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TARGET PRICE (Rs): 2,600

DN's Q3 EBITDA at Rs3bn (flat YoY/QoQ) was below consensus/our estimates: of Rs3.3bn. While the current environment remains subdued for chemicals, on several headwinds including lower global consumption, the management guided that it is focusing on operational and process efficiencies to maintain cost competitiveness. DN raised its stake in its Oman entity to 51%, where it plans to expand its sodium nitrite production capacity. Deepak Chem Tech (DCTL) signed an MoU worth Rs90bn in Jan-24, with the Government of Gujarat to manufacture 3 new downstream products. Company has also signed a termsheet with PLNG for offtake of propylene and hydrogen, to ensure a secure supply of both these raw materials. Our FY24/25/26 estimates remain unchanged. We maintain ADD with unchanged SoTP-based TP of Rs2,600/sh.

Deepak Nitrite: Financial Snapshot (Consolidated)								
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E			
Revenue	68,022	79,721	76,348	80,406	92,531			
EBITDA	16,036	12,894	11,499	13,692	18,261			
Adj. PAT	10,666	8,520	7,511	9,058	12,104			
Adj. EPS (Rs)	78.2	62.5	55.1	66.4	88.7			
EBITDA margin (%)	23.6	16.2	15.1	17.0	19.7			
EBITDA growth (%)	28.6	(19.6)	(10.8)	19.1	33.4			
Adj. EPS growth (%)	37.5	(20.1)	(11.8)	20.6	33.6			
RoE (%)	37.5	22.9	17.0	17.7	19.9			
RoIC (%)	36.4	24.3	18.6	20.2	22.5			
P/E (x)	29.2	36.5	41.5	34.4	25.7			
EV/EBITDA (x)	19.4	23.9	26.9	22.5	17.1			
P/B (x)	9.3	7.6	6.6	5.6	4.7			
FCFF yield (%)	2.0	1.1	0.0	0.6	(1.2)			

Source: Company, Emkay Research

## DN sees muted performance in the quarter, on demand headwinds

The advanced intermediates (AI) segment was muted on subdued demand recovery in end-use industries, such as agrochemicals, textiles, and dyes & pigments (construction, infrastructure, and homecare industries have healthy growth visibility). Though volumes grew YoY, the pricing environment remains lackluster. Higher volumes in Phenolics (on conducive season), coupled with operating leverage gains and process optimization, contributed to the steady performance in this business. DN registered its highest-ever production volumes, of 88,378MT of phenol and 121,571MT of cumene.

#### Greenfield & brownfield capex on track

Management has guided for commissioning of ongoing projects worth Rs20bn in CY24. The photo halogenation and fluorination platforms for BTC/BTF are expected to commission in Q4FY24. Similarly, other projects like nitric acid plant, MIBK, MIBC, hydrogenation facility, etc. too are expected to commission over the next few quarters. DN has signed a term sheet with Petronet LNG for offtake of 250KTPA of propylene and 11KTPA of hydrogen via its pipeline at Dahej. This arrangement will span over 15 years from the date of initial delivery, and ensures assured access to crucial feedstock for its production processes, thus paving the way for consistent output and operational stability.

## DCTL signed an MoU worth Rs90bn with the Government of Gujarat

Deepak Chem Tech (DCTL) signed an MoU worth Rs90bn with the Government of Gujarat in Jan-24, taking the total value of MoUs signed to ~Rs140bn (previously signed an MoU worth Rs50bn in May-23 for MIBK, MIBC, Bisphenol-A & Polycarbonate Compounding). This MoU has been signed to manufacture 3 new products - polycarbonate, methyl methacrylate (MMA)/poly methyl methacrylate (PMMA) resins & compounds, and aniline. DCTL aims to complete these projects by 2027; this will create 1,300 direct and indirect employment opportunities. Such MoUs reaffirm DN's aim to capture the downstream value chain, thus capitalizing on its first-mover advantage.

Target Price – 12M	Dec-24
Change in TP (%)	-
Current Reco.	ADD
Previous Reco.	ADD
Upside/(Downside) (%)	13.9
CMP (15-Feb-24) (Rs)	2,282.7

Stock Data	Ticker
52-week High (Rs)	2,521
52-week Low (Rs)	1,749
Shares outstanding (mn)	136.4
Market-cap (Rs bn)	311
Market-cap (USD mn)	3,749
Net-debt, FY24E (Rs mn)	-2,251
ADTV-3M (mn shares)	-
ADTV-3M (Rs mn)	956.9
ADTV-3M (USD mn)	11.5
Free float (%)	-
Nifty-50	21,911
INR/USD	83.0
Shareholding, Dec-23	
Promoters (%)	49.1
FPIs/MFs (%)	6.5/18.9

Price Performance						
(%)	1M	3M	12M			
Absolute	(6.0)	7.7	27.0			
Rel. to Nifty	(5.2)	(3.3)	4.4			

## 1-Year share price trend (Rs)



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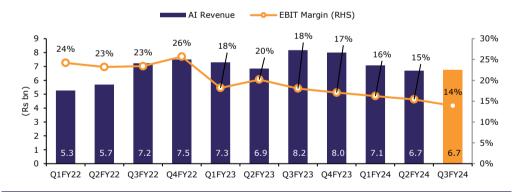
Exhibit 1: Result update

			Reported			Emka	y Est.	9M ended		
P&L (Rs mn)	Q3FY23	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Q3FY24	vs. Est. (%)	9MFY24	9MFY23	YoY (%)
Net revenue	19,911	17,781	20,092	1	13	19,003	6	55,556	60,107	-8
Material cost	(13,387)	(11,658)	(13,726)	3	18	(12,428)	10	(37,621)	(40,695)	-8
Gross Profit	6,524	6,122	6,366	-2	4	6,575	-3	17,935	19,412	-8
Gross margin (%)	32.8	34.4	31.7	-109 bps	-275 bps	34.6	-292 bps	32.3	32.3	-2 bps
Employee cost	(811)	(848)	(891)	10	5	(893)	0	(2,582)	(2,408)	7
Other overheads	(2,568)	(2,252)	(2,428)	-5	8	(2,432)	0	(7,187)	(7,591)	-5
Total expenses	(16,766)	(14,758)	(17,046)	2	16	(15,754)	8	(47,390)	(50,694)	-7
EBITDA	3,145	3,023	3,047	-3	1	3,249	-6	8,167	9,413	-13
EBITDA margin (%)	15.8	17.0	15.2	-64 bps	-184 bps	17.1	-194 bps	14.7	15.7	-97 bps
Other income	134	170	136	1	-20	187	-28	625	350	78
Interest	(58)	(27)	(29)	-50	9	(29)	2	(74)	(203)	-63
Depreciation	(411)	(394)	(417)	1	6	(399)	5	(1,192)	(1,254)	-5
EO Items	-	-	-			-		-	-	
PBT	2,809	2,772	2,736	-3	-1	3,009	-9	7,525	8,306	-9
Tax	(720)	(721)	(715)	-1	-1	(783)	(9)	(1,955)	(2,126)	-8
Adj. PAT	2,090	2,051	2,020	-3	-1	2,226	-9	5,570	6,180	-10
EO Items	-	-	-			-		-	-	
Reported PAT	2,090	2,051	2,020	-3	-1	2,226	-9	5,570	6,180	-10
EPS (Rs)	15.3	15.0	14.8	-3	-1	16.3	-9	40.8	45.3	-10
Costs as a % of sales										
Material cost	67.2	65.6	68.3	108 bps	274 bps	65.4	291 bps	67.7	67.7	1 bps
Employee cost	4.1	4.8	4.4	36 bps	-34 bps	4.7	-27 bps	4.6	4.0	64 bps
Other overheads	12.9	12.7	12.1	-82 bps	-58 bps	12.8	-72 bps	12.9	12.6	30 bps
Income tax rate	25.6	26.0	26.1	53 bps	13 bps	26.0	13 bps	26.0	25.6	38 bps

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: Advanced intermediates business witnessing demand headwinds in Q3

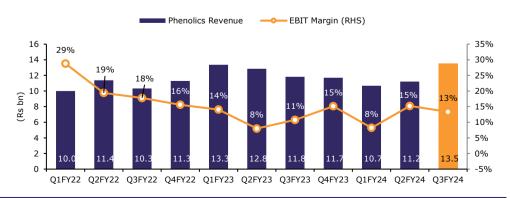
Advanced intermediates business volumes are higher YoY; though pricing remains muted on subdued demand



Source: Company, Emkay Research

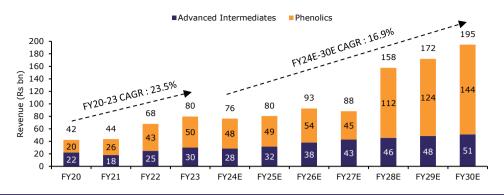
Exhibit 3: The Phenolics business grew 14% YoY/20% QoQ

Phenolics segment performance was led by higher sales volume and better operating efficiency



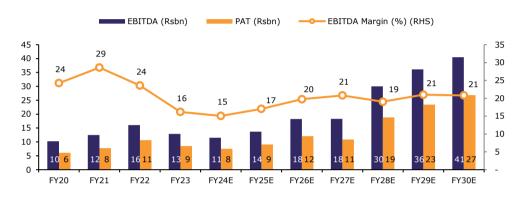
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Exhibit 4: DCTL's revenue (phenolics) to rise, as it incurs most of the upcoming capex



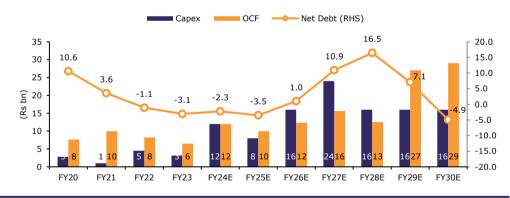
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Exhibit 5: EBITDA CAGR expected at 23% over FY24-30E, along with margin expansion



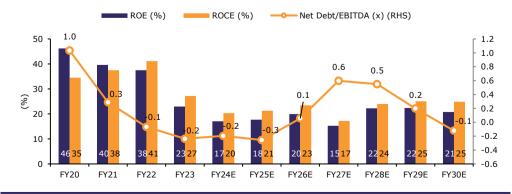
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Exhibit 6: Strong OCF generation to aid funding and pare debt



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 7: Return ratios to largely remain at >20% over the next few years

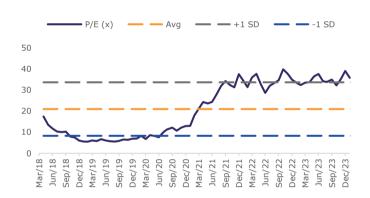


Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 8: SoTP-based workings for TP of Rs2,600/share						
Particulars (Rs mn)	FY25E	FY26E				
DNL Standalone EBITDA	6,146	8,565				
EV/EBITDA Target Multiple (x)	18	18				
Target Enterprise Value (A)	110,637	154,164				
DPL Discounted FY30E EBITDA	15,984	17,982				
EV/EBITDA Target multiple (x)	12	12				
Target Enterprise Value (B)	191,808	215,784				
Total Enterprise Value (A+B)	302,444	369,947				
Net Debt (Rs mn)	(3,504)	1,031				
Total Equity Value	305,948	368,916				
No. of shares outstanding (mn)	136	136				
Target Price (Rs/share)	2,243	2,705				
Dec-25E Target Price (Rs/share)		2,600				
CMP (Rs/share)		2,283				
Upside		14%				

Source: Emkay Research

Exhibit 9: One-year forward P/E



Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 10: One-year forward EV/EBITDA



Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

# **Deepak Nitrite: Consolidated Financials and Valuations**

Profit & Loss					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	68,022	79,721	76,348	80,406	92,531
Revenue growth (%)	56.0	17.2	(4.2)	5.3	15.1
EBITDA	16,036	12,894	11,499	13,692	18,261
EBITDA growth (%)	28.6	(19.6)	(10.8)	19.1	33.4
Depreciation & Amortization	1,777	1,663	1,845	2,009	2,549
EBIT	14,259	11,231	9,655	11,683	15,711
EBIT growth (%)	30.3	(21.2)	(14.0)	21.0	34.5
Other operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	426	476	500	525	551
Financial expense	340	248	139	130	335
PBT	14,345	11,459	10,015	12,077	15,927
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Taxes	3,678	2,939	2,504	3,019	3,822
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0
Income from JV/Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Reported PAT	10,666	8,520	7,511	9,058	12,104
PAT growth (%)	37.5	(20.1)	(11.8)	20.6	33.6
Adjusted PAT	10,666	8,520	7,511	9,058	12,104
Diluted EPS (Rs)	78.2	62.5	55.1	66.4	88.7
Diluted EPS growth (%)	37.5	(20.1)	(11.8)	20.6	33.6
DPS (Rs)	5.5	7.0	8.2	8.2	8.2
Dividend payout (%)	7.0	11.2	15.0	12.4	9.3
EBITDA margin (%)	23.6	16.2	15.1	17.0	19.7
EBIT margin (%)	21.0	14.1	12.6	14.5	17.0
Effective tax rate (%)	25.6	25.6	25.0	25.0	24.0
NOPLAT (pre-IndAS)	10,603	8,350	7,241	8,762	11,941
Shares outstanding (mn)	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4

Source:	Company,	Emkay	Research
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Cash flows					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
PBT	14,345	11,459	10,015	12,077	15,927
Others (non-cash items)	(46)	(246)	(500)	(525)	(551)
Taxes paid	(3,535)	(2,600)	(2,510)	(3,012)	(3,801)
Change in NWC	(5,157)	(3,945)	2,953	(691)	(2,065)
Operating cash flow	8,238	6,499	11,948	9,982	12,373
Capital expenditure	(1,900)	(3,231)	(12,000)	(8,000)	(16,000)
Acquisition of business	3	(3)	0	0	0
Interest & dividend income	426	476	500	525	551
Investing cash flow	(4,241)	(2,761)	(10,300)	(6,975)	(13,949)
Equity raised/(repaid)	0	0	0	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	(2,057)	(2,618)	509	33	5,099
Payment of lease liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Interest paid	(340)	(248)	(139)	(130)	(335)
Dividend paid (incl tax)	(750)	(955)	(1,124)	(1,124)	(1,124)
Others	(711)	229	0	0	0
Financing cash flow	(3,858)	(3,591)	(754)	(1,221)	3,640
Net chg in Cash	140	148	894	1,786	2,064
OCF	8,238	6,499	11,948	9,982	12,373
Adj. OCF (w/o NWC chg.)	3,081	2,554	14,901	9,291	10,308
FCFF	6,338	3,268	(52)	1,982	(3,627)
FCFE	6,424	3,496	308	2,376	(3,411)
OCF/EBITDA (%)	51.4	50.4	103.9	72.9	67.8
FCFE/PAT (%)	60.2	41.0	4.1	26.2	(28.2)
FCFF/NOPLAT (%)	59.8	39.1	(0.7)	22.6	(30.4)

Source:	Company,	Emkay	Research

<b>Balance Sheet</b>					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Share capital	273	273	273	273	273
Reserves & Surplus	33,112	40,627	47,014	54,948	65,929
Net worth	33,384	40,900	47,287	55,221	66,202
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax liability (net)	1,229	1,565	1,565	1,565	1,565
Total debt	3,719	1,101	1,611	1,644	6,743
Total liabilities & equity	38,332	43,566	50,462	58,430	74,509
Net tangible fixed assets	19,140	18,895	27,058	30,049	43,500
Net intangible assets	495	522	522	522	522
Net ROU assets	0	0	0	0	0
Capital WIP	1,222	3,008	5,000	8,000	8,000
Goodwill	0	0	0	0	0
Investments [JV/Associates]	22	25	25	25	25
Cash & equivalents	4,786	4,168	3,862	5,148	5,712
Current assets (ex-cash)	18,640	24,669	21,408	22,469	25,640
Current Liab. & Prov.	5,973	7,720	7,413	7,783	8,888
NWC (ex-cash)	12,667	16,948	13,996	14,687	16,752
Total assets	38,332	43,566	50,462	58,430	74,509
Net debt	(1,067)	(3,067)	(2,251)	(3,504)	1,031
Capital employed	38,332	43,566	50,462	58,430	74,509
Invested capital	32,302	36,364	41,575	45,257	60,773
BVPS (Rs)	244.8	299.9	346.7	404.8	485.3
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.0	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)	0.0
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.3)	0.1
Interest coverage (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
RoCE (%)	42.8	28.6	21.6	22.4	24.5

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Valuations and key Ratios							
Y/E Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E		
P/E (x)	29.2	36.5	41.5	34.4	25.7		
P/CE(x)	25.0	30.6	33.3	28.1	21.2		
P/B (x)	9.3	7.6	6.6	5.6	4.7		
EV/Sales (x)	4.6	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.4		
EV/EBITDA (x)	19.4	23.9	26.9	22.5	17.1		
EV/EBIT(x)	21.8	27.5	32.0	26.4	19.9		
EV/IC (x)	9.6	8.5	7.4	6.8	5.1		
FCFF yield (%)	2.0	1.1	0.0	0.6	(1.2)		
FCFE yield (%)	2.1	1.1	0.1	0.8	(1.1)		
Dividend yield (%)	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4		
DuPont-RoE split							
Net profit margin (%)	15.7	10.7	9.8	11.3	13.1		
Total asset turnover (x)	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.4		
Assets/Equity (x)	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1		
RoE (%)	37.5	22.9	17.0	17.7	19.9		
DuPont-RoIC							
NOPLAT margin (%)	15.6	10.5	9.5	10.9	12.9		
IC turnover (x)	2.3	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.7		
RoIC (%)	36.4	24.3	18.6	20.2	22.5		
Operating metrics							
Core NWC days	68.0	77.6	66.9	66.7	66.1		
Total NWC days	68.0	77.6	66.9	66.7	66.1		
Fixed asset turnover	3.0	3.0	2.4	2.0	1.8		
Opex-to-revenue (%)	15.9	16.7	19.0	18.8	18.7		

Source: Company, Emkay Research

## **RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS**

Date	Closing Price (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst	
18-Jan-24	2,293	2,600	Add	Meet Vora	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

## **RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND**



Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

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