Weak raw material prices led to tepid earnings growth

Our View

Rossari's reported operating profits at Rs 636mn (+12% YoY; +10% QoQ) The Ebitda margin at 13.1% (Q1: 14.1%), lower on account of higher other costs and decision to grow volumes at minor cost of margins. The standalone earnings stood stronger with S.A. Ebitda at Rs483mn growing by 73% YoY & 38% QoQ, driven by a 14% YoY and +18% QoQ growth in revenue and improved Ebitda margin of 14.5%. HPPC segment saw strong contribution from Institutional cleaning, paints home, and personal care, reporting a growth of 21%, TSC grew by 5 %, while AHN was down by 28% QoQ which was result of prudence as difficulties were seen on payment terms leading the decision to reduce the feed business and met seasonally weak quarter due to double Shravan. To supplement its further growth, announced expansion of Dahej facility to foray into specialty chemicals and ingredients for subsidiaries. Unitop facility current capacity of 36k mtpa of ethoxylation operating at optimal levels, additional facility of 30k mtpa being added to meet future demand. Both these expansions will take place in phased manner till Q3FY25. We maintain BUY rating with revised target price of Rs 1,015/sh.

Result Highlights

- **Revenue**: The consolidated net-revenue stood at Rs 4.8bn (14% YoY; +18% QoQ); The growth was led by strong offtake from end users in HPPC.
- Consol. Ebitda & PAT: Consolidated Ebitda at Rs 636mn stood +12% YoY & +10% QoQ. Ebitda margin contracted by 92bps QoQ to 13.1%. PAT stood at Rs 329mn (+38% YoY; +13% QoQ). Raw material stability in prices aided the EBITDA while PAT was driven by improvement in topline.
- Standalone Earnings: S.A. Revenue for Q2FY24 stood at Rs 3.3bn (+38% YoY; +29% QoQ), with Ebitda at Rs 483mn (+73% YoY; 38% QoQ) and PAT at Rs 324mn (+110% YoY; +50% QoQ).
- HPPC Segment: Revenue stood at Rs 3.6bn (21% YoY; +22% QoQ) led by strong contribution from Institutional cleaning, paints home, and personal care; leading the growth on consolidated basis, foray into specialty chemicals with the new capex announced.
- TSC Segment: Revenue stood at Rs 959mn (+5% YoY; +19% QoQ), have made changes in management for the unit, cautiously reduced business with certain clients across major markets like Bangladesh, Mexico, Argentina, and Egypt.
- AHN Segment: Revenue for the segment stood at Rs 205mn (-32% YoY; -28% QoQ), during the quarter. The degrowth for another straight quarter was led by the decision to reduce the feed additive business which was coupled with seasonally weak quarter.
- Capex: Dahej facility expansion of Rossari of 20k mtpa capacity for specialty chemicals products and ingredients for subsidiaries at the cost of Rs 500mn. Unitop facility expansion by 30k mtpa to meet future demand on products based on ethoxylation process resulting in capital outlay of Rs 1280mn.

Valuation

We maintain BUY on Rossari, with a Mar'25 TP of Rs 1015/sh. Our TP is premised upon an operating earnings CAGR of ~9%(FY24-30e), with a RoE profile of ~17%. The stock is currently trading at 21x FY25e, vs 26x implied by our TP.



Reco	:	BUY
СМР	:	Rs 796
Target Price	:	Rs 1,015
Potential Return	:	+27%

Stock data (as on October 23, 2023)

Nifty	19,282
52 Week h/l (Rs)	927 / 536
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	45389 / 547
Outstanding Shares (mn)	55
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	106
Div yield (%):	0.06
Bloomberg code:	ROSSARI IN
NSE code:	ROSSARI

Stock performance



Shareholding pattern (As of Sep '23 end)

Promoter	68.4%
FII+DII	23.8%
Others	7.7%

Δ in stance								
(1-Yr)	New	Old						
Rating	BUY	BUY						
Target Price	1015	1030						

Δ in estimates

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(1-Yr)	FY24e	FY25e
EPS (New)	28.6	38.8
EPS (Old)	28.9	38.2
% Change	-1.2%	1.5%

Financial Summary									
(Rs mn)	FY23	FY24E	FY25E						
Revenue	16,559	19,754	22,257						
YoY (%)	11.7	19.3	12.7						
EBIDTA	2,230	2,549	3,209						
OPM (%)	13.5	12.9	14.4						
PAT	1,073	1,472	1,999						
YoY (%)	9.8	37.2	35.8						
ROE	12.5	15.0	17.5						
EPS	20.8	28.6	38.8						
P/E	38.3	27.9	20.5						
P/BV	4.5	3.9	3.3						
EV/EBITDA	18.2	16.1	12.7						

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Exhibit 1: Quarterly snapshot

Particulars (Rs mn)	Q2 FY23	Q3 FY23	Q4 FY23	Q1 FY24	Q2 FY24	y/y (%)	q/q (%)	1HFY23	1HFY24	y/y (%)
Revenue	4,254	3,893	4,065	4,106	4,835	13.6	17.7	8,601	8,941	3.9
Expenditure	3,689	3,351	3,519	3,529	4,199	13.8	19.0	7,459	7,728	3.6
-Raw Material	3,018	2,724	2,863	2,895	3,428	13.6	18.4	6,124	6,323	3.3
-Staff Cost	241	242	268	245	275	14.0	12.3	477	520	9.2
-Other Expenses	430	385	388	388	496	15.4	27.8	858	884	3.0
EBITDA	565	542	546	577	636	12.4	10.1	1,143	1,213	6.2
EBITDA margin(%)	13.3	13.9	13.4	14.1	13.1	-14 bps	-92 bps	13	14	28 bps
Other Income	8	11	28	22	14	66.3	(37.7)	16	36	127.2
Interest	82	47	43	63	50	(38.9)	(20.4)	133	113	(14.7)
Depreciation	156	160	160	141	151	(3.3)	7.1	310	292	(5.6)
PBT	335	347	370	395	448	33.7	13.4	716	843	17.7
Тах	97	90	83	102	119	22.2	15.8	197	221	12.1
PAT	238	257	288	293	329	38.3	12.5	519	622	19.9
MI	1	0	2	(0)	0	(82.6)	n.a.	(7)	0	n.a.
Reported PAT	239	257	290	292	329	37.8	12.8	526	622	18.2

Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 2: Segmental highlights

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Particulars	Q2 FY23	Q3 FY23	Q4 FY23	Q1 FY24	Q2 FY24	y/y (%)	q/q (%)	1HFY23	1HFY24	y/y (%)
HPPC										
Revenues	3,039	2,712	2,654	3,012	3,671	20.8	21.9	6,209	6,683	7.6
% of total revenue	71.4	69.7	65.3	73.4	75.9	450 bps	258 bps	69.4	74.7	-531 bps
TSC										
Revenues	914	895	985	809	959	4.9	18.5	1,853	1,768	(4.6)
% of total revenue	21.5	23.0	24.2	19.7	19.8	-165 bps	13 bps	20.7	19.8	95 bps
AHN										
Revenues	302	286	425	285	205	(32.1)	(28.1)	545	490	(10.1)
% of total revenue	7.1	7.4	10.5	6.9	4.2	-286 bps	-270 bps	6.1	5.5	62 bps
Consolidated										
Revenue	4,254	3,893	4,065	4,106	4,835	13.6	17.7	8,601	8,941	3.9
Ebitda	565	542	546	577	636	12.4	10.1	1,143	1,213	6.2
Ebitda margin %	13.3	13.9	13.4	14.1	13.1	-14 bps	-92 bps	13.3	13.6	-28 bps
Standalone										
Revenue	2,409	2,369	2,636	2,583	3,320	37.8	28.5	4,746	5,904	24.4
Ebitda	279	319	359	351	483	73.4	37.6	549	835	52.0
Ebitda margin %	11.6	13.5	13.6	13.6	14.6	299 bps	96 bps	11.6	14.1	-257 bps
Subsidiaries										
Revenue	1,845	1,524	1,428	1,523	1,515	(17.9)	(0.5)	3,856	3,037	(21.2)
Ebitda	287	222	187	226	152	(46.9)	(32.6)	594	378	(36.3)
Ebitda margin %	15.5	14.6	13.1	14.8	10.1	-548 bps	-479 bps	15.4	12.5	294 bps



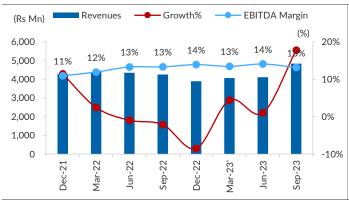
CONCALL HIGHLIGHTS

- Strong revenue growth supported by HPPC and TSC, while AHN was subdued.
- **Expansions**: In Unitop, Ethoxylation capacity of 30k mtpa is being added at the cost of Rs 1280m to meet demand from various industries like agrochemical, HPPC, Oil & Gas, and Pharma. In Dahej facility of Rossari capex of Rs 500m towards facility expansion of 20k mtpa dedicated for specialty chemical products and manufacturing ingredients for subsidiary. These capex would be commissioned in phased manner by Q3FY25.
- Capex: In H1FY24: Rs 750m across the segments with solar installation, maintenance, purchases of small brands, machinery, affluent treatment plant, debottlenecking among other initiatives. Capex of Rs 580m has been announced for Rossari and Rs 1200m for Unitop, of which Rs 500m would be incurred in 2HFY24, taking the total for FY24 to Rs 1250m and rest in FY25.
- New assets to reach peak utilization in 4 years, resulting in asset turnover of ~4-4.5x
- **HPPC**: The growth was from across segments like home, personal care, performance chemicals including coating, paints, water treatment, paper, ceramic.
- TSC: Had shuffled management team, which will result in renewed focus on growth. Current
 outlook is muted with commitment to identify opportunities within the space. Presence in
 Bangladesh has improved and expect uptick with good demand. Have cut down the business
 to 1/3 in Bangladesh, as a step of caution to not have bad debts, stopped supplying on open
 terms. Have consciously reduced business in Egypt, Mexico, Argentina, and Turkey.
- **AHN**: Faced with seasonally weak demand. Further, decision taken to significantly reduce the exposure of feed business due to payment related issues being faced.
- Unitop: Major capex coming up in Unitop of Rs 1200m, Unitop has 19 acres of land, working towards to acquire adjoining areas. The capex announced is inclusive of the land purchase cost.
- Working Capital: During the quarter it was reported at 98 days, while in previous quarter it
 was 79 days. It was higher as major were institutional clients and going forward it expects
 the working capital days to be 85-90 days. Inventory days also have increased with raw
 material purchases for Q3
- Focus center: To increase the volume offtake, utilization rate while letting margins contract little, as there is confidence that margins can be increased at discretion. Focus is on increasing absolute EBITDA rather than EBITDA margin.
- Utilization rate: Rossari Dahej plant: 77%, Unitop and Tristar close to peak
- ROC: The ROC has dropped below 20% in the quarter due to new capex announced, once they come onstream the ROC to be in comfortable long-term range of 20-23%
- Ethoxylate expansion would support Unitop and HPPC as it is currently running at 100%, during Q2FY24, the waiting time for the orders reached to 40 days which resulted in cancellation from customers.
- **Sourcing**: Acrylic acid is sourced domestically from BPCL, and Acetic acid is balanced between GNFC and imports.



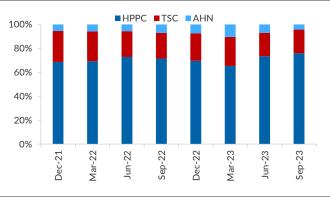
CHARTS

Exhibit 3: Q2FY24 revenue was up 14% YoY by 18% QoQ



Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 5: HPPC segment's share stood at 76%, followed by 20% share of TSC and 4% AHN

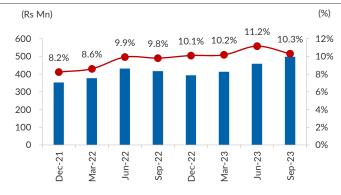


Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 7: TSC segment revenue grew by 19% YoY & 5% QoQ

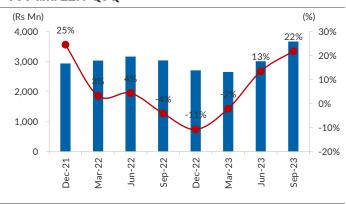


Exhibit 4: EBIT at Rs 498mn, higher by 19% YoY and 9% QoQ



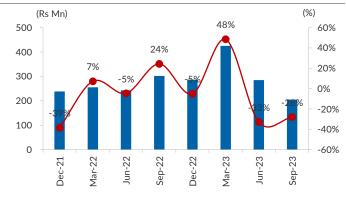
Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 6: HPPC segment revenue increased by 21% YoY and 22% QoQ



Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 8: AHN segment revenue stood lower by 32% YoY and 28% QoQ





VIEW & VALUATIONS

Maintain BUY with a TP of Rs 1,015/sh

We maintain our BUY rating on Rossari, with a Mar'25 TP of Rs 1015/sh (from Rs 1030/sh), as we make minor adjustment to our earnings estimate. While there are challenges in the interim due to macro environment, but in the longer run Rossari's growth trajectory and margins are likely to get normalized. Our TP is premised upon an operating earnings CAGR of ~9%(FY24-30e).

Exhibit 9: Valuation table

	(Rs mn)	USD mn	Rs /sh
Discounted projected FCFF	19,528	244	379
Terminal Value	32,727	409	635
EV	52,255	653	1,013
Net Debt/ (cash)	(83)	(1)	(2)
Equity	52,338	654	1,015
Rs/USD	80		
Shr Outstanding	52		
Terminal Growth rate	4%		
WACC	11%		



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Exhibit 10: Income statement

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	2,918	5,159	6,001	7,093	14,830	16,559	19,754	22,257	24,969
Total Expense	2,472	4,372	4,954	5,863	12,995	14,329	17,205	19,048	21,268
Operating Profit	446	787	1,047	1,231	1,834	2,230	2,549	3,209	3,700
Other Income	9	12	37	92	120	55	105	155	205
Depreciation	(51)	(122)	(169)	(228)	(481)	(629)	(591)	(649)	(712)
EBIT	404	677	916	1,094	1,474	1,656	2,063	2,715	3,193
Interest	(10)	(33)	(36)	(30)	(127)	(223)	(100)	(50)	(50)
Share of JV	0	23	(2)	4	15	10	0	0	0
РВТ	394	667	878	1,068	1,363	1,442	1,963	2,665	3,143
Тах	(105)	(167)	(226)	(268)	(386)	(370)	(491)	(666)	(786)
PAT	289	500	653	800	977	1,073	1,472	1,999	2,357
Adj. PAT	289	500	653	800	977	1,073	1,472	1,999	2,357
Eps	66	103	13	16	19	21	29	39	46

Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 11: Balance sheet

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Equity capital	44	44	102	104	110	110	110	110	110
Reserves	851	1,201	2,765	3,984	7,942	9,041	10,416	12,242	14,349
Net worth	895	1,245	2,867	4,088	8,052	9,152	10,526	12,352	14,459
Total Debt	209	58	610	0	84	739	1,316	1,316	1,316
Deferred tax liab (net)	0	0	5	13	689	45	45	45	45
Capital Employed	1,104	1,303	3,482	4,101	8,825	9,936	11,887	13,713	15,820
Fixed assets	537	784	1,035	206	3,060	3,297	3,862	4,226	4,704
Intangibles	0	60	48	1,609	3,025	2,700	2,770	3,257	3,067
Investments	32	2	179	0	359	512	512	562	612
Net working capital	535	457	2,221	2,285	2,381	3,427	4,744	5,669	7,438
Inventories	351	549	582	954	1,899	1,885	2,766	3,073	3,448
Sundry debtors	598	860	941	1,441	3,049	3,537	4,330	4,878	5,473
Cash & Bank Balance	7	57	1,272	883	524	1,246	1,239	1,524	2,644
Other assets	74	192	658	521	652	500	500	500	500
Other Liabilities	114	152	263	202	1,880	1,888	1,720	1,672	1,672
Sundry creditors	381	1,048	970	1,311	1,862	1,852	2,371	2,634	2,955
Application of Funds	1,104	1,303	3,482	4,101	8,825	9,936	11,887	13,713	15,820



Exhibit 12: Cash Flow statement

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
PBT	394	622	881	1,064	1,347	1,442	1,963	2,665	3,143
Depreciation & amortization	51	122	169	228	481	629	591	649	712
Interest expense	10	23	36	30	127	223	100	50	50
(Inc)/Dec in working capital	(128)	180	(311)	(483)	(1,130)	(272)	(1,155)	(593)	(648)
Tax paid	(105)	(208)	(201)	(313)	(501)	(478)	(491)	(666)	(786)
Less: Interest/Dividend Income Received	(4)	(9)	(17)	(43)	41	(25)	0	0	0
Other operating Cash Flow	0	(0)	12	(6)	(70)	4	0	0	0
Operating Cashflow	218	729	568	478	294	1,524	1,008	2,105	2,472
Capital expenditure	(141)	(439)	(760)	(581)	(3,785)	(1,314)	(1,000)	(1,500)	(1,000)
Inc/(Dec) in investments	(30)	30	(137)	137	16	(137)	(0)	(50)	(50)
Add: Interest/Dividend Income Received	4	4	14	35	50	21	0	0	0
Other items	5	(14)	(1,021)	37	731	(380)	(748)	(148)	(100)
Investing Cashflow	(162)	(420)	(1,904)	(372)	(2,989)	(1,811)	(1,748)	(1,698)	(1,150)
Inc/(Dec) in share capital	0	0	1,000	427	3,015	42	0	0	0
Inc/(Dec) in debt	(50)	(154)	629	(610)	(48)	655	577	0	0
Dividend Paid	(3)	(105)	(26)	(25)	(28)	(28)	(98)	(173)	(251)
Others	(10)	(19)	(33)	(37)	(22)	(61)	68	(50)	(50)
Financing Cashflow	(63)	(278)	1,569	(246)	2,918	609	547	(223)	(301)
Net cash flow	(7)	32	234	(140)	223	322	(193)	185	1,021
Ending Balance	14	38	291	152	1,105	845	1,053	1,424	2,544

Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 13: Du Pont

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Tax burden (x)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Interest burden (x)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
EBIT margin (x)	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asset turnover (x)	2.1	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Financial leverage (x)	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4
RoE (%)	38.5	46.7	31.7	23.0	16.1	12.5	15.0	17.5	17.6

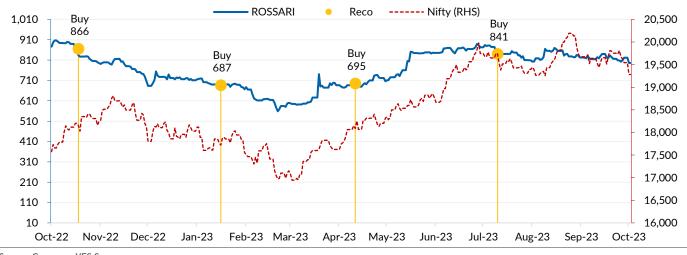


Exhibit 14: Ratio Analysis

Y/e 31 Mar	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Growth matrix (%)									
Revenue growth	25.0	76.8	16.3	18.2	109.1	11.7	19.3	12.7	12.2
Op profit growth	83.4	76.5	33.1	17.5	49.1	21.6	14.3	25.9	15.3
EBIT growth	92.7	67.5	35.3	19.4	34.7	12.4	24.6	31.6	17.6
Net profit growth	84.0	57.2	43.5	22.7	22.0	9.8	37.2	35.8	17.9
Profitability ratios (%)									
OPM	15.3	15.2	17.5	17.3	12.4	13.5	12.9	14.4	14.8
EBIT margin	13.9	13.1	15.3	15.4	9.9	10.0	10.4	12.2	12.8
Net profit margin	9.9	9.7	10.9	11.3	6.6	6.5	7.5	9.0	9.4
RoCE	30.7	41.1	28.5	21.7	17.3	13.7	14.2	16.0	16.3
RoE	38.5	42.5	31.7	23.0	16.1	12.5	15.0	17.5	17.0
RoA	20.5	22.2	18.1	15.5	10.7	8.2	9.9	11.8	12.3
Per share ratios									
EPS	65.7	103.3	13.4	15.5	18.9	20.8	28.6	38.8	45.
Dividend per share	0.0	1.0	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.3	3.4	4.5	5.
Cash EPS	4.6	7.3	9.4	11.1	9.6	8.6	17.1	26.2	31.9
Book value per share	17.4	24.1	55.6	79.3	156.1	177.5	204.1	239.5	280.4
Valuation ratios									
P/E	12.1	7.7	59.3	51.3	42.0	38.3	27.9	20.5	17.4
P/CEPS	172.2	108.6	84.8	71.7	82.7	92.5	46.6	30.4	24.9
P/B	45.9	33.0	14.3	10.0	5.1	4.5	3.9	3.3	2.8
EV/EBITDA	92.5	52.2	38.6	32.6	22.1	18.2	16.1	12.7	10.
Payout (%)									
Dividend payout	0.1	1.0	14.7	10.5	7.7	6.4	12.0	11.5	12.0
Tax payout	26.7	26.9	25.7	25.1	28.3	25.6	25.0	25.0	25.0
Liquidity ratios									
Debtor days	67.0	51.6	54.8	61.3	55.2	72.6	80.0	80.0	80.0
Inventory days	54.5	46.6	55.9	64.4	53.7	64.0	70.0	70.0	70.
Creditor days	66.6	74.0	99.8	95.7	59.7	62.8	60.0	60.0	60.



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