## Asian Paints

## Performance Highlights

Quarterly Data

| (₹ cr) | 3QFY16 | 3QFY15 | \% yoy | 2QFY16 | \% q0q |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenue | 4,160 | 3,653 | 13.9 | 3,779 | 10.1 |
| EBITDA | 748 | 585 | 27.9 | 621 | 20.5 |
| Margin (\%) | 18.0 | 16.0 | $(197 \mathrm{bp})$ | 16.4 | $(156 \mathrm{bp})$ |
| Adj. PAT | 499 | 368 | 35.4 | 399 | 25.0 |

Source: Company, Angel Research
Asian Paints' posted a healthy performance for 3QFY2014, both on the top-line as well as the bottom-line front. For the quarter, the company's top-line grew by $13.9 \%$ yoy to ₹ 4,160 cr while the reported Adj.PAT grew $\sim 35 \%$ yoy to ₹ 499 cr .

Key highlights: For 3QFY2016, Asian Paints' consolidated top-line posted a double-digit growth of $13.9 \%$ yoy to $₹ 4,160 \mathrm{cr}$ on the back of healthy festival season demand. However, heavy rainfall in south India did impact its sales performance. The company's protective and powder coatings business did well with the segment benefitting from lower material prices. Its international business posted healthy growth, particularly in the Middle East and Bangladesh. However as per the Management, the domestic demand environment continues to be challenging.

On the operating profit front, the company reported a growth of $27.9 \%$ yoy due to healthy sales growth and lower material prices. The operating profit margin was up by 197bp yoy to $18.0 \%$ due to easing material prices and employee costs as a percentage of sales. During the quarter, the company reported an adjusted net profit of $35.4 \%$ yoy to ₹ 499 cr .

Outlook and valuation: We expect Asian Paints to post a $\sim 10.2 \%$ and $\sim 11.9 \%$ CAGR in its top-line and bottom-line respectively, over FY2015-18E. At the current market price, the stock is trading at $40.9 x$ FY2018E earnings. We maintain our Neutral view on the stock.

Key financials (Consolidated)

| Y/E March (₹ cr) | FY2015 | FY2016 | FY2017E | FY2018E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net sales | 14,183 | 15,403 | 17,128 | 18,978 |
| \% chg | 11.6 | 8.6 | 11.2 | 10.8 |
| Adj. Net profit | 1,414 | 1,705 | 1,835 | 1,984 |
| \% chg | 15.4 | 20.6 | 7.6 | 8.1 |
| EBITDA margin (\%) | 15.6 | 17.4 | 16.8 | 16.4 |
| EPS (₹) | 14.7 | 17.8 | 19.1 | 20.7 |
| P/E (x) | 57.3 | 47.5 | 44.2 | 40.9 |
| P/BV (x) | 17.1 | 16.3 | 15.4 | 14.5 |
| RoE (\%) | 29.4 | 34.3 | 34.8 | 35.5 |
| RoCE (\%) | 37.6 | 44.3 | 45.1 | 46.2 |
| EV/Sales (x) | 5.6 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 4.2 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 36.1 | 29.7 | 27.7 | 25.6 |

[^0]NEUTRAL

| CMP | ₹845 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Target Price | - |
| Investment Period | - |


| Stock Info |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Sector | FMCG |
| Market Cap (₹ cr) | 81,071 |
| Net Debt (₹ cr) | $-1,374$ |
| Beta | 0.8 |
| 52 Week High / Low | $925 / 693$ |
| Avg. Daily Volume | 91,960 |
| Face Value (₹) | 1 |
| BSE Sensex | 24,480 |
| Nifty | 7,435 |
| Reuters Code | ASPN.BO |
| Bloomberg Code | APNT@IN |


| Shareholding Pattern (\%) |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Promoters | 52.8 |
| MF / Banks / Indian Fls | 15.3 |
| FII / NRls / OCBs | 18.8 |
| Indian Public / Others | 13.1 |


| Abs. (\%) | 3 m | lyr | 3 yr |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Sensex | $(11.6)$ | $(5.9)$ | 20.7 |
| Asian Paints | 2.5 | 0.2 | 96.1 |

3-year price chart


Source: Company, Angel Research

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Exhibit 1: Consolidated quarterly performance

| Y/E March (₹ cr) | 3QFY16 | 3QFY15 | \% yoy | 2QFY15 | \% q 0 q | $9 \mathrm{MFY1} 6$ | 9 MFY 15 | \% chg |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Sales | 4,160 | 3,653 | 13.9 | 3,779 | 10.1 | 11,563 | 10,648 | 8.6 |
| Consumption of RM | 2,200 | 2,052 | 7.2 | 2,032 | 8.3 | 6,179 | 6,030 | 2.5 |
| (\% of Sales) | 52.9 | 56.2 |  | 53.8 |  | 53.4 | 56.6 |  |
| Staff Costs | 247 | 232 | 6.5 | 247 | 0.1 | 741 | 691 | 7.3 |
| (\% of Sales) | 5.9 | 6.3 |  | 6.5 |  | 6.4 | 6.5 |  |
| Other Expenses | 965 | 784 | 23.0 | 880 | 9.6 | 2,591 | 2,277 | 13.8 |
| (\% of Sales) | 23.2 | 21.5 |  | 23.3 |  | 22.4 | 21.4 |  |
| Total Expenditure | 3,412 | 3,068 | 11.2 | 3,159 | 8.0 | 9,510 | 8,997 | 5.7 |
| Operating Profit | 748 | 585 | 27.9 | 621 | 20.5 | 2,052 | 1,650 | 24.4 |
| OPM | 18.0 | 16.0 |  | 16.4 |  | 17.8 | 15.5 |  |
| Interest | 8 | 10 | (22.2) | 9 | (17.5) | 26 | 25 | 4.8 |
| Depreciation | 73 | 67 | 7.7 | 71 | 2.3 | 213 | 199 | 7.0 |
| Other Income | 36 | 31 | 17.3 | 58 | (37.8) | 167 | 128 | 30.2 |
| PBT (excl. Ext Items) | 704 | 538 | 30.7 | 598 | 17.7 | 1,981 | 1,555 | 27.4 |
| Ext (Income)/Expense | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| PBT (incl. Ext Items) | 704 | 538 | 30.7 | 598 | 17.7 | 1,981 | 1,555 | 27.4 |
| (\% of Sales) | 16.9 | 14.7 |  | 15.8 |  | 17.1 | 14.6 |  |
| Provision for Taxation | 229 | 167 |  | 184 |  | 624 | 480 | 30.0 |
| (\% of PBT) | 32.5 | 31.0 |  | 30.7 |  | 31 | 31 |  |
| Reported PAT | 475 | 372 | 27.8 | 415 | 14.6 | 1,357 | 1,075 | 26.2 |
| PATM | 11.4 | 10.2 |  | 11.0 |  | 11.7 | 10.1 |  |
| Minority Interest After NP | 11.7 | 3.5 |  | 15.6 |  | 39.5 | 21.2 |  |
| Extra-ordinary Items | (35) | - | - | - | -- | - | - | - |
| Reported PAT | 499 | 368 | 35.4 | 399 | 25.0 | 1,317 | 1,054 | 25.0 |
| Equity shares (cr) | 96 | 96 |  | 96 |  | 96 | 96 |  |
| FDEPS (₹) | 5.2 | 3.8 | 35.4 | 4.2 | 25.0 | 13.7 | 11.0 | 25.0 |

Source: Company, Angel Research

## Healthy top-line growth

For 3QFY2016, Asian Paints' consolidated top-line posted a double-digit growth of $13.9 \%$ yoy to $₹ 4,160$ cr on the back of healthy festival season demand. However, heavy rainfall in south India did impact its sales performance. The company's protective and powder coatings business did well with the segment benefitting from lower material prices. Its international business posted healthy growth, particularly in the Middle East and Bangladesh. However as per the Management, the domestic demand environment continues to be challenging.

Exhibit 2: Top-line growth trend


Source: Company, Angel Research

## Operating margin up due to lower material prices

On the operating profit front, the company reported a growth of $27.9 \%$ yoy due to healthy sales growth and lower material prices. The operating profit margin was up by 197bp yoy to $18.0 \%$ due to easing material prices and employee costs as a percentage of sales.

Exhibit 3: Operating profit and margin trend


[^1]
## Adjusted PAT grew ~35.4\% yoy

During the quarter, the company reported an adjusted net profit of $35.4 \%$ yoy to ₹499cr.

Exhibit 4: Net Profit and growth trend


Source: Company, Angel Research

## Investment rationale

## Market leadership in India

Asian Paints is the largest paint company in India with a leadership position in the decorative paint segment with market share in excess of $50 \%$. The overall weak demand environment in the economy has been impacting the domestic decorative paint market in the recent past. We believe that with gradual recovery in the economy, coupled with increased focus of the government on infrastructure spending, Asian Paints stands to benefit owing to its vast dealer network and strong brand equity.

## Stable raw material price to aid margin

Since raw materials are crude derivatives, lower crude prices are positive for paint companies. We believe that with oil prices likely to be stable at current levels in the near term, Asian Paints' margins are likely to expand.

## Outlook and valuation

We expect Asian Paints to post $a \sim 10.2 \%$ and $\sim 11.9 \%$ CAGR in its top-line and bottom-line respectively, over FY2015-18E. At the current market price, the stock is trading at 40.9 x FY2018E earnings. We maintain our Neutral view on the stock.

## Company background

Asian Paints is India's largest paint company, with a market share of $\sim 50 \%$. The company is mainly present in the decorative segment, which contributes over 75\% of its sales. The company features among the top 10 decorative paint players globally. It has a large distribution network of over 25,000 dealers and 27,000 'Colour World' outlets across India. The company's international revenue comes from countries in the Caribbean, Middle East, South Pacific and Asian regions.

## Consolidated Profit \& Loss Statement

| Y/E March (₹ cr) | FY2013 | FY2014 | FY2015 | FY2016E | FY2017E | FY2018E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total operating income | 10,939 | 12,715 | 14,183 | 15,403 | 17,128 | 18,978 |
| \% chg | 13.6 | 16.2 | 11.6 | 8.6 | 11.2 | 10.8 |
| Total Expenditure | 9,207 | 10,727 | 11,976 | 12,723 | 14,251 | 15,866 |
| Raw Materials | 6413 | 7341 | 7972 | 8287 | 9249 | 10248 |
| Personnel Expenses | 624 | 760 | 907 | 1,047 | 1,199 | 1,366 |
| Others Expenses | 2,170 | 2,626 | 3,096 | 3,389 | 3,803 | 4,251 |
| EBITDA | 1,732 | 1,988 | 2,208 | 2,680 | 2,878 | 3,112 |
| \% chg | 14.8 | 14.8 | 11.1 | 21.4 | 7.4 | 8.2 |
| (\% of Net Sales) | 15.8 | 15.6 | 15.6 | 17.4 | 16.8 | 16.4 |
| Depreciation\& Amortisation | 155 | 246 | 266 | 291 | 313 | 336 |
| EBIT | 1,577 | 1,742 | 1,942 | 2,389 | 2,564 | 2,777 |
| \% chg | 13.7 | 10.5 | 11.5 | 23.0 | 7.3 | 8.3 |
| (\% of Net Sales) | 14.4 | 13.7 | 13.7 | 15.5 | 15.0 | 14.6 |
| Interest \& other Charges | 37 | 42 | 35 | 36 | 38 | 40 |
| Other Income | 114 | 134 | 170 | 190 | 220 | 240 |
| (\% of PBT) | 6.9 | 7.3 | 8.2 | 7.5 | 8.0 | 8.1 |
| Share in profit of Associates | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| PBT (reported) | 1,655 | 1,834 | 2,077 | 2,543 | 2,746 | 2,977 |
| Tax | 496 | 572 | 650 | 788 | 851 | 923 |
| (\% of PBT) | 29.9 | 31.2 | 31.3 | 31.0 | 31.0 | 31.0 |
| PAT (reported) | 1,160 | 1,263 | 1,427 | 1,755 | 1,895 | 2,054 |
| Less: Minority interest (MI) | 46 | 44 | 32 | 50 | 60 | 70 |
| PAT after MI (reported) | 1,114 | 1,219 | 1,395 | 1,705 | 1,835 | 1,984 |
| Prior Period \& Extra. Exp./(Inc.) | - | $17)$ | $19)$ | - | - | - |
| ADJ. PAT | 1,114 | 1,226 | 1,414 | 1,705 | 1,835 | 1,984 |
| \% chg | 12.7 | 10.0 | 15.4 | 20.6 | 7.6 | 8.1 |
| (\% of Net Sales) | 10.2 | 9.6 | 10.0 | 11.1 | 10.7 | 10.5 |
| Basic \& diluted EPS (₹) | 11.6 | 12.8 | 14.7 | 17.8 | 19.1 | 20.7 |
| Adjusted EPS EPS (₹) | 11.6 | 12.8 | 14.7 | 17.8 | 19.1 | 20.7 |
| \% chg | 12.7 | 10.0 | 15.4 | 20.6 | 7.6 | 8.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Exhibit 5:

| Y/E March (₹ cr) | FY2013 | FY2014 | FY2015 | FY2016E FY2017E FY2018E |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| SOURCES OF FUNDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equity Share Capital | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 |
| Reserves\& Surplus | 3,288 | 3,943 | 4,646 | 4,880 | 5,174 | 5,491 |
| Shareholders Funds | 3,384 | 4,039 | 4,742 | 4,976 | 5,270 | 5,587 |
| Minority Interest | 161 | 246 | 264 | 264 | 264 | 264 |
| Total Loans | 251 | 249 | 418 | 420 | 420 | 420 |
| Deferred Tax Liability | 195 | 231 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 |
| Total Liabilities | 3,991 | 4,765 | 5,671 | 5,906 | 6,200 | 6,517 |
| APPLICATION OF FUNDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross Block | 3,429 | 3,804 | 4,112 | 4,442 | 4,772 | 5,102 |
| Less: Acc. Depreciation | 979 | 1,223 | 1,438 | 1,728 | 2,042 | 2,377 |
| Less:Impairment of Assets | 9 | 19 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Net Block | 2,441 | 2,562 | 2,660 | 2,699 | 2,716 | 2,710 |
| Capital Work-in-Progress | 59 | 72 | 196 | 196 | 196 | 196 |
| Investments | 296 | 1,424 | 1,588 | 1,588 | 1,588 | 1,588 |
| Current Assets | 3,989 | 4,019 | 4,468 | 5,104 | 5,875 | 6,652 |
| Inventories | 1,830 | 2,070 | 2,259 | 2,532 | 2,909 | 3,380 |
| Sundry Debtors | 981 | 1,110 | 1,180 | 1,350 | 1,596 | 1,768 |
| Cash | 737 | 229 | 204 | 266 | 308 | 328 |
| Loans \& Advances | 313 | 454 | 511 | 616 | 685 | 759 |
| Other Assets | 128 | 156 | 315 | 339 | 377 | 418 |
| Current liabilifies | 2,834 | 3,353 | 3,308 | 3,747 | 4,241 | 4,696 |
| Net Current Assets | 1,155 | 665 | 1,160 | 1,357 | 1,633 | 1,957 |
| Deferred Tax Asset | 41 | 43 | 67 | 67 | 67 | 67 |
| Mis. Exp. not written off | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Assets | 3,991 | 4,765 | 5,671 | 5,906 | 6,200 | 6,517 |

Consolidated Cashflow Statement

| Y/E March (₹ cr) | FY2013 | FY2014 | FY2015 | FY2016E | FY2017E | FY2018E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Profit before tax | 1,655 | 1,834 | 2,077 | 2,543 | 2,746 | 2,977 |
| Depreciation | 155 | 256 | 268 | 291 | 313 | 336 |
| Change in Working Capital | $(159)$ | $(159)$ | $(168)$ | $(450)$ | $(135)$ | $(235)$ |
| Interest / Dividend (Net) | $(7)$ | $(10)$ | $(37)$ | $(47)$ | 36 | 38 |
| Direct taxes paid | $(438)$ | $(480)$ | $(633)$ | $(788)$ | $(851)$ | $(923)$ |
| Others | $(19)$ | $(39)$ | $(320)$ | 398 | $(99)$ | $(66)$ |
| Cash Flow from Operations | 1,187 | 1,402 | 1,188 | 1,947 | 2,011 | 2,127 |
| (Inc.)/ Dec. in Fixed Assets | $(522)$ | 542 | $(301)$ | $(343)$ | $(344)$ | $(345)$ |
| (Inc.)/ Dec. in Investments | 59 | $(1,128)$ | $(164)$ | - | - | - |
| Cash Flow from Investing | $(463)$ | $(586)$ | $(465)$ | $(343)$ | $(344)$ | $(345)$ |
| Issue of Equity | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inc./(Dec.) in loans | $(102)$ | $(37)$ | 153 | 2 | - | - |
| Dividend Paid (Incl. Tax) | $(4,000)$ | $(2,811)$ | $(3,245)$ | $(1,432)$ | $(1,541)$ | $(1,667)$ |
| Interest / Dividend (Net) | 3,490 | 1,525 | 1,648 | $(112)$ | $(84)$ | $(95)$ |
| Cash Flow from Financing | $(611)$ | $(1,324)$ | $(1,445)$ | $(1,542)$ | $(1,625)$ | $(1,762)$ |
| Inc./(Dec.) in Cash | 112 | $(508)$ | $(722)$ | 62 | 42 | 20 |
| Opening Cash balances | 624 | 737 | 926 | 204 | 266 | 308 |
| Closing Cash balances | 737 | 229 | 204 | 266 | 308 | 328 |

## Key Ratios

| Y/E March | FY2013 | FY2014 | FY2015 | FY2016E | FY2017E | FY2018E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valuation Ratio (x) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| P/E (on FDEPS) | 72.8 | 66.1 | 57.3 | 47.5 | 44.2 | 40.9 |
| P/CEPS | 61.7 | 53.7 | 47.9 | 39.6 | 36.7 | 33.9 |
| P/BV | 23.9 | 20.1 | 17.1 | 16.3 | 15.4 | 14.5 |
| Dividend yield (\%) | 4.9 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| EV/Sales | 7.3 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 4.2 |
| EV/EBITDA | 46.3 | 40.1 | 36.1 | 29.7 | 27.7 | 25.6 |
| EV / Total Assets | 11.8 | 9.8 | 8.9 | 8.2 | 7.6 | 7.1 |
| Per Share Data (₹) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EPS (Basic) | 11.6 | 12.8 | 14.7 | 17.8 | 19.1 | 20.7 |
| EPS (fully diluted) | 11.6 | 12.8 | 14.7 | 17.8 | 19.1 | 20.7 |
| Cash EPS | 13.7 | 15.7 | 17.7 | 21.3 | 23.0 | 24.9 |
| DPS | 41.7 | 29.3 | 33.8 | 14.9 | 16.1 | 17.4 |
| Book Value | 35.3 | 42.1 | 49.4 | 51.9 | 54.9 | 58.2 |
| Returns (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ROCE | 43.4 | 40.6 | 37.6 | 44.3 | 45.1 | 46.2 |
| ROE | 32.9 | 30.2 | 29.4 | 34.3 | 34.8 | 35.5 |
| Turnover ratios (x) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Asset Turnover (Gross Block) | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 |
| Inventory / Sales (days) | 61 | 59 | 58 | 60 | 62 | 65 |
| Receivables (days) | 33 | 32 | 30 | 32 | 34 | 34 |
| Payables (days) | 49 | 51 | 41 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| WC cycle (ex-cash) (days) | 44 | 41 | 47 | 52 | 56 | 59 |

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3. Angel and its Group companies' Directors ownership of the stock
4. Broking relationship with company covered

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No
No
No
No

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> Ratings (Based on expected returns over 12 months investment period):

Accumulate (5\% to 15\%)
Neutral (-5 to 5\%)
Reduce (-5\% to -15\%)
Sell (<-15\%)


[^0]:    Source: Company, Angel Research; Note: CMP as of January 19, 2016

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