

Aurobindo Pharma

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Closer to being debt free, preparing for the next leap

Aurobindo Pharma's (APL) 4QFY20 revenue at Rs61,584mn is up 4.5% QoQ and 3.1%/3.7% above our/consensus estimates, respectively. The Formulations business grew by 23.5% YoY and 5.8% QoQ, led by strong performance in Europe (up 12% QoQ). Revenue growth came along with gross margin expansion of 300bps (QoQ), which was driven by low cost inventory and higher realizations (aided by USD/Euro appreciation). Net profit stood at Rs8,498mn, which was 31%/19% above our/consensus estimates. Going forward, executing growth on this base in the near term might be challenging for APL. The company does expect about 50 new launches in the US in FY21, which in our view may add about low single digit growth to the US revenue base. APL has also initiated efforts to build a complex pipeline and invest in inhalers, transdermals, biosimilars and vaccine, which should allow meaningful growth on the current base, but the same should take a few years to materialize. APL should be debt free by the end of FY22 and it would be in a strong position to leverage to buy near term growth.

EBITDA margin at 21.8% was 192bps/140bps above our/consensus estimates, respectively. EBITDA at Rs13,424mn increased by 11.1% QoQ, which was 13% above our estimate and 10.9% above consensus estimate. In FY21, EBITDA margin will see adverse impact from softer 1Q revenue (lower demand on account of COVID19) while gross margin might correct compared to 4QFY20 as inventory cost will rise due to currency appreciation (4Q benefitted from inventory in hand) and higher R&D expenses (guidance of 5.5% of sales vs 4% of sales in FY20). Overall, gross margin is expected to be between 58-59%. Acquired business from Apotex is currently incurring losses and yet to turn around. But, ongoing efforts around cost rationalization will help the operations to turn into black by 2HFY21. This should offset the EBITDA margin decline a bit.

We revise our estimates for FY21 and FY22 considering the FY20 earnings performance, led by Europe and strong growth in dietary supplement (Natrol business) in the US. Based on our revised forecasts, we arrive at a target price of Rs785, which represents a 3% upside from CMP. We recommend an Accumulate rating on the stock and would watch out for any inorganic initiatives that it would pursue to build on the near term growth.

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ACCUMULATE

Sector: Pharmaceuticals

CMP: Rs759

Target Price: Rs785

Upside: 3%

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Key Data

Current Shares O/S (mn)	585.9
Mkt Cap (Rsbn/US\$bn)	445/5.9
52 Wk H / L (Rs)	791/281
Daily Vol. (3M NSE Avg.)	5,416,202

Price Performance (%)

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Aurobindo Pharma	16.2	67.7	16.2
Nifty Index	7.9	(16.7)	(16.6)

Source: Bloomberg

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Y/E March (Rsmn)	4QFY19	3QFY20	4QFY20	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	FY19	FY20	YoY (%)
Net revenues	52,020	57,994	60,634	16.6	4.6	1,92,259	2,27,380	18.3
Other operating income	902	956	950	5.3	(0.6)	3,376	3,606	6.8
Revenue from operations	52,922	58,950	61,584	16.4	4.5	1,95,635	2,30,985	18.1
Total material costs	23,726	25,650	25,034	5.5	(2.4)	87,127	97,352	11.7
% of revenues	45.6	44.2	41.3	(432) bps	(294) bps	45.3	42.8	(250) bps
Staff costs	7,135	7,978	8,643	21.1	8.3	25,849	32,192	24.5
% of revenues	13.7	13.8	14.3	54 bps	50 bps	13.4	14.2	71 bps
R&D expenses	2,313	2,532	2,389	3.3	(5.6)	8,731	9,580	9.7
% of revenues	4.4	4.3	3.9	(49) bps	(42) bps	4.5	4.1	(32) bps
Other expenses	9,145	10,710	12,094	32.2	12.9	34,410	43,218	25.6
% of revenues	17.6	18.5	19.9	237 bps	148 bps	17.9	19.0	111 bps
EBITDA	10,603	12,080	13,424	26.6	11.1	39,519	48,643	23.1
EBITDA margin (%)	20.0	20.5	21.8	176 bps	131 bps	20.2	21.1	86 bps
Other income	323	220	326	1.0	48.2	1,157	862	(25.5)
Interest costs	501	371	318	(36.4)	(14.2)	1,627	1,598	(1.8)
Depreciation	1,866	2,501	2,324	24.5	(7.1)	6,680	9,667	44.7
Forex (gain)/loss	28	(89)	262	0.0	0.0	603	397	(34.1)
PBT before exceptional items	8,530	9,517	10,846	27.1	14.0	31,767	37,843	19.1
Exceptional items	(362)	(129)	123	0.0	0.0	-881	(261)	0.0
Share of profit in JV	(5)	(6)	(193)	3,613.5	-	27	(152)	(661.9)
Tax	2,311	2,329	2,285	(1.1)	(1.9)	7,269	9,135	25.7
Tax rate (%)	27	24	21	(602) bps	(340) bps	23	24	126 bps
Minority Interest	(2)	1	8	(625.0)	. 500.0	(1)	13	· -
Reported PAT post MI	5,851	7,055	8,498	45.3	20.5	23,644	28,308	19.7
PAT margin (%)	11.1	12.0	13.8	274 bps	183 bps	12.1	12.3	17 bps

Exhibit 1: Key financials

Y/E March (Rsmn)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E
Net sales	1,64,998	1,95,636	2,30,985	2,39,816	2,46,267
EBITDA	37,885	39,519	48,643	49,992	50,850
Net profit	24,232	23,647	28,310	29,977	30,677
EPS (Rs)	41.4	40.4	48.3	51.2	52.4
EPS growth (%)	5.3	(2.4)	19.7	5.9	2.3
EBITDA margin (%)	23.0	20.2	21.1	20.8	20.6
PER (x)	14.3	19.6	15.7	14.8	14.5
P/BV (x)	3.0	3.3	2.6	2.3	2.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.0	11.3	8.6	7.9	7.2
RoCE (%)	28.1	20.9	23.0	21.2	18.8
RoE (%)	20.7	17.0	16.9	15.3	13.6

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

Exhibit 2: Actual performance versus our estimate and Bloomberg consensus estimate

(Rsmn)	Actual	NBIE	Var.(%)	Consensus	Var.(%)
Revenues	61,584	59,734	3.1	59,376	3.7
EBITDA	13,424	11,876	13.0	12,102	10.9
EBITDA margin (%)	21.8	19.9	192 bps	20.4	140 bps
PAT	8,498	6,452	31.7	7,086	19.9
PAT margin (%)	13.8	10.8	300 bps	11.9	187 bps

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

Exhibit 3: Revised Estimates

Dames	New estimates		Old estimates		Change (%)	
Rsmn	FY21E	FY22E	FY21E	FY22E	FY21E	FY22E
Net sales	2,39,816	2,46,267	2,35,167	2,43,826	2.0	1.0
EBITDA	49,992	50,850	47,259	47,973	5.8	6.0
Margin (%)	20.8	20.6	20.1	19.7	75 bps	97 bps
PAT	29,977	30,677	26,485	28,047	13.2	9.4
Margin	12.5	12.5	11.3	11.5	124 bps	95 bps
EPS	51.2	52.4	45.3	47.9	13.0	9.2



Earnings conference-call summary

Capex: Net organic capex stood at US\$37mn during the quarter. The company expects to incur US\$150 - US\$200mn capex in FY21.

Debt: Net debt decreased by US\$87mn during 4QFY20 to US\$359mn at the end of the year. On a full year basis, the net debt decreased by US\$369mn. The average cost of debt was around 2.1% as the company is availing multiple currency loans. The company expects to be debt free by FY22.

Gross margin: Improvement in product mix and inventory effect were the primary reasons for the 294bps margin expansion QoQ. The inventory effect was that the company's inventory was converted to INR at lower exchange rate whereas the sales were converted at a depreciated value. Going forward, the gross margin is expected to be in the range of 58%.

The US business: The company has launched 34 products in FY20. The management has guided for launch of 50-60 products in FY21 (including injectables), of which 25 have already been approved. The company's prescription share is 9% in the US.

Europe business: The European business has showed healthy growth and is doing double digit EBITDA margin. The Apotex business is incurring negative EBITDA margin. However, the lower contribution from the Apotex business doesn't affect the overall EBITDA margin in Europe.

Regulatory Update: The company is working with the USFDA to resolve the OAI status in Unit VII. The company had an interaction with the USFDA in April and has submitted the completed CAPA a day back. Unit I, IX, and XI were expected to be audited in 1Q under normal circumstances. However, under the current circumstances the company may request the USFDA for a desktop review.

R&D: The R&D cost for 4QFY20 stood at Rs2,389mn, which was 3.9% of revenue. The management has guided that R&D expense in FY21 will be 5.5% of revenue compared to 4% in FY20. The higher spend is towards clinical trials of differentiated portfolio and biosimilars' products.

Price Erosion: The management is expecting below normal price erosion of less than 5%.

Pipeline: The company currently has 8 inhalers in the pipeline, of which 6 are MDI and 2 are DPI. The company is also developing 8 transdermal patches.

Biosimilars: The company is focusing on 5 biosimilars. It plans to file 2 products by the end of FY21. It has overall portfolio of 14 biosimilars. It has invested Rs4,000mn to Rs5,000mn so far in biosimilars.

China: The company plans to build a plant in China as it will speed up the approvals. The management has guided that the company will not be restricted to tender business but will also be selling through other channels.

Injectable: The revenue was US\$59mn against the run rate of US\$70-75mn. The decline was due to decline in elective surgeries leading to lower volume and pricing pressure.



Exhibit 4: Revenue and growth trend

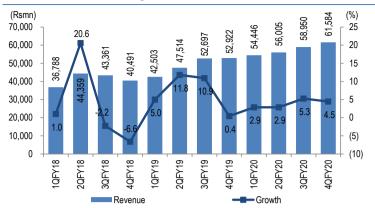
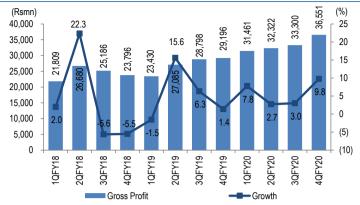


Exhibit 5: Gross profit and growth trend



Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

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Exhibit 6: EBITDA and growth trend

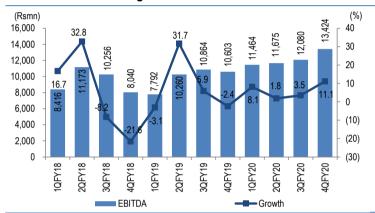
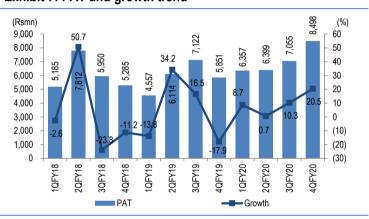


Exhibit 7: PAT and growth trend



Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

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Exhibit 8: Margin trend

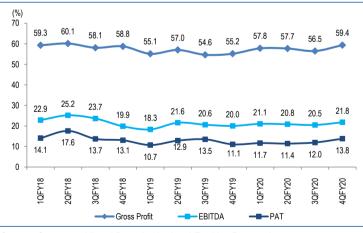


Exhibit 9: USA formulations revenue and growth trend

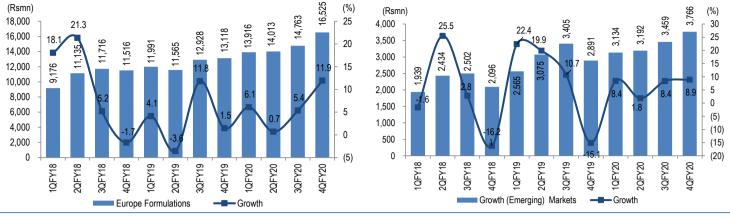


Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research



Exhibit 10: Europe revenue and growth trend

Exhibit 11: Emerging Markets revenue and growth trend



Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

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Exhibit 12: ARV revenue and growth trend

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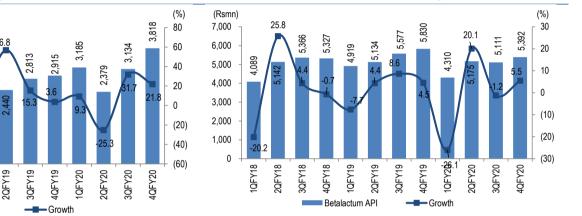
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Exhibit 13: Betalactum API revenue and growth

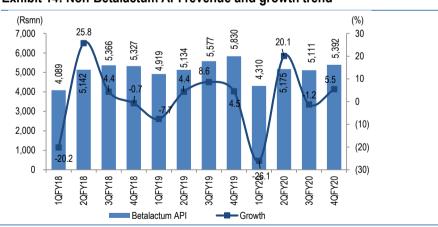


Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

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Exhibit 14: Non-Betalactum API revenue and growth trend





Financial statement

Exhibit 15: Income statement

Y/E March (Rsmn)	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20E	FY 21E	FY 22E
Net sales	164,998	195,636	230,985	239,816	246,267
% growth	9.3	18.6	18.1	3.8	2.7
Raw material costs	67,527	87,126	97,352	100,093	102,677
Staff costs	21,308	25,849	32,192	32,332	34,272
R&D expenses	6,665	8,716	9,580	13,190	13,545
Other expenditure	31,612	34,425	43,218	44,209	44,923
Total expenditure	127,113	156,116	182,342	189,824	195,417
EBITDA	37,885	39,519	48,643	49,992	50,850
% growth	10.3	4.3	23.1	2.8	1.7
EBITDA margin (%)	23.0	20.2	21.1	20.8	20.6
Other income	1,020	1,157	862	1,110	1,500
Interest costs	777	1,627	1,598	1,300	1,100
Gross profit	97,471	108,509	133,633	139,723	143,589
% growth	12.6	11.3	23.2	4.6	2.8
Depreciation	5,580	6,680	9,667	10,182	10,704
Profit before tax & Except. Items	32,381	31,767	37,843	39,620	40,546
Exceptional Items	0	(881)	(261)	0	0
Profit before tax	32,381	30,887	37,582	39,620	40,546
% growth	6.0	(1.9)	19.1	4.7	2.3
Tax	8,183	7,269	9,135	9,678	9,904
Effective tax rate (%)	25.3	22.9	24.1	24.4	24.4
Net profit before MI and Associates	24,198	23,618	28,447	29,942	30,642
Share of MI and Associates	34.0	29.3	(137.1)	35.0	35.0
PAT after share of MI and associates	24,232	23,647	28,310	29,977	30,677
% growth	5.4	(2.4)	20.4	5.3	2.3
EPS (Rs)	41.4	40.4	48.3	51.2	52.4
% growth	5.3	(2.4)	19.7	5.9	2.3

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

Exhibit 17: Balance sheet

Y/E March (Rsmn)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E
Equity	586	586	586	586	586
Reserves	1,16,218	1,38,322	1,67,518	1,95,736	2,24,654
Net worth	1,16,804	1,38,908	1,68,104	1,96,322	2,25,240
Minority Interest	18	16	1	1	1
Net deferred tax liabilities	2,353	2,813	3,025	3,025	3,025
Total Loans	44,825	67,532	54,223	59,687	61,250
Other Non Current Liabilities	559	802	4,266	4,266	4,266
Liabilities	1,64,559	2,10,070	2,29,619	2,63,301	2,93,782
Net Block	47,366	56,937	64,948	78,328	81,626
CWIP	13,995	13,419	16,218	15,415	11,414
Intangible Assets & Goodwill	19,676	31,077	32,658	32,658	32,658
Other Non Current Assets	8,136	9,776	11,314	11,314	11,314
Inventories	58,584	72,456	76,999	86,837	89,079
Debtors	30,844	34,150	43,152	45,567	46,792
Cash	12,616	19,572	28,422	47,641	77,088
Other current assets	19,835	27,157	15,553	15,553	15,553
Total current assets	1,21,879	1,53,335	1,64,125	1,95,599	2,28,513
Creditors	26,274	25,522	25,450	38,945	39,951
Other current liabilities	20,218	28,952	34,195	31,068	31,791
Total current liabilities	46,492	54,474	59,644	70,013	71,742
Net current assets	75,386	98,861	1,04,481	1,25,585	1,56,771
Total assets	1,64,560	2,10,070	2,29,619	2,63,301	2,93,782

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

Exhibit 16: Cash flow

Y/E March (Rsmn)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E
EBIT	33,189	32,540	39,028	40,955	41,681
(Inc.)/dec. in working capital	(12,872)	(16,520)	3,230	(1,885)	(1,738)
Cash flow from operations	20,318	16,021	42,258	39,070	39,943
Other income	(1,020)	(1,157)	(862)	(1,110)	(1,500)
Other expenses	1,860	1,341	(50)	-	-
Depreciation	5,580	6,680	9,667	10,182	10,704
Tax paid (-)	(8,183)	(7,269)	(9,135)	(9,678)	(9,904)
Net cash from operations	18,554	15,616	41,879	38,464	39,243
Capital expenditure (-)	(23,698)	(27,076)	(22,058)	(22,759)	(10,000)
Net cash after capex	(5,144)	(11,460)	19,821	15,705	29,243
Other investment activities	398	(483)	(677)	1,110	1,500
Cash from financial activities	12,228	18,898	(10,294)	2,405	(1,296)
Opening cash balance	5,135	12,616	19,572	28,422	47,641
Closing cash balance	12,616	19,572	28,422	47,641	77,088
Change in cash balance	7,482	6,956	8,850	19,220	29,447

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

Exhibit 18: Key ratios

Y/E March	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E
Profitability & return ratios					
EBITDA margin (%)	23.0	20.2	21.1	20.8	20.6
EBIT margin (%)	20.1	16.6	16.9	17.1	16.9
Net profit margin (%)	14.7	12.1	12.5	12.5	12.4
RoE (%)	20.7	17.0	17.2	15.3	13.6
RoCE (%)	28.1	20.9	23.0	21.2	18.8
Working capital & liquidity ratios					
Receivables (days)	65	61	61	68	68
Inventory (days)	275	274	280	299	313
Payables (days)	129	108	96	117	140
Current ratio (x)	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.2
Quick ratio (x)	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.9
Valuation ratios					
EV/sales (x)	2.1	2.3	1.5	1.4	1.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.0	11.3	7.2	6.6	5.9
P/E (x)	14.3	19.6	13.3	12.6	12.3
P/BV (x)	3.0	3.3	2.2	1.9	1.7



P/E Chart



Source: BSE, Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

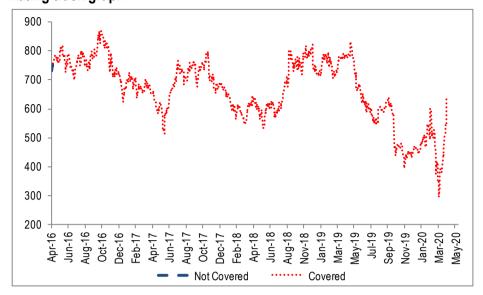
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7 April 2016	Buy	746	894
31 May 2016	Buy	754	900
24 August 2016	Buy	737	900
17 November 2016	Buy	714	920
10 February 2017	Buy	679	920
31 May 2017	Buy	580	704
29 June 2017	Accumulate	675	704
19 July 2017	Accumulate	778	819
10 August 2017	Buy	685	819
10 November 2017	Accumulate	789	818
8 February 2017	Buy	616	792
13 August 2018	Buy	610	764
13 November 2018	Accumulate	775	864
11 February 2019	Accumulate	761	866
5 April 2019	Accumulate	782	867
30 May 2019	Buy	692	868
8 August 2019	Buy	555	868
23 September 2019	Buy	619	876
9 October 2019	Buy	474	761
13 November 2019	Buy	438	756
10 February 2020	Buy	542	756
27 March 2020	Buy	361	527
3 April 2020	Buy	392	484
22 April 2020	Accumulate	644	719
23 April 2020	Accumulate	642	719
5 June 2020	Accumulate	759	785





Rating track graph





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