RESULT REPORT Q2 FY25 | Sector: Energy

Indraprastha Gas Ltd

Volume beat expectations, but weaker EBITDA spread dampens the earnings

Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) reported an underwhelming Q2FY25 performance, with Rs5.4bn EBITDA being lower 18.4% YoY and 7.9% QoQ. The Rs4.3bn PAT demonstrated 19.4% YoY decline but experienced a 7.4% QoQ increase. Despite beating volume expectations, the realizations were lower than estimated and elevated gas cost led to eroding EBITDA margins. The stock witnessing a sharp correction, we upgrade our rating to ADD with a revised target price of Rs 474/share (earlier Rs 533).

Result Highlights

- Performance: The Rs5.4bn EBITDA (below our and consensus estimates on weaker EBITDA spreads) was down 18.4% YoY and 7.9% QoQ, while the Rs4.3bn PAT was down 19.4% YoY but up 7.4% QoQ, below our estimates of Rs 4.6bn. Overall lower-than-expected EBITDA spreads but outpaced volumes growth on track to meet the management's target exit of ~9.5mmsmcd by Q4FY25.
- Volumes at 9.02mmscmd was up 8.6% YoY and 4.5% QoQ. CNG volumes were at 6.78mmscmd (our est. 6.52), up 8.5% YoY, 5.1% QoQ. D-PNG volumes were at 0.65mmscmd, up 12.4% YoY but down 3.2% QoQ. Industrial and commercial sales were 1.09mmscmd, up 11.4% YoY and 7.9% QoQ. Haryana sale volumes were 0.50msmcmd, stable at peak levels.
- Gross realization at Rs44.6/scm, down 1.6% YoY and 0.6% QoQ. The CNG price
 was increased by the company on 22-Jun'24 by Rs 1/kg to Rs75.09/kg supporting
 gross realizations. The gross realizations are lower than our estimates possibly on
 higher discounts in CNG segment.
- The gross margin was Rs11.94/scm, down 15.4% YoY and 9.7% QoQ. The YoY decrease was due to lower realizations, decreased share of APM, also higher share of sourcing HP/HT and term which are more expensive versus APM. Opex, at Rs5.48/scm, was flat YoY and down 5.8% QoQ. The EBITDA spread, at Rs6.46/scm, was down 24.9% YoY and 12.8% QoQ (lower than our estimate of 7.65) on lower relations and higher than estimated gas cost.
- The other income at Rs 1,493mn was up 11.5% YoY and up 105.5% QoQ on dividend income from its subsidiaries MNGL and CUGL. JV contribution of CUGL and MNGL to IGL's PAT was Rs905.2mn in Q2, flat YoY and up 12.1% sequentially.
- H1FY25 performance: EBITDA/PAT was at Rs 11.2/8.3bn vs Rs 13/9.7bn last year. The volumes at 8.83mmscmd (vs 8.25 last year), of which CNG was at 6.62mmscmd vs 6.21. The EBITDA spread was at Rs 6.92/scm vs 8.60 last year. The OCF is higher at Rs9.35bn vs Rs8.67 in H1FY24.
- The company has **declared an interim dividend** of Rs 5.5/shr, ~46% dividend payout on H1FY25 earnings, the record date set at 12-Nov'24.

Valuation

We expect an 6.9% volume CAGR over FY24-FY27 with a spread of Rs6.7-6.9/scm. Delhi is growing at 1-2% annually as the volumes have been impacted by decrease in DTC buses volumes. GautamBudh Nagar and Ghaziabad growing by 10-20% and areas outside these are growing in the range of 10-20% while seeing exponential growth on lower bases. EVs are planned to take the place of the retired DTC buses (which contributes ~18% to the volumes) and it would have a negative impact on IGL volumes. The stock trades at 17.7x/15.9x/14.9 FY25e/26e/27e PER and at 14.1x/12.7x/11.9x excluding investments in CUGL and MNGL. We upgrade our rating to ADD on sharp correction in the stock price, valuing the stock on a PER basis, assigning a 15x multiple with a revised target of Rs474 (incl. value from investments in MNGL, at Rs63/sh and, in CUGL, atRs21/sh).



Reco	:	ADD
СМР	:	Rs 417
Target Price	:	Rs 474
Potential Return	:	+13.8%

Stock data (as on Oct 29, 2024)

Nifty	24,467
52 Week h/I (Rs)	570 / 376
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	283290 / 3371
Outstanding Shares (mn)	700
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	1,433
Div yield (%):	1.7
Bloomberg code:	IGL IN
NSE code:	IGL

Stock performance



Shareholding pattern (As of Sep'24 end)

Promoter	45.0%
FII+DII	46.3%
Others	8.7%

Δ in stance

(1-Yr)	New	Old
Rating	ADD	REDUCE
Target Price	474	533

Δ in estimates

(1-Yr)	FY25e	FY26e	FY27e
EPS (New)	23.6	26.2	28.0
EPS (Old)	26.4	28.7	30.5
% Change	(10.5)	(8.5)	(8.2)

Financial Summary

(Rs bn)	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	149.8	158.0	169.7
YoY Growth	7.0	5.5	7.4
EBIDTA	22.3	24.5	26.0
OPM %	14.9	15.5	15.3
PAT	16.5	18.4	19.6
YoY Growth	(5.4)	11.1	6.9
ROE	18.2	17.9	17.0
EPS	23.6	26.2	28.0
P/E	17.7	15.9	14.9
BV	137.8	155.0	174.0
EV/EBITDA	12.9	11.7	10.9

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Exhibit 1: Actual vs estimate

Rs mn	Actual =	Estimate		% Vari	ation	Remarks
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Sales	36,973	36,753	36,472	0.60	1.37	
EBITDA	5,359	6,151	5,972	-12.88	-10.27	Volume beat expectations, but weaker
EBITDA Margin (%)	14.49	16.74	16.38	-224bps	-188bps	EBITDA spread dampens the earnings on declining APM allocation
Adjusted PAT	4,311	4,644	4,525	-7.17	-4.73	

Exhibit 2: Earnings snapshot

Particulars (Rs mn)	Q2 FY24	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25	Q2 FY25	y/y (%)	q/q (%)	H1FY24	H1FY25	y/y (%)
Revenue	34,585	35,562	35,968	35,206	36,973	6.9	5.0	68,655	72,179	5.1
Expenditure	28,016	29,921	30,742	29,388	31,614	12.8	7.6	55,662	61,001	9.6
- Raw Material	23,803	25,459	25,528	24,818	27,068	13.7	9.1	47,144	51,887	10.1
- Staff Cost	516	583	660	507	484	(6.1)	(4.5)	1,024	991	(3.2)
- Other expenses	3,697	3,879	4,555	4,062	4,061	9.8	(0.0)	7,494	8,123	8.4
Operating Profit	6,569	5,641	5,226	5,819	5,359	(18.4)	(7.9)	12,993	11,178	(14.0)
OPM (%)	19.0	15.9	14.5	16.5	14.5	-450 bps	-203 bps	18.9	15.5	-344 bps
Other Income	1,340	550	1,094	727	1,493	11.5	105.5	1,796	2,220	23.6
Depreciation	1,022	1,018	1,108	1,143	1,184	15.8	3.6	2,012	2,327	15.7
Interest	25	18	26	22	23	(5.7)	5.0	48	45	(6.2)
Excpnl Loss/(Profit)	-	-	-	-	-	na	na	-	-	n.a.
PBT	6,862	5,155	5,187	5,380	5,645	(17.7)	4.9	12,730	11,025	(13.4)
Tax	1,514	1,235	1,359	1,366	1,334	(11.9)	(2.3)	2,998	2,700	(9.9)
PAT	5,348	3,921	3,828	4,015	4,311	(19.4)	7.4	9,732	8,325	(14.5)
Adj PAT	5,348	3,921	3,828	4,015	4,311	(19.4)	7.4	9,732	8,325	(14.5)

Exhibit 3: Operating highlights

Particulars	Q2 FY24	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25	Q2 FY25	y/y (%)	q/q (%)	H1FY24	H1FY25	y/y (%)
Volumes (MMSCMD)	8.3	8.5	8.7	8.6	9.0	8.6	4.5	8.25	8.83	7.0
CNG	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.8	8.5	5.1	6.21	6.62	6.6
Domestic	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	12.4	(3.2)	0.58	0.66	14.2
Industrial/ Commercial	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	11.4	7.9	0.97	1.05	8.6
Haryana Sales	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	-	-	0.50	0.50	0.5
Total PNG	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.2	8.9	2.7	2.04	2.21	8.2
Margins (Rs/scm)										
Revenue	45.3	45.6	45.3	44.8	44.6	(1.6)	(0.6)	45.47	44.69	(1.7)
GM	14.1	12.9	13.1	13.2	11.9	(15.4)	(9.7)	14.25	12.56	(11.8)
Opex	5.5	5.7	6.6	5.8	5.5	(0.7)	(5.8)	5.64	5.64	0.0
EBITDA	8.6	7.2	6.6	7.4	6.5	(24.9)	(12.8)	8.60	6.92	(19.6)
Share of JV PAT (MNGL & CUGL) Rs mn	901.6	857.5	815.2	807.7	905.2	0.4	12.1	1,737.5	1,712.9	(1.4)
JV Share - EPS	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.4	12.1	2.5	2.4	(1.4)



Exhibit 4: Volumes

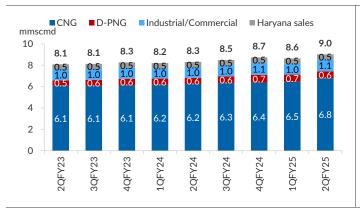
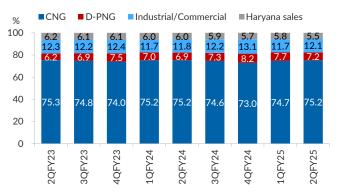


Exhibit 5: % share of Volumes



Source: Company, YES Sec

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Exhibit 6: Margins and Opex

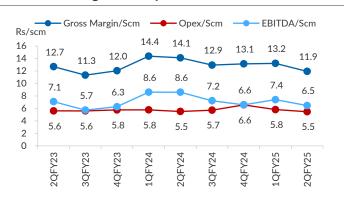
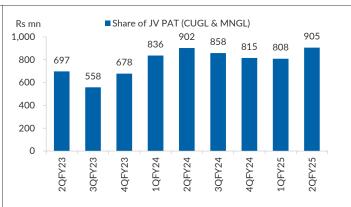


Exhibit 7: PAT contribution of CUG and MNG



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CONCALL HIGHLIGHTS

- Sales Breakup: Overall sales saw a 9% YoY growth, driven by a 7% increase in Delhi NCR and 29% growth in newer GAs.
- Connections: IGL's network has grown significantly, with a steel network of ~2200+km and an MDPE network extending to ~26,000km. This infrastructure now serves over 2.8mn households, ~5,000 industrial, and ~6,300 commercial customers. D-PNG connections rose by 0.1mn in H1FY25, with another 0.2mn targeted for H2.
- CNG business: IGL operates more than 884 (+2) CNG stations, serving approximately 2mn vehicles per day. During Q2FY25, average CNG sales were 4.81mn kg/day, peaking at 5.29mn kg/day, and further rising to 5.5mn kg/day in Oct'24. The CNG vehicle population is up by ~10% monthly, with around 15,740 new and retrofitted CNG vehicles added each month. Management is considering a potential price hike of Rs2-3/kg, noting minimal impact on volume growth due to competitive pricing against diesel and petrol. Additionally, due to the APM allocation reduction, maintaining the same EBITDA level would require a CNG price increase of ~Rs5/kg in Delhi and around Rs5.5-6/kg in other states.
- Gas Sourcing: IGL's gas sourcing comprises 50% APM gas, with the remaining from long-term contracts totaling 3.12mmscmd (2.5mmscmd is RLNG, of which Henry Hub is 1.5mmscmd and Brent-linked gas at ~0.85-1mmscmd. In Oct'24, APM allocation was reduced by ~20% (~1mmscmd for IGL). To address this, IGL has secured short-term supply through RLNG tenders and IGX contracts while exploring long-term options. ONGC's new well gas supply and upcoming HP/HT gas supply in Feb'25 may offer additional support.
- Volume Growth & Guidance: In terms of YoY volume growth across regions; Gautam Buddh Nagar 11%, Ghaziabad 20%, Haryana 21%, and Gurugram 12%. Kaithal and Karnal registered 30% growth, with Ajmer seeing a 95% increase due to a very low base. The management has set FY25 volume guidance at 3400mmscm with 8-10% YoY growth in the years ahead, expecting an average daily volume of 9.5mmscmd for H2FY25 driven by strong CNG and industrial/commercial demand. Industrial/commercial volumes are up 10-11%.
- EBITDA spread guidance: IGL revised its EBITDA spread guidance to Rs6-7/scm, down from Rs7.5-8.5/scm, primarily due to the reduced APM allocation and price adjustments.
- Capex: IGL's capex target for FY25 is Rs17bn, with Rs5bn already incurred in H1FY25.
 Approximately 45% is designated for Delhi NCR, with the remaining 55% for newer GAs. The company anticipates accelerated capex spending in H2FY25 as projects gain traction.
- LNG Business: IGL is expanding into LNG, with one operational station in Ajmer (~10,000 kg/day) and three additional stations expected by FY25 in Dadri (CONCOR), Noida, and Rewari. Ajmer's LNG station reports similar EBITDA/scm to CNG, supported by an exciseduty exemption which is offset by increased transportation cost. The selling price of LNG is Rs 82.94/kg at Ajmer, like CNG price there, extra margins given no excise duty on LNG. IGL aims to develop 50 LNG stations over the next 3-5 years, each at ~Rs100mn
- Differential in Petrol/Diesel Pricing: In Delhi, CNG costs Rs75/kg compared to Rs86/ltr for diesel and Rs96/ltr for petrol, offering a 40-45% savings over petrol. Outside Delhi NCR, CNG remains 35-40% cheaper than petrol and ~20% less than diesel, maintaining its appeal in new markets.
- Associates: IGL's associates posted mixed performance. Maharashtra Natural Gas Ltd. (MNGL) reported a YoY volume growth of 16-17%, achieving 1.68mmscmd. Central UP Gas Ltd. (CUGL) remained flat in volume. Income from associates reached Rs800mn from MNGL and Rs80mn from CUGL during the quarter.
- Alternate Initiatives: IGL is pursuing strategic inorganic growth opportunities, including in the CBG sector, to boost volumes and profitability. The company remains focused on expanding in LNG, CBG, and potential diversification areas for sustained long-term growth.

VIEW & VALUATION

ADD with a TP of Rs 474/sh.

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Exhibit 8: Valuation table

	FY27E
EPS (Rs/share)	
Standalone Earnings (net of dividend from Investments)	26.0
MNGL	4.2
CUGL	1.4
Consolidated EPS	31.6
PE Multiple (x)	
Standalone Earnings	15.0
MNGL	15.0
CUGL	15.0
Fair Value (x)	
Standalone Earnings	390
MNGL	63
CUGL	21
Target Price	474

Exhibit 9: PER (x) band, one-year-forward



Source: Company, YES Sec



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Exhibit 10: Income statement

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	77,100	141,327	140,000	149,753	158,029	169,698
Total Expense	58,289	121,072	116,332	127,498	133,541	143,742
Operating Profit	18,811	20,256	23,669	22,255	24,488	25,956
Other Income	2,150	2,762	3,632	3,995	4,395	4,834
Depreciation	3,171	3,634	4,138	4,344	4,562	4,790
EBIT	17,791	19,384	23,163	21,906	24,321	26,000
Interest	132	106	92	92	92	92
Extraordinary Item	-	-	-	-	-	-
PBT	17,659	19,278	23,072	21,814	24,230	25,909
Tax	4,509	4,827	5,591	5,286	5,871	6,278
PAT	13,150	14,451	17,481	16,528	18,358	19,631
Adj. PAT	13,150	14,451	17,481	16,528	18,358	19,631
Eps	18.8	20.6	25.0	23.6	26.2	28.0

Exhibit 11: Balance sheet

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Equity capital	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
Reserves	67,962	69,466	84,117	95,046	107,104	120,434
Net worth	69,362	70,866	85,517	96,446	108,504	121,834
Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax liab (net)	2,737	3,168	3,695	3,695	3,695	3,695
Capital Employed	72,098	74,033	89,213	100,141	112,200	125,530
Fixed assets	63,803	71,673	79,954	91,752	102,615	112,543
Investments	19,758	6,773	14,551	14,551	14,551	14,551
Net working capital	(11,463)	(4,412)	(5,292)	(6,162)	(4,967)	(1,565)
Inventories	455	492	522	559	590	633
Sundry debtors	5,206	9,034	10,185	10,895	11,497	12,346
Cash & Bank Balance	13,616	26,332	21,493	21,260	22,617	26,468
Other current assets	1,685	3,483	4,501	4,531	4,557	4,593
Sundry creditors	7,861	9,013	9,842	10,815	11,262	12,112
Other liabilities	24,564	34,739	32,151	32,591	32,965	33,492
Application of Funds	72,098	74,033	89,213	100,141	112,200	125,530



Exhibit 12: Cash flow statement

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
PBT	17,659	19,277	23,072	21,814	24,230	25,909
Depreciation & amortization	3,171	3,634	4,138	4,344	4,562	4,790
Interest expense	90	87	68	92	92	92
(Inc)/Dec in working capital	(921)	(1,769)	(2,537)	-	-	-
Tax paid	3,777	6,469	(3,828)	637	162	449
Less: Interest/Dividend Income Received	(3,759)	(4,833)	(4,871)	(5,286)	(5,871)	(6,278)
Other operating Cash Flow	(1,038)	(558)	(685)	-	-	-
Cash flow from operating activities	18,979	22,306	15,357	21,601	23,173	24,961
Capital expenditure	(13,370)	(12,221)	(12,021)	(16,143)	(15,425)	(14,718)
Inc/(Dec) in investments	798	1,618	2,096	-	-	-
Add: Interest/Dividend Income Received	(3,276)	2,189	(1,022)	-	-	-
Cash flow from investing activities	(15,848)	(8,414)	(10,948)	(16,143)	(15,425)	(14,718)
Inc/(Dec) in share capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inc/(Dec) in debt	(765)	(551)	(472)	-	-	-
Interest Paid	-	(87)	(68)	(92)	(92)	(92)
Dividend Paid	(2,519)	(12,948)	(2,797)	(5,600)	(6,300)	(6,300)
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash flow from financing activities	(3,285)	(13,586)	(3,337)	(5,692)	(6,392)	(6,392)
Net cash flow	(153)	306	1,072	(233)	1,357	3,851

Exhibit 13: Du-pont analysis

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Tax burden (x)	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Interest burden (x)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
EBIT margin (x)	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Asset turnover (x)	0.8	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0
Financial leverage (x)	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4
RoE (%)	20.5	20.6	22.4	18.2	17.9	17.0

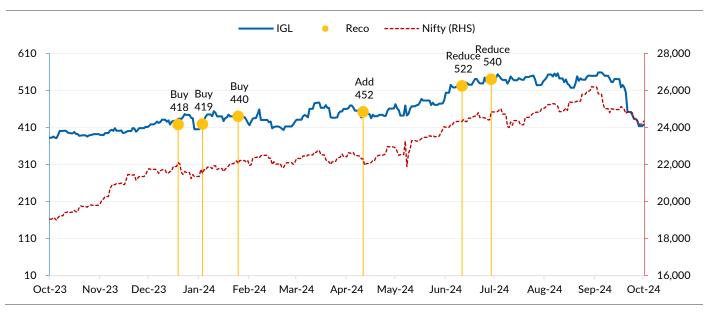


Exhibit 14: Ratio analysis

Y/e 31 Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Growth matrix (%)						
Revenue growth	56.0	83.3	(0.9)	7.0	5.5	7.4
Op profit growth	26.8	7.7	16.8	(6.0)	10.0	6.0
EBIT growth	32.5	9.0	19.5	(5.4)	11.0	6.9
Net profit growth	30.8	9.9	21.0	(5.4)	11.1	6.9
Profitability ratios (%)						
OPM	24.4	14.3	16.9	14.9	15.5	15.3
EBIT margin	23.1	13.7	16.5	14.6	15.4	15.3
Net profit margin	17.1	10.2	12.5	11.0	11.6	11.6
RoCE	26.7	26.5	28.4	23.1	22.9	21.9
RoE	20.5	20.6	22.4	18.2	17.9	17.0
RoA	13.8	13.0	14.0	12.0	12.2	12.0
Per share ratios						
EPS	18.8	20.6	25.0	23.6	26.2	28.0
Dividend per share	5.5	13.0	9.0	8.0	9.0	9.0
Cash EPS	23.3	25.8	30.9	29.8	32.7	34.9
Book value per share	99.1	101.2	122.2	137.8	155.0	174.0
Valuation ratios						
P/E	22.2	20.2	16.7	17.7	15.9	14.9
P/CEPS	17.9	16.1	13.5	14.0	12.7	12.0
P/B	4.2	4.1	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.4
EV/EBIDTA	14.8	13.1	11.4	12.2	11.0	10.2
Payout (%)						
Dividend payout	29.3	63.0	36.0	33.9	34.3	32.1
Tax payout	25.5	25.0	24.2	24.2	24.2	24.2
Liquidity ratios	<u> </u>					
Debtor days	24.6	23.3	26.6	26.6	26.6	26.6
Inventory days	2.9	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6
Creditor days	37.7	25.4	29.6	29.6	30.2	29.7



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