PI Industries

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Headwinds continue

PI Industries (PI IN) reported weak results, with topline flat, EBITDA down 8% and PAT down 17%. Even after one-off adjustments in Q3FY24 (INR 400mn on topline; INR 700mn in cost items), adjusted EBITDA in Q3FY25 was lower than estimates. The overall business environment seems uncertain due to regime change in the US, leading to short-term uncertainties amidst tariff war tensions. This with lingering impact of global destocking should hit PI's Custom Synthesis Manufacturing (CSM) business on both topline and profitability. This may be a temporary overhang. Expect growth to pick up beyond the next 2-3 quarters as: (a) destocking is largely over globally, (b) given scale-up in recently commercialized molecules and (c) ramp-up in Pharma business, led by aggressive investment in improving capabilities. We reiterate Accumulate with a lower TP of INR 4,048 (from INR 4,977), based on 30x (35x earlier) FY27E EPS of INR 135.

Business growth guidance maintained in mid-to-high single digit: Topline for the CSM business dropped 1% YoY to INR 16bn, led by a 50% drop in revenue from the Pharma business albeit on a very small base. Agrochemical CSM grew 4% YoY, led by a 5% growth in volumes and 40% growth in revenue from new products. New products account for ~20% of the CSM business. Product development continues to be rapid, with >60 projects under different stages of development. New enquiries from non-agrochemical space continue to inch up. PI has maintained its FY25 CSM business growth guidance in mid to high single digit.

Ability to build differentiated pharma business platform: PI is building a differentiated customer research development manufacturing organization (CRDMO) platform under PI Health Sciences (PIHS). It is doing so via investing in superior talent, physical assets and tech-led processes (to build a high-quality customer portfolio). The top talent pool in PIHS has a minimum experience of >20 years. PI has invested >INR 2bn in capacity expansion, developed a new R&D facility in Hyderabad, renovated its facility at Jaipur and constructed a new kilolab at Lodi (Italy). PI has initiated visits of global pharma and bio-tech companies to its facilities in Hyderabad and Jaipur. It has identified three new projects as medium-term revenue drivers and has recently bagged a key business order.

Reiterate Accumulate with a lower TP of INR 4,048: The overall business environment is uncertain owing to a regime change in the US, leading to short-term uncertainties amidst tariff war tensions. This with lingering impact from global destocking continues to hit PI's CSM space on both topline and profitability.

So, we trim our topline, EBITDA and PAT projections by 9%, 12% and 14% for FY26E and 15%, 17% and 19% for FY27E. We also pare our target multiple from 35x to 30x. Thus, we lower our TP to INR 4,048 (from INR 4,977) based on 30x (35x earlier) FY27E EPS of INR 135. Maintain Accumulate.

Key financials

YE March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue (INR mn)	64,920	76,658	80,477	84,904	91,696
YoY (%)	22.5	18.1	5.0	5.5	8.0
EBITDA (INR mn)	15,421	20,147	22,131	24,198	26,592
EBITDA margin (%)	23.8	26.3	27.5	28.5	29.0
Adj PAT (INR mn)	12,227	16,710	16,603	18,436	20,409
YoY (%)	48.9	36.7	-0.6	11.0	10.7
EPS (INR)	80.9	110.6	109.9	121.9	134.9
RoE (%)	17.0	19.1	16.6	15.9	15.3
RoCE (%)	21.9	22.3	20.8	19.2	17.9
P/E (x)	37.4	35.0	32.3	29.1	26.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	27.7	27.3	22.3	20.0	17.7

Note: Pricing as on 7 February 2025; Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

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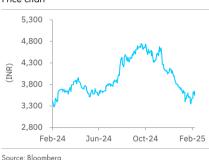
Rating: Accumulate
Target Price: INR 4,048
Upside: 14%
CMP: INR 3,544
As on 7 February 2025

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Key data	
Bloomberg	PI IN
Reuters Code	PIIL.NS
Shares outstanding (mn)	152
Market cap (INR bn/USD mn)	538/6148
Enterprise Value (INR bn/USD mn)	500/5715
Avg daily volume 3M (INR mn/USD mn)	1094/13
52 week high/low	4804/3060
Free float (%)	54

Note: as on 7 February 2025; Source: Bloomberg





	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Shareholding (%)	FY24	FY25	FY25	FY25
Promoter	46.1	46.1	46.1	46.1
% Pledged	-	-	-	-
FII	20.3	18.8	19.0	18.5
DII	24.4	26.1	26.5	27.3
Others	9.2	9.0	8.4	8.1
Source: BSE				

Price performance (%)	3M	6M	12M
Nifty	(2.6)	(3.0)	7.4
PI Industries	(24.5)	(19.9)	6.4
NSE Mid-cap	(6.1)	(5.7)	8.6
NSE Small-cap	(9.4)	(7.5)	2.7

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Financials (YE March)

Income Statement (INR mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenues	64,920	76,658	80,477	84,904	91,696
EBITDA	15,421	20,147	22,131	24,198	26,592
Less :- Depreciation & Amortization	2,265	3,082	3,635	4,000	4,612
EBIT	13,156	17,065	18,496	20,197	21,980
Less:- Interest Expenses	371	300	325	300	300
Add:- Non operating Income	1,590	2,077	3,116	3,739	4,486
РВТ	14,375	18,842	21,286	23,636	26,166
Less :- Taxes	2,148	2,132	4,683	5,200	5,756
Add: Share of Loss in Associate	68	105	100	100	100
Adjusted PAT	12,295	16,815	16,703	18,536	20,509
Reported PAT	12,295	16,815	16,703	18,536	20,509
Balance Sheet (INR mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Share Capital	152	152	152	152	152
Reserves	71,833	87,158	99,680	115,500	133,313
Borrowings	-	1,279	1,279	1,279	1,279
Deferred Tax (Net)	164	(561)	(561)	(561)	(561)
Trade Payable	8,380	11,484	12,127	12,794	13,817
Other Liabilities	4,219	7,365	5,955	6,283	6,785
Total Liabilities	84,748	106,877	118,632	135,447	154,785
Gross Block	35,315	44,596	54,327	63,327	72,327
Less:- Accumulated Depreciation	10,088	12,924	16,559	20,560	25,172
Net Block	25,227	31,672	37,768	42,767	47,155
CWIP	625	1,731	1,000	1,000	1,000
Other Non-Current Assets	2,273	6,689	5,674	5,723	5,798
Cash & bank balances	22,429	27,039	34,130	44,466	57,149
Inventory	13,976	13,012	13,229	13,957	15,073
Trade Receivable	7,720	9,299	9,701	10,235	11,054
Other Net Assets	12,498	17,435	17,130	17,298	17,556
Total Assets	84,748	106,877	118,632	135,447	154,785
Cash Flow Statement (INR mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Cash profit adjusted for non-cash items	15,522	20,438	22,131	24,198	26,592
Add/Less : Working Capital Changes	2,050	3,671	(1,230)	(468)	(718)
Taxes Paid	(2,558)	(3,750)	(4,589)	(5,096)	(5,641)
Operating Cash Flow	15,014	20,359	16,312	18,634	20,232
Less:- Capex		,	_==,===	,	
	(3.263)	(6.204)	(9.731)	(9.000)	(9.000)
Free Cash Flow	(3,263)	(6,204)	(9,731)	(9,000)	(9,000)
Free Cash Flow	11,751	14,155	6,581	9,634	11,232
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Growth in the CSM business may slow down. Normalization is likely after 2-3 quarters.

Margin expansion driven by product mix and operating leverage benefits

Note: Pricing as on 7 February 2025; Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate



Quarterly financials

Consolidated (INR mn)	Q3FY25	Q3FY24	YoY%	Q2FY25	QoQ%	Q3FY25E	Variance (%)	9MFY25	9MFY24	YoY%
Cons net sales	19,008	18,975	0.2	22,210	(14.4)	19,437	(2.2)	61,907	59,248	4.5
Raw material	8,990	8,813	2.0	10,714	(16.1)	8,747	2.8	29,681	30,342	(2.2)
Employee cost	1,910	1,856	2.9	1,956	(2.4)	2,134	(10.5)	5,867	5,229	12.2
Other expenses	2,989	2,770	7.9	3,258	(8.3)	2,650	12.8	9,126	7,949	14.8
Total expenditure	13,889	13,439	3.3	15,928	(12.8)	13,531	2.6	44,674	43,520	2.7
EBITDA	5,119	5,536	(7.5)	6,282	(18.5)	5,906	(13.3)	17,233	15,728	9.6
Margin (%)	26.9	29.2	(224)bp	28.3	-135bp	30.4	-345bp	27.8	26.5	129bp
Depreciation	991	783	26.6	798	24.2	800	23.9	2,623	2,283	14.9
EBIT	4,128	4,753	(13.1)	5,484	(24.7)	5,106	(19.2)	14,610	13,445	8.7
Interest	83	70	18.6	85	(2.4)	100	(17.0)	251	191	31.4
Other income	759	561	35.3	1,222	(37.9)	954	(20.4)	2,708	1,499	80.7
РВТ	4,804	5,244	(8.4)	6,621	(27.4)	5,960	(19.4)	17,067	14,753	15.7
Tax	1,080	772	39.9	1,546	(30.1)	1,311	(17.6)	3,801	1,714	121.8
Tax rate (%)	22.5	14.7	776bp	23.3	-87bp	22.0	48bp	22.3	11.6	1,065bp
RPAT	3,724	4,472	(16.7)	5,075	(26.6)	4,648	(19.9)	13,266	13,039	1.7
APAT	3,726	4,486	(16.9)	5,082	(26.7)	4,658	(20.0)	13,296	13,120	1.3
Adj EPS (INR)	25	29.4	(16.7)	33.4	(26.6)	30.6	(19.9)	87.3	85.8	1.7

Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

Exhibit 1: CSM – Revenue share at 85% in Q3

INR mn	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25
CSM segment revenue	13,286	12,814	15,630	16,329	16,310	14,701	17,494	17,610	16,202
Agroche mical	13,286	12,814	15,187	15,611	15,037	13,986	17,244	17,199	15,575
Pharma	-	-	443	718	1,273	715	253	411	637
YoY (%)	23.5	15.0	36.9	27.7	22.8	14.7	11.9	7.8	(0.7)
Sales mix (%)	82.4	81.8	81.8	77.1	86.0	84.4	84.6	79.3	85.2
Domestic segment revenue	2,846	2,842	3,474	4,840	2,665	2,709	3,195	4,600	2,806
YoY (%)	1.6	1.1	(13.4)	(1.6)	(6.4)	(4.7)	(8.0)	(5.0)	5.3
Sales mix (%)	17.6	18.2	18.2	22.9	14.0	15.6	15.4	20.7	14.8

Source: Company, Elara Securities Research

Exhibit 2: Orderbook down marginally



Source: Company, Elara Securities Research

In Q3, CSM volumes grew 5% and domestic business volume 7%

Exhibit 3: Valuation summary

(INR)	
EPS – FY26E	121.9
EPS – FY27E	134.9
Target multiple (x)	30
9MFY25 EPS	87.3
Target price	4,048

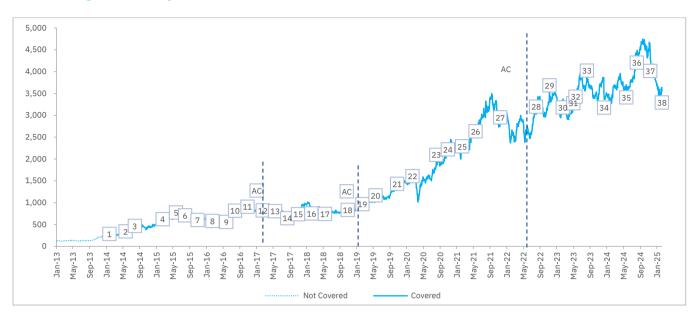
Source: Elara Securities Estimate

Exhibit 4: Change in estimates

(INR mn)		Earlier			Revised		9	% Change	
	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net sales	82,325	93,716	108,317	80,477	84,904	91,696	(2.2)	(9.4)	(15.3)
EBITDA	23,874	27,646	31,954	22,131	24,198	26,592	(7.3)	(12.5)	(16.8)
EBITDA margin (%)	29.0	29.5	29.5	27.5	28.5	29.0	-150bp	-100bp	-50bp
Adjusted PAT	18,715	21,615	25,158	16,703	18,536	20,509	(10.7)	(14.2)	(18.5)
EPS (INR)	123.1	142.2	165.5	109.9	121.9	134.9	(10.7)	(14.2)	(18.5)
TP (INR)			4,977			4,048			(18.7)

Source: Elara Securities Estimate

Coverage History



	Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
30	15-Feb-2023	Accumulate	INR 3,600	INR 3,122
31	3-May-2023	Accumulate	INR 3,909	INR 3,426
32	3-May-2023	Accumulate	INR 3,794	INR 3,274
33	9-Aug-2023	Accumulate	INR 4,270	INR 3,877
34	13-Dec-2023	Buy	INR 4,270	INR 3427
35	23-May-2024	Accumulate	INR 4,023	INR 3660
36	8-Aug-2024	Accumulate	INR 4,817	INR 4,457
37	14-Nov-2024	Accumulate	INR 4,977	INR 4,265
38	7-Feb-2025	Accumulate	INR 4,048	INR 3,544

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