# **Balrampur Chini Mills**



# Cane SAP rise – Key overhang now passé

### SAP hike - INR 5 higher than estimated

The Uttar Pradesh (UP) government has increased sugarcane state advised price (SAP) by INR 20 (5.9%) per quintal to INR 360 for the ongoing sugar season. In our earlier estimates, we had already incorporated INR 15 per quintal increase in cane price. Hence, the actual price hike is incrementally marginally negative for UP-based sugar mills such as Balrampur Chini (BRCM IN). Q4FY24 is likely to be most significantly hit by the price hike.

### Benefit of ethanol price increase eroded by cane price hike

The cumulative impact of: (a) additional compensation (INR 6.87 per ltr and INR 5.8 per ltr on C-heavy ethanol and Maize ethanol respectively) announced by oil marketing companies (OMCs) in the first week of January 2024 and (b) INR 5/quintal higher-than-expected increase in SAP may largely offset each other.

### Impact on sugar and distillery segments

Per our calculations, INR 20/quintal increase in sugarcane SAP is equivalent to: (a) ~INR 2/kg rise in the cost of sugar production or (b) INR 0.25 per litre increase in the cost of juice ethanol production or (c) INR 1 per liter rise in the cost of production of B-heavy ethanol or (d) INR 1.43 per litre increase in the cost of C-heavy ethanol production.

### Valuation: Reiterate BUY with TP of INR 483

SAP announcement was long overdue and hence, the overhang is now behind. Post frequent changes in Ethanol Procurement Policy in the past two months and cane price increase, we do not expect any material negative policy changes or news/event marring the sector in the future (significant damage already done).

Between our prior report on BRCM dated 17 December 2023 and now, OMCs have increased the price of C-heavy & maize ethanol. And cane SAP has now been increased. The cumulative impact of these events may lead to further 16% dip in EBITDA and 19% decline in PAT for FY24E but 13% growth in EBITDA and 14% increase in PAT for FY25E.

We have also changed the valuation methodology from SoTP to blended EV/EBITDA as inter-segment transaction complexities have increased post granular changes in ethanol pricing. We reiterate Buy on BRCM with TP unchanged at INR 483, now valuing it at 9.5x FY26E blended EV/EBITDA.

### Rating: Buy

Target Price: INR 483

Upside: 25%

CMP: INR 385 (as on 18 January 2024)

| Key data                      |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Bloomberg / Reuters Code      | BRCM IN/BACH.BO |
| Current /Dil. Shares O/S (mn) | 202/204         |
| Mkt Cap (INR bn/USD mn)       | 78/934          |
| Daily Vol. (3M NSE Avg.)      | 2,697,871       |
| Face Value (INR)              | 1               |

### 1 USD = INR 83.1

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Note: \*as on 18 January 2024; Source: Bloomberg

# Price & Volume 520 420 320 10

Vol. in mn (RHS) Balrampur Chini (LHS) Source: Bloomberg Shareholding (%) Q3FY23 Q4FY23 Q1FY24 Q2FY24 42.4 42.9 42.9 42.9 Promoter Institutional Investors 33.6 34.4 35.0 36.3 Other Investors 6.3 5.7 5.3 4.2 General Public 17.7 17.0 16.8 16.6

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|-----------------------|--------|-------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Price performance (%) | 3M     | 6M    | 12M    |  |  |  |  |
| Nifty                 | 9.1    | 8.7   | 18.1   |  |  |  |  |
| Balrampur Chini       | (9.2)  | 1.4   | (4.1)  |  |  |  |  |
| Dhampur Sugar         | (12.7) | (4.5) | 8.0    |  |  |  |  |
| Dwarikesh Sugar       | (17.1) | (7.1) | (16.4) |  |  |  |  |

Source: Bloomberg

Source: BSE

| YE    | Revenue  | YoY   | EBITDA   | EBITDA     | Adj PAT  | YoY    | Fully DEPS | RoE  | RoCE | P/E  | EV/EBITDA |
|-------|----------|-------|----------|------------|----------|--------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| March | (INR mn) | (%)   | (INR mn) | margin (%) | (INR mn) | (%)    | (INR)      | (%)  | (%)  | (x)  | (x)       |
| FY23  | 46,659   | (3.7) | 5,120    | 11.0       | 2,958    | (36.5) | 14.7       | 9.8  | 8.0  | 27.0 | 19.1      |
| FY24E | 58,744   | 25.9  | 8,443    | 14.3       | 5,085    | 71.9   | 25.5       | 15.4 | 14.5 | 15.1 | 10.8      |
| FY25E | 61,314   | 4.4   | 5,517    | 9.0        | 3,153    | (38.0) | 16.0       | 8.9  | 7.7  | 24.1 | 16.7      |
| FY26E | 70,931   | 15.7  | 10,851   | 15.2       | 6,967    | 120.9  | 35.7       | 17.1 | 18.6 | 10.8 | 7.8       |

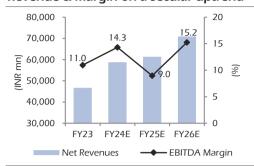


## **Key financials (YE March)**

| Income Statement (INR mn)  | FY23  | FY24E   | FY25E   | FY26E   |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| Net Revenues   | 46,659  | 58,744  | 61,314  | 70,931  |
| EBITDA   | 5,120   | 8,443   | 5,517   | 10,851  |
| Less: - Depreciation & Amortization  | 1,295   | 1,628   | 1,645   | 1,645   |
| EBIT .   | 3,825   | 6,815   | 3,872   | 9,206   |
| Less:- Interest Expenses   | 486   | 502   | 462   | 382   |
| Add:- Non operating Income   | 628   | 703   | 788   | 882   |
| PBT  | 3,967   | 7,016   | 4,198   | 9,706   |
| Less :- Taxes  | 1,241   | 2,175   | 1,301   | 3,009   |
| Add: Share of Profit in Associate  | 116   | 122   | 128   | 135   |
| Adjusted PAT   | 2,842   | 4,963   | 3,025   | 6,832   |
| Reported PAT   | 2,842   | 4,963   | 3,025   | 6,832   |
| Balance Sheet (INR mn)   | FY23  | FY24E   | FY25E   | FY26E   |
| Share Capital  | 202   | 199   | 197   | 195   |
| Reserves   | 28,755  | 32,125  | 33,783  | 39,852  |
| Borrowings   | 18,786  | 14,687  | 16,085  | 9,402   |
| Deferred Tax (Net)   | 1,282   | 1,282   | 1,282   | 1,282   |
| Trade Payable  | 3,160   | 3,680   | 4,115   | 4,436   |
| Other Liabilities  | 2,102   | 2,241   | 2,216   | 2,562   |
| Total Liabilities  | 54,286  | 54,214  | 57,677  | 57,729  |
| Gross Block  | 34,307  | 34,850  | 35,350  | 35,850  |
| Less:- Accumulated Depreciation  | 8,321   | 9,949   | 11,594  | 13,239  |
| Net Block  | 25,986  | 24,901  | 23,756  | 22,61   |
| CWIP   | 23,760  | 200   | 23,730  | 22,01   |
| Other Non-Current Assets   | 2,892   | 2,718   | 2,749   | 2,865   |
| Cash & bank balances   | 119   | 124   | 124   | 165   |
| Inventory  | 23,187  | 23,356  | 27,805  | 28,369  |
| Trade Receivable   | 1,248   | 23,330  | 2,520   | 2,915   |
| Other Net Assets   | 611   | 500   | 522   | 604   |
| Total Assets   | <b>54,286</b>   | <b>54,214</b>   | 57,677  | <b>57,72</b> 9  |
| Cash Flow Statement (INR mn)   | FY23  | FY24E   | FY25E   | FY26E   |
| Cash profit adjusted for non-cash items  | 5,791   | 9,146   | 6,305   | 11,734  |
| Add/Less: Working Capital Changes  | (584)   | (1,101)   | (4,198)   | (488)   |
| Taxes Paid   | (678)   | (1,101)   | (840)   | (1,941  |
| Operating Cash Flow  | 4,529   | 6,642   | 1,267   | 9,304   |
|  |   |   |   |   |
| Less:- Capex<br>Free Cash Flow   | (8,686)   | (543)   | (500)   | (500  |
|  | (4,157)   | 6,099   | 767   | 8,804   |
| Financing Cash Flow<br>Investing Cash Flow   | 4,058   | (6,094)   | (767)<br>(500)  | (8,763  |
| Net change in Cash   | (8,588)   | (543)<br><b>5</b>   | , ,   | (500  |
|  | (0)   |   | (0)   | 41<br>EV241   |
| Ratio Analysis   | FY23  | FY24E   | FY25E   | FY26I   |
| Income Statement Ratios (%)  | (2.7)   | 25.0  | 4.4   | 15.   |
| Revenue Growth   | (3.7)   | 25.9  | 4.4   | 15.7  |
| EBITDA Growth  | (26.8)  | 64.9  | (34.7)  | 96.7  |
| PAT Growth   | (36.5)  | 71.9  | (38.0)  | 120.9   |
| ERITIA Margin  | 11.0  | 14.3  | 9.0   | 15.2  |
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| Net Margin   | 6.3   | 8.6   | 5.1   | 9.0   |
| Net Margin Return & Liquidity Ratios (%)   |   |   |   |   |
| Net Margin  Return & Liquidity Ratios (%)  Net Debt/Equity (x)   | 0.6   | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.2   |
| Net Margin  Return & Liquidity Ratios (%)  Net Debt/Equity (x)  ROE (%)  | 0.6<br>9.8  | 0.5<br>15.4   | 0.5<br>8.9  | 0.2<br>17.  |
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| Net Margin  Return & Liquidity Ratios (%)  Net Debt/Equity (x)  ROE (%)  ROCE (%)  Per Share data & Valuation Ratios  Diluted EPS (INR)  EPS Growth (%)  | 0.6<br>9.8<br>8.0<br>14.7<br>(35.7)                               | 0.5<br>15.4<br>14.5<br>25.5<br>73.9                               | 0.5<br>8.9<br>7.7<br>16.0<br>(37.3)                               | 0.2<br>17.<br>18.6<br>35.2<br>123.2   |
| Net Margin  Return & Liquidity Ratios (%)  Net Debt/Equity (x)  ROE (%)  ROCE (%)  Per Share data & Valuation Ratios  Diluted EPS (INR)  EPS Growth (%)  DPS (INR)   | 0.6<br>9.8<br>8.0<br>14.7<br>(35.7)<br>2.5                        | 0.5<br>15.4<br>14.5<br>25.5<br>73.9<br>2.5                        | 0.5<br>8.9<br>7.7<br>16.0<br>(37.3)<br>2.5                        | 0.2<br>17.<br>18.6<br>35.2<br>123.2   |
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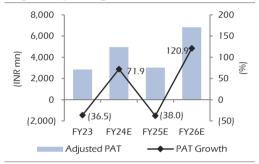
Note: pricing as on 18 January 2024; Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

### Revenue & margin on a secular uptrend



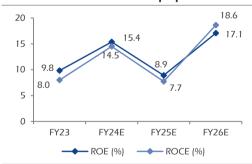
Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

### Adjusted profit growth trend



Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

### Return ratios to see a sharp spike



Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate



Exhibit 1: FRP and SAP for current season up by 3% and 6%, respectively

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|--------------------|---|--|
| Sugar season       | Fair & remunerative price<br>(FRP)<br>(INR per quintal) | State advised price (SAP)<br>(INR per quintal) |
| 2004-05            | 75  | 107  |
| 2005-06            | 80  | 115  |
| 2006-07            | 80  | 125  |
| 2007-08            | 81  | 125  |
| 2008-09            | 81  | 140  |
| 2009-10            | 130   | 165  |
| 2010-11            | 139   | 205  |
| 2011-12            | 145   | 240  |
| 2012-13            | 170   | 280  |
| 2013-14            | 210   | 280  |
| 2014-15            | 220   | 280  |
| 2015-16            | 230   | 280  |
| 2016-17            | 230   | 305  |
| 2017-18            | 255   | 315  |
| 2018-19            | 275   | 315  |
| 2019-20            | 275   | 315  |
| 2020-21            | 285   | 315  |
| 2021-22            | 290   | 340  |
| 2022-23            | 305   | 340  |
| 2023-24            | 315   | 360  |

Source: CACP, Department of Food, Elara Securities Research

**Exhibit 2: Change in estimates** 

| (INR mn)          |        | Old    |        | New    |        | Change (%) |         |       |       |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|---------|-------|-------|
|                   | FY24E  | FY25E  | FY26E  | FY24E  | FY25E  | FY26E      | FY24E   | FY25E | FY26E |
| Net sales         | 59,101 | 60,936 | 73,385 | 58,744 | 61,314 | 70,931     | (0.6)   | 0.6   | (3.3) |
| EBITDA            | 10,057 | 4,885  | 10,485 | 8,443  | 5,517  | 10,851     | (16.1)  | 12.9  | 3.5   |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 17.0   | 8.0    | 14.3   | 14.4   | 9.0    | 15.3       | (264)bp | 98bp  | 101bp |
| Adjusted PAT      | 6093   | 2658   | 6,718  | 4,963  | 3,025  | 6,832      | (18.5)  | 13.8  | 1.7   |
| EPS (INR)         | 31.2   | 14.1   | 35.1   | 25.5   | 16.0   | 35.7       | (18.3)  | 13.4  | 1.7   |

Source: Elara Securities Estimate



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|    | Date        | Rating     | Target Price | Closing Price |
|----|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| 10 | 3-Feb-2022  | Buy        | INR 536      | INR 445       |
| 11 | 25-May-2022 | Buy        | INR 506      | INR 356       |
| 12 | 23-Dec-2022 | Accumulate | INR 445      | INR 384       |
| 13 | 13-Feb-2023 | Buy        | INR 465      | INR 361       |
| 14 | 12-May-2023 | Accumulate | INR 436      | INR 387       |
| 15 | 14-Sep-2023 | Accumulate | INR 464      | INR 435       |
| 16 | 8-Sep-2023  | Accumulate | INR 495      | INR 430       |
| 17 | 8-Dec-2023  | Accumulate | INR 431      | INR 393       |
| 18 | 15-Dec-2023 | Buy        | INR 483      | INR 385       |

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| BUY        | Absolute Return >+20%       |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| ACCUMULATE | Absolute Return +5% to +20% |
| REDUCE     | Absolute Return -5% to +5%  |
| SELL       | Absolute Return < -5%       |



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