## Decent numbers; continue to maintain Buy

## BUY

| CMP (Rs) | $\mathbf{5 5 6}$ |
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| Target Price (Rs) | $\mathbf{6 9 3}$ |
| Potential Upside | $24.6 \%$ |
| Sensex | 72,186 |
| Nifty | 21,929 |


| Key Stock data |  |
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| BSE Code | 509480 |
| NSE Code | BERGEPAINT |
| Bloomberg | BRGR:IN |
| Shares o/s, Cr (FV 1) | 116.6 |
| Market Cap (Rs Cr) | 64,789 |
| 3M Avg Volume | 962,666 |
| $\mathbf{5 2}$ week H/L | $680 / 458$ |

## Shareholding Pattern

| (\%) | Jun-23 | Sep-23 | Dec-23 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Promoter | 75.0 | 75.0 | 75.0 |
| FII | 10.8 | 10.9 | 10.7 |
| DII | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.7 |
| Others | 10.4 | 10.0 | 9.6 |

## 1 year relative price performance





Q3FY24 Result Update | Sector: Paint | February 07, 2024
Steady volume growth: Berger paints reported consolidated revenue growth of $7 \%$ YoY/4.1\% QoQ to Rs $2,881.8 \mathrm{cr}$ and its standalone revenue growth grew by $6.4 \%$ YoY with volume growth of $9.1 \%$ YoY. Amongst segments, both decorative and industrial segments continued to perform well, despite price cuts taken by the company. Additionally, decorative volume grew in double digit and consistent growth in protective coatings, automotive \& general industrial segment as well as revival in powder coating segment aided sentiments. In the International market, strong growth was reported from Bolix Poland while subdued performance continued from Nepal business.

Robust improvement in margins: It reported consolidated gross profit of Rs $1,183.7 \mathrm{cr}$, up by $26.7 \% \mathrm{YoY} / 4 \%$ QoQ with margin at $41.1 \%$, which was flat sequentially witnessing an increase of 638 bps YoY led by decline in raw material prices. Also, EBITDA grew by $37.3 \%$ YoY/l.3\% QoQ to Rs 480 cr and margin came in at $16.7 \%$, up by 368 bps YoY and was down by 46 bps sequentially. The growth was led by better product mix and decent volume growth however increase in advertisement spends led by ICC Cricket World Cup in the quarter impacted a bit. Further, consolidated PAT grew by $49.2 \%$ YoY/2.7\% QoQ to Rs 300.2cr.

Key Highlights: 1) India operation maintained its improved market share around $20 \%$ 2) Product mix saw an improvement for the quarter. 3) Economy segment seeing good traction. 4) Price cuts taken for several products led to the gap between value and volume growth. 5) Advertisement expense as a \% of sales was about $1.5 \%$. 6) Amongst decorative, wood coatings, construction chemical \& waterproofing business had another quarter of stellar performance. 7) Amongst the industrial segment, demand revival of the fan industry and new customer acquisition aided growth for powder coating business. 8) Tier 2 \& Tier 3 showed better performance as compared to Tier 1. 9) It added $\sim 2300+$ retail touchpoints and installed ~1300 color bank machines in Q3FY24.

Outlook \& Valuation: Berger Paints reported yet another quarter of decent numbers led by higher single digit volume growth and robust margin improvement as compared last year. Going forward, demand to remain robust driven by both its segments as well as pickup in rural demand. Additionally, the management expects higher government spending would aid growth for paints and coating segment along with its focus on adding more products, improving mix and expanding reach. However, on margins they do not expect much improvement while it could sustain near to similar levels of 16-18\%. On the financial front, we estimate its revenue/EBITDA to grow at $17.2 \% / 27.4 \%$ CAGR over FY23-26E and maintain a Buy rating with a price target of Rs 693.

Financial Summary - consolidated

| Particulars, Rs cr | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net revenue | 10,568 | 11,416 | 13,927 | 16,991 |
| EBITDA | 1,487 | 1,978 | 2,465 | 3,075 |
| EBITDAM (\%) | 14.1 | 17.3 | 17.7 | 18.1 |
| APAT | 860 | 1,235 | 1,531 | 1,918 |
| APATM (\%) | 8.1 | 10.8 | 11.0 | 11.3 |
| EPS (Rs) | 8.9 | 10.6 | 13.1 | 16.5 |
| PE (x) | 62.8 | 52.5 | 42.3 | 33.8 |
| RoE (\%) | 19.1 | 23.4 | 24.6 | 26.2 |



## Story in charts

| Revenue grew by 7.0\% YoYand 4.1\% Q०Q | Gross margins improved by 638bps YoY but was flat sequentially |
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| EBITDA (Rs cr) grew by 37.3\% YoY and 1.3\% QoQ | EBITDA Margin increased by 368bps YoY but decreased by 46bps QoQ |
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| PAT (Rs cr) grew by 49.2\% YoY and 2.7\% Q०Q | PAT Margins improved by 295bps YoY but declined by 14bps QoQ |
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P\&L Account - consolidated

| Particulars, Rs cr | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | 10,568 | 11,416 | 13,927 | 16,991 |
| Expenditure |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of materials | 5,853 | 5,568 | 6,768 | 8,224 |
| Purchase of stock in trade | 971 | 924 | 1,128 | 1,376 |
| (Increase) / Decrease In Stocks | (93) | 265 | 306 | 357 |
| Total raw materials | 6,731 | 6,757 | 8,203 | 9,957 |
| Gross Profit | 3,837 | 4,658 | 5,724 | 7,034 |
| Gross Margins (\%) | 36.3 | 40.8 | 41.1 | 41.4 |
| Employee cost | 609 | 708 | 863 | 1,036 |
| Other expenses | 1,741 | 1,972 | 2,395 | 2,922 |
| Total expenditure | 9,081 | 9,437 | 11,462 | 13,915 |
| EBITDA | 1,487 | 1,978 | 2,465 | 3,075 |
| EBITDAM (\%) | 14.1 | 17.3 | 17.7 | 18.1 |
| Depreciation | 264 | 328 | 400 | 488 |
| PBIT | 1,223 | 1,650 | 2,065 | 2,587 |
| Other income | 52 | 67 | 82 | 100 |
| Interest expenses | 99 | 80 | 97 | 119 |
| PBT | 1,176 | 1,638 | 2,049 | 2,568 |
| Tax | 302 | 414 | 518 | 650 |
| Reported PAT | 874 | 1,223 | 1,531 | 1,918 |
| Exceptional Income / Expenses | (13) | 12 | - | - |
| PAT (after Exceptional) | 860 | 1,235 | 1,531 | 1,918 |
| PAT Margin (\%) | 8.1 | 10.8 | 11.0 | 11.3 |
| EPS (Rs) | 8.9 | 10.6 | 13.1 | 16.5 |

## Balance Sheet - consolidated

| Particulars, Rs cr | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Share Capital | 97 | 117 | 117 | 117 |
| Reserves \& Surplus | 4,397 | 5,166 | 6,114 | 7,216 |
| Total Shareholder's Fund | 4,494 | 5,283 | 6,231 | 7,333 |
| Minority Interest | 8 | 12 | 14 | 18 |
| Long term borrowings | 8 | 13 | 16 | 19 |
| Short term borrowing | 760 | 821 | 1,001 | 1,222 |
| Total Debt | 768 | 834 | 1,017 | 1,241 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 74 | 80 | 98 | 119 |
| Long term provision | 12 | 13 | 16 | 19 |
| Other long term liabilities | 415 | 448 | 547 | 667 |
| Total | 501 | 541 | 660 | 806 |
| Current Liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Trade payables | 1,766 | 1,907 | 2,327 | 2,839 |
| Short term provisions | 67 | 73 | 89 | 108 |
| Other current liabilities | 363 | 392 | 479 | 584 |
| Total | 2,196 | 2,372 | 2,894 | 3,531 |
| Total liabilities | 7,967 | 9,042 | 10,817 | 12,928 |
| Application of Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Net Block | 3,050 | 3,657 | 4,385 | 5,259 |
| Current work in process | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 |
| Goodwill on consolidation | 282 | 282 | 282 | 282 |
| Non current investment | 130 | 141 | 223 | 272 |
| Tax assets | 69 | 74 | 91 | 111 |
| Other non-current assets | 162 | 174 | 213 | 260 |
| Total | 3,803 | 4,439 | 5,304 | 6,294 |
| Current Assets |  |  |  |  |


| Current investments | 53 | 57 | 70 | 85 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Inventories | 2,319 | 2,505 | 3,056 | 3,729 |
| Trade receivables | 1,243 | 1,343 | 1,638 | 1,999 |
| Cash balance | 116 | 257 | 239 | 228 |
| Bank balance | 129 | 129 | 129 | 129 |
| Short term loans and <br> advances | 4 | 4 | 5 | 7 |
| Other current assets | 300 | 308 | 376 | 459 |
| Total | $\mathbf{4 , 1 6 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 6 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 5 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 6 3 5}$ |
| Total assets | $\mathbf{7 , 9 6 7}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 0 4 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 , 8 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 , 9 2 8}$ |

Cashflow - consolidated

| Particulars, Rs cr | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E | Particulars | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Profit before tax | 1,162 | 1,650 | 2,049 | 2,568 | Per share Data |  |  |  |  |
| Add: Depreciation | 264 | 328 | 400 | 488 | EPS (Rs) | 8.9 | 10.6 | 13.1 | 16.5 |
| Add: Interest cost | 99 | 80 | 97 | 119 | Book value per share (Rs) | 46.3 | 45.3 | 53.5 | 62.9 |
| Other Inc/Int. Rec. | (16) | (17) | (20) | (25) | Dividend per share (Rs) | 3.1 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 7.0 |
| Others | 34 | - | - | - | Dividend Yield (\%) | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.3 |
| Operating profit before WC | 1,543 | 2,041 | 2,526 | 3,150 | Dividend Payout (\%) | 35.0 | 37.7 | 38.1 | 42.5 |
| Changes in working capital | (260) | (96) | (329) | (402) | Profitability Ratios |  |  |  |  |
| Cash from Operations | 1,284 | 1,945 | 2,197 | 2,749 | EBITDAM (\%) | 14.1 | 17.3 | 17.7 | 18.1 |
| Less: Taxes | (308) | (414) | (518) | (650) | PBTM (\%) | 11.1 | 14.3 | 14.7 | 15.1 |
| Cash flow from Operations | 976 | 1,531 | 1,679 | 2,099 | NPM (\%) | 8.1 | 10.8 | 11.0 | 11.3 |
| Net cash used in Investing |  |  |  |  | RoE (\%) | 19.1 | 23.4 | 24.6 | 26.2 |
| Purchase of fixed assets | (748) | (935) | $(1,128)$ | $(1,362)$ | RoCE (\%) | 23.2 | 27.0 | 28.5 | 30.2 |
| Purchase of investments | 36 | (15) | (95) | (64) | Efficiency Data |  |  |  |  |
| Sales of fixed assets | 4 | - | - | - | Debt-Equity Ratio | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Div. Income/Interest Rec. | 17 | 17 | 20 | 25 | Interest Cover Ratio | 12.3 | 20.7 | 21.2 | 21.8 |
| Others | 90 | - | - | - | Fixed Asset Ratio | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Cash flow from investing | (600) | (933) | $(1,203)$ | $(1,402)$ | Debtors (Days) | 42.9 | 42.9 | 42.9 | 42.9 |
| Cash flow from Financing |  |  |  |  | Inventory (Days) | 80.1 | 80.1 | 80.1 | 80.1 |
| Proceeds of borrowings | 8,414 | 66 | 183 | 224 | Payable (Days) | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 | 61.0 |
| Sales of borrowings | $(8,232)$ | - | - | - | WC (Days) | 62.1 | 62.1 | 62.1 | 62.1 |
| Dividend (Incl dividend tax) | (301) | (466) | (583) | (816) | Valuation |  |  |  |  |
| Interest cost | (61) | (80) | (97) | (119) | P/E (x) | 62.8 | 52.5 | 42.3 | 33.8 |
| Others | (182) | 4 | 3 | 3 | P/BV | 12.0 | 12.3 | 10.4 | 8.8 |
| Cash flow from Financing | (363) | (457) | (494) | (708) | EV/EBITDA | 36.8 | 33.0 | 26.6 | 21.4 |
| Net cash Inflow/Outflow | 13 | 141 | (18) | (10) | EV/Sales | 5.2 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 3.9 |
| Opening cash | 103 | 116 | 257 | 239 |  |  |  | Source: RBL Research |  |
| Closing cash | 116 | 257 | 239 | 228 |  |  |  |  |  |

## Key ratios - consolidated

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