# Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals **Elara**Capital

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## **GRM** surprised positively

21 January 2025

Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals (MRPL IN) has corrected 13% in the past three months and underperformed the Nifty Mid Cap index, which fell only 6%, after pricing-in concerns as regards falling transportation fuel cracks (due to weak global demand and rising refining supply). Going forward, in the next 1-2 quarters, expect positive outlook for gross refining margin (GRM) with the onset of Chinese Spring and Ramadan festivals, and travel boost (on Chinese New Year and Maha Kumbh in India). However, beyond H1FY26, expect GRM to be muted due to large refining capacity additions at 1.6mmbpd globally in CY25. We reiterate Reduce.

GRM-driven QoQ earnings growth: PAT was INR 3.1bn in Q3FY25 as against a net loss of INR 7.0bn in Q2FY25 and PAT of 3.1bn in Q3FY24, versus our estimates of INR 2.1bn. EBITDA was INR 10.3bn against an EBITDA loss of INR 4.7bn in Q2FY25 and EBITDA of INR 11.6bn in Q3FY24 (INR 8.7bn estimated). The YoY fall in earnings was on account higher forex loss at INR 1.6bn (up 549% YoY), despite higher GRM at USD 6.2/bbl versus USD 5.0/bbl in Q3FY24 (Elara Estimate: USD 5.2/bbl), a 4% YoY growth in crude throughput and 1% weakening in the INR. QoQ, GRM improved from USD 0.6/bbl.

Middle distillate cracks improved QoQ: GRMs improved QoQ as diesel and jet fuel cracks improved by 11-13% QoQ, while gasoline cracks fell 4%. A sequential improvement in middle distillate cracks was led by lower exports from China, strong holiday season-led demand in APAC and robust growth in demand in India.

Volume of discounted Russian crude jumped but per barrel benefit fell: Per our calculations based on Bloomberg, the contribution of discounted Russian crude spiked to 39% of MRPL's total crude basket in Q3FY25 from 26% in Q2FY25 and 33% in Q3FY24. However, an 11% YoY drop in Brent crude oil prices resulted in lower discount on Russian crude at USD 5/bbl in Q3FY25 from USD 14/bbl in Q3FY24. So, per our estimates, the positive impact of discounted Russian crude on GRM fell 62% YoY to USD 1.8/bbl.

OPEC analysis indicates bearing environment for refiners in CY25: As per OPEC World Oil Outlook 2024, 1.6mmbpd global refining capacity would be added in CY25, higher than growth in global demand estimated at 1.1mmbpd in CY25, per IEA.

Reiterate Reduce: We reduce FY25E/26E/FY27E EBITDA estimates by 22%/8%/8%, led by lower GRM expectations at USD 5.0-6.4/bbl (from USD 5.5-7.0/bbl). We reiterate Reduce on MRPL, led by expectations of <USD 80/bbl crude oil price (that would hit Russian discount) and rising global refining supply from H2FY26. We lower our TP to INR 159 from INR 143, led by weaker long-term GRM expectations at USD 6.4/bbl from USD 7.0/bbl, assuming 6.0x (unchanged) one-year forward FY27E EV/EBITDA.

**Key financials** 

YE March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue (INR mn)	1,088,561	904,067	969,773	982,507	993,520
YoY (%)	56.1	(16.9)	7.3	1.3	1.1
EBITDA (INR mn)	66,866	78,873	23,738	46,349	46,470
EBITDA margin (%)	6.1	8.7	2.4	4.7	4.7
Adj PAT (INR mn)	26,554	35,971	1,583	20,675	20,996
YoY (%)	(11.2)	35.9	(95.6)	1,206.2	1.6
Fully DEPS (INR)	15.2	20.5	0.9	11.8	12.0
RoE (%)	31.1	31.2	1.2	15.1	13.8
RoCE (%)	12.4	16.4	3.3	10.7	10.3
P/E (x)	9.5	7.0	159.4	12.2	12.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	5.0	4.2	14.0	7.2	7.2

Note: Pricing as on 20 January 2025: Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

Rating: Reduce

Target Price: INR 143

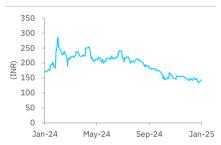
Downside: 0.7% **CMP: INR 144** 

As on 20 January 2025

Key data	
Bloomberg	MRPL IN
Reuters Code	MRPL.NS
Shares outstanding (mn)	1,753
Market cap (INR bn/USD mn)	252/2,914
Enterprise Value (INR bn/USD mn)	387/4,469
Avg daily volume 3M (INR mn/USD mn)	513/6
52 week high/low	289/133
Free float (%)	11

Note: as on 20 January 2025: Source: Bloomberg

#### Price chart



Source: Bloomberg

Shareholding (%)	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Siture rolating (78)	FY24	FY25	FY25	FY25
Promoter	88.6	88.6	88.6	88.6
% Pledged	-	-	-	-
FII	2.7	2.3	1.7	1.4
DII	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.7
Others	7.2	7.6	8.2	8.4

Source: BSE

Price performance (%)	3M	6M	12M
Nifty	(6.1)	(4.8)	8.2
Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals	(13.1)	(33.4)	(17.7)
NSE Mid-cap	(6.0)	(1.4)	14.7
NSE Small-cap	(6.4)	(2.9)	15.1

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# Financials (YE March)

Income statement (INR mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net revenue	1,088,561	904,067	969,773	982,507	993,520
EBITDA	66,866	78,873	23,738	46,349	46,470
Less: Depreciation & amortization	11,867	12,573	13,519	13,959	14,399
EBIT	54,999	66,300	10,219	32,390	32,072
Less: Interest expense	12,853	11,138	10,132	9,321	8,616
Add: Other income	388	146	1,820	1,840	1,840
Exceptional item	(25)	83	0	0	0
PBT	42,534	55,308	1,907	24,909	25,296
Less taxes	16,005	19,255	324	4,235	4,300
Reported PAT	26,554	35,971	1,583	20,675	20,996
Adjusted PAT	26,529	36,053	1,583	20,675	20,996
Balance sheet (INR mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Share capital	17,527	17,527	17,527	17,527	17,527
Reserves	81,119	115,299	111,624	127,040	142,778
Borrowings	169,390	126,870	119,370	109,370	104,370
Total liabilities	268,036	259,696	248,521	253,937	264,675
Fixed assets	208,706	211,538	208,019	204,061	199,662
Deferred taxes	13,898	4,846	4,846	4,846	4,846
Investments	460	483	492	501	511
Inventories	67,766	83,060	77,726	77,088	77,983
Debtors	44,694	38,601	41,882	42,318	42,800
Cash	68	97	13,362	23,031	38,915
Loans & advances	2,521	3,193	4,170	4,370	4,587
Other current assets	13,342	12,482	12,482	12,482	12,482
Net current assets	44,973	42,828	35,163	44,530	59,657
Total assets	268,036	259,696	248,521	253,937	264,675
Cashflow statement (INR mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Operating cash flow	63,644	70,450	61,033	55,209	55,798
Less: Capex	(7,028)	(15,560)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)
Free cash flow to firm	56,616	54,890	51,033	45,209	45,798
Investing cash flow	(6,732)	(15,179)	(10,009)	(10,009)	(10,010)
Financing cash flow	(56,899)	(55,242)	(37,760)	(35,531)	(29,904)
Net change in cash	13	29	13,264	9,669	15,885
Ratio analysis	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Income statement ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	56.1	(16.9)	7.3	1.3	1.1
EBITDA growth	33.0	18.0	(69.9)	95.3	0.3
PAT growth	(11.2)	35.9	(95.6)	1,206.2	1.6
EBITDA margin	6.1	8.7	2.4	4.7	4.7
Net margin	2.4	4.0	0.2	2.1	2.1
Return and liquidity ratios					
Int/PBIT	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.3	0.3
Net debt/equity (x)	1.7	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.4
ROE (%)	31.1	31.2	1.2	15.1	13.8
ROCE (%)	12.4	16.4	3.3	10.7	10.3
Per share data and valuation ratios					
Diluted EPS (INR)	15.2	20.5	0.9	11.8	12.0
EPS growth (%)	(10.2)	35.5	(95.6)	1,206.2	1.6
Book value (INR)	56.3	75.8	73.7	82.5	91.5
	0.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
DPS (INR)					
	9.5	7.0	159.4	12.2	12.0
P/E (x)	9.5 5.0	7.0	159.4 14.0	7.2	7.2
P/E (x) EV/EBITDA (x)	5.0	4.2	14.0	7.2	7.2
P/E (x)					

Note: Pricing as on 20 January 2025; Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate



## **Quarterly financials**

Consolidated (INR mn)	Q3FY25	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)	Q3FY25E	Variance (%)
Net operating income	218,709	246,769	(11.4)	249,679	(12.4)	241,722	(9.5)
EBITDA	10,311	11,595	(11.1)	(4,739)	NA	8,701	18.5
Depreciation	3,315	3,343	(1)	3,424	(3)	3,424	(3)
Interest cost	2,636	2,736	(4)	2,847	(7)	2,847	(7)
Other income	384	446	(14)	453	(15)	405	(5)
Profit before exceptional items	-	-		-		-	
Exceptional/prior period adj	4,745	5,962	(20)	(10,557)	NA	2,835	67
РВТ	-	789	NA	-	NA	-	NA
Tax	4,745	5,962	(20)	(10,557)	NA	2,835	67
Reported PAT	1,652	2,041	(19)	(3,588)	NA	714	131
Adj. PAT	3,093	3,921	(21.1)	(6,969)	NA	2,121	46
Adj. EPS (INR)	3,093	3,132	(1.2)	(6,969)	NA	2,121	45.8

Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

#### **Exhibit 1: Valuation**

(INR mn)	
FY27E EBITDA	46,470
Target EV/EBITDA (x)	6.0
EV	278,822
Less: Net debt (FY26E)	75,323
Equity value of refining and OMPL	203,499
Equity value of refining and OMPL (INR/share)	116
Add: value of retail outlets (INR/share)	27
Target price (INR/share)	143

Source: Elara Securities Estimate

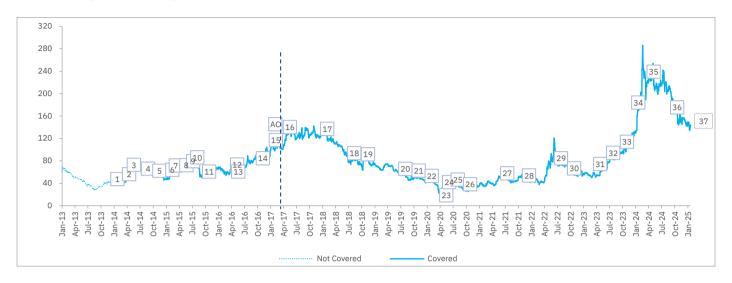
## **Exhibit 2: Change in estimates**

(INR mn)	Earlier			Revised			% Change		
	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	967,307	954,060	954,060	969,773	982,507	993,520	0.3	3.0	4.1
EBITDA	30,253	50,335	50,649	23,738	46,349	46,470	(21.5)	(7.9)	(8.2)
EBITDA margin (%)	3.1	5.3	5.3	2.4	4.7	4.7	(68)	(56)	(63)
PAT	10,103	27,113	27,618	1,583	20,675	20,996	(84.3)	(23.7)	(24.0)
EPS (INR)	5.8	15.5	15.8	0.9	11.8	12.0	(84.3)	(23.7)	(24.0)
TP (INR)			159			143			(10.0)

Source: Elara Securities Estimate



# **Coverage History**



	Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
30	28-Oct-2022	Accumulate	INR 65	INR 57
31	28-Apr-2023	Accumulate	INR 68	INR 64
32	28-Jul-2023	Sell	INR 72	INR 84
33	31-Oct-2023	Reduce	INR 102	INR 106
34	20-Jan-2024	Sell	INR 150	INR 175
35	6-May-2024	Sell	INR 181	INR 229
36	18-Oct-2024	Reduce	INR 159	INR 166
37	20-Jan-2025	Reduce	INR 143	INR 144

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ACCUMULATE	Absolute Return +5% to +20%
REDUCE	Absolute Return -5% to +5%
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