## Dhampur Sugar (DHASUG)

CMP: ₹ 261 Target: ₹ 340 (30%)

Target Period: 12 months

May 9, 2023

## Stable sugar recovery, rising sugar prices to aid profit

**About the stock:** Dhampur Sugar (DSL) is one of the integrated sugar companies in UP with sugar crushing capacity of 23,500 tonnes crushed per day (tcd), distillery capacity of 350 kilolitre per day (KLD) and 121 MW of co-generation capacity. It also has Ethyl Acetate production capacity of 140 tonnes per day.

 Dhampur Sugar would commission 100 KLD grain-based distillery in the next one month. Post expansion, it would be able to produce 15 crore litre ethanol per annum at peak capacity utilisation

Q4FY23 Results: DSL reported strong results with 53.7% growth in EBITDA.

- Sales saw growth of 43.9% YoY led by 68.2% growth in ethanol revenues
- EBITDA was at ₹ 104.4 crore, up 53.7% YoY, with margins at 15.5%
- Consequent PAT was at ₹ 60.7 crore (up 104.2% YoY)

What should investors do? DSL's share price was down 14% in the last one year considering adjusted share price after de-merger in May 2022.

- We expect 50% growth in ethanol volumes to 13.5 crore litre by FY25. This would drive earnings CAGR of 20.3% during FY23-25E
- We maintain BUY rating on the stock

**Target Price and Valuation:** We value the stock at ₹ 340, valuing the business at 10x FY25 PE.

### Key triggers for future price performance:

- DSL has commissioned 130 KLD distillery capacity in February 2023. This along with 100 KLD grain-based distillery (likely to get commissioned by June 2023) would take its annual distillery volumes to 15 crore litre. Total ethanol would contribute 38% to overall sales by FY25
- The company would be diverting ~25% of its sugarcane towards sugarcane
  juice route to produce ethanol. DSL would divert ~1.7 lakh tonnes each of
  equivalent sugar to produce ethanol in FY24E & FY25E
- We expect cumulative free cash flow of ₹ 360 crore in the next two years, which would result in debt reduction and a higher dividend payout

Alternate Stock Idea: We like Dalmia Bharat Sugar in our sugar coverage.

- It is the fastest in utilising B-heavy & sugarcane juice to produce ethanol.
   Distillery volumes to grow 1.8x to 22 crore litre by FY24. The company is aggressively exporting sugar & utilising higher global white sugar prices
- We value the stock at ₹ 490/share with a BUY recommendation



BUY



Particulars	
Particulars (₹ crore)	Amount
Market Capitalization	1,736.0
Total Debt (FY23)	725.9
Cash and Investments (FY23)	56.8
EV	2,405.1
52 week H/L (₹)	449 / 196
Equity capital	66.5
Face value (₹)	10.0

Shareholding pattern											
(in % )	Jun-22	Sep-22	Dec-22	Mar-23							
Promoter	49.1	49.1	49.1	49.1							
FII	7.2	5.6	5.1	4.8							
DII	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5							
Others	43.3	44.9	45.3	45.6							



### Recent event & key risks

- Dhampur would be commissioning 100 KLD grain-based distillery by June-2023
- Key Risk: (i) Any significant increase in sugarcane SAP prices in 2023-24 season (ii) Any significant decline in sugar recoveries or sugarcane yields

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Key Financial Summary							
Key Financials	FY21	FY22	FY23	2 Year CAGR (FY21-23)	FY24E	FY25E	CAGR (FY23-25E)
Total Operating Income	2158.1	1904.1	2459.8	6.8%	2440.3	2574.2	2.3%
EBITDA	276.7	291.4	303.3	4.7%	334.7	387.8	13.1%
EBITDA Margin %	12.8	15.3	12.3		13.7	15.1	
Net Profit	143.4	144.0	158.0	5.0%	178.8	228.8	20.3%
EPS (₹)	21.6	21.7	23.8	5.0%	26.9	34.5	20.3%
P/E	12.1	12.0	11.0		9.7	7.6	
RoNW %	9.2	16.3	15.2		15.8	17.7	
RoCE (%)	8.6	13.9	14.5		15.9	18.5	

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

## Key takeaways of recent quarter

# Q4FY22 Results: Distillery expansion near completion; ethanol, portable sprit to contribute 38% to revenues by FY25

- DSL witnessed revenue growth of 43.9% to ₹ 671.8 crore (net of excise) mainly on account of 44.7% growth in sugar sales and 68.2% growth in distillery sales. Power revenue was flat during the quarter
- Sugar segment sales growth of 44.7% was led by 24.7% higher sugar volumes & flat sugar realisation in Q4FY23. The company sold 0.96 lakh tonnes (It) of sugar at an average realisation of ₹ 34.7/kg. It is holding 1.2 It of sugar valued at ₹ 32.9/kg
- Distillery sales growth of 68.2% was led by 59.2% growth in ethanol volume and 4% growth in ethanol realisation. The company sold 2.87 crore litre of ethanol at an average realisation of ₹ 65.7/litre. Power volumes were down 5.7% to 16.7 crore unit at an average tariff of ₹ 3.76/unit (7.4% higher)
- Chemical segment volumes increased 33% to 107.4 lakh kg. However, realisation declined considerably during the quarter. The company makes ~7% in this segment. On a full year basis, chemical segment sales were at ₹ 302.1 crore (~10% of total revenue)
- DSL crushed 18.85 It of sugarcane in Q4Y23, out of which 4.65 It (24.6%) was diverted towards sugarcane juice route to produce ethanol
- Gross recovery during the quarter was down 12 bps to 12.38%. The company entirely produce ethanol from sugarcane juice during the quarter. It stored B-heavy molasses, which would be utilised to produce ethanol during off-season
- Transfer of bagasse pricing was ₹ 1/ kg. The company is not planning to produce or sell any bagasse before August-2023 given Dhampur would require fuel for new ethanol distillery
- Increase in ethanol volumes, higher domestic sales quota & relatively better recovery rate resulted in 53.7% growth in operating profit to ₹ 104.4 crore. With a reduction of debt, interest cost declined 23.7% to ₹ 10.7 crore. This along with lower income tax resulted in 104.2% growth in net profit to ₹ 60.7 crore
- New sugarcane crushing plant in Bijnor has been established by the Bindal group close to the catchment area of Dhampur. The company is working on increasing sugarcane availability in its catchment area. Hence, this new plant would not impact sugarcane availability in any significant manner
- In the 2022-23 season, gross recovery was flat, which would keep sugar cost
  of sugar production similar to last season. Considering, sugar prices have
  moved up by ₹ 2/kg in the last one month and is expected increase in
  sugarcane costs, sugar segment margins for FY24E are likely to improve
  from ₹ 1.5/kg to ₹ 2.5/kg
- Sugarcane crushing is expected to increase only marginally (2-3%) in the next crushing season. The company would be diverting ~25% of sugarcane towards sugarcane juice ethanol and remaining towards B-heavy ethanol to produce 12.5 crore and 13.5 crore litre of ethanol in FY24E & FY25E, respectively
- The sugar industry is expected to produce 32.7 million tonnes (MT) of sugar in 2022-23 season. Sugar consumption of ₹ 27.7 MT and export of 6.1 MT is likely to reduce sugar inventory by at least 1 MT at the start of new crushing season on October 1, 2023. We believe the country would be having just sufficient inventory to last until sugar crushing starts in November-2023. This would keep domestic sugar prices firm above ₹ 36/kg

Exhibit 1: Peer Con	xhibit 1: Peer Comparison																							
Sector / Company	CMP	TP		M Cap	E	PS grov	vth (%	)	EBIT	DA Ma	argin (%	5)		PE	(x)			P/B	(x)			RoCE	(%)	
Sector / Company	(₹)	(₹)	Rating	(₹ Cr)	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY22 F	Y23E	FY24E I	FY25E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E F	Y25E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Balrampur Chini (BALCHI)	422	435	Buy	8600	-0.1	-31.9	84.2	18.0	14.4	11.3	16.2	16.6	18.3	26.1	13.4	11.4	3.1	2.9	2.5	2.3	15.3	10.1	19.1	20.5
Dalmia Bharat Sugar (DALSUG	369	490	Buy	2985	10.0	-13.3	33.8	17.1	14.8	14.6	16.4	17.2	10.2	11.7	8.8	7.5	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	12.3	12.8	16.0	16.9
Triveni Engineering (TRIENG)	280	360	Buy	6770	45.9	-5.1	52.6	24.3	14.8	10.0	16.2	17.5	16.3	17.2	11.2	9.1	3.7	2.4	2.3	2.0	15.8	14.6	19.3	25.0
Dwarikesh sugar (DWASUG)	95	115	Buy	1794	69.6	-32.5	38.9	29.3	14.7	10.4	13.5	13.7	11.1	16.5	11.9	9.2	2.6	2.3	1.9	1.7	20.6	16.0	20.8	22.2
Dhampur Sugar (DHASUG)	261	340	Buy	1736	0.5	9.7	13.2	28.0	15.3	12.3	13.7	15.1	12.0	11.0	9.7	7.6	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.3	13.9	14.5	15.9	18.5

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Sugar companies in UP witnessed a mixed trend in sugar recovery in the 2022-23 season. Gross sugar recovery for Dhampur Sugar was flat compared to last season but It is best in UP for the current season. Further, sugar prices have moved up by ₹ 2/ kg in the last one month mainly on account of lower sugar production in Maharashtra and Karnataka. We believe country wise sugar inventory would be lowest in five years and just sufficient until crushing for 2023-24 sugar season starts in November-2023. This would keep domestic sugar prices firm above ₹ 36/kg for at least six months. Dhampur Sugar has the benefit of better recovery resulting in lowest cost of production in UP and higher sugar realisation. This, along with increased ethanol capacity, would result in strong earnings growth for the company in FY24. We remain positive on the company. We maintain BUY recommendation on the stock with a revised target price of ₹ 340/share (₹ 270/share).

Exhibit 2: Variance Analysis	O 4 EVO	O 4EVO	W W (0)	COEVOS	0.0.46()	
	Q4FY23	Q4FY22	YoY (%)	Q3FY23	QoQ (%)	Comments
Total Operating Income	671.4	466.7	43.9	543.8	23.5	Net sales witnessed growth of 43.9% led by 68% growth in ethanol sales and 44.7% growth in sugar sales
Other Operating Income	0.0	0.0	N.A.	0.0	N.A.	
Raw Material Expenses	482.3	307.9	56.6	386.5	24.8	Cost of RM increased mainly due to lower gross recovery rate during the quarter by 12 bps. However, recovery rate was flat for the season
Employee Expense	22.2	25.6	-13.3	22.1	0.2	
Other operating Expenses	62.6	65.3	-4.1	49.1	27.7	
EBITDA	104.4	67.9	53.7	86.2	21.2	Operating profit witnessed growth of 53.7% on account of higher ethanol sales and lower overhead spends
EBITDA Margin (%)	15.5	14.5	100 bps	15.8	-30 bps	
Depreciation	15.7	14.0	12.5	13.8	13.4	
Interest	10.7	14.0	-23.7	5.5	96.6	With reduction in debt levels, interest costs was down 23.7%
Other Income	3.6	7.3	-51.1	0.2	1,403.2	
PBT	81.5	47.2	72.7	67.1	21.5	
Tax Outgo	20.8	17.5	19.2	20.7	0.8	
PAT	60.7	29.7	104.2	46.4	30.7	Led by higher operating profit & lower interest costs, net profit doubled during the quarter
Key Metrics						
Sugar sales volume (in lakh tonnes)	1.0	0.8	24.7	0.7	31.5	Sugar volumes were higher due to higher domestic sales quota
Domestic sugar realisation (₹ per kg)	34.7	34.5	0.4	35.1	-1.3	Sugar realisation was flat
Distillery volumes (in crore litre)	2.9	1.8	59.2	2.3	23.0	With commissioning of new capacity, ethanol volumes increased by 59.2%
Distillery realisation (₹ per litre)	65.7	63.2	4.0	63.0	4.3	Higher contribution from juice ethanol resulted in increase in distillery realisation

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

		FY24E			FY25E		
(₹ Crore)	Old	New	change	Old	New 5	Change	Comments
Net sales	2,433.5	2,440.3	0.3	2,528.4	2,574.2	1.8	We cut down sugar, ethanol volumes & increased sugar, ethanol realisations
EBITDA	346.3	334.7	-3.4	386.9	387.8	0.2	
EBITDA Margin (%)	14.2	13.7	-52 bps	15.3	15.1	-24 bps	We cut margin estimate given the company is utilising sugarcane juice to produce ethanol
PAT	178.0	178.8	0.5	226.9	228.8	0.8	We cut our interest cost estimate mainly on account of expected decline in debt levels
EPS (₹)	26.8	26.9	0.5	34.2	34.5	0.8	

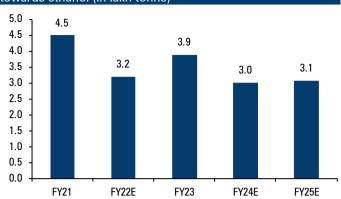
Source: ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 4: Assumption	ıs							
			Current					
	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY24E	FY25E	Comments
Sugar Sold (in tonne)	450,000	321,000	389,474	302,316	307,658	314,400	317,544	The company is diverting more sugacane towards ethanol and hence producing less sugar
Sugar Price (₹ per tonne)	32,763	33,783	34,806	36,500	37,000	35,570	35,600	We change sugar realisation estimate upwards as domestic prices have moved up
Distillery volume (KL)	75,099	73,718	89,787	124,800	136,000	135,000	145,000	We cut our ethanol sales estimates mainly due to higher levy molasses usage for liquor
Distillery price (₹ KL)	53.2	57.9	59.7	65.7	66.3	63.5	64.1	Higher contribution from juice ethanol would result in higher distillery realisation
Power Units sold	18.0	19.5	17.8	18.1	18.5	20.3	20.4	We cut power sales estimate mainly due to utilisation of bagasse for captive power
Price per unit (₹ per units)	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	~

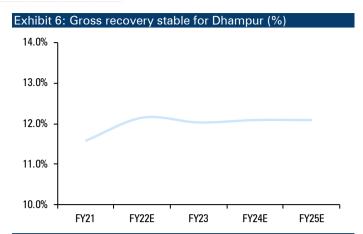
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## **Key Metrics**

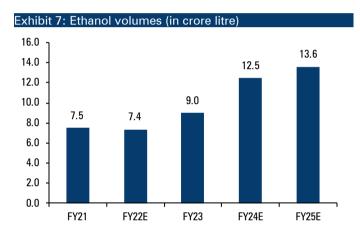
Exhibit 5: Sugar sales volume to decline due to diversion towards ethanol (in lakh tonne)



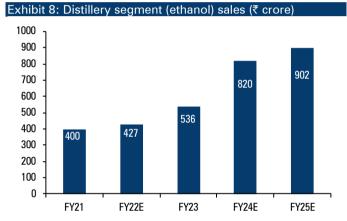
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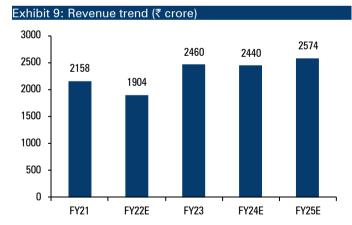
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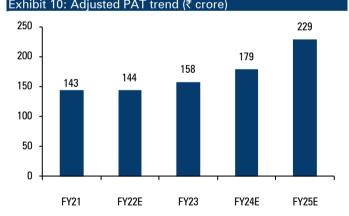
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Exhibit 11	: Valuation	1						
	Sales	Growth	EPS	Growth	PE	EV/EBITDA	RoNW	RoCE
	(₹ cr)	(%)	(₹)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)
FY22	1904.1	-11.8	21.7	0.5	12.0	8.7	16.3	13.9
FY23	2459.8	29.2	23.8	9.7	11.0	7.9	15.2	14.5
FY24E	2440.3	-0.8	26.9	13.2	9.7	7.1	15.8	15.9
FY25E	2574.2	5.5	34.5	28.0	7.6	5.7	17.7	18.5

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

## Financial Summary

Exhibit 12: Profit and los	s statem <u>e</u>	nt		₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY22E	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Total Operating Income	1,904.1	2,459.8	2,440.3	2,574.2
Growth (%)	-11.8	29.2	-0.8	5.5
Raw Material Expenses	1,350.3	1,881.8	1,838.5	1,908.8
Employee Expenses	78.2	84.1	84.1	89.1
Other expenses	184.2	190.6	183.0	188.5
Total Operating Expenditure	1,612.7	2,156.4	2,105.6	2,186.3
EBITDA	291.4	303.3	334.7	387.8
Growth (%)	5.3	4.1	10.3	15.9
Depreciation	50.3	52.1	55.7	59.2
Interest	50.2	43.9	39.4	35.4
Other Income	10.6	15.5	15.8	15.9
PBT	190.9	207.3	239.6	293.2
Exceptional items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Tax	57.6	64.8	76.6	80.4
PAT	144.0	158.0	178.8	228.8
Growth (%)	0.5	9.7	13.2	28.0
EPS (₹)	21.7	23.8	26.9	34.5

Source: Company,	ICICI Direct Research
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Exhibit 13: Cash flow stat	ement			₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY22E	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Profit/Loss after Tax	201.6	158.0	178.8	228.8
Add: Depreciation	50.3	52.1	55.7	59.2
Add: Interest	50.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
(Inc)/dec in Current Assets	-312.1	147.9	3.6	-18.0
Inc/(dec) in Current Liabilities	47.0	-48.0	32.9	94.5
CF from operating activities	-0.2	309.9	271.0	364.4
(Inc)/dec in Investments	0.0	3.3	-5.0	-5.0
(Inc)/dec in Fixed Assets	-87.5	-172.7	-135.7	-139.2
Others	-3.4	25.3	0.0	0.0
CF from investing activities	-90.9	-144.1	-140.7	-144.2
Issue/(Buy back) of Equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inc/(dec) in loan funds	126.0	-153.2	-70.0	-150.0
Dividend paid & dividend tax	-0.1	-39.8	-53.1	-66.4
Inc/(dec) in Sec. premium	0.0	39.4	-39.4	0.0
Others	-48.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
CF from financing activities	77.1	-153.6	-162.6	-216.4
Net Cash flow	-13.9	12.3	-32.3	3.9
Opening Cash	72.5	44.6	56.8	24.6
Cash & cash equivalents	-14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash with bank	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Closing Cash	58.6	56.8	24.6	28.4

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 14: Balance Sheet				₹ crore
	FY22E	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Liabilities				
Equity Capital	66.4	66.4	66.4	66.4
Reserve and Surplus	818.6	976.2	1,062.4	1,224.8
Total Shareholders funds	885.0	1,042.6	1,128.8	1,291.2
Total Debt	879.1	725.9	655.9	505.9
Long Term Provisions	15.3	15.6	13.6	11.6
Other Non-current Liabilities	35.5	71.2	58.0	58.0
Total Liabilities	1,814.9	1,855.2	1,856.2	1,866.6
Assets				
Gross Block	2,101.0	2,199.5	2,325.1	2,454.3
Less: Acc Depreciation	1,103.8	1,155.9	1,211.6	1,270.8
Net Block	997.2	1,043.6	1,113.6	1,183.6
Capital WIP	28.7	103.3	113.3	123.3
Intangible assets	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.8
Non Current Investments	5.1	1.8	6.8	11.8
Other non-current assets	18.0	6.6	6.6	6.6
Current Assets				
Inventory	852.4	666.8	671.1	679.3
Debtors	159.9	194.5	196.6	207.4
Cash	58.6	56.8	24.6	28.4
Loans & Advances	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6
Other Current Assets	41.1	44.4	34.4	33.4
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	231.7	182.0	170.5	181.4
Provisions	5.2	6.5	6.5	6.5
Other CL	113.0	77.5	137.1	222.6
Net Current Assets	763.8	698.1	614.2	539.6
Total Assets	1,814.9	1,855.2	1,856.2	1,866.6

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 15: Key ratios				
	FY22E	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Per share data (₹)				
EPS	21.7	23.8	26.9	34.5
Cash EPS	29.3	31.6	35.3	43.4
BV	133.3	157.1	170.1	194.5
DPS	6.0	6.0	8.0	10.0
Cash Per Share	166.3	174.1	182.5	191.4
Operating Ratios (%)				
EBITDA Margin	15.3	12.3	13.7	15.1
PBT / Net Sales	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
PAT Margin	7.6	6.4	7.3	8.9
Inventory days	163.4	98.9	100.4	96.3
Debtor days	30.7	28.9	29.4	29.4
Creditor days	44.4	27.0	25.5	25.7
Return Ratios (%)				
RoE	16.3	15.2	15.8	17.7
RoCE	13.9	14.5	15.9	18.5
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	12.0	11.0	9.7	7.6
EV / EBITDA	8.7	7.9	7.1	5.7
EV / Net Sales	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.9
Market Cap / Sales	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
Price to Book Value	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.3
Solvency Ratios				
Debt/EBITDA	3.0	2.4	2.0	1.3
Debt / Equity	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.4
Current Ratio	3.9	4.2	3.5	2.9
Quick Ratio	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.8

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 16: ICICI Direct coverage universe (Sugar)																								
Sector / Company	CMP	TP		M Cap EPS (₹)				P/E (x)			EV/EBITDA (x)				P/B (x)				RoCE (%)					
	(₹)	(₹)	Rating	(₹ Cr)	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E I	FY25E	FY22	FY23E I	FY24E F	Y25E	FY22 F	Y23E F	Y24E F	Y25E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Balrampur Chini (BALCHI)	422	435	Buy	8,600	22.8	16.0	31.0	36.6	18.5	26.4	13.6	11.5	13.7	18.8	9.8	8.8	3.1	2.9	2.5	2.3	15.3	10.1	19.1	20.5
Dalmia Bharat Sugar (DALSUG	369	490	Buy	2,985	36.7	31.9	42.6	49.9	10.0	11.6	8.7	7.4	8.3	8.1	6.1	5.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	12.3	12.8	16.0	16.9
Triveni Engineering (TRIENG)	280	360	Buy	6,770	17.7	16.8	25.7	31.9	15.8	16.6	10.9	8.8	13.4	13.9	8.9	6.9	3.7	2.4	2.3	2.0	15.8	14.6	19.3	25.0
Dwarikesh sugar (DWASUG)	95	115	Buy	1,794	8.2	5.6	7.7	10.0	11.6	17.1	12.3	9.5	7.5	9.4	7.1	6.2	2.6	2.3	1.9	1.7	20.6	16.0	20.8	22.2
Dhampur Sugar (DHASUG)	261	340	Buy	1,736	21.7	23.8	26.9	34.5	12.0	11.0	9.7	7.6	8.7	7.9	7.1	5.7	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.3	13.9	14.5	15.9	18.5
Source: Bloomberg, ICICI Di	rect Res	earch																						

## **RATING RATIONALE**

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