



volume and value terms

PAT up 50%

EPS

BRITANNIA INDUSTRIES

Q3 revenue grew 17% YoY to Rs 42bn driven by price hikes, with adj.

BRIT sees its 39th consecutive guarter of market share gains in both

We assume coverage with BUY and a TP of Rs 5,623, set at 51x FY25E

Strong performance in a challenging environment

Consumer Staples

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Growth momentum continues led by price hikes: BRIT's Q3FY23 revenue grew 17% YoY largely driven by price increases while volumes grew in low single digits. Despite taking price hikes, the company continued to gain market share for the 39th consecutive quarter. Market share gains were visible in both volumes and value, as well as in rural centres. BRIT's focus on enhancing direct distribution reach, marketing, innovation and driving adjacent categories is fueling growth.

Robust operating performance: The company reported strong margin expansion driven by softening commodity prices and cost rationalisation initiatives. EBITDA grew 52% YoY and 15% QoQ to Rs 8.2bn. EBIDTA margin expanded 440bps YoY and 320bps QoQ to 19.5% on the back of forward covers in flour and correction in refined palm oil (RPO) prices.

Focus remains on innovation and adjacent categories: BRIT continues to invest in innovation – during the quarter, the company launched plum cake in the east and south, 'Tic Tac Toe' (snack) in the south, and a fresh portfolio of paneer in the western region. The company is also scaling up its recent launches in cake, croissant and biscuits. Management expects to roll out cheddar cheese in Q1FY24 and processed cheese in Q2FY24.

Update on JV with Bel, France: The joint venture is working on joint branding, simplifying the organisation structure, and finalising the portfolio. It will import some products from Bel, Vietnam, to begin with and plans to gradually set up production facilities in India.

BUY, TP Rs 5,623: BRIT continues to report double-digit growth with improvement in margins. We expect the company's focus on innovation, brand investment, direct reach expansion, and product launches to spur profitable growth. The stock is trading at 46.6x/41.5x FY24E/FY25E EPS. We assume coverage with BUY and value the stock at 51x FY25E EPS, in line with the long-term mean, translating to a TP of Rs 5,623.

| Ticker/Price | BRIT IN/Rs 4,573 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Market cap | US\$ 13.4bn |
| Free float | 49% |
| 3M ADV | US\$ 19.4mn |
| 52wk high/low | Rs 4,596/Rs 3,050 |
| Promoter/FPI/DII | 51%/17%/32% |
| Source: NSE Price as of 2 Feb 202 | 3 |

Key financials

| Y/E 31 Mar | FY22A | FY23E | FY24E |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| Total revenue (Rs mn) | 1,41,363 | 1,64,314 | 1,84,375 |
| EBITDA (Rs mn) | 22,015 | 28,282 | 34,629 |
| Adj. net profit (Rs mn) | 15,258 | 19,356 | 23,645 |
| Adj. EPS (Rs) | 63.3 | 80.3 | 98.2 |
| Consensus EPS (Rs) | 63.3 | 74.4 | 88.3 |
| Adj. ROAE (%) | 59.0 | 65.3 | 55.7 |
| Adj. P/E (x) | 72.2 | 56.9 | 46.6 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 50.0 | 38.9 | 31.8 |
| Adj. EPS growth (%) | (18.2) | 51.6 | 2.3 |
| Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOB | CAPS Research | ı | |

Stock performance



Source: NSE



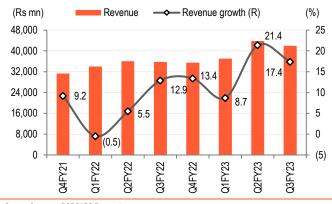


Fig 1 – Quarterly performance

| (Rs mn) | Q3FY23 | Q2FY23 | Q3FY22 | QoQ (%) | YoY (%) | Estimates | Variance (%) |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|--------------|
| Revenue | 41,968 | 43,796 | 35,743 | (4.2) | 17.4 | 41,783 | 0.4 |
| EBIDTA | 8,176 | 7,117 | 5,390 | 14.9 | 51.7 | 6,852 | 19.3 |
| Adj. PAT | 5,568 | 4,908 | 3,703 | 13.4 | 50.4 | 4,566 | 21.9 |
| Gross Margin (%) | 43.7 | 38.9 | 37.9 | 480bps | 580bps | 39.1 | 460bps |
| EBIDTA Margin (%) | 19.5 | 16.3 | 15.1 | 320bps | 440bps | 16.4 | 310bps |
| Adj. PAT Margin (%) | 13.3 | 11.2 | 10.4 | 210bps | 290bps | 10.93 | 237bps |

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 2 – Revenue growth



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

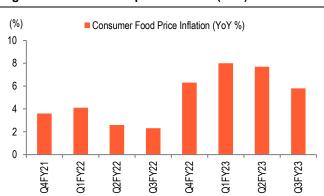
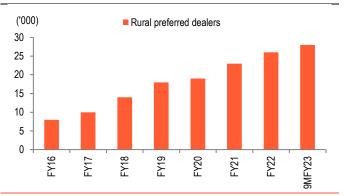


Fig 4 – Consumer food price inflation (YoY)

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 6 – Rural preferred dealers



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 3 – EBITDA and margins

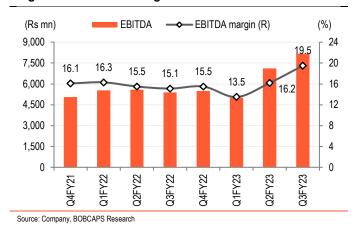
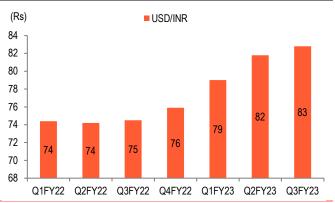
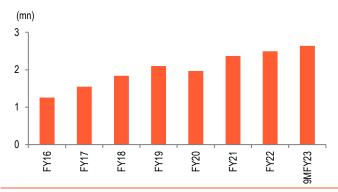


Fig 5 – Exchange rate movement



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 7 – Direct distribution reach



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



Earnings call highlights

- BRIT's addressable market continues to grow, and the company indicated that it has not seen any slowdown in rural volume growth, with rural centres witnessing 1.5x the market share gains seen in the rest of its geographies during Q3FY23.
- Food inflation remains high in India. Prices of wheat are still elevated despite softening in international markets over the last two quarters. RPO prices have eased in domestic markets, helping BRIT control cost inflation. Forward covers on flour and cost-control initiatives taken by the company resulted in a sharp improvement in Q3 gross margin.
- Despite taking prices hikes, the company continued to gain market share for the 39th consecutive quarter. However, management indicated that some of the pricing benefits and forward covers on flour will not be available in coming quarters, resulting in some pressure on margins going ahead.
- BRIT continues to focus on driving innovation, investing in brands, growing adjacent businesses, cost-efficiency initiatives, and sustainability
 - Investments continued in core brands with new marketing campaigns launched during the quarter.
 - Innovation remains one of the growth drivers for the company, and it launched three products in adjacent categories during the quarter. New products in the biscuit category, including BisCafe, Nutri Choice Seeds, 50-50, and Golmaal, have shown a strong uptick in revenue since their launch in Q1FY23.
- The company further augmented its direct distribution reach, adding 0.15mn outlets during the last nine months, taking the total count to 2.64mn. Management indicated that it will continue to enhance its direct reach going forward.
- BRIT has commissioned aseptic PET, fresh dairy, powder, and ghee lines at the Ranjangaon (Maharashtra) facility. It expects the cheese line to be commissioned in FY24.
- In the dairy business, management indicated that milk collection now stands at 70k litres/day from 2,850 farmers, which the company aims to increase to 150k litres/day from more than 4,000 farmers by the end of the year.
- Skimmed milk, sweetened condensed milk, and dairy whitener lines have been commercialised for captive consumption.
- International business is showing healthy, profitable growth across geographies.
 BRIT commercialised own operations in Kenya during the quarter.



Valuation methodology

BRIT continues to report double-digit growth with margin expansion despite sticky commodity inflation. We expect the company's focus on innovation, brand investment, direct reach expansion, adjacencies and product launches to spur profitable growth.

Investments toward the scale-up of adjacent categories are expected to fuel the next phase of growth for the company. Profitability has improved on cake, rusk and bread, even as the wafers business continues to gain market share. Premium products are outperforming value products despite a challenging demand environment. Commercialisation of the Ranjangaon facility, ramping up of the milk portfolio and a growing international business also bode well for growth.

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Key risks

Key downside risks to our estimates are:

- increase in key input prices, and
- further price increase in the core portfolio, impacting volume growth.



Financials

| Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn) | FY21A | FY22A | FY23E | FY24E | FY25E |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Total revenue | 1,31,361 | 1,41,363 | 1,64,314 | 1,84,375 | 2,02,344 |
| EBITDA | 25,093 | 22,015 | 28,282 | 34,629 | 38,743 |
| Depreciation | 1,979 | 2,005 | 2,143 | 2,300 | 2,458 |
| EBIT | 23,114 | 20,010 | 26,140 | 32,329 | 36,285 |
| Net interest inc./(exp.) | 1,109 | 1,443 | 1,751 | 1,866 | 1,846 |
| Other inc./(exp.) | 3,129 | 2,228 | 1,994 | 1,909 | 1,927 |
| Exceptional items | 6 | 10 | (3,756) | 0 | 0 |
| EBT | 25,128 | 20,785 | 30,139 | 32,372 | 36,366 |
| Income taxes | 6,630 | 5,624 | 7,063 | 8,741 | 9,819 |
| Extraordinary items | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Min. int./Inc. from assoc. | (133) | (88) | (23) | (13) | (15) |
| Reported net profit | 18,639 | 15,248 | 23,112 | 23,645 | 26,562 |
| Adjustments | 6 | 10 | (3,756) | 0 | 0 |
| Adjusted net profit | 18,645 | 15,258 | 19,356 | 23,645 | 26,562 |
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| Balance Sheet | | | | | |
| Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn) | FY21A | FY22A | FY23E | FY24E | FY25E |
| Accounts payables | 13,148 | 12,871 | 16,015 | 17,372 | 18,982 |
| Other current liabilities | 1,405 | 1,267 | 2,061 | 1,653 | 1,814 |
| Provisions | 3,875 | 4,851 | 5,046 | 6,327 | 6,944 |
| Debt funds | 20,872 | 24,655 | 28,416 | 28,116 | 27,816 |
| Other liabilities | 4,949 | 5,656 | 5,714 | 7,169 | 7,803 |
| Equity capital | 241 | 241 | 241 | 241 | 241 |
| Reserves & surplus | 35,599 | 25,615 | 35,139 | 42,246 | 50,229 |
| Shareholders' fund | 35,840 | 25,856 | 35,380 | 42,487 | 50,470 |
| Total liab. and equities | 80,088 | 75,156 | 92,632 | 1,03,123 | 1,13,829 |
| Cash and cash eq. | 1,427 | 1,181 | 9,516 | 16,023 | 23,266 |
| Accounts receivables | 2,573 | 3,319 | 6,753 | 7,577 | 8,315 |
| Inventories | 10,915 | 13,675 | 15,208 | 16,497 | 18,026 |
| Other current assets | 15,349 | 13,193 | 12,494 | 13,430 | 14,134 |
| Investments | 27,949 | 17,763 | 14,254 | 14,454 | 14,654 |
| Net fixed assets | 16,343 | 15,841 | 20,198 | 20,397 | 20,440 |
| CWIP | 1,165 | 5,357 | 8,789 | 8,789 | 8,789 |
| Intangible assets | 1,444 | 1,552 | 1,625 | 1,625 | 1,625 |
| Deferred tax assets, net | 97 | 517 | 535 | 674 | 740 |
| Other assets | 2,825 | 2,759 | 3,260 | 3,656 | 3,840 |
| Total assets | 80,088 | 75,156 | 92,632 | 1,03,123 | 1,13,829 |
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| Cash Flows | | | | | |
| Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn) | FY21A | FY22A | FY23E | FY24E | FY25E |
| Cash flow from operations | 25,083 | 18,864 | 32,182 | 35,278 | 38,807 |
| Capital expenditures | (2,405) | (5,502) | (10,004) | (2,500) | (2,500) |
| Change in investments | 4,675 | 12,495 | 2,869 | (200) | (200) |
| Other investing cash flows | 2,086 | 2,116 | 1,935 | 1,375 | 1,679 |
| Cash flow from investing | 4,356 | 9,109 | (5,200) | (1,325) | (1,021) |
| Equities issued/Others | 1,032 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Debt raised/repaid | 5,690 | (3,387) | 3,760 | (300) | (300) |
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| Y/E 31 Mar (Rs) | FY21A | FY22A | FY23E | FY24E | FY25E |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| Reported EPS | 77.4 | 63.3 | 95.9 | 98.2 | 110.3 |
| Adjusted EPS | 77.4 | 63.3 | 80.3 | 98.2 | 110.3 |
| Dividend per share | 118.0 | 74.5 | 56.5 | 68.7 | 77.2 |
| Book value per share | 148.8 | 107.3 | 146.9 | 176.4 | 209.5 |
| Valuations Ratios | | | | | |
| Y/E 31 Mar (x) | FY21A | FY22A | FY23E | FY24E | FY25E |
| EV/Sales | 8.4 | 7.8 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 5.4 |
| EV/EBITDA | 43.9 | 50.0 | 38.9 | 31.8 | 28.4 |
| Adjusted P/E | 59.1 | 72.2 | 56.9 | 46.6 | 41.5 |
| P/BV | 30.7 | 42.6 | 31.1 | 25.9 | 21.8 |
| DuPont Analysis | | | | | |
| Y/E 31 Mar (%) | FY21A | FY22A | FY23E | FY24E | FY25 |
| Tax burden (Net profit/PBT) | 74.2 | 73.4 | 76.7 | 73.0 | 73. |
| Interest burden (PBT/EBIT) | 80.6 | 76.2 | 88.4 | 73.1 | 73. |
| EBIT margin (EBIT/Revenue) | 17.6 | 14.2 | 15.9 | 17.5 | 17. |
| Asset turnover (Rev./Avg TA) | 164.0 | 188.1 | 177.4 | 178.8 | 177. |
| Leverage (Avg TA/Avg Equity) | 2.2 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2. |
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Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research | Note: TA = Total Assets

Interest expenses Dividends paid

Other financing cash flows

Cash flow from financing

Chg in cash & cash eq.

Closing cash & cash eq.



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