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# Key triggers to drive re-rating

BIOS' implied hold co discount is now >40% - this makes the risk-reward extremely favourable. As key triggers play out over the next few quarters, BIOS' stock price can significantly re-rate, in our view. Near-term drivers for the stock are: (1) bAspart and bBeva approval/ launch; (2) Formulary access for Hulio; and (3) A positive outcome for bAflibercept. The delay in approvals and a highly leveraged acquisition have admittedly spooked the street, but BIOS is relatively well-placed to play the growing biosimilars industry. We also believe that BIOS is near the end of its capex cycle and, therefore, FCFF visibility alleviates debt repayment concerns. BIOS is firing on all cylinders – all business segments are poised for double-digit growth and margin can expand ~380bps over FY23-26. BUY with a Sep'24 Price Target of INR 370.

- Key triggers to drive re-rating: Biocon Biologics ('BBL') has the following near-term triggers: (1) bAspart and bBeva approval and launch; (2) bHumira formulary access; and (3) Positive litigation outcome for bAflibercept. BBL's existing molecules, particularly Fulphila and Semglee, have been performing well (click here). Notably, a large payor has signed up for Semglee as the exclusive Insulin Glargine for its formulary w.e.f. Jan'24, which can further improve its market share. Vizag commercialisation and 5-6 new generic launches annually can drive growth in the Generics business; meanwhile, Syngene is on track to deliver high-teens growth.
- Capex cycle likely nearing completion, debt concerns overstated: We believe BIOS is likely near the end of its capex cycle. The company is at process validation stage for its Vizag facility and is setting up a new injectable and peptides facility in Bengaluru. BBL plans to expand its insulins capacity to prepare for the next phase of growth (Aspart, rH-insulin, Toujeo). FY24 capex outlay for Generics and BBL is USD 250mn. The capex is likely to get completed over the next 2-3 years, and post payment of deferred consideration to Viatris we believe there is healthy FCFF visibility. The payment for BBL's USD 1.2bn loan is expected to commence in FY26 which can be paid from internal accruals, in our view.
- BIOS well-placed vs. peers: BIOS has an attractive pipeline bAflibercept (FTF and interchangeability), bUstekinumab (CY23-filing), bDenosumab (CY24 filing), rH-insulin, Hulio (interchangeable), bPertuzumab, Insulin Glargine IU 300, etc. BIOS is best-placed vs. Indian peers to play the large US biosimilars opportunity. Dr Reddy's and Lupin have made somewhat early progress. DRRD's US pipeline includes Pegfilgrastim and Rituximab (partnered with Fresenius), Tocilizumab and Abatacept (WIP). LPC has Pegfilgrastim and bLucentis so far; Alkem, Aurobindo and Sun are also working on developing biosimilars for the US market. We believe Indian players will commercialise biosimilars with a partner (like Biocon-Mylan earlier; DRRD-Fresenius for two biosimilars).
- Hold co. discount expands; risk-reward extremely attractive: Biocon's implied hold co discount is now >40%, which makes the risk-reward extremely attractive. We believe that this can shrink as key triggers play out. Our SOTP-based Sep'24 TP is INR 370. BUY.

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Recommendation and Price Target	
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Current Price Target (12M)	370
Upside/(Downside)	39.8%
Previous Price Target	360
Change	2.8%

Key Data – BIOS IN	
Current Market Price	INR265
Market cap (bn)	INR317.7/US\$3.8
Free Float	33%
Shares in issue (mn)	1,200.6
Diluted share (mn)	1,200.6
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR1,133.8/US\$13.6
52-week range	299/192
Sensex/Nifty	66,119/19,716
INR/US\$	83.2

Price Performance			
%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	3.6	28.1	-5.5
Relative*	1.9	11.6	-19.1

<sup>\*</sup> To the BSE Sensex

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	81,840	1,11,742	1,53,728	1,75,413	2,01,079
Sales Growth (%)	14.6	36.5	37.6	14.1	14.6
EBITDA	19,702	25,117	37,150	46,036	52,946
EBITDA Margin (%)	24.1	22.5	24.2	26.2	26.3
Adjusted Net Profit	7,595	7,541	9,721	16,759	22,850
Diluted EPS (INR)	6.3	6.3	8.1	14.0	19.0
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	4.3	-0.7	28.9	72.4	36.3
ROIC (%)	7.3	3.8	4.2	5.3	6.2
ROE (%)	9.5	5.7	5.1	7.9	9.9
P/E (x)	41.4	41.7	32.4	18.8	13.8
P/B (x)	3.7	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.5	20.0	13.3	10.9	9.0
Dividend Yield (%)	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.6

JM Financial Research is also available on: Bloomberg - JMFR <GO>, Thomson Publisher & Reuters, S&P Capital IQ, FactSet and Visible Alpha

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Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 27/Sep/2023

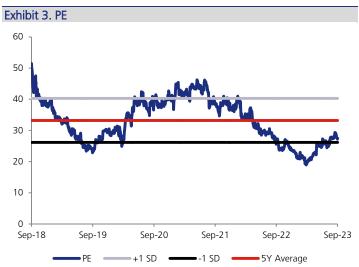
## Risk-reward attractive

Biocon's implied hold co discount is now >40%, which makes the risk-reward extremely favourable. The stock is trading 1 SD below average multiples. As key triggers play out over the next few quarters, the stock will re-rate, in our view. Our earnings estimate do not yet factor in earnings (NPV assigned) of bAflibercept, which could be launched in CY24 (subject to litigation outcome) or FY26/27 in US/ Europe.

Exhibit 1. Valuation				
	Sep'25 EBITDA	%	Gross Multiple	Valuation
Generics	8,185	100%	14	114,583
Syngene	15,665	55%	24	204,896
Biocon Biologics	25,539	66%	21	353,964
EV				673,444
Less: Holding Co. Discount for BBL	and Syngene (20%)			111,772
Less: Net Debt				148,288
Equity Valuation				413,384
No of Shares				1,201
TP				344
bAflibercept NPV				25
TP				369
TP (rounded off)				370

Source: JM Financial





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Exhibit 4. Global peer comps							
Company	Mkt cap	EV/EBITDA			P/E		
Company	(INR bn)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY23	FY24	FY25
BIOCON LTD	318	20	13	11	42	32	19
SAMSUNG BIOLOGICS CO LTD	2980	35	30	25	60	51	41
CELLTRION INC	1250	20	17	15	32	28	25
COHERUS BIOSCIENCES INC	35		14	4		21	4
AMGEN INC	11980	11	10	10	15	14	13
PFIZER INC	15230	9	9	8	10	10	9
ALVOTECH SA	198		50	13			50

Source: Bloomberg, JM Financial

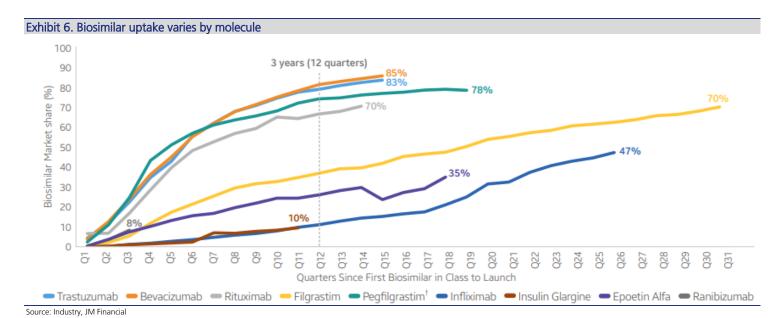
## Well placed vs. peers

The upcoming biologics patent cliff (2<sup>nd</sup> wave) is large (~USD 85bn) and biosimilars' acceptance is increasingly visible. Oncology biosimilars have had the highest acceptance vs. others. Indian players are still at a very early stage and are mostly targeting opportunities in the next biosimilars wave. Dr Reddy's and Lupin have made somewhat early progress. DRRD's US pipeline includes Pegfilgrastim and Rituximab (partnered with Fresenius), Tocilizumab and Abatacept (WIP). LPC has Pegfilgrastim and bLucentis so far; Alkem, Aurobindo and Sun are also working on developing biosimilars for the US. BBL is best placed to leverage the current US biosimilars opportunity with four existing molecules and an attractive launch pipeline. We also believe that Indian players may launch their biosimilar assets via a commercial partner (like Biocon-Mylan earlier; DRRD-Fresenius for two assets etc.).

Exhibit 5. Biologics patent cliff – ~USD 85bn opportunity in 2<sup>nd</sup> wave

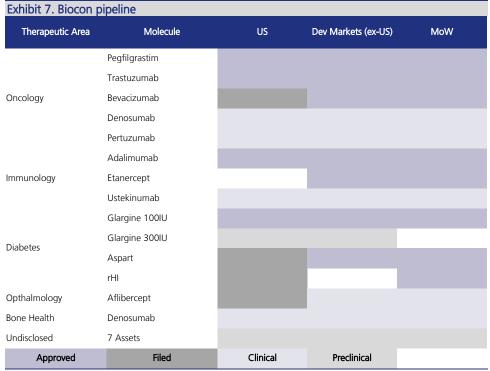


Source: Company



Biocon Biologics ('BBL') has an enviable biosimilars pipeline. Near-term triggers include bAspart (interchangeable, expected in CY23), bBevacizumab and rH-insulin approval/ launch. BIOS is conducting clinical trials for bUstekinumab (CY23 filing), bDenosumab, bHumira interchangeability (CY24 filing) and bPertuzumab. Notably, BBL has exercised the option for bAflibercept (FTF status and potential first to market). This product is currently under

litigation (outcome expected soon). We believe a positive outcome could lead to a launch in FY25, or FY26-27 depending on geography and approval.



Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 8. Clinical trial timelines							
Biosimilar Study Phase Start date Estimated Completion							
Ustekinumab	3	Jun-22	Oct-23				
Denosumab	1	Mar-22	Feb-24				
Deriosumab	3	May-22	Jun-24				
Humira interchangability	3	Nov-22	Oct-23				
Pertuzumab	3	Dec-23	Oct-26				

Source: ClinicalTrials.gov; JM Financial

Exhibit 9. bAflibercept market scenario				
Company	Clinical trials	Commentary		
Amgen	Phase 3			
Formycon-Coherus	Filed	Jun'24 TAD		
Biogen-Samsung	Phase 3 complete			
Alteogen	Phase 3 underway, expect early 2024 completion			
Celltrion	Filed			
Sandoz	Ph. 3 complete	Filing expected in the coming months		

Source: Industry, Company

# Financial Analysis

We have built in early double-digit growth over FY23-26 for the Generics business considering Vizag contribution w.e.f. FY25 and 5-6 new launches per annum. Syngene will continue to grow at high-teens. BBL's existing assets are ramping up well. Fulphila is now the largest biosimilar in its category in the US. Notably, Semglee has been listed as the exclusive Insulin Glargine by a large payor w.e.f. Jan'24, which will further improve market share. bHumira ramp-up will be gradual (as has been the case with Amgen). We have factored in FY24 Aspart launch (marginal contribution assumed) and FY25 Bevacizumab launch in our

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earnings. bAflibercept, bHumira interchangeable and rH-insulin launch pose upside risk to

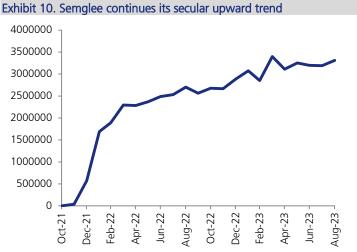
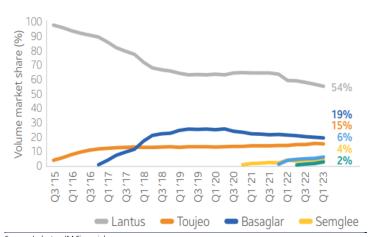


Exhibit 11. Fulphila volumes surge 14000 12000 10000 8000 6000 4000 2000 0 May-23 Jul-23 Jan-23 Jan-22 Mar-22 May-22 Sep-22 Nov-22 Mar-23 Sep-21 Nov-21 Source: Bloomberg, JM Financial; Based on Integrated Units

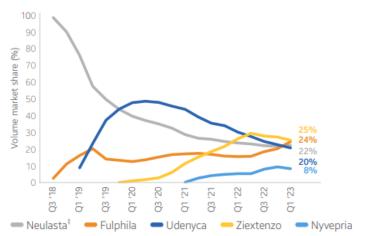
Exhibit 12. Insulin Glargine volume ms

Source: Bloomberg, JM Financial; Based on Integrated Units

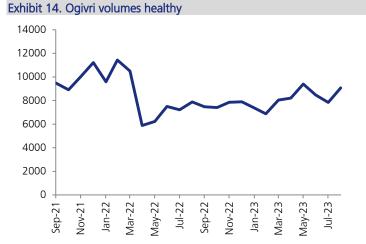


Source: Industry, JM Financial

Exhibit 13. Pegfilgrastim volume ms



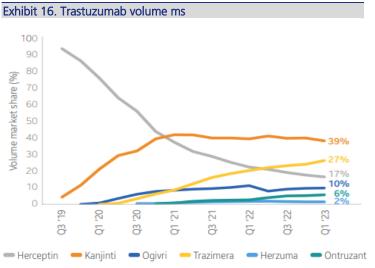
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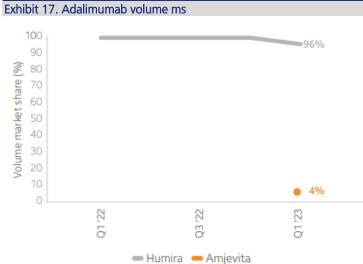


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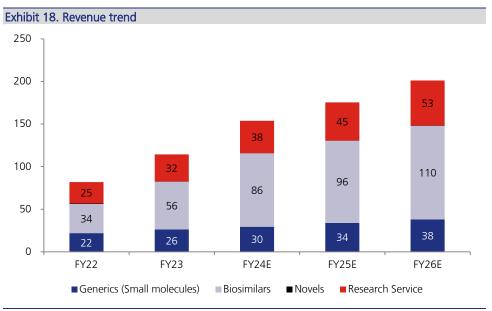


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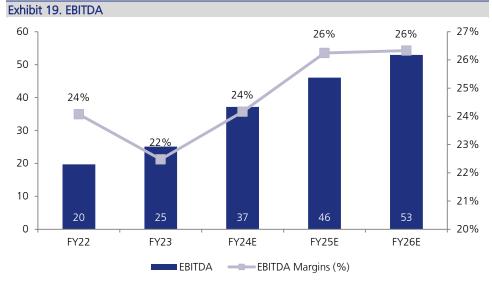




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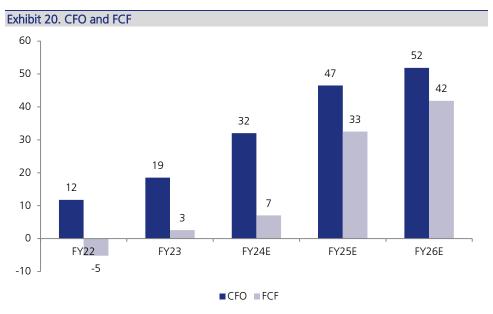
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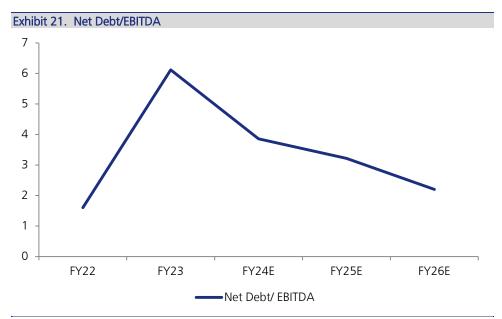
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BIOS' net debt position as of Mar'23 was ~INR 133.4bn. BBL raised USD 1.2bn syndicated loan to fund the Viatris acquisition. This loan has tenure of 5 years with repayment starting after 30 months (i.e., FY26). The repayment of principal increases gradually. We believe BIOS is near the end of its capex cycle. For FY24, BBL has an outlay of USD 150mn primarily for insulin facility expansion (rH-insulin, Aspart, Toujeo) and USD 100mn for Generics – peptides and injectable facility at Bengaluru. Syngene has already acquired the Stelis facility. Overall, we feel the capex cycle will be nearly complete in 2-3 years and after payment of deferred consideration to Viatris, FCFF visibility is high w.e.f. FY26. This, in our view, should be adequate for debt repayment. As alluded to by the management, we have factored in USD 200mn fundraise in FY24.

Other key financial aspects: For the period 29<sup>th</sup> Nov'22 to 31<sup>st</sup> Mar'23, acquired business contributed revenue of INR 22bn and PBDIT of INR 4bn. BBL has recorded contingent consideration receivable from Viatris of INR 10.25bn. The receipt of this is contingent on the value of conversion of CCPS (should not be less than <\$1bn).



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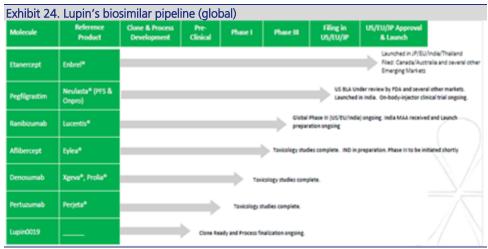
Exhibit 22. Malaysia subsidiary financials – Insulin franchise has been growing well									
Biocon Malaysia (in RM mn) FY19 FY20 FY21 FY22 FY23									
Revenue	174	158	300	438	701				
EBITDA	31	-47	15	111	294				
PAT	-67	-169	-131	-61	103				

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 23. Dr Reddy's US biosimilar pipeline

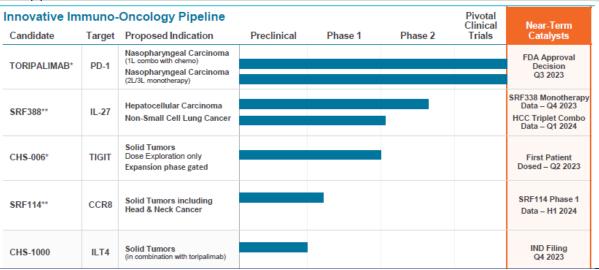
Biosimilars	Innovator	US Sales CY2022
Pegfilgrastim	Amgen	959
Rituximab	Roche	1,379
Tocilizumab	Roche	1,253
Abatacept	BMS	2,638

Source: Company, JM Financial



Source: Company

Exhibit 25. Coherus pipeline



Source: Company

# Exhibit 26. Celltrion pipeline

Indication	Indication Pipeline		R&D Status			
indication			US	EU		
	Remsima SC	-	BLA Submitted (Dec. 2023)	Approved		
Autoimmune	Yuflyma / adalimumab	\$34.8bn	Approved			
Diseases	CT-P43(bSTELARA®)	\$17.7bn	BLA Submitted (Jun. 2023)	MAA Submitted (May 2023)		
	CT-P47(bACTEMRA®)	\$2.8bn	In Clinical	Phase III		
AMD <sup>1)</sup>	CT=P42(bEYLEA®)	\$9.6bn	BLA Submitted (Jun. 2023)	Preparing MAA		
Asthma, CIU <sup>2)</sup>	CT-P39(bXOLAIR®)	\$3.8bn	Preparing MAA Submit BLA (Apr. 2023)			
Osteoporosis	CT-P41(bPROLIA®)	\$6.2bn	In Clinical Phase III			
Multiple Sclerosis	CT-P53(bOCREVUS®)	\$6.7bn	In Clinical Phase III			

<sup>\*</sup> Source: IQVIA, Regeneron(Eylea)

Source: Company

Exhibit 27. Each molecule typically has 2-3 biosimilars TA Epoetin alfa Infliximab Etanercept Insulin Glargine Pegfilgrastim Ranibizumab Molecule Trastuzumab Bevacizumab Rituximab Filgrastim Adalimumab Epogen/Procrit Amgen 1989 Herceptin Avastin Rituxan Neulasta Remicade Humira Enbrel Lucentis Neupogen Lantus Roche 1998 Roche 2004 Genentech&Biogen 1997 Amgen 2002 Janssen 1998 AbbVie 2002 Amgen 2003 Sanofi 2000 Novartis 2006 Fulphila Mylan 2018 Byooviz ng Bioepis & Bio 2021 Rezvogla Eli Lilly ■ Launched ■ Not launched □ Updated brand vs. last report

FDA: Food and Drug Administration; TA: Therapeutic area

Source: Industry

# Financial Tables (Consolidated)

Income Statement					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	81,840	1,11,742	1,53,728	1,75,413	2,01,079
Sales Growth	14.6%	36.5%	37.6%	14.1%	14.6%
Other Operating Income	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	81,840	1,11,742	1,53,728	1,75,413	2,01,079
Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp	27,184	36,631	51,499	57,886	66,356
Personnel Cost	18,801	21,810	24,289	26,663	30,564
Other Expenses	14,967	16,994	26,902	29,820	34,183
EBITDA	19,702	25,117	37,150	46,036	52,946
EBITDA Margin	24.1%	22.5%	24.2%	26.2%	26.3%
EBITDA Growth	19.2%	27.5%	47.9%	23.9%	15.0%
Depn. & Amort.	8,142	11,131	14,737	16,039	16,506
EBIT	11,560	13,986	22,413	29,997	36,440
Other Income	2,127	3,759	3,689	5,087	6,032
Finance Cost	676	4,190	9,326	8,553	7,213
PBT before Excep. & Forex	13,011	13,555	16,776	26,531	35,259
Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-)	-1,111	-2,914	0	0	0
PBT	11,900	10,641	16,776	26,531	35,259
Taxes	2,115	2,541	3,355	5,571	8,110
Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	-837	133	2,700	3,200	4,900
Reported Net Profit	6,484	4,627	9,721	16,759	22,850
Adjusted Net Profit	7,595	7,541	9,721	16,759	22,850
Net Margin	9.3%	6.7%	6.3%	9.6%	11.4%
Diluted Share Cap. (mn)	1,200.6	1,200.6	1,200.6	1,200.6	1,200.6
Diluted EPS (INR)	6.3	6.3	8.1	14.0	19.0
Diluted EPS Growth	4.3%	-0.7%	28.9%	72.4%	36.3%
Total Dividend + Tax	600	1,801	1,801	0	1,801
Dividend Per Share (INR)	0.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	1.5

Balance Sheet					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Shareholders' Fund	84,325	1,78,669	2,02,589	2,19,348	2,40,397
Share Capital	6,003	6,003	6,003	6,003	6,003
Reserves & Surplus	78,322	1,72,666	1,96,586	2,13,345	2,34,394
Preference Share Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Interest	10,375	46,219	49,419	53,119	57,719
Total Loans	49,040	1,77,707	1,72,707	1,67,707	1,38,707
Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-)	-5,545	-2,735	-2,735	-2,735	-2,735
Total - Equity & Liab.	1,38,195	3,99,860	4,21,980	4,37,439	4,34,088
Net Fixed Assets	1,04,201	3,66,643	3,78,406	4,05,307	3,99,801
Gross Fixed Assets	99,240	1,23,512	1,48,512	1,62,512	1,72,512
Intangible Assets	17,126	2,75,469	2,76,969	3,05,909	3,06,909
Less: Depn. & Amort.	46,368	58,213	72,950	88,989	1,05,495
Capital WIP	34,203	25,875	25,875	25,875	25,875
Investments	15,799	19,310	19,310	19,310	19,310
Current Assets	77,872	1,27,922	1,27,142	1,21,111	1,28,970
Inventories	22,982	42,437	35,800	37,486	38,563
Sundry Debtors	20,582	35,732	33,694	36,044	38,563
Cash & Bank Balances	17,475	24,001	29,411	19,419	22,275
Loans & Advances	1,894	704	704	704	704
Other Current Assets	14,939	25,048	27,534	27,459	28,865
Current Liab. & Prov.	59,677	1,14,015	1,02,878	1,08,289	1,13,993
Current Liabilities	45,620	91,276	86,718	91,093	95,985
Provisions & Others	14,057	22,739	16,160	17,196	18,008
Net Current Assets	18,195	13,907	24,264	12,822	14,977
Total – Assets	1,38,195	3,99,860	4,21,980	4,37,439	4,34,088

Source: Company, JM Financial

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Cash Flow Statement				(	(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Profit before Tax	9,831	8,971	16,276	26,031	35,559
Depn. & Amort.	8,142	11,131	14,737	16,039	16,506
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	-445	3,066	9,326	8,553	7,213
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	-7,895	-5,010	-4,947	1,450	701
Others	4,753	2,653	0	0	0
Taxes Paid	-2,620	-2,286	-3,355	-5,571	-8,110
Operating Cash Flow	11,766	18,525	32,037	46,502	51,870
Capex	-19,227	-1,80,344	-26,500	-42,940	-11,000
Free Cash Flow	-7,461	-1,61,819	5,537	3,562	40,870
Inc (-) / Dec in Investments	1,640	1,58,464	0	0	0
Others	596	1,233	0	0	0
Investing Cash Flow	-16,991	-20,647	-26,500	-42,940	-11,000
Inc / Dec (-) in Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Dividend + Tax thereon	0	-718	-1,801	0	-1,801
Inc / Dec (-) in Loans	3,517	1,36,061	11,000	-5,000	-29,000
Others	-1,096	-4,856	-9,326	-8,553	-7,213
Financing Cash Flow	2,421	1,30,487	-127	-13,553	-38,014
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	-2,771	6,411	5,410	-9,991	2,856
Opening Cash Balance	9,401	6,824	13,235	18,645	8,653
Closing Cash Balance	6,630	13,235	18,645	8,653	11,509

Dupont Analysis						
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	
Net Margin	9.3%	6.7%	6.3%	9.6%	11.4%	
Asset Turnover (x)	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	
Leverage Factor (x)	2.1	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.2	
RoE	9.5%	5.7%	5.1%	7.9%	9.9%	

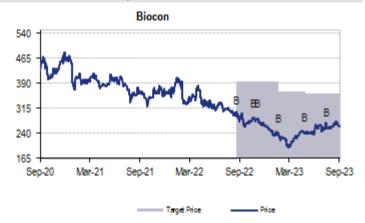
Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
BV/Share (INR)	70.2	148.8	168.7	182.7	200.2
ROIC	7.3%	3.8%	4.2%	5.3%	6.2%
ROE	9.5%	5.7%	5.1%	7.9%	9.9%
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.2	8.0	0.6	0.6	0.4
P/E (x)	41.4	41.7	32.4	18.8	13.8
P/B (x)	3.7	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.5	20.0	13.3	10.9	9.0
EV/Sales (x)	4.2	4.5	3.2	2.9	2.4
Debtor days	92	117	80	75	70
Inventory days	102	139	85	78	70
Creditor days	94	168	110	112	110

Source: Company, JM Financial

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History of Recommendation and Target Price					
Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.		
16-Sep-22	Buy	395			
15-Nov-22	Buy	395	0.0		
30-Nov-22	Buy	395	0.0		
15-Feb-23	Buy	365	-7.6		
24-May-23	Buy	360	-1.4		
12-Aug-23	Buy	360	0.0		

# Recommendation History



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