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| Recommendation  | SUBS                     | CRIBE         |  |  |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Price Band  |                          | Rs 372-391    |  |  |
| Bidding Date  | 20th                     | n-24th Dec'24 |  |  |
|   | Equirus Capital Pvt Ltd, |               |  |  |
| Book Running Lead   | Ambit Pvt Ltd, Nuvama    |               |  |  |
| Manager   | Wealth Ma                | nagement Itd  |  |  |
| Registrar   | Link Intime              | India Pvt Ltd |  |  |
| Sector  |                          | armaceuticals |  |  |
| Minimum Retail Appl   | ication- Detai           | I At Cut off  |  |  |
| Price<br>Number of Shares   |                          | 38            |  |  |
| Minimum   |                          |               |  |  |
| Application Money   |                          | Rs. 14,858    |  |  |
| Discount to retail  |                          | 0             |  |  |
| Payment Mode  |                          | ASBA          |  |  |
| Consolidated<br>Financials (Rs Cr)  | FY23                     | FY24          |  |  |
| Total Income  | 35                       | 215           |  |  |
| EBITDA  | 13                       | 42            |  |  |
| Adj PAT   | 8                        | 31            |  |  |
| Valuations (FY24)   | Lower                    | Upper<br>Band |  |  |
| Market Cap (Rs Cr)  | Band<br>1,713            | 1,801         |  |  |
| Adj EPS   | 6.83                     | 6.83          |  |  |
| PE PE   | 54.5x                    | 57.2x         |  |  |
| EV/ EBITDA  | 46.7x                    | 46.5x         |  |  |
| Enterprise Value (Rs  |                          |               |  |  |
| Cr)   | 1,941                    | 2029          |  |  |
| Post Issue Shareholdi   | ng Pattern               |               |  |  |
| Promoters   |                          | 45.8%         |  |  |
| Public/Other  |                          | 54.2%         |  |  |
| Offer structure for dif   | ferent catego            | ries          |  |  |
| QIB (Including Mutual   | 75%                      |               |  |  |
| Non-Institutional   | 15%                      |               |  |  |
| Retail  | 10%                      |               |  |  |
| Post Issue Equity (Rs. i  | 46.1                     |               |  |  |
| Issue Size (Rs in cr)   | 582                      |               |  |  |
| Face Value (Rs)   |                          | 10            |  |  |
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## **BACKGROUND**

Senores Pharmaceuticals Ltd (SPL) is a relatively new company which was founded by Mr. Swapnil Shah. It is global research driven pharmaceutical company engaged in developing and manufacturing a wide range of pharmaceutical products predominantly for the Regulated Markets of US, Canada and United Kingdom across various therapeutic areas and dosage forms, with a presence in Emerging Markets. It mainly caters to complex, niche and underpenetrated products in generics which caters to mid-market size and develops preferred partnerships to certain customers.

#### **Details of the Issue:**

- Total issue of ~Rs. 583 Cr: i) Fresh issue of Rs. 500 cr, ii) OFS worth Rs. 82cr
- Proceeds from the fresh issue to be utilized for the payment of i) CAPEX requirement of Atlanta facility for the production of sterile injections, ii) total debt repayment of Rs. 93.7 cr, and iii) working capital requirement of Rs. ~103cr

### **Investment Rationale:**

- Regulated markets are being served through its USFDA approved facility in US
- Distinct niche product portfolio built in a short span for Regulated Markets
- Launch of products in the US with New Drug Applications ("NDA") approval
- Robust R&D capabilities driving differentiated portfolio of products
- Focus on emerging markets to drive the business growth
- Long-term marketing arrangements with pharma companies in the Regulated Markets

## Valuation and Recommendation:-

recommend SUBSCRIBE to the issue.

SPL's financials include the impact of the acquisition of Havix and RPPL, thus, its revenue growth in FY24 is not comparable. However, company has performed well in H1FY25 based on annualized financials. It has delivered ~25% of healthy operating margin in H1FY25. Also, return ratios (i.e. ROE and ROCE) are at decent level of ~15-16%. The same is expected to improve backed by growth in its acquired businesses and overall reduction in finance cost followed by ~Rs. 94 cr of debt reduction.

The issue is valued at 39.6x P/E valuation based on annualized H1FY25 financials which is considered to be fairly valued when compared with industry average. However, we are positive on the company's future business prospects given the distinctive business model, product pipeline of 51 ANDAs and expected improvement in overall profitability on account of operational efficiencies and finance cost savings. **Thus, we** 

| Financials        | FY22  | FY23   | FY24*  | 6MFY24* |
|-------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|
| Net Revenues      | 14    | 35     | 215    | 181     |
| Growth (%)        |       | 149.4% | 507.1% | NA      |
| EBITDA            | 2     | 13     | 42     | 45      |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 13.8% | 35.9%  | 19.4%  | 24.6%   |
| PBT               | 1     | 12     | 25     | 29      |
| Adjusted PAT      | 1     | 8      | 31     | 24      |
| EPS               | 0.22  | 1.83   | 6.83   | 5.11    |
| ROCE              | 3.4%  | 13.7%  | 7.6%   | 14.8%   |
| EV/Sales          |       |        | 9.0x   | 5.3x    |
| EV/EBITDA         |       |        | 46.5x  | 21.7x   |
| D/E               |       |        | E7 2v  | 20.24   |

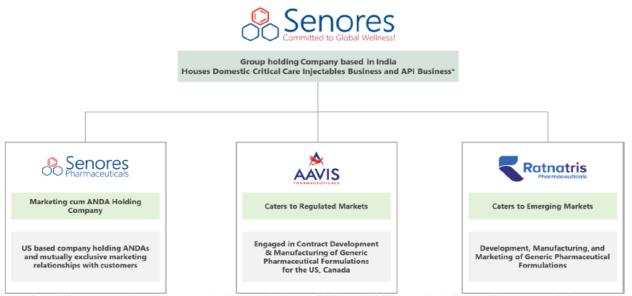
Source: RHP, NBRR, \*SPL financials are based on post acqusition of Havix and RPPL, #Valuation ratios are based on H1FY25 annualised financials



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## **Company Background**

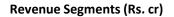
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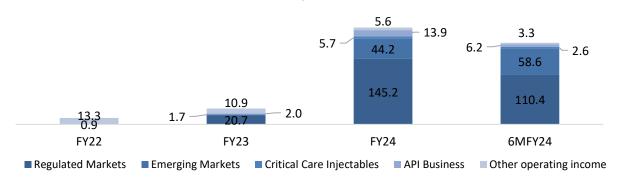


Our API business was housed under our wholly owned subsidiary RLPL until RLPL merged with Senores Pharmaceuticals Limited, with the appointed date being January 1, 2024.

Source: RHP, NBRR

While SPL's main focus is on regulated markets, it also has a presence in emerging markets across 43 countries. Besides, it manufactures Critical care injectables and APIs.





Source: RHP, NBRR



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## **Regulated Markets**

Regulated Markets Business is carried out through their two subsidiary companies, i) Havix, which has a USFDA approved oral solid dosage ("OSD") facility at Atlanta, US and, ii) Senores Pharma Inc (SPI), a US based company holding the intellectual property used by SPL, specifically for ANDA approvals and enters into agreement with its marketing partners.

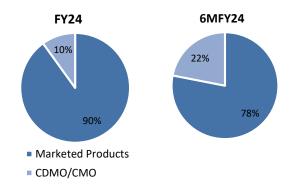
It serves customers from major generic pharmaceutical and marketing space and CDMO side. It has entered into long-term (~5-7 years) marketing arrangements with major generic pharmaceutical and marketing companies which operate in the Regulated Markets of US, Canada and United Kingdom. These agreements also set out SPL's revenue model which includes: (i) an in-licensing fee on a negotiated basis based on various milestones including entering into the agreement, approval of the ANDA and shipping of initial validation batches; (ii) transfer price which depending on the agreement could include cost incurred in procurement, manufacturing, testing, release, stability and regulatory activities in connection with the product; and (iii) profit share which is ascertained at the time of finalizing the agreement. It has its CDMO customers mainly in regulated markets.

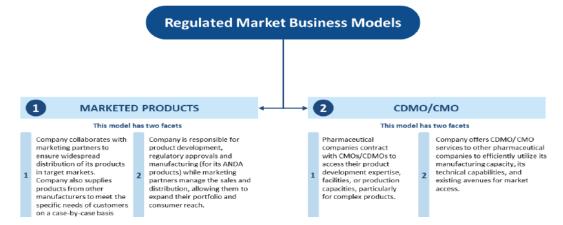
Major generic pharma and marketing companies - including Alkem Laboratories Limited, Lannett Company Inc., Prasco LLC, Jubilant Cadista Pharmaceuticals Inc., Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries Limited, Cintex Services LLC and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Inc.

CDMO customers: Mint Pharmaceuticals Inc. (Canada), Solco Healthcare US LLC (US), Ambicare Pharmaceuticals Inc. (Canada), Amici Pharmaceuticals Inc. (US) and Waymade PLC (UK). Its CMO customers include Alkem Laboratories Limited and Jubliant.

| Revenue (Rs. Cr)  | FY22 | FY23 | FY24  | 6MFY24 |
|-------------------|------|------|-------|--------|
| Marketed Products | 0.8  | 20.7 | 130.7 | 86.2   |
| ANDA Products     | 0.8  | 19.5 | 71.6  | 48.7   |
| Sourced Products  | 0.0  | 1.2  | 59.1  | 37.5   |
| CDMO/CMO          | 0.1  | 0.1  | 14.4  | 24.2   |
| Total             | 0.9  | 20.9 | 145.2 | 110.4  |

Source: RHP, NBRR





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## **Emerging Markets**

It develops, manufacture and market pharmaceutical products across several major therapeutic areas for the Emerging Markets through its WHO-GMP approved manufacturing facility at Chhatral (Ahmedabad), Gujarat.

While it has a presence across 43 countries in emerging markets, it has 205 product registrations. The products mainly introduced in emerging markets are based on their product and therapeutic identification process adopted for Regulated markets, as it provides an insight into the potential opportunity it has in emerging markets. These products are protected by patents in the US market and are not available in some countries within the Emerging Markets.

#### **API Business**

In Mar'23, it entered into the business of manufacturing APIs as a part of backward integration activity and has an API manufacturing facility located at Naroda facility. In addition, it is currently establishing a new Greenfield facility in Chhatral, Gujarat. Currently, it serves domestic market and SAARC countries and also aims to manufacture APIs for regulated and semi-regulated markets in the medium to long term. As on Sep'24, it has commercialized 16 APIs including oncology APIs.

### **Critical Care Injectables Business**

It launched Critical Care Injectables Business in Aug'22 in order to leverage their injectable manufacturing capabilities. It supplies critical care injectables across India to various hospitals through its distributors. While partial production is done at its Chhatral Facility, remaining part is sourced from domestic Injectable players. It operates by forming agreements with Indian hospitals and partnering with distributors in different states. As on Sept'24, it has launched 55 products in major therapeutic segments including antibiotics, anti-bacterial, anti-fungal and blood line.



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#### **Investment Rationale**

#### Regulated markets are being served through its USFDA approved facility in US

While SPL is already catering to regulated markets such as US, Canada and United Kingdom through its USFDA facility which is located at Atlanta, US. Also, its ability to serve regulated markets through USFDA approved formulation manufacturing facility in the US provides it with a distinct competitive advantage. Further, it offers various opportunities for SPL, as it ensures product quality with USFDA certification. For e.g. it increases goodwill and provides a competitive advantage where it can offer products for customers in certain markets where USFDA is a pre-condition.

The Atlanta Facility is also (i) approved by the DEA which makes it eligible for manufacturing formulations having controlled substances in the US market; and (ii) compliant with the Trade Agreements Act and the Buy American Act which is a pre-requisite for catering to government supplies in the US market.

In addition, SPL's CDMO services provide customers with a one stop solution from development to manufacturing. It includes services such as bioavailability enhancement, integrated development solutions, dose form design, scaling up to commercial manufacturing, technology transfer, method development and validation, stability testing, project management and regulatory support.

While it primarily serves the US, Canada, and United Kingdom in regulated markets, it is also expanding their reach into other Regulated and Semi-Regulated Markets.

## Distinct niche product portfolio built in a short span for Regulated Markets

SPL pursues to develop and manufacture of specialty, niche and difficult to manufacture complex products with a market potential in the small to mid-market range, where there is less competition due to the absence of multinational pharmaceutical companies. Complex products faces lower competition and enjoys lower price erosion with higher market share.

As part of its product identification strategy, SPL examines government sourcing data and learns about emerging molecular application trends in India and other markets. With this, it has 19 ANDAs (incl. four CGT designated products with exclusive marketing rights for six months) approved by USFDA and commercialized 21 products in US and Canada.

As on Sep'24, product pipeline of 51 ANDAs includes six ANDAs which are filed, seven are on stability, two products have ongoing exhibits, three products are ready for exhibit and 33 ANDAs are under development. Overall, Pipeline product portfolio has a market size of more than \$1bn. Company's products under development are across various therapeutic areas including anthelmintics, infertility, antihistamine, iron chelators, anticonvulsants, cardiovascular, pain management, antabuse, muscle relaxant, beta blockers, central nervous system and antipsychotic.

## Launch of products in the US with New Drug Applications ("NDA") approval

SPL plans to enter into the NDA products segment in the US Markets i.e., generic products which have potential to be approved as New Drug Applications. It intends to be the first company to launch these products in the US, even though these are already launched in other markets. Full new drug applications under NDA can receive 5 years of exclusivity for a new chemical drug product that offers growth potential. It currently has one combination product in the pipeline. It will continue to work on development of such molecules and file applications for them to be approved as NDAs.



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## Robust R&D capabilities driving differentiated portfolio of products

SPL has 2 dedicated R&D Centres located at India and US, where India R&D team consists of 55 members and US team has 8 members. Both these R&D centres are working with collaboration in certain cases. US R&D centre is mainly works on controlled substances which caters to US markets only. It is in the process of consolidating R&D activities (2 laboratories located each at Chhatral facility and Naroda facility) in India by setting up a dedicated R&D centre at Ahmedabad, Gujarat for which it acquired a commercial building measuring 11,750 square feet on a leasehold basis.

# Long-term marketing arrangements with pharmaceutical companies in the Regulated Markets of US, Canada and the United Kingdom

The company has entered into long-term marketing arrangements with major generic pharmaceutical companies in the US, Canada, and the UK for 5-7 years. These agreements involve in-licensing, product development, and manufacturing at the company's Atlanta facility. The company also has well-established CDMO relationships with partners like Mint Pharmaceuticals, Amici Pharmaceuticals, Solco Healthcare US, and Ambicare Pharmaceuticals. The company's ability to build relationships with key customers is based on factors such as product quality, R&D, manufacturing capabilities, compliance with regulatory standards, consistency of supply, and competitive pricing. The company aims to maintain relationships with top pharmaceutical customers, build a customer base, and strengthen its product basket.

#### Focus on emerging markets to drive the business growth

The company has a presence in 43 countries, focusing on Latin America, Africa, Commonwealth of Independent States, South-East Asia, and the Middle East. They cater to these markets through their Chhatral Facility, which manufactures pharmaceutical products including tablets, capsules, liquids, dry syrups, ORS, and injectables. The facility has an ISO 9001:2015 quality management system certification and has been approved by the WHO and the Food and Drug Control Administration. As on Sept'24, the Chhatral Facility has been approved by 10 countries, including Kuwait, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Nigeria, Philippines, Liberia, Peru, and Zambia. The company has a product portfolio of 205 products and combination molecules, launched and marketed in 43 countries. The company's success in these markets is attributed to its strategic approach, understanding local dynamics, and efficient regulatory frameworks.

#### **High Risks and concerns**

- Any loss in one or more marketing partners may have a substantial impact on their business operations. As a result, company's
  financials can witness impact due to its significant portion of business is dependent on the sale of products through third
  party marketing partners and distributors.
- Any significant change in government regulations in the domestic as well as international market may have an impact on company's operations.



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### **Valuation and Recommendation**

Senores Pharma has built a unique business model over the last few years which is mainly focusing on serving regulated markets. Further, it aims to expand its business in emerging markets, Critical care injectables and API business. SPL's financials include the impact of the acquisition of Havix and RPPL, thus, its revenue growth in FY24 is not comparable. However, company has performed well in H1FY25 based on annualized financials. It has delivered ~25% of healthy operating margin in H1FY25. Also, return ratios (i.e. ROE and ROCE) are at decent level of ~15-16%. The same is expected to improve backed by growth in its acquired businesses and overall reduction in finance cost followed by ~Rs. 94 cr of debt reduction.

The issue is valued at 38x P/E valuation based on annualized H1FY25 financials which is considered to be fairly valued when compared with industry average. However, we are positive on the company's future business prospects given the distinctive business model, product pipeline of 51 ANDAs and expected improvement in overall profitability on account of operational efficiencies and finance cost savings. **Thus, we recommend SUBSCRIBE to the issue.** 

| FY24 Figures   | Ajanta Pharma | Alembic Pharma | Marksans Pharma | Average | Senores Pharma |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|
| Revenue        | 4,209         | 6,229          | 2,177           | 4205    | 215            |
| CAGR (FY22-24) | 12.2%         | 8.3%           | 20.8%           | 13.8%   | 289.1%         |
| EBITDA Margin  | 29.9%         | 15.4%          | 21.1%           | 22.1%   | 19.4%          |
| PAT Margin     | 19.4%         | 9.9%           | 14.5%           | 14.6%   | 14.7%          |
| ROCE (%)       | 32.2%         | 13.4%          | 21.0%           | 22.2%   | 7.6%           |
| ROE (%)        | 23.5%         | 13.4%          | 16.5%           | 17.8%   | 15.4%          |
| Debt/Equity    | 0.0x          | 0.1x           | 0.1x            | 0.1x    | 1.1x           |
| EV/EBITDA      | 28.0x         | 22.6x          | 26.2x           | 25.6x   | 21.7x          |
| P/E            | 38.9x         | 35.8x          | 38.6x           | 37.8x   | 38.2x          |

Source: RHP, NBRR, \*Senores financials are based on post acqusition of Havix and RPPL, #Valuation ratios are based on H1FY25 annualised financials



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## **Financials**

Source: Company Data, NBRR

| P&L (Rs. Cr)                     | FY22            | FY23           | FY24*        | 6MFY24*             | Balance Sheet (Rs. Cr)  | FY22   | FY23     | FY24*    | 6MFY24*        |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|---|--------|----------|----------|----------------|
| Net Revenue                      | 14              | 35             | 215          | 181                 | Share Capital   | 9      | 10       | 31       | 33             |
| % Growth                         |                 | 149%           | <i>507%</i>  |                     | Other Equity  | 28     | 36       | 174      | 258            |
| Purchases of stock in trade      | 8               | 13             | 106          | 83                  | Minority interest   | 0      | 0        | 27       | 28             |
| % of Revenues                    | <i>56.7%</i>    | 36.1%          | 49.5%        | 45.6%               | Networth  | 37     | 45       | 232      | 319            |
| Employee Cost                    | 3               | 5              | 35           | 27                  | Total Loans   | 14     | 61       | 248      | 242            |
| % of Revenues                    | 20.2%           | 13.6%          | 16.5%        | 14.8%               | Lease Liabilities   | 1      | 2        | 9        | 9              |
| Other expenses                   | 1               | 5              | 31           | 27                  | Trade payable   | 7      | 14       | 113      | 80             |
| % of Revenues                    | 9.3%            | 14.5%          | 14.6%        | 15.0%               | Other Current Liab  | 1      | 7        | 18       | 27             |
| EBITDA                           | 2               | 13             | 42           | 45                  | Other Non Current Liabilities (Provisions & DTL)              | 0      | 2        | 1        | 2              |
| EBITDA Margin                    | 13.8%           | <i>35.9%</i>   | 19.4%        | 24.6%               | Total Equity & Liab.  | 59     | 131      | 622      | 678            |
| Depreciation                     | 1               | 2              | 10           | 7                   | Property, Plant and Equipment                                 | 5      | 6        | 152      | 148            |
| Other Income                     | 0               | 4              | 3            | 2                   | CWIP  | 0      | 8        | 18       | 52             |
| Interest                         | 1               | 2              | 9            | 10                  | Other Intangible assets / Right of use/goodwill               | 9      | 48       | 163      | 180            |
| Exceptional item                 |                 |                |              |                     | Non Currrent Financial assets                                 | 17     | 17       | 20       | 3              |
| PBT                              | 1               | 12             | 25           | 29                  | Other Non-current assets                                      | 0      | 1        | 18       | 23             |
| Tax                              | 0               | 4              | (8)          | 5                   | cash and cash equivalents                                     | 3      | 0        | 13       | 14             |
| Tax rate                         | 13%             | 32%            | -31%         | 19%                 | Other financial assets & Loans                                | 0      | 17       | 66       | 70             |
| Other Comprehensive income       | 0               | 0              | (1)          | (0)                 | Inventories   | 3      | 3        | 37       | 51             |
| Adj. PAT (norm. Tax)             | 1               | 8              | 31           | 24                  | Trade receivables (debtor)                                    | 20     | 22       | 112      | 105            |
| % Growth                         |                 | <b>751%</b>    | 273%         | -                   | Other Current assets  | 1      | 9        | 22       | 32             |
| EPS (Post Issue)                 | 0.22            | 1.83           | 6.83         | 5.11                | Total Assets  | 59     | 131      | 622      | 678            |
|                                  |                 |                |              |                     | 0.100 (0.00)  | EV-0-0 | E1/00    |          |                |
| Ratios & Others                  | FY22            | FY23           | FY24*        | 6MFY24*             | Cash Flow (Rs. Cr)  | FY22   | FY23     |          | 6MFY24*        |
| Debt / Equity                    | 0.4             | 1.3            | 1.1          | 0.8                 | Profit Before Tax   | 1      | 12       | 25       | 29             |
| EBITDA Margin (%)                | 13.8%           | 35.9%          | 19.4%        |                     | Provisions & Others   | 1      | 3        | 18       | 15             |
| PAT Margin (%)                   | 7.0%            | 23.9%          | 14.7%        |                     | Op. profit before WC  | 2      | 15       | 43       | 44             |
| ROE (%)                          | 2.7%            | 18.5%          | 15.4%        |                     | Change in WC  | -13    | -15      | -55      | -35            |
| ROCE (%)                         | 3.4%            | 13.7%          | 7.6%         | 14.8%               | Less: Tax   | 0      | -1       | -8       | -3             |
|                                  |                 |                |              |                     | CF from operations  | -10    | -1       | -20      | 6              |
| Turnover Ratios                  | FY22            | FY23           | FY24*        | 6MFY24*             | Purchase/Sale of fixed assets                                 | -11    | -47      | -52      | -55            |
| Debtors Days                     | 506             | 228            | 191          |                     | Sale/Purchase of Investments                                  | -14    | -1       | -3       | 0              |
| Inventory Days                   | 12              | 10             | 31           |                     | Interest, dividend and other inc                              | 0      | 0        | 0        | 0              |
| Creditor Days                    | 184             | 140            | 192          |                     | CF from Investing   | -24    | -48      | -55      | -54            |
| Asset Turnover (x)               | 0               | 0              | 0            | 1                   | Proceeds from Issue of Equity Share Capital                   | 27     | 2        | 36       | 0              |
|                                  |                 |                |              |                     | Repayment/procceds from borrowings                            | 10     | 47       | 60       | 58             |
| Valuation Ratios                 | FY22            | FY23           | FY24*        | 6MFY24*             | Interest Paid   | -1     | -2       | -9       | -9             |
|                                  | F122            | v              |              |                     |   |        |          |          |                |
| Price/Earnings (x)               | 1817.0          | 213.5          | 57.2         |                     | CF from Financing   | 36     | 46       | 87       | 49             |
| Price/Earnings (x) EV/EBITDA (x) |                 | 213.5<br>152.7 | 57.2<br>46.5 |                     |   | 2      | 46<br>-3 | 87<br>12 | 1              |
| EV/EBITDA (x) EV/Sales (x)       | 1817.0          | 213.5          | 57.2         | 38.2<br>21.7<br>5.3 | CF from Financing Net Change in cash Cash & Bank at beginning |        |          | 87       | <b>1</b><br>13 |
| EV/EBITDA (x)                    | 1817.0<br>991.3 | 213.5<br>152.7 | 57.2<br>46.5 | 38.2<br>21.7<br>5.3 | CF from Financing<br>Net Change in cash                       | 2      | -3       | 87<br>12 | 1              |

Cash & Bank at end

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<sup>\*</sup>Financials are attributed to the acquisition of Havix by w.e.f. May 3, 2023 and the acquisition of RPPL w.e.f. December 14, 2023





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