Strong Result; Positives Largely Factored in Rich Valuation

Est. Vs. Actual for Q4FY25: Revenue: INLINE; EBITDA: BEAT; PAT: MISS

Change in Estimates post Q4FY25

FY26E/FY27E: Revenue: 1%/2%; EBITDA: 1%/8%; PAT: -5%/3%

Recommendation Rationale

NFIL delivered robust, broad-based performance during the quarter, along with a notable recovery in margins. The management remains optimistic about sustaining growth momentum.

- Strong Momentum in CDMO: The CDMO segment reported a 141% YoY increase in revenue, supported by a healthy order book ensuring strong revenue visibility. The cGMP4 capex of Rs 288 Cr is progressing as planned, with Phase 1 of the facility expected to be commercialised by Q3FY26. The European CDMO business continues to advance, with new molecule orders secured for FY26 deliveries. Management reiterated its CDMO revenue guidance of USD 90–100 Mn, backed by the Fermion contract and growth from both new and existing molecules across development stages, aligned with the cGMP4 capacity expansion.
- HPP Growth Driven by Volume and Pricing: The HPP segment posted a 10% YoY increase in revenue, led by higher volumes and improved realisations. The company successfully commercialised additional R32 capacity in Mar'25, which is now running at optimal levels. Management highlighted sustained demand and favorable pricing trends for both HFOs and R32s.
- Strong Visibility in Specialty Chemicals: NFIL is operating at optimal capacity at its Dahej
 and Surat plants, with a strong order pipeline for FY26. Following successful validation from
 global agrochemical partners, the company is set to launch two new fluoro-intermediates for
 their innovative AI in FY26.
- Strategic partnership with Chemours and Buss ChemTech AG: NFIL partnered with Chemours to manufacture its proprietary product Opteon, a two-phase immersion cooling fluid. This manufacturing partnership leverages Chemours' innovation and Navin's manufacturing expertise to address the data cooling center needs created by AI and next-generation chips. Additionally, NFIL have also tied up with Buss ChemTech AG (Switzerland) as a technology partner to commercialise solar and electronic-grade HF.

Sector Outlook: Cautiously Optimistic

Company Outlook & Guidance: The company continues to add capacities and is also focused on maximising capacity utilisation, enhancing productivity, and driving efficiencies across all businesses. The order book reflects strong revenue visibility across all three segments over the short to medium term. With ongoing expansion, new molecule launches, and anticipated tie-ups in the CDMO space, the company is well-positioned to deliver strong performance in FY26 and FY27. The company has seen a steady improvement in margins in recent quarters, with potential for further improvement. However, the management mentioned that they will focus on maintaining current margins going ahead and has not given guidance for margin expansion.

Current Valuation: 30x FY27E (Earlier Valuation: 30x FY27E).

Current TP: Rs. 4,440/share (Earlier TP: 4,300/share).

Recommendation: While we are raising our target price, we downgrade the rating on the stock to HOLD from BUY as the valuation appears to have factored in the current growth prospects.

Financial Performance: Navin Fluorine International Ltd. (NFIL) reported strong Q4FY25 results. Revenue stood at Rs 701 Cr, up 16% YoY/QoQ, in line with our estimate of Rs 706 Cr. EBITDA rose sharply to Rs 179 Cr, up 62% YoY and 21% QoQ, exceeding our estimate of Rs 172 Cr by 4%. EBITDA margins improved to 25.5% from 18.3% in Q4FY24 and 24.3% in Q3FY24. PAT came in at Rs 95 Cr, up 35% YoY and 14% QoQ, slightly below our estimate of Rs 99 Cr.

Key Financials (Consolidated)

(Rs Cr)	Q4FY25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Axis Est.	Variance
Net Sales	701	16%	16%	706	-1%
EBITDA	179	62%	21%	172	4%
EBITDA Margin	25.5%	721bps	120bps	24.4%	110bps
Net Profit	95	35%	14%	99	-4%
EPS (Rs)	19.2	35%	14%	19.9	-4%

Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

	(CMP as of 9 th May 2025)
CMP (Rs)	4,590
Upside /Downside (%)	-3%
High/Low (Rs)	4,720/2,876
Market cap (Cr)	22,761
Avg. daily vol. (1m) Shrs.	2,37,416
No. of shares (Cr)	4.96

Shareholding (%)

	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25
Promoter	28.4	28.4	28.4
FIIs	18.2	18.6	20.2
DII	28.2	28.5	30
Retail	25.2	24.5	21.4

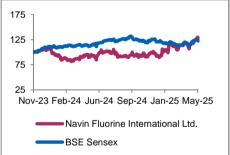
Financial & Valuations

(Rs Cr)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Net Sales	2,349	3,133	3,983
EBITDA	534	815	1,095
Net Profit	289	500	734
EPS (Rs)	58.2	100.9	148.0
PER (x)	78.8	45.5	31.0
P/BV (x)	8.7	7.4	6.1
ROE (%)	11.0%	16.3%	19.6%

Change in Estimates (%)

Y/E Mar	FY26E	FY27E
Sales	1%	2%
EBITDA	1%	8%
PAT	-5%	3%

Relative Performance



Source: ACE Equity, Axis Securities Research

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Outlook

NFIL delivered a robust performance in Q4FY25. Revenue came in at Rs 701 Cr, registering a 16% increase YoY and QoQ, broadly in line with the estimate of Rs 706 Cr. EBITDA rose sharply to Rs 179 Cr, marking a 62% YoY and 21% QoQ growth, surpassing the estimate of Rs 172 Cr by 4%. EBITDA margins expanded significantly to 25.5% vs 18.3% in Q4FY24 and 24.3% in Q3FY24, led by operating leverage and improved product mix. PAT stood at Rs 95 Cr, up 35% YoY and 14% QoQ, marginally below the estimate of Rs 99 Cr.

Valuation & Recommendation

NFIL continues to prioritise business expansion, enhancement of its technology capabilities, development of strategic partnerships, and long-term sustainable growth. While we acknowledge upside risks in terms of quicker-than-expected ramp-up in utilisation levels and contributions from new products, we believe the stock has already priced in most positives, and a further re-rating would depend on the successful execution and validation of growth initiatives. As a result, we downgrade our rating from BUY to HOLD, but revise the target price upwards to Rs 4,440/share (earlier 4,300/share), as we value the company at 30x FY27E earnings. This target implies a potential downside of 3% from the CMP.

Key Concall Highlights

- Financial Overview: NFIL delivered a strong performance despite a challenging macro environment. The HPP segment registered 10% YoY growth, supported by higher volumes and improved realisations. The Specialty Chemicals segment posted a modest 1% YoY increase. The CDMO segment led overall growth with a 141% YoY rise, driven by a healthy pipeline of RFQs and confirmed orders. Gross margins stood at 54.2%, down 240 bps QoQ due to rising raw material costs, particularly sulphur, but up 420 bps YoY. EBITDA margins expanded by 712 bps YoY to 25.5%, aided by better capacity utilisation, favourable pricing, and cost optimisation efforts. The company maintained a healthy debt-to-equity ratio of 0.37x and generated Rs 571 Cr in operating cash flows. Higher depreciation and interest expenses were attributed to the commissioning of the Fluoro Specialty project. Management guided for quarterly depreciation of Rs 30–35 Cr and annual interest expenses of Rs 130–140 Cr, which may decline with debt repayment.
- Strategic Partnership with Chemours: NFIL entered a strategic partnership with Chemours to manufacture
 Opteon, a two-phase immersion cooling fluid targeting data centre cooling needs driven by Al and next-gen chips. A
 dedicated manufacturing unit will be set up in Surat with a total capex of \$14 Mn, including \$5 Mn from Chemours.
 The facility is expected to be operational by Q1FY27. Both parties will revisit the partnership scope depending on
 future demand trends.
- Technology Tie-up with Buss ChemTech AG: NFIL formed a partnership with Buss ChemTech AG, Switzerland, to commercialise solar and electronic grade HF. Buss ChemTech AG brings over a century of expertise in this domain.
- HPP: The company successfully commercialised additional R32 capacity on March 25 and is currently operating at
 optimal levels. Management continues to witness strong demand and firm pricing in both HFOs and R32s. AHF
 capex of Rs 450 Cr is expected to be commissioned by Q2FY26, aimed at strengthening NFIL's presence in the
 solar and electronic grid segments in India and international markets.
- CDMO: The CDMO business posted a 141% YoY revenue increase, supported by a strong order book and healthy
 visibility. The Rs 288 Cr cGMP4 capex is progressing as scheduled, with Phase 1 (Rs 160 Cr investment) targeted
 for commercialization by Q3FY26. Progress continues in the European CDMO segment, with new molecule orders
 secured for FY26 deliveries.



- Specialty Chemicals: The company is operating at optimal capacity at both Dahej and Surat facilities and has secured solid order visibility for FY26. Following successful validation from global agrochemical partners, NFIL is introducing two new Fluoro-intermediates for Al applications in FY26. Commercial production at the Dahej Fluoro Specialty facility, commissioned in December 2024, is ramping up well, with targeted capacity utilisation of 50–55%.
- US Tariff: Management indicated that the current US tariff landscape remains either neutral or slightly positive for NFII
- Capex and Margin Outlook: For FY26, NFIL has planned a capex outlay of Rs 500–600 Cr. The company aims to sustain EBITDA margins above current levels, expected to range between 23–27%, by focusing on operational efficiency, enhancing product mix, and controlling fixed costs.

Key Risks to Our Estimates and TP

- A global recessionary environment, especially a prolonged recession, could affect demand for upstream players.
- Significant price fluctuations in key raw materials and key products.
- Delay/Early ramp-up in Capex and Commercialisation of plants

Change in Estimates

	Revised		Ol	d	Change (%)	
	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Sales	3,133	3,983	3,114	3,893	1%	2%
EBITDA	815	1,095	810	1,012	1%	8%
PAT	500	734	526	709	-5%	3%
EPS (Rs)	100.9	148.0	106.2	143.1	-5%	3%

Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

Q4FY25 Results Review

	Q4FY24	Q3FY25	Q4FY25 Axis Est	Q4FY25	% Change (YoY)	% Change (QoQ)	Axis Variance
Net Sales	602	606	706	701	16.4%	15.6%	-0.7%
COGS	301	263	306	321	6.7%	22.0%	
Employee Cost	71	71	85	70	-1.4%	-1.4%	
Other Expenses	120	124	143	131	9.4%	5.1%	
EBITDA	110	147	172	179	62.4%	21.3%	3.7%
EBITDA Margin %	18.3%	24.3%	24.4%	25.5%	721bps	120bps	110bps
Depreciation	26	30	31	35	37.1%	19.3%	
EBIT	84	118	141	143	70.1%	21.8%	
Interest	17	20	23	28	62.0%	39.8%	
PBT	67	98	119	115	72.2%	18.1%	
Exceptional Items							
Other Income	13	10	10	12	-5.5%	12.9%	
PBT	79	108	129	127	59.9%	17.6%	
Tax	9	24	30	32	254.4%	31.2%	
Tax Rate %	11%	23%	23%	25%	121.6%	11.6%	
PAT	70	84	99	95	35.0%	13.6%	-3.7%
EPS (Rs)	14.2	16.9	19.9	19.2	34.8%	13.6%	-3.7%

Source: Company, Axis Securities Research



Financials (Consolidated)

Profit & Loss (Rs Cr)

Y/E March	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Net Sales	2,077	2,065	2,349	3,133	3,983
COGS	896	935	1,039	1,347	1,693
Employee Cost	249	286	297	376	438
Other Expenses	382	445	480	595	757
Total Expenditure	1,527	1,667	1,816	2,318	2,888
EBITDA	550	398	534	815	1,095
EBITDA Margin %	26.5%	19.3%	22.7%	26.0%	27.5%
Depreciation	63	96	119	128	149
EBIT	488	302	414	687	946
Interest	28	75	78	101	94
РВТ	460	228	336	586	852
Exceptional Items					
Other Income	36	56	44	63	100
PBT	496	336	380	650	953
Tax	121	65	91	149	219
Tax Rate %	23.6%	24.3%	19.4%	24.1%	23.0%
PAT	375	271	289	500	734
EPS	76	55	58	101	148

Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

Balance Sheet (Rs Cr)

Y/E March	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Share Capital	10	10	10	10	10
Reserves & Surplus	2,175	2,373	2,616	3,057	3,731
Total Equity Capital	2,185	2,383	2,626	3,067	3,741
Trade Payables	243	303	327	343	382
Other Financial Liabilities	101	84	99	99	99
Other Current Liabilities	54	40	52	52	52
Total Current Liability	521	787	915	931	882
Long-term Borrowings	753	1,023	1,053	1,053	1,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities	823	1,208	1,289	1,302	1,259
Total Liabilities	1,344	1,994	2,204	2,233	2,141
Total Equity + Liabilities	3,529	4,377	4,830	5,300	5,883
Inventories	468	372	322	386	436
Trade Receivable	562	513	582	644	709
Investments	31	486	472	422	422
Cash and Equivalents	14	7	20	41	158
Other Current Assets	363	137	153	153	153
Total Current Assets	1,466	1,553	1,589	1,686	1,918
Net Block	1,472	1,685	2,550	2,923	3,273
Capital Work in Progress	279	711	350	350	350
Goodwill on consolidation	88	88	88	88	88
Total Non-Current Assets	2,063	2,824	3,242	3,614	3,964
Total Assets	3,529	4,377	4,830	5,300	5,883

Source: Company, Axis Securities Research



Cash Flow (Rs Cr)

Y/E March	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
PBT	496	336	380	650	953
Depreciation & Amortization	63	96	119	128	149
Change in Working cap	(531)	361	93	(59)	(77)
Direct tax paid	(110)	(34)	(78)	(149)	(219)
Cash From Operating Activities	(64)	750	571	668	898
Change in Gross Block	(758)	(732)	(567)	(500)	(500)
Interest Received	3	3	2	2	2
Cash Flow from Investing Activities	(656)	(1,093)	(511)	(498)	(498)
Proceeds / (Repayment) of Short Term Borrowings (Net)	91	110	69	-	(87)
Finance Cost paid	(28)	(75)	(79)	(101)	(94)
Dividends paid	(54)	(74)	(60)	(59)	(59)
Cash from Financing Activities	658	336	(47)	(148)	(283)
Opening Cash & Cash Equivalents	76	14	7	20	41
Chg in cash	(61)	(8)	13	22	117
Closing Cash & Cash Equivalent	14	7	20	41	158

Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

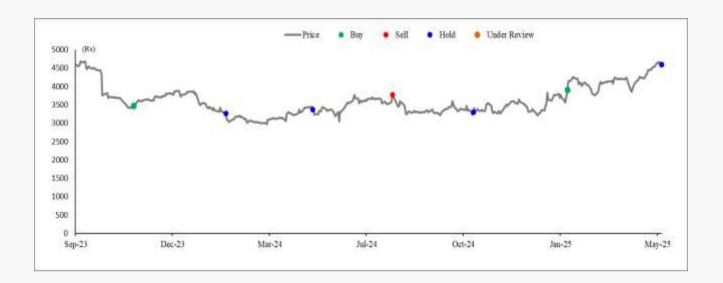
Ratio Analysis (%)

Y/E March	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Growth (%)					
Net Sales	42.9%	-0.6%	13.8%	33.4%	27.1%
EBITDA	55.1%	-27.6%	34.0%	52.6%	34.5%
APAT	42.6%	-27.9%	6.7%	73.3%	46.7%
Profitability (%)					
EBITDA Margin	26.5%	19.3%	22.7%	26.0%	27.5%
Adj. PAT Margin	18.1%	13.1%	12.3%	16.0%	18.4%
ROCE	36.3%	15.1%	18.8%	30.8%	46.3%
ROE	17.2%	11.4%	11.0%	16.3%	19.6%
Per Share Data (Rs)					
Adj. EPS	75.7	54.6	58.2	100.9	148.0
BVPS	440.8	480.7	529.9	618.8	754.8
DPS	12.0	15.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Valuations (X)					
PER	60.6	84.1	78.8	45.5	31.0
P/BV	10.4	9.5	8.7	7.4	6.1
EV / EBITDA	42.9	60.5	45.3	29.6	21.8
EV / Net Sales	11.4	11.7	10.3	7.7	6.0
Turnover Days					
Asset Turnover	1.9	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1
Inventory days	64	74	54	45	40
Debtors days	81	95	85	75	65
Creditors days	34	48	49	40	35
Working Capital Days	110	121	90	80	70

Source: Company, Axis Securities Research



Navin Fluorine International Price Chart and Recommendation History



Date	Reco	TP	Research
02-Nov-23	BUY	5,200	Result Update
07-Feb-24	HOLD	3,220	Result Update
08-May-24	HOLD	3,080	Result Update
31-Jul-24	SELL	3,135	Result Update
24-Oct-24	HOLD	3,570	Result Update
31-Jan-25	BUY	4,300	Result Update
12-May-25	HOLD	4,440	Result Update

Source: Axis Securities Research



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