
Inventory	167	56	60	62	65
Payables	22	13	12	11	10

Ratios (x)

Gross asset turnover	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0
Current ratio	5.0	5.5	5.7	6.7	9.0
Net interest coverage ratio	56.3	101.5	179.5	198.3	237.9
Adjusted debt/equity	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)	(0.2)

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research | Note: TA = Total Assets

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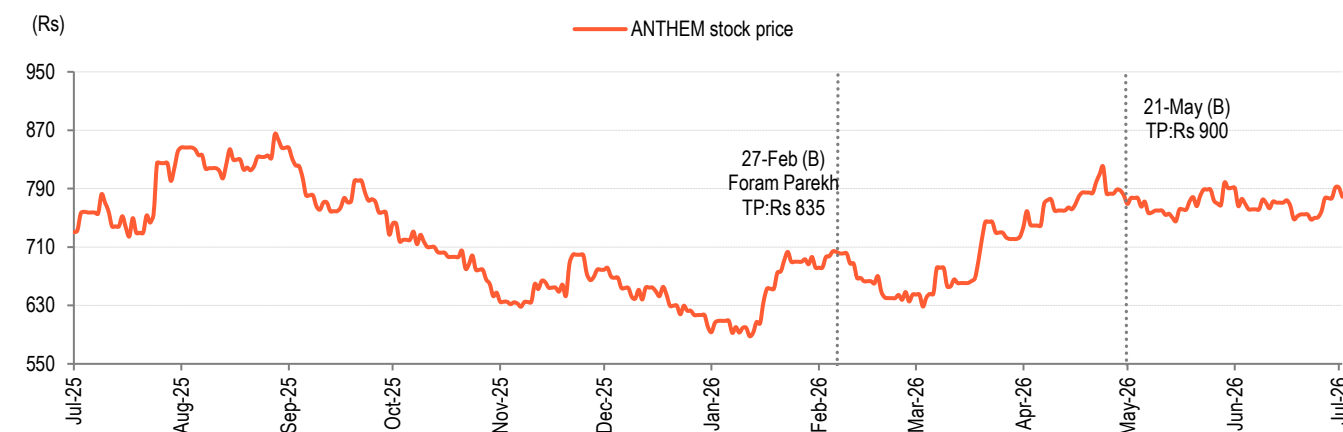
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