

January 30, 2023 RESULT REPORT Q3 FY24 | Sector: Consumer Durables

Symphony Ltd

Higher domestic channel inventory leads to below than estimated performance; downgrade to ADD

Result Synopsis

Symphony on consolidated basis reported lower than expected revenue on back of subdued domestic sales. Lower off take was on account of high channel inventory of the cooling products resulting from the poor summer sales. Gross margins have seen expansion on back of tactical pricing, value engineering and softening of commodity prices, higher gross margin has resulted in expansion in EBITDA margin. Subsidiaries on the other hand has seen 12% yoy revenue growth on back of strong summer tailwind in Mexico and Brazil and improving performance of CT Australia and GSK China. The company expects off-take to improve in Q4 as advance collections continues to remain strong and inventory levels have normalized. Management has already started to implement its strategy to turnaround its international subsidiaries especially that of CT Australia, where they have will be moving to outsourced model vs In-house manufacturing, introduction of new product category and increasing offering in existing products. We feel improvement in performance of CT Australia will be more gradual. Considering lower than expected demand in the domestic business and gradual improvement in international subsidiaries, we downgrade the Stock to ADD. We will wait for improvement in domestic demand before we get positive on the stock.

We expect strong Q4 for air-cooling industry and SYML as channel inventory is light and there will be some spillover of revenue from Q3. International business turnaround would be more gradual especially in CT Australia where management focus is on improving revenue and efficiencies. We trimmed our growth expectations in the domestic market as rural economy has still not recovered from the effects of high inflationary environment. We downgrade the stock to ADD rating with PT of Rs1,028 valuing the stock at 40x Sep'25 EPS.

Result Highlights

- Revenue Revenue miss for the quarter was on account of decline in domestic sales resulting from lower channel offtake. International subsidiaries have delivered better performance on back of demand tailwinds in Mexico and Brazil.
- Margin Gross margin on consolidated basis stood at 47.2% expanding by 369bps YoY. Margin expansion was aided by tactical pricing, value engineering and softening of input costs. EBITDA margin expanded by 193bps on back of improvement in gross margins.
- Other highlights Large scale venti cooling (LSV) business continues to deliver robust performance, however LSV business contribution to the overall revenue is still miniscule.

Exhibit 1: Actual vs estimates

| | | Es | timate | % V | ariation | | |
|----------------------|--------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------------------|--|
| Rs mn | Actual | YES Sec | Consensus | YES Sec | Consensus | Remarks | |
| Sales | 2,470 | 3,144 | 2,930 | -21.4 | -15.6 | Lower | |
| EBITDA | 440 | 530 | 490 | -17.0 | -10.2 | domestic demand has | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 17.8 | 16.9 | 16.6 | +95 bps | +120 bps | led to | |
| Adjusted PAT | 410 | 444 | 390 | -7.7 | 5.1 | miss | |

Source: Company, YES Sec

| Reco | : | ADD |
|------------------|---|----------|
| СМР | : | Rs 932 |
| Target Price | : | Rs 1,028 |
| Potential Return | : | +10.5% |

Stock data (as on Jan 30, 2023)

| Nifty | 21,522 |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| 52 Week h/l (Rs) | 1219 / 825 |
| Market cap (Rs/USD mn) | 63775 / 768 |
| Outstanding Shares (mn) | 69 |
| 6m Avg t/o (Rs mn): | 54 |
| Div yield (%): | 0.5 |
| Bloomberg code: | SYML IN |
| NSE code: | SYMPHONY |
| | |

Stock performance



Shareholding pattern (As of Sep'23 end)

| Promoter | 73.4% |
|----------|-------|
| FII+DII | 14.4% |
| Others | 12.2% |
| | |

Δ in stance

| (1-Yr) | New | Old |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| Rating | ADD | BUY |
| Target Price | 1,028 | 1,065 |

Δ in earnings estimates

| | FY25e | FY26e |
|-----------|-------|-------|
| EPS (New) | 24.2 | 27.2 |
| EPS (Old) | 24.9 | 28.3 |
| % change | -2.8% | -3.9% |

Financial Summary

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|----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| (Rs mn) | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
| Revenue | 12,036 | 13,310 | 14,694 |
| YoY Growth | 1.3% | 10.6% | 10.4% |
| EBIDTA | 1,829 | 2,103 | 2,410 |
| YoY Growth | 32.2 | 15.0 | 14.6 |
| PAT | 1,564 | 1,694 | 1,903 |
| YoY Growth | 35.0% | 8.3% | 12.4% |
| ROE | 17.1 | 17.3 | 18.2 |
| EPS | 22.4 | 24.2 | 27.2 |
| P/E | 37.6 | 34.7 | 30.9 |
| BV | 134.8 | 144.4 | 155.2 |
| EV/EBITDA | 32.5 | 28.0 | 24.2 |

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Exhibit 2: Quarterly snapshot (Consolidated)

| Particulars (Rs mn) | Q3FY23 | Q4FY23 | Q1FY24 | Q2FY24 | Q3FY24 | y/y % | q/q % | 9MFY24 | 9MFY23 | y/y % |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sales | 2,770 | 3,080 | 3,020 | 2,750 | 2,470 | (10.8) | (10.2) | 8,240 | 8,800 | (6.4) |
| EBITDA | 440 | 230 | 260 | 410 | 440 | - | 7.3 | 1,110 | 1,150 | (3.5) |
| EBITDA Margin % | 15.9 | 7.5 | 8.6 | 14.9 | 17.8 | | | 13.5 | 13.1 | |
| Depreciation | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 60 | (14.3) | (14.3) | 200 | 190 | 5.3 |
| EBIT | 370 | 160 | 190 | 340 | 380 | 27.1 | 11.8 | 910 | 960 | (5.2) |
| EBIT Margin % | 13.4 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 12.4 | 15.4 | | | 11.0 | 10.9 | |
| Interest charges | 30 | 30 | 30 | 20 | 30 | - | 50.0 | 80 | 70 | 14.3 |
| Other Income | 140 | 100 | 160 | 110 | 150 | 71.6 | 36.4 | 420 | 400 | 5.0 |
| PBT | 480 | 230 | 320 | 430 | 500 | 41.8 | 16.3 | 1,250 | 1,290 | (3.1) |
| Тах | 90 | 70 | 60 | 80 | 90 | - | 12.5 | 230 | 290 | (20.7) |
| Effective Tax Rate (%) | 18.8 | 30.4 | 20.0 | 18.6 | 18.0 | | | 18.7 | 22.5 | |
| PAT | 390 | 160 | 240 | 350 | 410 | 51.4 | 17.1 | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| PAT Margin % | 14.1 | 5.2 | 7.9 | 12.7 | 16.6 | | | 12.1 | 11.4 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 5.6 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 51.4 | 17.1 | 14 | 14 | - |

Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 3: Segmental Performance

| Rs mn | Q3FY23 | Q4FY23 | Q1FY24 | Q2FY24 | Q3FY24 | y/y % | q/q % | 9MFY24 | 9MFY23 | y/y % |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Air cooling and other appliances | 2,800 | 3,080 | 3,040 | 2,760 | 2,530 | (9.6) | (8.3) | 8,330 | 8,940 | (6.8) |
| Corporate funds | 110 | 100 | 140 | 100 | 90 | (18.2) | (10.0) | 330 | 260 | 26.9 |
| Total Sales | 2,910 | 3,180 | 3,180 | 2,860 | 2,620 | (10.0) | (8.4) | 8,660 | 9,200 | (5.9) |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| PBIT | | | | | | | | | | |
| Air cooling and other appliances | 400 | 170 | 190 | 350 | 450 | 12.5 | 28.6 | 990 | 1,100 | (10.0) |
| PBIT % | 14.3 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 12.7 | 17.8 | | | 11.4 | 12.0 | |
| Corporate funds | 110 | 90 | 140 | 100 | 80 | (27.3) | (20.0) | 320 | 260 | 23.1 |
| PBIT % | 100.0 | 90.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 88.9 | | | 3.7 | 2.8 | |
| Total PBIT | 510 | 260 | 330 | 450 | 530 | 3.9 | 17.8 | 1,310 | 1,360 | (3.7) |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finance Costs | 30.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 20.0 | 30.0 | - | 50.0 | 80 | 70 | 14.3 |
| Less: Taxes | 90 | 70 | 60 | 80 | 90 | - | 12.5 | 230 | 290 | (20.7) |
| PAT | 390 | 160 | 240 | 350 | 410 | 5.1 | 17.1 | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |

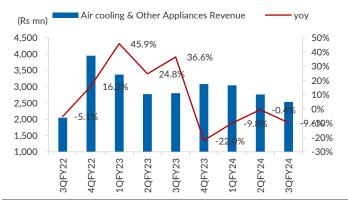


Exhibit 4: Performance has been impacted on account of higher channel inventory in domestic market



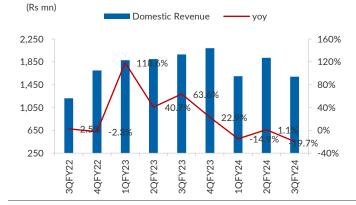
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Exhibit 6: Lower channel offtake in domestic market has resulted in revenue decline



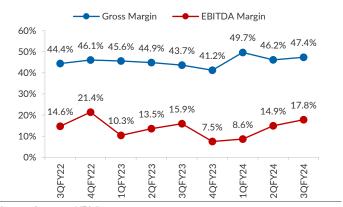
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Exhibit 8: Higher than normal inventory of certain brands has resulted in lower offtake



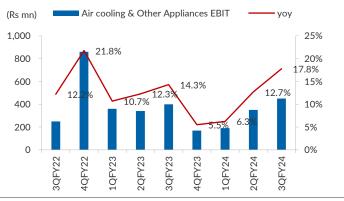
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Exhibit 5: Tactical pricing, softening of commodity prices and value engineering has led to gross margin expansion



Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 7: Tactical pricing and value engineering leads to margin expansion



Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 9: Negative operating leverage has resulted in margin contraction on sequential basis

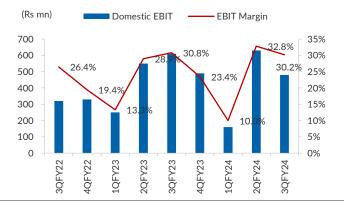




Exhibit 10: Improved performance of subsidiaries has resulted in growth in international business

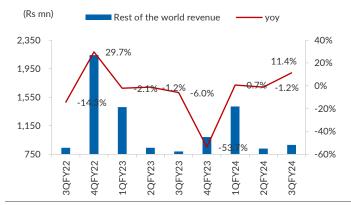
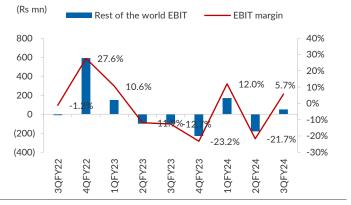


Exhibit 11: Operational efficiencies has resulted in margin expansion



Source: Company, YES Sec



KEY CON-CALL HIGHLIGHTS

- Margins margins are higher on account of better performance of subsidiaries with better gross margins led by tactical pricing, Value engineering and softening of commodity costs. Further logistics costs have normalized which is likely to benefit going forward.
- Domestic business Part of the channels has heavy stocks of air-coolers of other brand that has resulted into lower off-take from the channel. Despite decent advance collections trade has not picked up, supply should be start from Q4.
- Channel inventory Channel inventory currently at the normalized which should bode well going forward.
- Climate technologies US sales have been lower as compared to previous year. Australia
 going forward it should do better as company has introduced new product category,
 Increased offering in the existing and demand is expected to be bottomed out. Impco Mexico
 should continue to be outperforming on back of tailwinds
- Air-cooling industry Air-cooling industry is expected to growth at 10% CAGR, with organized players to grow at the faster pace. SYML continues to maintain ~50% share of the organized air-cooling industry.
- Air-cooling margin Air-cooling margins are expected to have higher margins as compared to RAC on account of uniqueness of the product and higher trade presence and channel development.
- Market share Company has retained its market share in past few years with market share of 50%. Air-cooling growth to be complementary to the RAC. The company has higher share in the premium category
- The company has road map and internal target to achieve the ~25% EBITDA margins on the consolidated basis that company used to do earlier.
- Subsidiaries financial Climate technologies revenue stood at Rs1420mn vs Rs1730mn in 9MFY23 with EBITDA margin of 11% similar to past 9M. As far as Impco Mexico is concerned Its revenue for 9M stood at Rs1260mn vs Rs800mn with EBITDA of Rs190mn vs Rs40mn in 9MFY23, while GSK China revenue stood at Rs330mn in 9M vs Rs270mn in 9MFY23 EBITDA for GSK Chinal stood at Rs40mn vs negative in 9MFY23. Symphony Brazil revenue for 9M stood at Rs220mn vs Rs70mn in 9MFY23 with EBITDA of Rs30mn vs 0 in 9MFY23



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Exhibit 12: Balance Sheet

| Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn) | FY22 | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Equity capital | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 |
| Reserves | 8,255 | 8,669 | 9,289 | 9,960 | 10,714 |
| Net worth | 8,448 | 8,809 | 9,429 | 10,100 | 10,854 |
| Debt | 2,215 | 1,968 | 1,903 | 2,017 | 1,940 |
| Deferred tax liab (net) | 144 | 93 | 93 | 93 | 93 |
| Other non current liabilities | 311 | 301 | 303 | 314 | 326 |
| Total liabilities | 11,117 | 11,172 | 11,728 | 12,524 | 13,214 |
| | | | | | |
| Fixed Asset | 3,551 | 3,509 | 3,524 | 3,502 | 3,441 |
| Investments | 5,000 | 5,269 | 5,269 | 5,269 | 5,269 |
| Other Non-current Assets | 80 | 211 | 211 | 212 | 214 |
| Net Working Capital | 1,847 | 1,647 | 1,529 | 1,705 | 1,895 |
| Inventories | 1,732 | 2,497 | 1,814 | 2,006 | 2,214 |
| Sundry debtors | 2,077 | 1,152 | 1,715 | 1,896 | 2,093 |
| Loans and Advances | 485 | 761 | 771 | 853 | 942 |
| Sundry creditors | 1,494 | 1,655 | 1,649 | 1,823 | 2,013 |
| Other current liabilities | 912 | 1,002 | 1,013 | 1,103 | 1,202 |
| Cash & equivalents | 639 | 537 | 1,195 | 1,837 | 2,395 |
| Total Assets | 11,117 | 11,172 | 11,728 | 12,524 | 13,214 |

Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 13: Income statement

| Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn) | FY22 | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenue | 10,391 | 11,876 | 12,036 | 13,310 | 14,694 |
| Operating profit | 1,607 | 1,384 | 1,829 | 2,103 | 2,410 |
| Depreciation | 242 | 265 | 274 | 312 | 350 |
| Interest expense | 89 | 102 | 114 | 121 | 116 |
| Other income | 399 | 502 | 564 | 593 | 600 |
| Profit before tax | 1,676 | 1,519 | 2,005 | 2,263 | 2,543 |
| Taxes | 467 | 361 | 441 | 570 | 640 |
| Minorities and other | - | - | - | - | - |
| Adj. profit | 1,209 | 1,159 | 1,564 | 1,694 | 1,903 |
| Exceptional items | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net profit | 1,209 | 1,159 | 1,564 | 1,694 | 1,903 |



Exhibit 14: Cashflow Statement

| Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn) | FY22 | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|---------|
| Profit before tax | 1,765 | 1,622 | 2,119 | 2,384 | 2,660 |
| Depreciation | 242 | 265 | 274 | 312 | 350 |
| Tax paid | (467) | (361) | (441) | (570) | (640) |
| Working capital Δ | (915) | 1,343 | 118 | (175) | (190) |
| Other operating items | | | | | |
| Operating cashflow | 625 | 2,868 | 2,070 | 1,951 | 2,179 |
| Capital expenditure | (252) | (222) | (289) | (289) | (289) |
| Free cash flow | 373 | 2,646 | 1,780 | 1,662 | 1,890 |
| Equity raised | 83 | (45) | (0) | 0 | - |
| Investments | (95) | (1,411) | - | - | - |
| Debt financing/disposal | 381 | (300) | (65) | 114 | (76) |
| Interest paid | (89) | (102) | (114) | (121) | (116) |
| Dividends paid | (490) | (700) | (944) | (1,022) | (1,149) |
| Net Δ in cash | 252 | (103) | 658 | 642 | 559 |

Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 15: Du-pont analysis

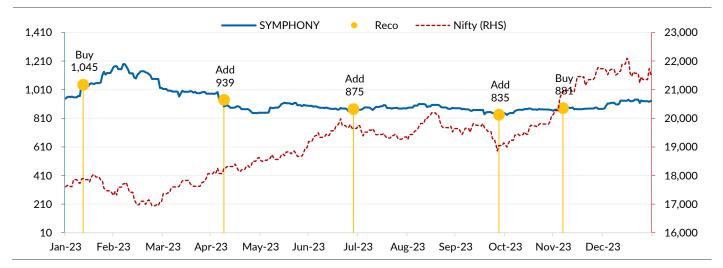
| Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn) | FY22 | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
|------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Tax burden (x) | 0.72 | 0.76 | 0.78 | 0.75 | 0.75 |
| Interest burden (x) | 0.95 | 0.94 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 0.96 |
| EBIT margin (x) | 0.17 | 0.14 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 |
| Asset turnover (x) | 0.80 | 0.86 | 0.84 | 0.88 | 0.91 |
| Financial leverage (x) | 1.62 | 1.61 | 1.57 | 1.55 | 1.54 |
| RoE (%) | 15.1 | 13.5 | 17.1 | 17.3 | 18.2 |

Exhibit 16: Ratio analysis

| Y/e 31 Mar | FY22 | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
|--------------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Growth matrix (%) | | | | | |
| Revenue growth | 15.5 | 14.3 | 1.3 | 10.6 | 10.4 |
| Op profit growth | 15.6 | (13.9) | 32.2 | 15.0 | 14.6 |
| EBIT growth | 18.4 | (8.1) | 30.7 | 12.5 | 11.6 |
| Net profit growth | 5.5 | (4.1) | 35.0 | 8.3 | 12.4 |
| | | | | | |
| Profitability ratios (%) | | | | | |
| OPM | 15.5 | 11.7 | 15.2 | 15.8 | 16.4 |
| EBIT margin | 17.0 | 13.7 | 17.6 | 17.9 | 18.1 |
| Net profit margin | 11.6 | 9.8 | 13.0 | 12.7 | 13.0 |
| RoCE | 17.5 | 15.1 | 19.2 | 20.3 | 21.4 |
| RoNW | 15.1 | 13.5 | 17.1 | 17.3 | 18.2 |



| Y/e 31 Mar | FY22 | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
| RoA | 9.3 | 8.4 | 10.9 | 11.2 | 11.8 | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Per share ratios | | | | | | | |
| EPS | 17.3 | 16.6 | 22.4 | 24.2 | 27.2 | | |
| Dividend per share | 7.0 | 10.0 | 13.5 | 14.6 | 16.4 | | |
| Cash EPS | 20.7 | 20.3 | 26.3 | 28.7 | 32.2 | | |
| Book value per share | 120.8 | 125.9 | 134.8 | 144.4 | 155.2 | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Valuation ratios | | | | | | | |
| P/E | 48.6 | 50.7 | 37.6 | 34.7 | 30.9 | | |
| P/CEPS | 44.9 | 45.8 | 35.4 | 32.5 | 28.9 | | |
| P/B | 7.7 | 7.0 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 5.8 | | |
| EV/EBIDTA | 37.4 | 43.5 | 32.5 | 28.0 | 24.2 | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Payout (%) | | | | | | | |
| Dividend payout | 40.5 | 60.4 | 60.4 | 60.4 | 60.4 | | |
| Tax payout | 27.8 | 23.7 | 22.0 | 25.2 | 25.2 | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Liquidity ratios | | | | | | | |
| Debtor days | 73.0 | 35.4 | 52.0 | 52.0 | 52.0 | | |
| Inventory days | 60.8 | 76.7 | 55.0 | 55.0 | 55.0 | | |
| Creditor days | 52.5 | 50.9 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | | |



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