

SELL TP: Rs 280 | ♥ 19%

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Macro concerns weigh heavy

BPCL's Q1FY20 EBITDA at Rs 21.8bn (-44% YoY) outperformed estimates on higher GRMs (US\$ 2.8/bbl after US\$ 0.8/bbl inventory loss). Marketing segment EBITDA – inferred after factoring in GRM data – was well above our estimate at Rs 20.5bn (-37% YoY). That said, we maintain our earnings forecast given macro uncertainty, and roll valuations over to Sep'21 for a revised SOTP-based TP of Rs 280 (from Rs 285). Maintain SELL on valuations and sustained risks to marketing margins from political intervention.

GRMs beat estimates: BPCL's GRMs came in ahead of expectations but continue to underperform the Singapore benchmark, weakened by low light-heavy crude spreads. Management has pinned hopes for a GRM revival on (a) IMO regulations from H2FY20, and (b) start-up of the acrylic facility at Kochi that could boost margins by US\$1-2/bbl. A trend reversal in light-heavy spreads could add to the upsides. We therefore maintain our GRM estimates over FY20-FY21 at ~US\$ 5.5/bbl.

Marketing business earnings outperform: BPCL's Q1 marketing business earnings beat estimates at Rs 20.5bn (~Rs 1,800/mt after Rs 1.3bn inventory loss). The recent decline in oil price offers comfort, but uncertainty remains given the recurring political compulsions (such as state elections). Marketing volumes were in line at 11.1mmt (+1.5% YoY), with market share gains in petrol, diesel and LPG. The company intends to add ~2,000 retail outlets every year until FY22.

Maintain SELL: At 7.2x FY21E EPS BPCL's valuations are at a premium to its OMC peers HPCL and IOCL, while carrying a similar risk as HPCL considering its high reliance on marketing segment earnings. GRM underperformance is another key risk to earnings.

KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19P	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	97,919	85,278	89,184	94,563	101,150
Adj. EPS (Rs)	49.8	43.4	45.3	48.1	51.4
Adj. EPS growth (%)	3.0	(12.9)	4.6	6.0	7.0
Adj. ROAE (%)	29.0	21.8	20.2	19.4	18.8
Adj. P/E (x)	7.0	8.0	7.6	7.2	6.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.7	6.9	8.9	7.9	7.8

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

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Ticker/Price BPCL IN/Rs 346	
Market cap US\$ 9.6bn	
Shares o/s 1,967mn	
3M ADV US\$ 28.1mn	
52wk high/low Rs 422/Rs 239	
Promoter/FPI/DII 53%/15%/31%	

STOCK PERFORMANCE



Source: NSE

Source: NSF





(Rs mn)	Q1FY20	Q1FY19	Y₀Y (%)	Q4FY19	Q₀Q (%)
Net sales	7,63,179	7,16,967	6.4	7,39,904	3.1
Inc/dec in stocks	16,116	(23,042)	169.9	(15,285)	205.4
Raw materials	2,88,016	2,86,885	0.4	2,87,633	0.1
Purchase of products	3,88,684	3,59,387	8.2	3,67,655	5.7
Staff cost	9,449	8,751	8.0	10,369	(8.9)
Other expenditure	39,117	46,235	(15.4)	41,483	(5.7)
EBITDA	21,799	38,752	(43.7)	48,050	(54.6)
EBITDA margin (%)	2.9	5.4	-	6.5	-
Depreciation and amortisation	9,141	7,392	23.7	9,149	(0.1)
Interest	4,524	3,018	49.9	3,526	28.3
Other income	5,385	5,480	(1.7)	10,576	(49.1)
PBT	13,518	33,823	(60.0)	45,951	(70.6)
Provision for tax	2,767	10,890	(74.6)	14,702	(81.2)
PAT	10,751	22,933	(53.1)	31,249	(65.6)
NPM (%)	1.4	3.2	-	4.2	-
Other comprehensive income	(965)	341	-	(898)	-
Total income	9,786	23,274	(58.0)	30,351	(67.8)
EPS (Rs)	5.47	11.66	(53.1)	15.89	(65.6)
Reported GRMs (US\$/bbl)	2.81	7.49	(62.5)	2.74	2.6
Refining throughput (mmt)	7.45	7.74	(3.7)	8.21	(9.3)
Market sales (mmt)	11.11	11.28	(1.5)	11.65	(4.6)

FIG 1 – QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

FIG 2 – PETROLEUM PRODUCT SALES

(mmt)	Q1FY20	Q1FY19	Y₀Y (%)	Q4FY19	QºQ (%)
Domestic					
LPG	1.51	1.49	1.3	1.79	(15.6)
MS	2.04	1.87	9.1	1.88	8.5
HSD	5.44	5.41	0.6	5.19	4.8
SKO	0.13	0.16	(18.8)	0.15	(13.3)
ATF	0.51	0.51	-	0.51	-
Others	1.48	1.52	(2.6)	1.83	(19.1)
Total Domestic	11.11	10.96	1.4	11.35	(2.1)
Exports	0.23	0.31	(25.8)	0.30	(23.3)
Total Sales	11.34	11.27	0.6	11.65	(2.7)



	Q1FY20	Q1FY19	YoY (%)	Q4FY19	Q₀Q (%)
GRM (US\$/bbl)	2.8	7.5	(62.5)	2.7	2.6
- Mumbai	3.5	8.2	(57.6)	3.6	(2.5)
- Kochi	2.3	6.8	(65.7)	2.0	14.8
Inventory gains/ (loss) (US\$/bbl)	(0.80)	3.4	-	0.19	-
- Mumbai	(0.1)	2.9	-	0.6	-
- Kochi	(1.4)	3.7	-	(0.1)	-
Refining inventory gains/ (loss) (Rs mn)	(3,250)	12,750	-	840	-
- Mumbai	(134)	5,441	-	1,143	-
- Kochi	(3,382)	7,276	-	(268)	-
Normalised GRMs (US\$/bbl)	3.61	4.1	(12.6)	2.55	41.5
- Mumbai	3.6	5.3	(32.6)	3.0	17.8
- Kochi	3.8	3.1	23.3	2.1	75.7
Crude throughput (mmt)	7.5	7.7	(3.7)	8.2	(9.3)
- Mumbai	3.1	3.8	(18.3)	3.8	(18.3)
- Kochi	4.4	4.0	10.1	4.4	(1.6)
Adj. Refining EBITDA (Rs mn)	4,503	6,224	(27.7)	243	1,751.2
- Mumbai	1,793	5,199	(65.5)	1,101	62.8
- Kochi	2,980	1,070	178.5	(877)	-
Total market sales (mt)	11.34	11.28	0.5	11.65	(2.7)
Market sales (mt) - Domestic	11.1	11.0	1.3	11.4	(2.1)
Market sales (mt) - Exports	0.23	0.31	(25.8)	0.30	(23.3)
Marketing EBITDA (Rs mn)	20,546	32,529	(36.8)	46,967	(56.3)
Marketing EBITDA (Rs/mt)	1,812	2,884	(37.2)	4,031	(55.1)
Marketing inventory gains/(loss) (Rs mn)	(1,270)	14,040	-	2,720	-
Adj Marketing EBITDA (Rs mn)	21,816	18,489	18.0	44,247	(50.7)
Adj Marketing EBITDA (Rs/mt)	1,924	1,639	17.4	3,798	(49.3)

FIG 3 – OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE



Earnings call takeaways

- Capex for Q1FY20 stood at Rs 11.7bn. Capex plans for the year total Rs 80bn, of which Rs 25bn is for marketing, ~Rs 20bn for the refinery business, Rs 18.3bn for petchem, Rs 8bn for upstream and the remainder for R&D expenses, JVs and CGD.
- GRMs stood at US\$ 7.5/bbl for the Bina refinery. There is no immediate plan for Bina expansion.
- Numaligarh will continue to gain from the excise duty benefit. GRMs for Q1FY20 stood at US\$ 10.7/bbl without excise duty benefit and US\$ 26.4/bbl with the benefit.
- The acrylic plant at Kochi will be commissioned by Q3FY20 and hence GRM benefits will start accruing from Q1FY21 onwards.
- LPG subsidy payment outstanding from the government stood at Rs 87bn until Mar'19, which has come down to Rs 42.7bn by Jun'19.



Valuation methodology

At 7.2x FY21E EPS BPCL's valuations are at a premium to its OMC peers HPCL and IOCL, while carrying a similar risk as HPCL considering its high reliance on marketing segment earnings. GRM underperformance is another key risk to earnings.

That said, we maintain our earnings forecast given macro uncertainty, and roll valuations over to Sep'21 for a revised SOTP-based TP of Rs 280 (from Rs 285). Maintain SELL on valuations and sustained risks to marketing margins from political intervention.

Our SOTP valuation is arrived at as follows:

- refining businesses valued at 6x Sep'21E EBITDA,
- nil value ascribed to the marketing business on rising government control over marketing margins,
- other investments in listed entities valued at 20% discount to CMP, and
- E&P business valued at an EV/boe of US\$ 1 and US\$ 4/boe for yet-to-be developed reserves in Mozambique and Brazil respectively. Note that execution troubles and low oil prices could extend the delays in production start-up to well beyond 2023.

Business segments	EV (Rs/bn)	Value (Rs/share)	Comments
Refining		(Its/share)	
Standalone	332	169	6x Sep'21E EBITDA
BORL refinery	226	115	6x Sep'21E EBITDA
Numaligarh	183	93	6x Sep'21E EBITDA
Marketing	-	-	Nil value on rising government intervention or marketing margins
Total core business	740	376	
Less: Net Debt	304	155	Adjusted for consolidation
Equity value of core business	436	222	
Total investments value	78	38	Investments in PLNG, OINL, IGL @ 20% discount to CMP
Total E&P	40	20	Brazil at EV/boe of US\$ 4, Mozambique at EV/boe of US\$ 1
Total equity value for BPCL	554	280	At 6.2x FY21E EPS

FIG 4 – VALUATION SUMMARY

Source: BOBCAPS Research



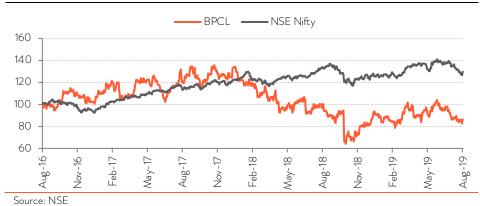


FIG 5 – RELATIVE STOCK PERFORMANCE

Key risks

- Global growth: BPCL's valuations are highly sensitive to GRMs and marketing margins. An acceleration in global economies (and consequently the Indian economy) could lead to above-expected spreads and alter our valuation outlook.
- Crash in oil prices: A crash in oil prices (to <US\$ 65/bbl levels) could provoke a change in government regulation on marketing margins for retail sales of petrol/diesel. This could drive upsides to our earnings and valuation outlook.



FINANCIALS

Income Statement

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY18A	FY19P	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Total revenue	2,357,698	2,982,256	3,177,241	3,805,207	4,035,290
EBITDA	151,727	151,122	124,241	135,635	149,119
EBIT	122,877	116,945	89,700	98,016	108,424
Net interest income/(expenses)	(11,857)	(17,640)	(17,855)	(20,892)	(24,710)
Other income/(expenses)	17,827	20,375	43,797	43,540	44,546
EBT	128,846	119,680	115,642	120,664	128,260
Income taxes	(43,816)	(43,775)	(36,626)	(38,087)	(40,366)
Min. int./Inc. from associates	12,889	9,373	10,168	11,986	13,256
Reported net profit	97,919	85,278	89,184	94,563	101,150
Adjusted net profit	97,919	85,278	89,184	94,563	101,150

Balance Sheet

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY18A	FY19P	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Accounts payables	132,319	173,847	207,559	250,050	266,139
Other current liabilities	220,330	211,450	261,313	247,934	297,870
Provisions	31,959	35,662	35,662	35,662	35,662
Debt funds	379,136	429,145	489,086	519,086	529,086
Other liabilities	55,224	67,920	68,874	69,841	70,809
Equity capital	19,669	19,669	19,669	19,669	19,669
Reserves & surplus	346,517	398,023	443,594	492,518	544,611
Shareholders' fund	366,186	417,692	463,262	512,187	564,280
Total liabilities and equities	1,204,206	1,356,417	1,546,457	1,655,461	1,784,546
Cash and cash eq.	13,539	6,625	93,206	33,024	37,135
Accounts receivables	52,048	69,063	59,095	70,836	75,131
Inventories	225,295	229,349	279,407	336,606	358,264
Other current assets	76,953	124,789	124,789	124,789	124,789
Investments	237,246	249,069	314,455	381,691	450,778
Net fixed assets	455,574	493,146	533,223	570,221	604,144
CWIP	98,754	141,547	99,452	95,465	91,477
Deferred tax assets, net	4,066	4,537	4,537	4,537	4,537
Other assets	40,732	38,293	38,293	38,293	38,293
Total assets	1,204,206	1,356,417	1,546,457	1,655,461	1,784,546



Cash Flows

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY18A	FY19P	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Net income + Depreciation	124,647	119,456	123,725	132,182	141,846
Changes in working capital	(24,095)	(30,585)	43,484	(39,827)	40,071
Other operating cash flows	(3,151)	(7,679)	(42,843)	(42,573)	(43,578)
Cash flow from operations	97,401	81,192	124,366	49,782	138,339
Capital expenditures	(75,770)	(114,543)	(32,523)	(70,630)	(70,630)
Change in investments	(23,974)	(11,823)	(65,386)	(67,236)	(69,086)
Other investing cash flows	17,827	20,375	43,797	43,540	44,546
Cash flow from investing	(81,917)	(105,991)	(54,112)	(94,326)	(95,170)
Equities issued/Others	6,556	0	0	0	0
Debt raised/repaid	19,672	50,009	59,941	30,000	10,000
Dividends paid	(52,880)	(43,724)	(43,613)	(45,639)	(49,057)
Other financing cash flows	5,862	11,601	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	(20,790)	17,886	16,328	(15,639)	(39,057)
Changes in cash and cash eq.	(5,307)	(6,913)	86,581	(60,182)	4,111
Closing cash and cash eq.	13,539	6,625	93,206	33,024	37,135

Per Share

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs)	FY18A	FY19P	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Reported EPS	49.8	43.4	45.3	48.1	51.4
Adjusted EPS	49.8	43.4	45.3	48.1	51.4
Dividend per share	23.2	19.0	19.0	19.8	21.3
Book value per share	186.2	212.4	235.5	260.4	286.9

Valuations Ratios

Y/E 31 Mar (x)	FY18A	FY19P	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
EV/Sales	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
EV/EBITDA	6.7	6.9	8.9	7.9	7.8
Adjusted P/E	7.0	8.0	7.6	7.2	6.7
P/BV	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2

DuPont Analysis

Y/E 31 Mar (%)	FY18A	FY19P	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Tax burden (Net profit/PBT)	76.0	71.3	77.1	78.4	78.9
Interest burden (PBT/EBIT)	104.9	102.3	128.9	123.1	118.3
EBIT margin (EBIT/Revenue)	5.2	3.9	2.8	2.6	2.7
Asset turnover (Revenue/Avg TA)	205.5	232.9	218.9	237.7	234.6
Leverage (Avg TA/Avg Equity)	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2
Adjusted ROAE	29.0	21.8	20.2	19.4	18.8

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



Ratio Analysis					
Y/E 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19P	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
YoY growth (%)					
Revenue	17.2	26.5	6.5	19.8	6.0
EBITDA	10.4	(0.4)	(17.8)	9.2	9.9
Adjusted EPS	3.0	(12.9)	4.6	6.0	7.0
Profitability & Return ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	6.4	5.1	3.9	3.6	3.7
EBIT margin	5.2	3.9	2.8	2.6	2.7
Adjusted profit margin	4.2	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.5
Adjusted ROAE	29.0	21.8	20.2	19.4	18.8
ROCE	11.2	9.1	6.7	6.6	6.9
Working capital days (days)					
Receivables	8	7	7	6	7
Inventory	39	32	32	32	34
Payables	20	20	23	23	24
Ratios (x)					
Gross asset turnover	3.3	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.9
Current ratio	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
Net interest coverage ratio	10.4	6.6	5.0	4.7	4.4
Adjusted debt/equity	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9



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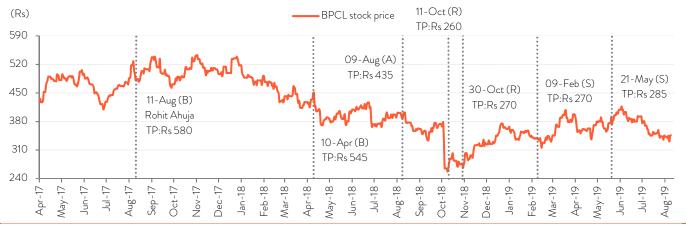
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