H2 guidance revised to cautiously optimistic



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November 12, 2025

CMP (Rs): 3,589 | TP (Rs): 3,650

PI's Q2 EBITDA at Rs5.4bn (-14% YoY; +4% QoQ) was above our estimate/consensus expectations. The CSM exports business (excluding pharma) fell 18% YoY (-5% QoQ), led by a ~17% volume decline on deferment in customer delivery schedule. Margin remained healthy due to a better product mix. Domestic agchem fell ~13% YoY, led by ~9% volume decline, on lower sales in the biological portfolio due to regulatory suspension (now cleared; expect a gradual pick-up in sales). The mgmt guided for a cautiously optimistic H2 outlook, on committed customer offtake plans. However, we believe, owing to ~12% decline in H1FY26 sales and a muted outlook for Q3, the company will register a low single-digit dip in FY26 revenues on a YoY basis. Thus, we cut our FY26/27/28 EPS estimates by 7-8%, to factor in revenue dip for FY26 and the mgmt's expectation of a recovery in the overall agchem market from H2CY26. We retain REDUCE, with an unchanged TP of Rs3,650 (rollover to Sep-27E EPS).

The management guides for a cautiously optimistic outlook for H2

The mgmt's outlook remains cautiously optimistic for H2, backed by committed customer offtake. The company guided for a pickup in Q4FY26; however, Q3 is expected to remain muted. We build in a low single-digit decline in FY26 (-4% YoY for overall revenues, -8% for CSM exports). The mgmt expects a recovery in the overall agchem market in H2FY26; the current environment, though, remains uncertain, led by macro uncertainties and environmental challenges. PI stayed with its EBITDA margin guidance of 25-27% for FY26, even though H1 margins were higher at ~28%. In H1, contract assets increased by ~Rs4.5bn as the company recorded revenues for the orders that were in place and for which deliveries had been deferred (we believe this was for pyroxasulfone inventory).

Agchem exports declined ~18% YoY in Q2; pharma investments continued

CSM exports business posted revenue of Rs14.1bn in Q2FY26 (-18% YoY; -5.3% QoQ) due to volume growth of ~17%, though offset by minor price erosion, and ~27% YoY growth in new products commercialized over the last 3 years, in line with its business plan and customer delivery schedule. The pharma business saw revenue of Rs634mn in Q2 and PBT loss of Rs654mn, owing to higher overheads on increased employee cost and a few one-off processing-related costs. PI onboarded 7 customers in H1. The company is focused on improving business development and the strong R&D pipeline (with late-stage molecules). It expects pharma revenue to grow 3x over the next 3-4 years.

Domestic business declined ~13% YoY, impacted by regulatory transitions

The domestic segment's revenue was Rs4bn (-13% YoY), led by a mix of volume and price decline of 9%/4%, respectively. The business was impacted by erratic rainfall in key cropping regions which impacted demand, along with a ban on the biological portfolio (pending states' approvals). The mgmt expects a strong rabi season (increase in rice and corn acreages) due to higher reservoir levels and favorable commodity prices.

PI Industries: Finance	ial Snaps	hot (Conso	lidated)		
Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	76,658	79,778	76,719	89,944	105,072
EBITDA	20,147	21,790	21,446	23,992	27,121
Adj. PAT	16,815	16,602	15,888	18,205	21,285
Adj. EPS (Rs)	110.8	109.4	104.7	120.0	140.3
EBITDA margin (%)	26.3	27.3	28.0	26.7	25.8
EBITDA growth (%)	30.6	8.2	(1.6)	11.9	13.0
Adj. EPS growth (%)	36.8	(1.3)	(4.3)	14.6	16.9
RoE (%)	21.1	17.6	14.6	14.7	15.0
RoIC (%)	35.7	27.4	22.6	23.3	24.0
P/E (x)	32.4	32.8	34.3	29.9	25.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	25.1	This re ^{23.2} t	is inten23.6	for Tea21.4V	hite Ma <mark>18.7</mark> e
P/B (x)	6.2	5.4	4.7	4.1	3.6
FCFF yield (%)	1.3	0.2	1.6	1.6	2.0

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Target Price – 12M	Sep-26
Change in TP (%)	-
Current Reco.	REDUCE
Previous Reco.	REDUCE
Upside/(Downside) (%)	1.7

Stock Data	PI IN
52-week High (Rs)	4,648
52-week Low (Rs)	2,951
Shares outstanding (mn)	151.7
Market-cap (Rs bn)	545
Market-cap (USD mn)	6,143
Net-debt, FY26E (Rs mn)	(46,072.9)
ADTV-3M (mn shares)	0
ADTV-3M (Rs mn)	796.1
ADTV-3M (USD mn)	9.0
Free float (%)	53.9
Nifty-50	25,875.8
INR/USD	88.6
Shareholding,Sep-25	
Promoters (%)	46.1
FPIs/MFs (%)	16.4/30.4

Price Performance						
(%)	1M	3M	12M			
Absolute	0.7	(6.5)	(21.1)			
Rel. to Nifty	(1.6)	(11.5)	(27.2)			



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Other highlights

- Total capex outlay for H1FY26 was Rs4.4bn (pharma capex outlay was Rs0.3bn).
- Trade working capital increased to 115 vs 73 days as of Mar-25. This was due to a higher inventory build-up for the upcoming season and credit period extensions provided to the customers in Punjab and Maharashtra due to prevailing liquidity constraints amid crop loss (due to extreme weather conditions).
- PI launched 5 molecules in H1FY26 for exports (6 in FY25) and 3 products in domestic agri brands in H1FY26 (1 in FY25).
- Total patents filed by PI are now more than 240 (FY25:30).

Exhibit 1: Results update

	Reported				Emkay E	stimates	Half-year ended			
P&L (Rs mn)	Q2FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Q2FY26	vs Est (%)	FY25	FY24	YoY (%)
Net revenue	22,210	19,005	18,723	-16	-1	17,636	6	37,728	42,899	-12
Raw Material cost	(10,714)	(8,091)	(8,004)	-25	-1	(8,222)	-3	(16,095)	(20,691)	-22
Gross Profit	11,496	10,914	10,719	-7	-2	9,413	14	21,633	22,208	-3
Gross margin (%)	51.8	57.4	57.3	548 bps	-18 bps	53.4	387 bps	57.3	51.8	557 bps
Employee cost	(1,956)	(2,323)	(2,205)	13	-5	(2,293)	-4	(4,528)	(3,957)	14
Other overheads	(3,258)	(3,400)	(3,101)	-5	-9	(2,822)	10	(6,501)	(6,137)	6
Total expenses	(15,928)	(13,814)	(13,310)	-16	-4	(13,337)	0	(27,124)	(30,785)	-12
EBITDA	6,282	5,191	5,413	-14	4	4,299	26	10,604	12,114	-12
EBITDA margin (%)	28.3	27.3	28.9	62 bps	159 bps	24.4	453 bps	28.1	28.2	-14 bps
Other income	1,222	859	825	-32	-4	894	-8	1,684	1,949	-14
Interest	(85)	(39)	(26)	-69	-33	(72)	-64	(65)	(168)	-61
Depreciation	(798)	(965)	(980)	23	2	(984)	0	(1,945)	(1,632)	19
Share of associates/JVs	7	28	21	200	-25	13	68	49	28	75
PBT	6,628	5,074	5,253	-21	4	4,149	27	10,327	12,291	-16
Tax	(1,546)	(1,074)	(1,160)	-25	8	(954)	22	(2,234)	(2,721)	-18
Adj PAT	5,082	4,000	4,093	-19	2	3,195	28	8,093	9,570	-15
EO Items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	5,082	4,000	4,093	-19	2	3,195	28	8,093	9,570	-15
EPS (Rs)	33.4	26.3	26.9	-19	2	21.0	28	53.2	63.0	-15
Costs as a % of sales										
Raw material cost	48.2	42.6	42.7	-549 bps	17 bps	46.6	-388 bps	42.7	48.2	-558 bps
Employee cost	8.8	12.2	11.8	297 bps	-45 bps	13.0	-123 bps	12.0	9.2	277 bps
Other overheads	14.7	17.9	16.6	189 bps	-133 bps	16.0	56 bps	17.2	14.3	292 bps
Income tax rate	23.3	21.2	22.1	-125 bps	91 bps	23.0	-92 bps	21.6	22.1	-51 bps

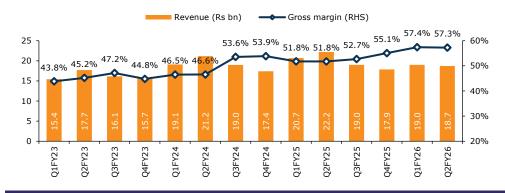
Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: CSM business de-grew 18% YoY due to lower volumes



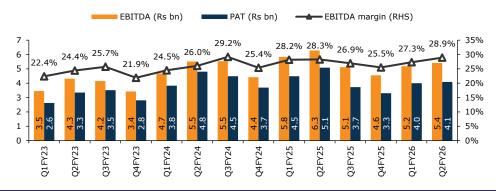
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Exhibit 3: Q2FY26 gross margin at 57.3% vs 51.8% YoY, owing to a favorable product mix



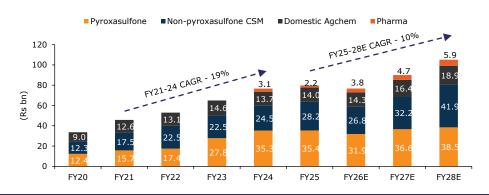
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Exhibit 4: EBITDA margin improved by ~60bps YoY, on better operating leverage



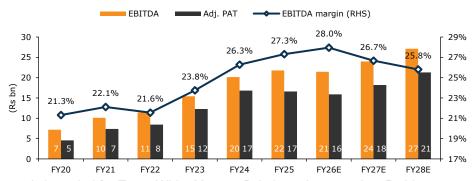
Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 5: CSM new product exports to drive overall revenue growth



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 6: EBITDA/PAT to clock 7.6%/8.6% CAGR over FY25-28E



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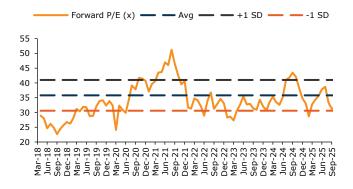
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Exhibit 7: We cut our FY26/27/28 EPS estimates by 7-8%, to factor in revenue decline for FY26 and the mgmt's expectation of recovery in the overall agchem market from H2CY26

Particulars (Paren)	FY26E			FY27E			FY28E		
Particulars (Rs mn)	Revised	Earlier	Chg (%)	Revised	Earlier	Chg (%)	Revised	Earlier	Chg (%)
Revenue	76,719	86,251	(11.1)	89,944	98,344	(8.5)	1,05,072	1,12,844	(6.9)
EBITDA	21,446	22,947	(6.5)	23,992	26,019	(7.8)	27,121	29,177	(7.0)
EBITDA margin (%)	28.0	26.6	134 bps	26.7	26.5	21 bps	25.8	25.9	-5 bps
PAT	15,888	17,039	(6.8)	18,205	19,692	(7.6)	21,285	22,950	(7.3)
EPS (Rs)	104.7	112.3	(6.8)	120.0	129.8	(7.6)	140.3	151.3	(7.3)

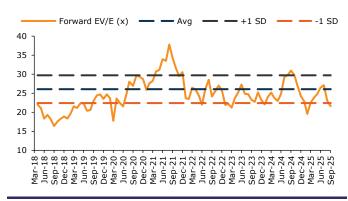
Source: Company, Emkay Research





Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 9: One-year forward EV/EBITDA



Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

PI Industries: Consolidated Financials and Valuations

Profit & Loss					
Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	76,658	79,778	76,719	89,944	105,072
Revenue growth (%)	18.1	4.1	(3.8)	17.2	16.8
EBITDA	20,147	21,790	21,446	23,992	27,121
EBITDA growth (%)	30.6	8.2	(1.6)	11.9	13.0
Depreciation & Amortization	3,082	3,525	4,009	4,302	4,862
EBIT	17,065	18,265	17,438	19,690	22,259
EBIT growth (%)	29.7	7.0	(4.5)	12.9	13.0
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	2,077	3,442	3,298	4,030	5,434
Financial expense	300	330	282	293	309
PBT	18,842	21,377	20,454	23,427	27,383
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Taxes	2,132	4,818	4,704	5,388	6,298
Minority interest	-	-	-	-	-
Income from JV/Associates	105	43	139	166	200
Reported PAT	16,815	16,602	15,888	18,205	21,285
PAT growth (%)	36.8	(1.3)	(4.3)	14.6	16.9
Adjusted PAT	16,815	16,602	15,888	18,205	21,285
Diluted EPS (Rs)	110.8	109.4	104.7	120.0	140.3
Diluted EPS growth (%)	36.8	(1.3)	(4.3)	14.6	16.9
DPS (Rs)	(11.5)	(15.0)	(10.6)	(10.6)	(10.6)
Dividend payout (%)	(10.4)	(13.7)	(10.1)	(8.8)	(7.5)
EBITDA margin (%)	26.3	27.3	28.0	26.7	25.8
EBIT margin (%)	22.3	22.9	22.7	21.9	21.2
Effective tax rate (%)	11.3	22.5	23.0	23.0	23.0
NOPLAT (pre-IndAS)	15,134	14,148	13,427	15,161	17,139
Shares outstanding (mn)	152	152	152	152	152

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Cash flows					
Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
PBT (ex-other income)	16,870	17,978	17,294	19,563	22,149
Others (non-cash items)	1,596	1,062	1,131	731	(63)
Taxes paid	(3,750)	(3,837)	(4,725)	(5,298)	(6,196)
Change in NWC	1,211	(3,601)	(694)	(2,703)	(3,092)
Operating cash flow	20,359	14,130	16,187	16,066	17,930
Capital expenditure	(13,767)	(13,050)	(8,000)	(8,000)	(8,000)
Acquisition of business	(590)	(1,813)	0	0	0
Interest & dividend income	1,532	2,227	3,298	4,030	5,434
Investing cash flow	(18,005)	(14,242)	(4,702)	(3,970)	(2,566)
Equity raised/(repaid)	0	0	-	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	1,279	(162)	23	62	71
Payment of lease liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Interest paid	(300)	(330)	(282)	(293)	(309)
Dividend paid (incl tax)	(1,744)	(2,276)	(1,607)	(1,607)	(1,607)
Others	(1,451)	(97)	-	-	0
Financing cash flow	(2,216)	(2,865)	(1,866)	(1,838)	(1,845)
Net chg in Cash	138	(2,977)	9,619	10,258	13,518
OCF	20,359	14,130	16,187	16,066	17,930
Adj. OCF (w/o NWC chg.)	19,148	17,731	16,881	18,770	21,022
FCFF	6,592	1,080	8,187	8,066	9,930
FCFE	7,824	2,977	11,203	11,803	15,054
OCF/EBITDA (%)	101.1	64.8	75.5	67.0	66.1
FCFE/PAT (%)	46.5	17.9	70.5	64.8	70.7
FCFF/NOPLAT (%)	43.6	7.6	61.0	53.2	57.9

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Balance Sheet					
Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Share capital	152	152	152	152	152
Reserves & Surplus	87,158	101,418	115,699	132,297	151,975
Net worth	87,310	101,570	115,851	132,449	152,127
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Non-current liab. & prov.	(267)	278	278	278	278
Total debt	1,279	1,117	1,140	1,202	1,273
Total liabilities & equity	90,727	105,554	119,858	136,518	156,267
Net tangible fixed assets	29,117	32,757	36,748	40,446	43,585
Net intangible assets	6,166	9,330	9,330	9,330	9,330
Net ROU assets	-	-	-	-	-
Capital WIP	2,781	5,502	5,502	5,502	5,502
Goodwill	3,611	5,539	5,539	5,539	5,539
Investments [JV/Associates]	903	2,716	2,716	2,716	2,716
Cash & equivalents	39,499	37,594	47,213	57,471	70,990
Current assets (ex-cash)	27,286	31,928	30,844	36,161	42,243
Current Liab. & Prov.	16,444	16,940	15,162	17,776	20,765
NWC (ex-cash)	10,842	14,988	15,682	18,385	21,477
Total assets	90,727	105,554	119,858	136,518	156,267
Net debt	(38,220)	(36,477)	(46,073)	(56,269)	(69,716)
Capital employed	90,727	105,554	119,858	136,518	156,267
Invested capital	46,125	57,075	61,760	68,162	74,392
BVPS (Rs)	575.5	669.5	763.7	873.1	1,002.8
Net Debt/Equity (x)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.5)
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	(1.9)	(1.7)	(2.1)	(2.3)	(2.6)
Interest coverage (x)	63.8	65.8	73.5	81.0	89.5
RoCE (%)	23.8	22.7	18.9	18.9	19.3

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Valuations and key Ratios						
Y/E March	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	
P/E (x)	32.4	32.8	34.3	29.9	25.6	
EV/CE(x)	5.7	4.9	4.3	3.8	3.3	
P/B (x)	6.2	5.4	4.7	4.1	3.6	
EV/Sales (x)	6.6	6.3	6.6	5.6	4.8	
EV/EBITDA (x)	25.1	23.2	23.6	21.1	18.7	
EV/EBIT(x)	29.7	27.7	29.0	25.7	22.7	
EV/IC (x)	11.0	8.9	8.2	7.4	6.8	
FCFF yield (%)	1.3	0.2	1.6	1.6	2.0	
FCFE yield (%)	1.4	0.5	2.1	2.2	2.8	
Dividend yield (%)	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	
DuPont-RoE split						
Net profit margin (%)	21.9	20.8	20.7	20.2	20.3	
Total asset turnover (x)	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	
Assets/Equity (x)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
RoE (%)	21.1	17.6	14.6	14.7	15.0	
DuPont-RoIC						
NOPLAT margin (%)	19.7	17.7	17.5	16.9	16.3	
IC turnover (x)	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.5	
RoIC (%)	35.7	27.4	22.6	23.3	24.0	
Operating metrics						
Core NWC days	51.6	68.6	74.6	74.6	74.6	
Total NWC days	51.6	68.6	74.6	74.6	74.6	
Fixed asset turnover	1.8	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.3	
Opex-to-revenue (%)	23.7	25.4	26.5	25.8	25.2	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

Date	Closing Price (Rs)	TP (Rs)	Rating	Analyst
20-Sep-25	3,731	3,650	Reduce	Meet Vora
15-Jul-25	4,172	3,650	Reduce	Meet Vora
20-May-25	3,730	3,650	Reduce	Meet Vora
06-Apr-25	3,315	3,650	Reduce	Meet Vora
07-Feb-25	3,544	3,650	Reduce	Meet Vora
21-Dec-24	3,814	3,650	Reduce	Meet Vora
14-Nov-24	4,265	3,900	Reduce	Meet Vora
27-Aug-24	4,459	3,900	Reduce	Meet Vora
08-Aug-24	4,457	3,900	Reduce	Meet Vora
14-Jul-24	3,901	3,500	Reduce	Meet Vora
07-Jun-24	3,643	3,500	Reduce	Meet Vora
23-May-24	3,660	3,500	Reduce	Meet Vora
20-Apr-24	3,709	3,500	Reduce	Meet Vora

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

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