## Mixed numbers; improvement from rural will aid growth ahead;

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Single digit revenue growth: Kansai Nerolac reported revenue growth of $5 \%$ YoY to Rs $1,918.7 \mathrm{cr}$ while sequential growth remained muted to the tune of $1.9 \%$. Overall growth was driven by festive demand in both the decorative and automotive segment. Amongst, urban \& rural market, urban market of Tier $1 \&$ Tier 2 are growing at much better pace as compared to rural Tier $3 \&$ Tier 4 while these are seeing some green shots which will aid growth going ahead.

Margin continuous to improve as compared YoY: The company's Gross profit/ EBITDA grew healthy by $24.6 \% / 24.8 \%$ YoY to Rs $692.2 \mathrm{cr} / \mathrm{Rs} 244.0 \mathrm{cr}$ while gross/EBITDA margin came in at $36.1 \% / 12.7 \%$ led by decline in raw material cost, better topline and mix. Thus, PAT too grew by $39.5 \%$ YoY to Rs 152.1 cr . However, sequentially gross margin improved by 47bps but the growth remained muted by $0.6 \%$ while EBITDA was down by $10.7 \%$ QoQ with decline in margin by 125bps QoQ and PAT declined by $13.3 \%$ QoQ with decrease in margin by 104bps QoQ led by increase in advertisement spends to build brand visibility.

Key Highlights: 1) In the decorative segment, Paint plus is continuously gaining traction and Project business participation was lower but now it is gaining strength. 2) Price cut in decorative is $\sim 3 \%$ for the quarter and plans are to maintain gross margin levels. 3) Launch some products under Kansai Japan which are select brands such as Designer finish, beauty little master sheen in the economy range. 4) Launch of Kashmir Sheen, Matt, etc. in the last quarter are gaining traction. 5) Amongst automotive, passenger vehicle, $2 / 3$ wheeler and commercial vehicle gained good demand for the quarter. 6) Presence in more than 450 towns \& 170 cities. 7) Demand in North \& East is strong. 8) Architect interior designer business is gaining good traction. 9) In International business growth remained impacted because of economic challenges in Nepal \& SriLanka, high inflation and political uncertainty in Bangladesh. 10) Expansion in Visakhapatnam is on track. 11) Management remains positive on the growth and expects volumes to grow by 8-10\% for FY24.

Outlook \& Valuation: Kansai Nerolac posted mixed numbers for Q3FY24, with better numbers as compared last year while subdued growth sequentially. Ahead, we believe government spending on infrastructure will aid overall growth for paints while increasing rural demand, innovations and plan is to grow largely in Industrial non-auto business along with its core segments will aid growth for top-line as well as aims to gain better margins. On the financial front, we have estimated its revenue/EBITDA at $9.3 \% / 22.4 \%$ CAGR over FY23-26E and maintain a Buy rating with a target price of Rs 395.

Financial Summary - consolidated

| Particulars, Rs cr | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net revenue | 7,543 | 7,939 | 8,574 | 9,860 |
| EBITDA | 818 | 1,103 | 1,260 | 1,499 |
| EBITDAM (\%) | 10.8 | 13.9 | 14.7 | 15.2 |
| APAT | 468 | 1,222 | 807 | 972 |
| APATM (\%) | 6.2 | 15.4 | 9.4 | 9.9 |
| EPS (Rs) | 8.7 | 15.1 | 10.0 | 12.0 |
| PE (x) | 38.4 | 22.1 | 33.4 | 27.7 |
| RoE (\%) | 10.3 | 12.8 | 12.5 | 13.4 |



## Story in charts

| Net Sales grew by 5\% YoY but de-grew by 1.9\% QoQ | Gross margin improved by 567bps YoY and 47bps Q०Q |
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Source : RBL Research

| EBITDA increased by $\mathbf{2 4 . 8 \%}$ YoY but decreased by 10.7\% Q०Q | EBITDA margin improved by 202bps YoY but decreased by 125bps QoQ |
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Source: RBL Research

| Adj. PAT increased by 39.5\% YoY bur declined by 13.3\% QoQ | Adj. PAT margin improved by 196bps YoY but down by 104bps Q०Q |
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P\&L Account - consolidated

| Particulars, Rs cr | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | 7,543 | 7,939 | 8,574 | 9,860 |
| Expenditure |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of materials | 4,889 | 4,572 | 4,922 | 5,640 |
| Purchase of stock in trade | 470 | 498 | 523 | 592 |
| (Increase) / Decrease In Stocks | (95) | 25 | 17 | 20 |
| Total raw materials | 5,264 | 5,095 | 5,462 | 6,251 |
| Gross Profit | 2,278 | 2,844 | 3,112 | 3,609 |
| Gross Margins (\%) | 30.2 | 35.8 | 36.3 | 36.6 |
| Employee cost | 377 | 447 | 472 | 542 |
| Other expenses | 1,083 | 1,294 | 1,380 | 1,568 |
| EBITDA | 818 | 1,103 | 1,260 | 1,499 |
| EBITDAM (\%) | 10.8 | 13.9 | 14.7 | 15.2 |
| Depreciation | 180 | 192 | 209 | 230 |
| PBIT | 638 | 911 | 1,051 | 1,269 |
| Other income | 26 | 82 | 86 | 99 |
| Interest expenses | 29 | 30 | 32 | 36 |
| PBT | 635 | 964 | 1,105 | 1,332 |
| Tax | 166 | 403 | 298 | 360 |
| Reported PAT | 468 | 561 | 807 | 972 |
| Exceptional Income / Expenses | - | 661 | - |  |
| PAT (after Exceptional) | 468 | 1,222 | 807 | 972 |
| PAT Margin (\%) | 6.2 | 15.4 | 9.4 | 9.9 |
| EPS (Rs) | 8.7 | 15.1 | 10.0 | 12.0 |

Source: RBL Research

Balance Sheet - consolidated

| Particulars, Rs cr | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Share Capital | 54 | 81 | 81 | 81 |
| Reserves \& Surplus | 4,480 | 5,721 | 6,367 | 7,177 |
| Total Shareholder's Fund | 4,534 | 5,802 | 6,447 | 7,258 |
| Minority Interest | 27 | 28 | 30 | 35 |
| Long term borrowings | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Short term borrowing | 155 | 163 | 177 | 203 |
| Total Debt | 160 | 168 | 182 | 209 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 112 | 118 | 127 | 146 |
| Long term provision | 23 | 24 | 26 | 30 |
| Other long term liabilities | 100 | 105 | 114 | 131 |
| Total | 235 | 247 | 267 | 307 |
| Current Liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Trade payables | 1,016 | 1,069 | 1,154 | 1,328 |
| Short term provisions | 23 | 24 | 26 | 30 |
| Other current liabilities | 313 | 329 | 334 | 385 |
| Total | 1,351 | 1,422 | 1,515 | 1,742 |
| Total liabilities | 6,306 | 7,668 | 8,442 | 9,552 |
| Application of Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Net Block | 2,088 | 2,135 | 2,268 | 2,433 |
| Current work in process | 113 | 121 | 132 | 145 |
| Goodwill on consolidation | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Non current investment | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Tax assets | 174 | 175 | 189 | 217 |
| Other non-current assets | 105 | 111 | 119 | 137 |
| Total | 2,503 | 2,564 | 2,732 | 2,956 |
| Current Assets |  |  |  |  |


| Current investments | 498 | 524 | 600 | 690 |
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| Inventories | 1,729 | 1,820 | 1,966 | 2,260 |
| Trade receivables | 1,238 | 1,303 | 1,407 | 1,618 |
| Cash balance | 105 | 1,031 | 1,276 | 1,527 |
| Bank balance | 22 | 203 | 203 | 203 |
| Other current assets | 211 | 222 | 257 | 296 |
| Total | $\mathbf{3 , 8 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 1 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 7 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 5 9 5}$ |
| Total assets | $\mathbf{6 , 3 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{7 , 6 6 8}$ | $\mathbf{8 , 4 4 2}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 5 5 2}$ |

Cashflow - consolidated

| Particulars, Rs cr | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E | Particulars | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Profit before tax | 635 | 964 | 1,105 | 1,332 | Per share Data |  |  |  |  |
| Add: Depreciation | 180 | 192 | 209 | 230 | EPS (Rs) | 8.7 | 15.1 | 10.0 | 12.0 |
| Add: Interest cost | 29 | 30 | 32 | 36 | Book value per share (Rs) | 84.1 | 71.8 | 79.8 | 89.8 |
| Less: Other Income /Interest Rec | (3) | (4) | (4) | (5) | Dividend per share (Rs) | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Others | (11) | - | - | - | Dividend Payout (\%) | 11.8 | 21.8 | 20.0 | 16.6 |
| Operating profit before working capital changes | 831 | 1,181 | 1,342 | 1,592 | Dividend Yield (\%) Profitability Ratios | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Changes in working capital | (236) | (90) | (195) | (323) | EBITDAM (\%) | 10.8 | 13.9 | 14.7 | 15.2 |
| Cash from Operations | 595 | 1,091 | 1,147 | 1,269 | PBTM (\%) | 8.4 | 12.1 | 12.9 | 13.5 |
| Less: Taxes | (187) | (403) | (298) | (360) | NPM (\%) | 6.2 | 15.4 | 9.4 | 9.9 |
| Cash flow from Operations | 408 | 688 | 848 | 909 | RoE (\%) | 10.3 | 12.8 | 12.5 | 13.4 |
| Net cash used in Investing |  |  |  |  | RoCE (\%) | 13.6 | 15.3 | 15.9 | 17.0 |
| Purchase of fixed assets | (123) | (246) | (354) | (407) | Efficiency Data |  |  |  |  |
| Purchase of investments | $(2,785)$ | (26) | (76) | (91) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales of fixed assets | 2,671 | 661 | - | - | Debt-Equity Ratio | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other Income /Interest Received | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | Interest Cover Ratio Fixed Asset Ratio | 22.0 0.3 | 30.6 0.3 | 33.2 0.3 | 35.7 0.2 |
| Others | 7 | - | - | - | Debtors (Days) | 59.9 | 59.9 | 59.9 | 59.9 |
| Cash flow from investing | (227) | 393 | (426) | (493) | Inventory (Days) | 83.7 | 83.7 | 83.7 | 83.7 |
| Cash flow from Financing |  |  |  |  | Payable (Days) | 49.1 | 49.1 | 49.1 | 49.1 |
| Proceeds from Equity shares | - | 27 | - | - | WC (Days) | 94.4 | 94.4 | 94.4 | 94.4 |
| Purchase of borrowings | (22) | 8 | 13 | 27 | Valuation |  |  |  |  |
| Dividend (Incl dividend tax) | (55) | (162) | (162) | (162) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest cost | (19) | (30) | (32) | (36) | P/E (x) | 38.4 | 22.1 | 33.4 | 27.7 |
| Others | (37) | 1 | 2 | 5 | P/BV | 4.0 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 3.7 |
| Cash flow from Financing | (133) | (155) | (178) | (165) | EV/EBITDA | 22.1 | 23.7 | 20.5 | 17.1 |
| Net cash Inflow/Outflow | 49 | 927 | 245 | 251 | EV/Sales | 2.4 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.6 |
| Opening cash | (11) | 38 | 964 | 1,209 |  |  |  | Source : RBL Research |  |
| Closing cash | 38 | 964 | 1,209 | 1,460 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other bank balance | 90 | 271 | 271 | 271 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Closing Cash | 127 | 1,235 | 1,479 | 1,730 |  |  |  |  |  |

## Key ratios - consolidated

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