

**RESEARCH**
**HDFC AMC | TARGET: Rs 2,310 | +18% | BUY**

Muted growth; raise to BUY on price correction

**BOB ECONOMICS RESEARCH | CAPEX**

Spending by states

**CIPLA | TARGET: Rs 1,250 | +21% | BUY**

US-led growth; margins strong

**DR REDDY'S LABS | TARGET: Rs 4,700 | +12% | HOLD**

Strong US sales; recovery in EM and PSAL businesses

**DIXON TECHNOLOGIES | TARGET: Rs 4,100 | +22% | BUY**

Dull Q3 as mobiles business dials down

**SUMMARY**
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- Q3 net profit growth muted at 3% YoY owing to weak revenue pickup and higher operating expense
- Equity dominance continues at 53.8% of QAAUM; share of debt and liquid funds declined whereas ETF was stable
- Upgrade from HOLD to BUY post 8% correction over the last two weeks; TP unchanged at Rs 2,310

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**INDIA ECONOMICS: CAPEX**

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**Daily macro indicators**

Indicator	23-Jan	24-Jan	Chg (%)
US 10Y yield (%)	3.51	3.45	-6bps
India 10Y yield (%)	7.35	7.35	0bps
USD/INR	81.39	81.72	(0.4)
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	88.2	86.1	(2.3)
Dow	33,630	33,734	0.3
Hang Seng	21,651	22,045	1.8
Sensex	60,942	60,979	0.1
India FII (US\$ mn)	20-Jan	23-Jan	Chg (\$ mn)
FII-D	42.5	3.8	(38.7)
FII-E	(202.0)	27.6	229.6

Source: Bank of Baroda Economics Research



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**BUY**  
 TP: Rs 2,310 | ▲ 18%

HDFC AMC

| NBFC

| 25 January 2023

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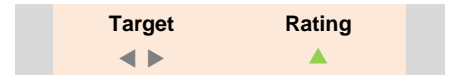
**Muted growth:** HDFC AMC reported subdued Q3FY23 net profit growth of 3% YoY to Rs 3.7bn, owing to low revenue growth (+2%) and higher operating expense (+8%). Other income rose 20% YoY, leading to better total income growth of 4%. QAAUM dipped 1% YoY to Rs 4.4tn with debt declining 27% and equity growing 15%. SIP AUM grew 21% YoY to Rs 848bn, of which ~77% has a tenure of >10Y.

**Equity tilt continues:** Equity constituted 53.8% of QAAUM at end-Q3 vs. 51.9% in Q2; the share of debt and liquid funds declined whereas ETF remained stable. The company generated 50bps of revenue yield, down 1% QoQ despite a higher equity component because the total expense ratio transitioned to a lower slab as three large funds crossed the Rs 50bn mark. The operating margin was stable at 35bps.

**Market share maintained:** HDFC AMC, the #3 player in the industry, has maintained 11% QAAUM market share for the past three quarters, after ceding ground to competitors over a prolonged period (~-270bps, FY20-9MFY23). Whereas the company gained share QoQ in the actively managed equity and liquid segments, this was offset by a decline in debt. In addition, it maintained 17% market share in unique customers. In Q3, the company launched a thematic 'Business Cycle Fund', which garnered AUM of Rs 2.3bn during the offer period. It also launched a debt index fund.

**Raise to BUY on price correction:** The stock is currently trading at 24x FY25E EPS, and we value it at an unchanged 28x FY25E EPS, 1SD below the long-term mean, translating to a TP of Rs 2,310. Over the last two weeks since we **initiated coverage on HDFC AMC**, the stock price has fallen 8%. This raises the potential upside to our TP to 18%, prompting our upgrade from HOLD to BUY. The company has key moats in the form of its brand strength, large AUM base and retail-oriented strategy. Management is also focused on reclaiming market share through launches, though we believe this could be a long slog amid stiff competitive headwinds.

**Key changes**



Ticker/Price	HDFCAMC IN/Rs 1,964
Market cap	US\$ 5.1bn
Free float	13%
3M ADV	US\$ 6.8mn
52wk high/low	Rs 2,480/Rs 1,690
Promoter/FPI/DII	63%/12%/12%

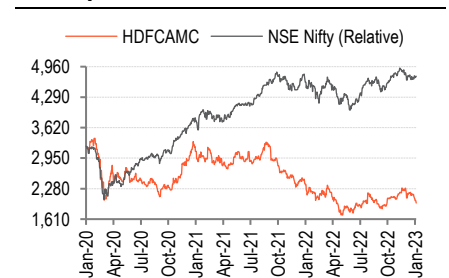
Source: NSE | Price as of 24 Jan 2023

**Key financials**

Y/E 31 Mar	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Core PBT (Rs mn)	15,375	16,022	17,334
Core PBT (YoY)	9.8	4.2	8.2
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	13,931	14,525	16,067
EPS (Rs)	65.3	68.0	75.3
Consensus EPS (Rs)	65.3	67.5	75.4
MCap/AAAUM (%)	9.7	9.1	8.3
ROAAAUM (bps)	32.2	31.4	32.0
ROE (%)	27.0	25.3	25.9
P/E (x)	30.1	28.9	26.1

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

**Stock performance**



Source: NSE



**CAPEX**

25 January 2023

**Spending by states**

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**Sonal Badhan**  
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RBI study on state finances shows that total capital expenditure in FY23 (BE) for all the states and UTs put together had been pegged at Rs 7.54 lakh crore, up from Rs 6.34 lakh crore last year (FY22RE) and Rs 4.18 lakh crore during pre-pandemic period (FY20). This is in line with union government's target of Rs 7.50 lakh crore for FY23 (BE), Rs 6.03 lakh crore for FY22 (RE) and Rs 3.36 crore in FY20. Thus, implying that states have a marginally higher share in driving public sector investment growth.

For the purpose of this study, we have analysed state-wise capex data for 24 states and UTs and have excluded Manipur, Meghalaya and Mizoram, Goa, J&K, Delhi and Puducherry from our sample due unavailability of latest data. Total capital outlay for these 24 states is budgeted at Rs 6.85 lakh crore for FY23 (BE) versus Rs 5.75 lakh crore as per FY22RE. This is 90% of the total amount budgeted by states. The total projected expenditure on capital for FY23 for this set of states is just tad lower than that of the centre which is Rs 7.5 lakh crore (which also includes Rs 1.40 lakh crore of loans to be given to states). If the loan part is excluded then it would mean that the states are targeting to spend higher than centre in terms of capex.

The centre for the first 8 months of the year has spent Rs 4.5 lakh crore which is 60% of the budgeted amount. The states on the other hand have been slower with just 39% of the budgeted amount being spent so far which is Rs 2.7 lakh crore. Hence, there is considerable slack here which needs to be made up during the course of the remaining 4 months of the year. If that is not the case, then we can expect downward revision in the capex print when revised estimates (RE) for FY23 are published.

Of the Rs 6.85 lakh crore, 5 major states alone contribute to 47% of the total capex. These include Uttar Pradesh (Rs 1.2 lakh crore), Maharashtra (Rs 65,000 crore), Madhya Pradesh (Rs 46,000 crore), Karnataka (Rs 44,000 crore) and Tamil Nadu (Rs 43,000 crore). If we add other major states to the list which have share more than 4% (Odisha, Gujarat, Rajasthan, W. Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Telangana) then share of these 12 states jumps to 81%.



**BUY**  
 TP: Rs 1,250 | ▲ 21%

CIPLA

| Pharmaceuticals

| 26 January 2023

**US-led growth; margins strong**

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**US-led growth:** Cipla reported Q3FY23 revenue growth of 6% YoY to Rs 58.1bn (+11% adjusted for Covid sales in the base quarter), led primarily by 30% YoY growth in the US business to US\$ 195mn (+9% QoQ). US growth was supported by a steady contribution from Lenalidomide and market share expansion in respiratory and peptide products, which offset price erosion in the base business. Domestic market growth was limited to 2% YoY but rises to 11% if we exclude ~Rs 2bn in Covid sales during Q3FY22.

**Supply challenges impact SAGA business:** SAGA (South Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa and Cipla Global Access) business continued to decline for the third straight quarter, falling 24% YoY marred by supply challenges. Per management, the SAGA business is being transitioned towards the private market as against the earlier low-margin tender business. Management expects sales to normalise from Q1FY24.

**International market hit by currency headwinds:** International market, impacted by volatile currency, reported YoY growth of 3.3% (6% ex-Covid base quarter sales). The active pharma ingredient (API) business declined 2% YoY. As per management, API inventory levels have normalised for European customers.

**Product mix change and new launches lift margins:** Despite a sharp decline in SAGA (tender) business, Cipla’s gross margin expanded 460bps YoY to 65.5% in Q3, backed by contribution from new launches (including gRevlimid) and an overall mix change. EBITDA margin expansion (+175bps YoY to 24.2%) was despite higher R&D spend for the quarter. The company expects Q4 margins to moderate with seasonality but is confident of achieving its FY23 guidance of 21-22%.

**Retain BUY; TP raised to Rs 1,250:** Based on a continued slowdown in SAGA business and volatile international/API business, we cut our FY23-FY24 EBITDA estimates by 2-3%. Estimate revision coupled with rollover to 1Y forward earnings leads to a reduced TP of Rs 1,250 (vs. Rs 1,320), based on an unchanged 17x EV/EBITDA multiple – ~10% premium to the stock’s 5Y average.

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**Key changes**

Target	Rating
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Ticker/Price	CIPLA IN/Rs 1,035
Market cap	US\$ 10.2bn
Free float	63%
3M ADV	US\$ 19.5mn
52wk high/low	Rs 1,185/Rs 881
Promoter/FPI/DII	36%/25%/21%

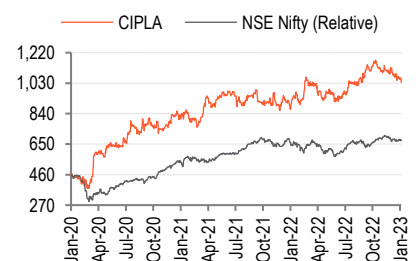
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**Key financials**

Y/E 31 Mar	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	2,17,731	2,39,636	2,60,508
EBITDA (Rs mn)	45,625	51,554	60,298
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	27,086	31,852	39,445
Adj. EPS (Rs)	33.6	39.5	49.0
Consensus EPS (Rs)	33.6	39.1	50.1
Adj. ROAE (%)	13.9	14.5	15.7
Adj. P/E (x)	30.8	26.2	21.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.2	15.7	13.2
Adj. EPS growth (%)	12.6	17.6	23.8

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

**Stock performance**



Source: NSE



**HOLD**  
 TP: Rs 4,700 | ▲ 12%

**DR REDDY'S LABS**

Pharmaceuticals

26 January 2023

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**US business robust; QoQ recovery in EM and PSAI:** DRRD reported strong 27% YoY (7% QoQ) revenue growth to Rs 67.7bn in Q3FY23 driven by the US (51% YoY and 7% QoQ to US\$ 375mn) and emerging markets (EM: 14% YoY and 7% QoQ). Management expects the contribution from gRevlimid to remain meaningful in the next few quarters, though revenue could fluctuate from quarter to quarter. US growth was also supported by five new launches and favourable currency movement. PSAI business grew strongly sequentially at 21% driven by higher volumes and launches.

**Slew of initiatives guided to drive double-digit growth in India:** India sales grew 10% YoY (-2% QoQ) to Rs 11.3bn for the quarter. DRRD is working to create several growth engines for the India business over Horizon-1 and Horizon-2, including ramping up the internal portfolio, collaborations, innovation and inorganic opportunities. The company is focusing more on brands from a long-term perspective and also considering divestiture of non-core brands. Management expects India growth to remain in double digits backed by these initiatives.

**Strong margins; long-term guidance intact:** As in the previous quarter, DRRD reported robust gross/EBITDA margins of 59.2%/30.4% in Q3 (+545bps/+780bps YoY and +15bps/+30bps QoQ), led by an improved mix and gRevlimid contribution. Management retained its long-term EBITDA margin guidance of 25%.

**Retain HOLD:** We raise our FY23-FY24 EBITDA estimates by 2-5% to bake in the 9MFY23 results. Our TP remains unchanged at Rs 4,700 (rounded off) as we roll over to 1Y forward earnings and ascribe the stock an unchanged 12.5x EV/EBITDA multiple – in-line with the 5Y average. With upsides from gRevlimid already in the price, a slowdown in meaningful launches in the US and subdued growth in other regions off a high base, we see limited upside triggers for the stock and hence maintain HOLD.

**Key changes**

Target	Rating
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Ticker/Price	DRRD IN/Rs 4,201
Market cap	US\$ 8.6bn
Free float	73%
3M ADV	US\$ 23.0mn
52wk high/low	Rs 4,645/Rs 3,654
Promoter/FPI/DII	27%/29%/16%

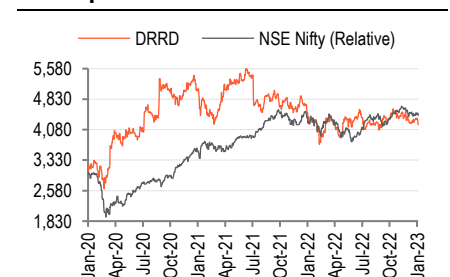
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Total revenue (Rs mn)	2,14,392	2,40,879	2,61,052
EBITDA (Rs mn)	46,632	57,811	62,652
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	31,130	37,116	39,615
Adj. EPS (Rs)	187.1	223.1	238.1
Consensus EPS (Rs)	187.1	229.4	250.3
Adj. ROAE (%)	18.2	18.8	16.9
Adj. P/E (x)	22.5	18.8	17.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	14.9	12.0	10.8
Adj. EPS growth (%)	17.8	19.2	6.7

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

**Stock performance**



Source: NSE





**BUY**  
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**DIXON TECHNOLOGIES**

Consumer Durables

25 January 2023

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**Dismal Q3:** Dixon reported below-par numbers for Q3FY23 amidst weakness in all its major business segments. The topline at Rs 24bn (-38% QoQ) was well below our estimate of Rs 39.6bn, primarily due to a dismal performance in the mobiles (-42% QoQ) and consumer electronics (-43% QoQ) divisions. However, EBITDA margin improved 130bps QoQ to 4.6% (vs. 3.8% expected) on the back of cost optimisation and improving original design manufacturing (ODM) capabilities.

**Guidance lowered:** Management dropped FY23 revenue guidance from Rs 150bn+ to Rs 122bn-127bn over weakness in the mobiles vertical and sluggish demand coupled with poor realisations in other key divisions. The mobiles business is now guided to close FY23 with revenue of Rs 3.8bn-4bn against Rs 4.5bn-5bn stated earlier. Management remains optimistic about FY24, guiding for an overall topline of Rs 190bn-210bn as it banks on an upswing in mobiles (to Rs 80bn in revenue premised on the addition of two marquee clients by end-FY23) and lighting.

**Margins improving:** The gradual shift towards ODM from OEM (original equipment manufacturing) is delivering benefits by way of EBITDA margin gains. Additionally, management has made a concerted effort to optimise costs and improve the product mix. Margins are guided to remain in a similar range for Q4 (4%+), indicating early signs of a shift towards margin-driven products from mass manufacturing.

**Long-term outlook intact:** Dixon has maintained leadership in electronics manufacturing services (EMS) over the years on account of rapid capacity expansion, prudent backward integration, and new large client additions. Portfolio diversification through entry into newer verticals with an ODM focus is an added positive. Though the near-term business outlook appears subdued, expected client additions and ramp-up of newer verticals buoys prospects for FY24.

**Maintain BUY:** We cut our FY23/FY24 EPS estimates by 26%/28% in light of the reduced guidance. This, coupled with rollover of valuations to Dec'24E, yields a lower TP of Rs 4,100 (vs. Rs 5,200). We value the stock at an unchanged P/E multiple of 55x – a 18% premium to the 5Y average on 2Y forward basis.

**Key changes**

Target	Rating
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Ticker/Price	DIXON IN/Rs 3,364
Market cap	US\$ 2.4bn
Free float	66%
3M ADV	US\$ 7.9mn
52wk high/low	Rs 4,830/Rs 3,181
Promoter/FPI/DII	34%/17%/19%

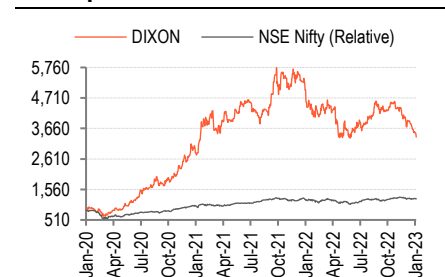
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Y/E 31 Mar	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	106,971	128,642	182,627
EBITDA (Rs mn)	3,791	5,137	7,161
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	1,903	2,625	3,620
Adj. EPS (Rs)	32.1	44.2	61.0
Consensus EPS (Rs)	32.1	62.7	92.0
Adj. ROAE (%)	22.0	23.4	25.4
Adj. P/E (x)	104.9	76.0	55.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	52.7	38.9	27.9
Adj. EPS growth (%)	19.1	37.9	37.9

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

**Stock performance**



Source: NSE



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**HOLD** – Expected return from -6% to +15%

**SELL** – Expected return <-6%

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