Concerns around domestic weakness starting to play out



Pharmaceuticals > Result Update > July 27, 2025 CMP (Rs): 1,533 | TP (Rs): 1,600

Cipla's 1QFY26 revenue was below our estimates, primarily on account of a sharp miss in domestic sales. The EBITDA beat (vs consensus; in line with our estimate, albeit with margin ahead of estimate) was gross margin-led. We caution against meaningfully extrapolating the 1Q margin beat given that Cipla's margin, even in a normalized domestic growth scenario, tends to be a tale of two halves. Margin trends over the last 3 years include the favorable impact of gRevlimid and do not serve as a guide; however, 2HFY26 is likely to stay true to the traditional script (2H margins lower vs 1H) owing to the expected significant decline in gRevlimid contribution 3Q onward. The management maintaining its full year EBITDA margin guidance (23.5-24.5%) reflects this dynamic. 1Q domestic weakness (~3% YoY growth in branded Rx), which was attributed to adverse seasonality and an organizational realignment, reinforces our view that near-term domestic growth is likely to undershoot street expectations (refer to our FY25 ARA note). We raise FY26E/27E EPS by 4%/2% (note that we are still building in an uptick in domestic growth from 2Q + double-digit domestic growth in FY27E). We roll forward to Jun-27E EPS and revise up our TP by ~7% to Rs1,600 (vs Rs1,500 earlier); retain REDUCE.

US sales marginally ahead, partly aided by new launches

US sales at USD226mn were marginally ahead of our estimate. Base business sales were higher, partly aided by the launch of gAbraxane and Nilotinib during the quarter. Per the management, gRevlimid sales were largely flat QoQ (~USD45mn, per our estimate). Cipla's market share in Albuterol and Lanreotide stood at 19.5% and 21%, respectively, at the end of the quarter. Cipla has entered into an agreement with Tanvex BioPharma for its first biosimilar launch in the US in 2QFY26. Tanvex-Cipla's Nypozi will be the 5th player in the Filgrastim biosimilar market.

Domestic miss due to weaker branded as well as trade generic growth

Overall domestic sales growth at 6% YoY was meaningfully below our expectations. Growth in the core branded prescription business (~3%, per our estimate) and the trade generic business (~5% YoY) was below our estimates, while consumer health growth (~24% YoY) was ahead of expectations.

KTAs from the earnings call

1) Lanreotide sales are now in line with the average quarterly sales for FY25. 2) Expects 2-3 peptide launches in the US in FY26; targets USD1bn in US sales in FY27. 3) Cipla will in-license more biosimilar assets in the near term; plans launching its own assets starting CY29-30. 4) The company is prepared for a reinspection of its Indore facility which is expected any time between now and Feb-26. 5) Cipla created a new domestic respiratory division for the launch of new products (incl triple combination inhalers) in 1Q; some key inhaler brands were impacted by pricing adjustments over the last 12-15 months.

Cipla: Financial Snapshot (Consolidated)									
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E				
Revenue	257,741	275,476	292,887	315,257	336,733				
EBITDA	62,911	71,279	71,837	72,605	78,116				
Adj. PAT	43,164	50,499	50,065	50,456	54,256				
Adj. EPS (Rs)	53.5	62.6	62.1	62.6	67.3				
EBITDA margin (%)	24.4	25.9	24.5	23.0	23.2				
EBITDA growth (%)	25.1	13.3	0.8	1.1	7.6				
Adj. EPS growth (%)	44.6	17.0	(0.9)	0.8	7.5				
RoE (%)	17.2	17.4	15.2	13.8	13.4				
RoIC (%)	19.9	21.6	19.9	18.8	19.2				
P/E (x)	30.0	23.4	24.7	24.5	22.8				
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.8	16.6	16.5	16.3	15.1				
P/B (x)	4.6	4.0	3.5	3.2	2.9				
FCFF yield (%)	2.2	2.6	2.7	2.5	3.0				

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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Stock Data	CIPLA IN
52-week High (Rs)	1,699
52-week Low (Rs)	1,307
Shares outstanding (mn)	807.8
Market-cap (Rs bn)	1,238
Market-cap (USD mn)	14,307
Net-debt, FY26E (Rs mn)	(104,695.3)
ADTV-3M (mn shares)	2
ADTV-3M (Rs mn)	2,484.0
ADTV-3M (USD mn)	28.7
Free float (%)	70.8
Nifty-50	24,837.0
INR/USD	86.5
Shareholding,Mar-25	

Promoters (%)	29.2
FPIs/MFs (%)	26.2/28.1

Price Performance								
(%)	1M	3M	12M					
Absolute	1.7	0.6	2.4					
Rel. to Nifty	3.4	(2.6)	0.6					

1-Year share price trend (Rs)



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Exhibit	1:	10	FY26	Earnings	Snapshot
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Cipla - P&L	1QFY25A	1QFY26A	YoY chg	1QFY26E	Delta vs Emkay (1QFY26E consensus)	Delta vs consensus	4QFY25A	QoQ chg
(Rs mn)						-			
Net Sales	66,249	68,370	3%	71,561	-4%			65,977	4%
Other operating income	691	1,204	74%	1,050	15%			1,320	-9%
Total operating income	66,939	69,575	4%	72,611	-4%	70,570	-1%	67,297	3%
Expenses									
Raw material costs	21,929	21,707	-1%	23,973	-9%			21,890	-1%
Gross Profit	45,011	47,868	6%	48,638	-2%			45,407	5%
- Margin	67.2%	68.8%	156 bps	67.0%	182 bps			67.5%	133 bps
Staff costs	11,942	13,123	10%	13,167	0%			12,331	6%
Other operating expenses	15,910	16,963	7%	17,819	-5%			17,700	-4%
EBITDA	17,158	17,781	4%	17,652	1%	17,284	3%	15,376	16%
- EBITDA Margin	25.6%	25.6%	-7 bps	24.3%	125 bps	24.5%	107 bps	22.8%	271 bps
Other income	1,602	2,586	61%	2,249	15%			2,895	-11%
Finance costs	180	141	-22%	126	11%			140	0%
Depreciation	2,467	2,527	2%	3,133	-19%			3,087	-18%
Profit Before Tax (PBT)	16,114	17,699	10%	16,641	6%			15,043	18%
Tax	4,351	4,779	10%	4,327	10%			2,793	71%
Tax rate	27.0%	27.0%	bps	26.0%	100 bps			18.6%	843 bps
Minority interest	(22)	(60)		(8)				(77)	
Share of Profit (+) / Loss (-) of associates	(8)	(4)		(55)				(109)	
PAT	11,776	12,976	10%	12,268	6%	11,985	8%	12,218	6%
EPS (Rs)	14.6	16.1	10%	15.2	6%			15.1	6%

% Cost Ratios	1QFY25A	1QFY26A	YoY chg	1QFY26E	Delta vs Emkay	4QFY25A	QoQ chg
Raw Material costs	32.8	31.2	-156 bps	33.0	-182 bps	32.5	-133 bps
Staff costs	17.8	18.9	102 bps	18.1	73 bps	18.3	54 bps
Mfg & Other expenses	23.8	24.4	61 bps	24.5	-16 bps	26.3	-192 bps

Sales Break-up	1QFY25A	1QFY26A	YoY chg	1QFY26E	Delta vs Emkay	4QFY25A	QoQ chg
Domestic formulations	28,980	30,700	6%	32,023	-4%	26,220	17%
US	20,870	19,330	-7%	18,856	3%	19,190	1%
Africa	7,660	8,710	14%	10,142	-14%	10,190	-15%
Europe and EM	7,790	8,610	11%	9,006	-4%	8,950	-4%
API	980	1,020	4%	1,534	-34%	1,820	-44%
Total income	66,939	69,575	4%	72,611	-4%	67,297	3%

Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: Changes to estimates

(Rs mn)		FY26E			FY27E		FY28E		
	Old	New	Change	Old	New	Change	Old	New	Change
Domestic	128,346	126,604	-1%	141,180	139,264	-1%	155,298	153,190	-1%
US	78,718	78,798	0%	82,022	82,106	0%	83,662	83,748	0%
Africa	40,566	40,566	0%	43,000	43,000	0%	45,150	45,150	0%
Europe and EM	36,025	36,190	0%	39,267	39,447	0%	42,408	42,603	0%
API	6,158	6,043	-2%	6,604	6,480	-2%	7,000	6,869	-2%
Net sales	289,812	288,201	-1%	312,073	310,297	-1%	333,519	331,560	-1%
Gross profit	190,986	191,942	1%	202,847	202,003	0%	217,121	216,840	0%
- margin	65.9%	66.6%	70bps	65.0%	65.1%	10bps	65.1%	65.4%	30bps
EBITDA	69,696	71,837	3%	72,163	72,605	1%	77,007	78,116	1%
- margin	23.7%	24.5%	82bps	22.8%	23.0%	23bps	22.8%	23.2%	43bps
Net profit	48,162	50,065	4%	49,674	50,456	2%	52,963	54,256	2%
EPS (Rs)	59.6	62.0	4%	61.5	62.5	2%	65.6	67.2	2%

Source: Emkay Research

Cipla: Consolidated Financials and Valuations

Profit & Loss					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	257,741	275,476	292,887	315,257	336,733
Revenue growth (%)	13.3	6.9	6.3	7.6	6.8
EBITDA	62,911	71,279	71,837	72,605	78,116
EBITDA growth (%)	25.1	13.3	0.8	1.1	7.6
Depreciation & Amortization	10,510	11,070	11,490	12,610	13,730
EBIT	52,400	60,210	60,347	59,994	64,386
EBIT growth (%)	35.9	14.9	0.2	(0.6)	7.3
Other operating income	3,275	4,022	4,686	4,960	5,173
Other income	7,466	7,949	8,996	9,832	10,599
Financial expense	899	620	506	454	407
PBT	58,967	67,538	68,837	69,372	74,578
Extraordinary items	(1,948)	2,226	0	0	0
Taxes	15,466	16,854	18,586	18,730	20,136
Minority interest	(322)	33	33	33	33
Income from JV/Associates	(16)	(219)	(219)	(219)	(219)
Reported PAT	41,216	52,725	50,065	50,456	54,256
PAT growth (%)	47.1	27.9	(5.0)	0.8	7.5
Adjusted PAT	43,164	50,499	50,065	50,456	54,256
Diluted EPS (Rs)	53.5	62.6	62.1	62.6	67.3
Diluted EPS growth (%)	44.6	17.0	(0.9)	0.8	7.5
DPS (Rs)	8.5	13.0	17.0	18.0	19.0
Dividend payout (%)	16.6	19.9	27.4	28.8	28.3
EBITDA margin (%)	24.4	25.9	24.5	23.0	23.2
EBIT margin (%)	20.3	21.9	20.6	19.0	19.1
Effective tax rate (%)	26.2	25.0	27.0	27.0	27.0
NOPLAT (pre-IndAS)	38,657	45,185	44,053	43,796	47,001
Shares outstanding (mn)	807	807	807	807	807

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Cash flows					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
PBT (ex-other income)	51,486	59,371	59,622	59,322	63,760
Others (non-cash items)	7,974	6,942	2,010	2,010	2,010
Taxes paid	(15,975)	(16,681)	(18,586)	(18,730)	(20,136)
Change in NWC	(13,555)	(11,272)	(6,326)	(9,040)	(7,148)
Operating cash flow	41,339	50,050	48,717	46,626	52,624
Capital expenditure	(14,836)	(19,007)	(17,000)	(17,000)	(17,000)
Acquisition of business	0	0	0	0	0
Interest & dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
Investing cash flow	(29,880)	(36,911)	(9,796)	(8,960)	(8,193)
Equity raised/(repaid)	-	1	0	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	(2,733)	(1,549)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Payment of lease liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Interest paid	(899)	(620)	(506)	(454)	(407)
Dividend paid (incl tax)	(6,862)	(10,498)	(13,729)	(14,537)	(15,344)
Others	(1,511)	(261)	-	-	-
Financing cash flow	(12,004)	(12,928)	(14,335)	(15,091)	(15,851)
Net chg in Cash	(545)	211	24,586	22,575	28,580
OCF	41,339	50,050	48,717	46,626	52,624
Adj. OCF (w/o NWC chg.)	54,894	61,321	55,043	55,666	59,772
FCFF	26,504	31,043	31,717	29,626	35,624
FCFE	25,605	30,423	31,211	29,172	35,217
OCF/EBITDA (%)	65.7	70.2	67.8	64.2	67.4
FCFE/PAT (%)	62.1	57.7	62.3	57.8	64.9
FCFF/NOPLAT (%)	68.6	68.7	72.0	67.6	75.8

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Balance Sheet					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Share capital	1,615	1,615	1,615	1,615	1,615
Reserves & Surplus	265,450	310,319	346,874	383,012	422,142
Net worth	267,064	311,935	348,489	384,627	423,757
Minority interests	959	958	925	892	858
Non-current liab. & prov.	819	(430)	(430)	(430)	(430)
Total debt	2,470	921	821	721	621
Total liabilities & equity	271,313	313,383	349,805	385,809	424,807
Net tangible fixed assets	46,419	48,139	51,571	54,233	56,124
Net intangible assets	44,246	46,329	47,407	48,134	48,512
Net ROU assets	-	-	-	-	-
Capital WIP	11,527	15,663	16,663	17,663	18,663
Goodwill	31,120	32,703	32,703	32,703	32,703
Investments [JV/Associates]	458	458	458	458	458
Cash & equivalents	56,820	80,931	105,516	128,092	156,671
Current assets (ex-cash)	161,829	175,903	185,727	199,938	210,543
Current Liab. & Prov.	49,987	54,038	57,536	62,708	66,165
NWC (ex-cash)	111,842	121,864	128,191	137,230	144,378
Total assets	271,313	313,383	349,805	385,809	424,807
Net debt	(54,350)	(80,010)	(104,695)	(127,371)	(156,050)
Capital employed	271,313	313,383	349,805	385,809	424,807
Invested capital	202,508	216,332	227,168	239,597	249,014
BVPS (Rs)	331.1	386.7	432.0	476.8	525.3
Net Debt/Equity (x)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.4)
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	(0.9)	(1.1)	(1.5)	(1.8)	(2.0)
Interest coverage (x)	66.6	109.9	137.1	153.8	184.2
RoCE (%)	23.3	23.3	20.9	19.0	18.5

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Valuations and key Ratios					
Y/E Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
P/E (x)	30.0	23.4	24.7	24.5	22.8
P/CE(x)	23.0	20.1	20.1	19.6	18.2
P/B (x)	4.6	4.0	3.5	3.2	2.9
EV/Sales (x)	4.6	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.8	16.6	16.5	16.3	15.1
EV/EBIT(x)	22.6	19.6	19.6	19.7	18.4
EV/IC (x)	5.8	5.5	5.2	4.9	4.7
FCFF yield (%)	2.2	2.6	2.7	2.5	3.0
FCFE yield (%)	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.8
Dividend yield (%)	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.2
DuPont-RoE split					
Net profit margin (%)	16.7	18.3	17.1	16.0	16.1
Total asset turnover (x)	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Assets/Equity (x)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
RoE (%)	17.2	17.4	15.2	13.8	13.4
DuPont-RoIC					
NOPLAT margin (%)	15.0	16.4	15.0	13.9	14.0
IC turnover (x)	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
RoIC (%)	19.9	21.6	19.9	18.8	19.2
Operating metrics					
Core NWC days	158.4	161.5	159.8	158.9	156.5
Total NWC days	158.4	161.5	159.8	158.9	156.5
Fixed asset turnover	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.3
Opex-to-revenue (%)	41.4	41.7	42.6	42.6	42.7

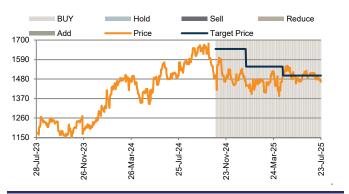
Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

Date	Closing Price (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
26-Jun-25	1,514	1,500	Reduce	Shashank Krishnakumar
14-May-25	1,495	1,500	Reduce	Shashank Krishnakumar
17-Apr-25	1,515	1,500	Reduce	Shashank Krishnakumar
29-Jan-25	1,424	1,550	Reduce	Shashank Krishnakumar
13-Jan-25	1,439	1,550	Reduce	Shashank Krishnakumar
31-Oct-24	1,552	1,650	Reduce	Shashank Krishnakumar
30-Oct-24	1,418	1,650	Reduce	Shashank Krishnakumar
27-Oct-24	1,489	1,650	Reduce	Shashank Krishnakumar

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

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