# Indraprastha Gas (INDGAS)

CMP: ₹ 381 Target: ₹ 430 (13%)

Target Period: 12 months

October 23, 2022

## Higher gas sourcing costs reduce gross margins...

**About the stock:** Indraprastha Gas (IGL) is one of India's largest city gas distribution companies and primarily operates in the NCT of Delhi. As per FY22 AR, the company has 711 CNG stations and provided PNG connections to ~20 lakh households and 7715 commercial & industrial consumers.

- CNG sales contribute 75% of its total sales volume
- Overall, sales volume grew at 9% CAGR in FY17-22

**Q2FY23 Results:** IGL reported Q2FY23 results that were marginally better than estimated on profitability.

- Revenue increased 94.1% YoY to ₹ 3554 crore due to higher volume as well as realisation. Sales volume grew 11.8% YoY to 8.09 mmscmd
- Gross margin was down 6.6% YoY at ₹ 12.5/scm (our estimate: ₹ 14.1/scm).
  EBITDA was at ₹ 527.5 crore, flattish YoY (I-direct estimate: ₹ 616.7 crore)
- PAT was at ₹ 416.2 crore, up 3.9% YoY (I-direct estimate: ₹ 402.6 crore)

What should investors do? Although gas sourcing costs have gone up for the sector from October 1 onwards, suggestion for a new gas pricing regime (mostly oil-linked), is expected to provide fresh thrust to downstream gas players in the medium term (in the form of lower gas sourcing costs).

Due to near term uncertainty, we maintain our HOLD rating on the stock

**Target Price and Valuation:** We value IGL at ₹ 430 (standalone at  $\sim$ ₹ 397 i.e. 19x P/E on FY24E EPS and investments at  $\sim$ ₹ 33).

#### Key triggers for future price performance:

- Continued capex and presence in new geographical areas will improve volume growth
- IGL will continue to benefit from stricter environmental regulations in NCR and India's aim to increase the share of natural gas in the energy mix
- Gas sourcing costs/price hikes will be key monitorable in the near term

Alternate Stock Idea: Apart from IGL, in our oil & gas coverage we also like MGL.

- Mahanagar Gas (MGL) is a city gas distribution company and operates in Mumbai, its adjoining areas and Raigad district, Maharashtra
- The company has historically reported high gross margins and return ratios.
  It has a debt free balance sheet and a constant dividend payout

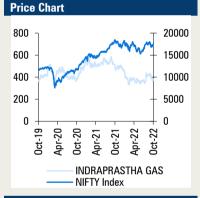


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Particulars	
Particular	Amount
Market Capitalization (₹ Crore)	26,670.0
Total Debt (FY22) (₹ Crore)	78.1
Cash and Investments (FY22)	1,361.6
EV (₹ Crore)	25,386.5
52 week H/L	515/322
Equity capital (₹ Crore)	140.0
Face value (₹)	2.0

Share	olding p	attern		
(in %)	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22
Promoter	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0
FII	20.2	19.9	20.3	21.0
DII	16.7	16.9	16.8	20.1
Others	18.1	18.2	17.9	13.9



#### Recent event & key risks

 Key Risk: (i) Faster than expected volume growth (ii) Inability to pass on further increase in costs

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(Year-end March)	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	CAGR (FY17- 22)	FY23E	FY24E	2 year CAGR (FY22-24E)
Revenues (₹ crore)	5,760.0	6,485.3	4,940.8	7,710.0	15.1	14,134.7	14,346.6	36.4
EBITDA (₹ crore)	1,252.1	1,519.6	1,483.0	1,881.1	14.3	2,209.4	2,337.2	11.5
Net Profit (₹ crore)	786.7	1,136.5	1,005.7	1,315.0	18.2	1,516.0	1,459.9	5.4
EPS (₹)	11.2	16.2	14.4	18.8		21.7	20.9	
P/E (x)	33.9	23.5	26.5	20.3		17.6	18.3	
Price / Book (x)	6.5	5.3	4.5	3.8		3.3	2.9	
EV/EBITDA (x)	20.8	16.2	17.3	13.5		11.5	10.8	
RoCE (%)	25.4	24.7	20.0	22.3		22.5	20.2	
RoE (%)	19.0	22.5	17.1	19.0		18.8	16.1	

## Key takeaways of recent quarter & conference call highlights

### Q2FY23 Results: Higher realisation offset by increase in gas sourcing cost

- Revenue increased 11.3% QoQ. Realisation was marginally better than estimates at ₹ 52.5/scm
- Sales volume was at 8.09 mmscmd, up 11.8% YoY, 2.5% QoQ, in line with estimates. CNG segment grew ~15% YoY to 6.09 mmscmd (our estimate: 6.04 mmscmd). PNG volume increased ~3% YoY to 2 mmscmd and was in line with estimates. Within the PNG segment, domestic PNG volume was up 11% YoY while industrial/commercial PNG volume was flattish YoY. On a QoQ basis, CNG sales grew 2.7% while PNG volume grew 2.2%
- Gas sourcing costs increased ₹ 4.9/scm QoQ to ₹ 35.1/scm. It was higher than estimate of ₹ 32.3/scm. This led to gross margin of ₹ 12.5/scm, lower than estimate of ₹ 14.1/scm.
- We estimate sales volume of 8.1 mmscmd and 8.7 mmscmd in FY23E and FY24E, respectively
- Gross margin is expected at ₹ 13.3/scm and ₹ 13.6/scm in FY23E and FY24E, respectively

#### Peer comparison

Exhibit 1: Peer Com	Exhibit 1: Peer Comparison																		
Sector / Company	CMP	TP	Rating	M Cap		PS (₹)			P/E (x)			BITDA		-	RoCE (%)			RoE (%)	
occion / company	(₹)	(₹)	mating	(₹ Cr)	FY22	FY23E	Y24E	FY22 F	Y23E I	Y24E	FY22 F	<b>Y23E</b> F	Y24E	FY22	FY23E I	Y24E	FY22	FY23E F	Y24E
Gujarat Gas (GUJGA)	500	480	Hold	34,420	18.9	23.4	20.9	26.4	21.4	23.9	16.4	13.5	14.6	27.0	28.2	21.8	23.1	23.2	17.9
Indraprastha Gas (INDGAS)	381	430	Hold	26,670	18.8	21.7	20.9	20.3	17.6	18.3	13.5	11.5	10.8	22.3	22.5	20.2	19.0	18.8	16.1
Mahanagar Gas (MAHGAS)	845	820	Hold	8,347	60.4	58.9	84.8	14.0	14.3	10.0	8.6	8.6	6.0	19.8	17.7	23.1	16.6	15.0	19.0

	Q2FY23	Q2FY23E	Q2FY22	YoY (%)	Q1FY23	QoQ (%)	Comments
Total Revenues	3,554.0	3,426.3	1,831.2	94.1	3,193.9	11.3	Revenue increased YoY on account of sales growth as well as higher realisation
Raw materials costs	2,609.4	2,377.9	928.3	181.1	2,170.6	20.2	
Employees Cost	49.7	54.8	52.4	-5.2	48.1	3.3	
Other Expenses	367.5	376.9	320.4	14.7	357.7	2.7	
Total Expenditure	3,026.5	2,809.6	1,301.0	132.6	2,576.3	17.5	
EBITDA	527.5	616.7	530.2	-0.5	617.5	-14.6	Lower than estimated
EBITDA margins (%)	14.8	18.0	29.0	-1411 bps	19.3	-449 bps	
Depreciation	91.4	102.9	80.5	13.6	85.7	6.7	
EBIT	436.1	513.8	449.7	-3.0	531.8	-18.0	
Interest	3.1	4.8	2.6	20.3	2.4	31.1	
Other Income	110.0	30.0	77.5	42.0	30.7	257.8	Higher than estimated
Extra Ordinary Item	0.0	0.0	0.0	NA	0.0	NA	
PBT	543.0	539.0	524.6	3.5	560.2	-3.1	
Total Tax	126.9	136.4	124.1	2.3	139.4	-9.0	
PAT	416.2	402.6	400.5	3.9	420.9	-1.1	Marginally higher than estimated
Key Metrics							
Sales Volumes (mmscmd)	8.09	8.0	7.2	11.8	7.9	2.5	in line with estimates, CNG volume was 6.09 mmscmd whereas PNG volume came in at 2 mmscmd
Realisation (₹/scm)	52.5	51.2	30.1	74.4	49.0	7.1	
Gross Margin (₹/scm)	12.5	14.1	13.4	-6.6	14.1	-11.2	Lower than estimates mainly due to higher than expected gas sourcing costs

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

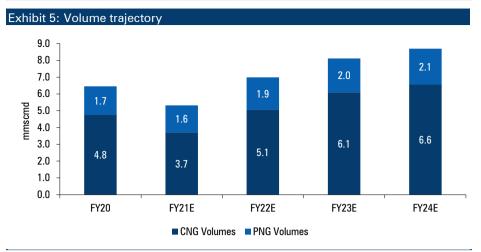
Exhibit 3: Change in	n estimates						
		FY23E			FY24E		Comments
(₹ Crore)	Old	News	Change	Old	New 5	Change	
Revenue	13698.7	14,134.7	3.2	14254.1	14,346.6	0.6	Increased realisation estimates owing to price hike
EBITDA	2067.4	2,209.4	6.9	2273.1	2,337.2	2.8	Revised gas cost estimate taking into account current oil & gas price trend
EBITDA Margin (%)	15.1	15.6	54 bps	15.9	16.3	34 bps	
PAT	1329.8	1,516.0	14.0	1412.0	1,459.9	3.4	
EPS (₹)	19.0	21.7	14.0	20.2	20.9	3.4	

Source: ICICI Direct Research

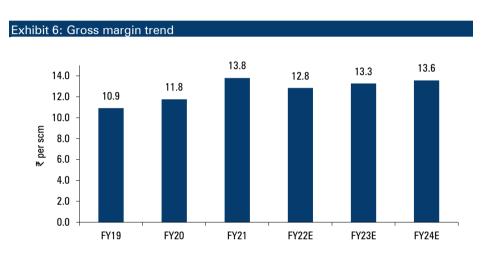
Exhibit 4: Assumptior	าร						
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	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E	Comments
Sales Volumes (mmscmd)	5.3	7.0	8.1	8.7	8.1	8.7	Volumes have been maintained as per earlier estimates
Realisation (₹/scm)	27.8	33.1	52.6	49.8	51.1	49.6	Increased realisation estimate following price hike
Gross Margin (₹/scm)	13.8	12.8	13.3	13.6	12.7	13.4	

Source: ICICI Direct Research

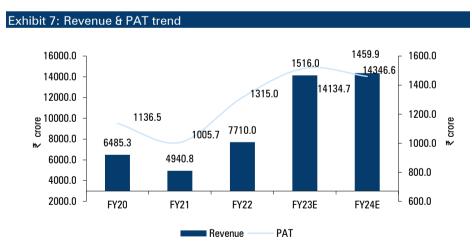
### Story in charts



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## Financial Summary

Exhibit 8: Profit and lo	ss statement		₹ crore	;
(Year-end March)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	4940.8	7710.0	14134.7	14346.6
Growth (%)	-23.8	56.0	83.3	1.5
Raw material Costs	2229.5	4392.3	10165.7	10015.3
Employee Costs	134.4	176.0	221.8	272.6
Other Expenditure	1093.9	1260.6	1537.7	1721.6
Op. Expenditure	3457.8	5828.9	11925.3	12009.5
EBITDA	1483.0	1881.1	2209.4	2337.2
Growth (%)	-2.4	26.8	17.5	5.8
Depreciation	290.4	317.1	382.8	483.5
EBIT	1192.6	1564.1	1826.6	1853.7
Interest	11.3	13.2	15.1	19.4
Other Income	150.2	215.0	200.7	120.0
PBT	1331.5	1765.9	2012.2	1954.3
Growth (%)	-5.9	32.6	14.0	-2.9
Tax	325.8	450.9	496.2	494.4
Reported PAT	1005.7	1315.0	1516.0	1459.9
Growth (%)	-11.5	30.8	15.3	-3.7
Adjustments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Adj. Net Profit	1005.7	1315.0	1516.0	1459.9
EPS	14.4	18.8	21.7	20.9

(Year-end March)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Profit after Tax	1,005.7	1,315.0	1,516.0	1,459.9
Add: Depreciation	290.4	317.1	382.8	483.5
Add: Others	30.3	31.5	30.0	30.0
Cash Profit	1,130.3	1,411.5	1,519.3	1,563.8
Increase/(Decrease) in CL	451.9	630.8	600.2	34.0
(Increase)/Decrease in CA	-60.9	-273.1	-356.4	-40.1
CF from Operating Activi	1811.7	2086.3	2146.0	2041.3
Purchase of Fixed Assets	1,124.6	1,529.6	971.4	1,100.0
(Inc)/Dec in Investments	-1,567.7	-150.0	-750.0	-550.0
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CF from Investing Activi	-2,692.3	-1,679.6	-1,721.4	-1,650.0
Inc/(Dec) in Loan Funds	123.5	138.4	40.0	40.0
Less: Dividend Paid	196.0	252.0	409.5	409.5
Inc/(Dec) in Sh. Cap. & Res.	-0.2	1.4	0.0	0.0
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CF from financing activit	-72.6	-112.3	-369.5	-369.5
Change in cash Eq.	-1,047.7	229.4	81.8	-52.2
Op. Cash and cash Eq.	2,180.0	1,132.3	1,361.6	1,443.4
Cl. Cash and cash Eq.	1,132.3	1,361.6	1,443.4	1,391.2

Exhibit 9: Cash flow statement

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 10: Balance Sh	eet			₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Source of Funds				
Equity Capital	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0
Preference capital	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reserves & Surplus	5,731.9	6,796.2	7,902.7	8,953.
Shareholder's Fund	5,871.9	6,936.2	8,042.7	9,093.
Loan Funds	79.9	78.1	78.1	78.
Deferred Tax Liability	242.2	273.7	303.7	333.7
Minority Interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Source of Funds	7087.3	8321.5	9498.0	10618.4
Application of Funds				
Gross Block	5,397.7	6,340.1	7,540.1	8,740.
Less: Acc. Depreciation	1,076.9	1,338.4	1,749.8	2,233.
Net Block	4,320.9	5,001.7	5,790.3	6,506.
Capital WIP	846.9	1,378.6	1,178.6	1,078.
Total Fixed Assets	5,167.8	6,380.3	6,968.9	7,585.
Investments	1,825.8	1,975.8	2,725.8	3,275.
Inventories	45.6	45.5	96.8	98.
Debtor	260.7	520.6	774.5	786.
Cash	1,132.3	1,361.6	1,443.4	1,391.
Loan & Advance, Other CA	155.2	168.5	219.6	246.
Total Current assets	1593.8	2096.2	2534.3	2522.
Current Liabilities	1127.5	1701.3	2323.5	2358.
Provisions	372.7	429.5	407.6	406.
Total CL and Provisions	1500.1	2130.9	2731.1	2765.
Net Working Capital	93.7	-34.7	-196.8	-242.
Miscellaneous expense	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Application of Funds	7087.3	8321.4	9498.0	10618.4

Exhibit 11: Key ratios				
(Year-end March)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Per share data (₹)				
Book Value	83.9	99.1	114.9	129.9
Cash per share	38.6	44.0	55.9	63.0
EPS	14.4	18.8	21.7	20.9
Cash EPS	18.5	23.3	27.1	27.8
DPS	2.8	5.5	5.0	5.0
Profitability & Operating F	latios			
EBITDA Margin (%)	30.0	24.4	15.6	16.3
PAT Margin (%)	20.4	17.1	10.7	10.2
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	1.0	1.2	2.0	1.9
Inventory Turnover (Days)	3.4	2.2	2.5	2.5
Debtor (Days)	19.3	24.6	20.0	20.0
Current Liabilities (Days)	83.3	80.5	60.0	60.0
Return Ratios (%)				
RoE	17.1	19.0	18.8	16.1
RoCE	20.0	22.3	22.5	20.2
RoIC	36.7	39.7	43.4	38.9
Valuation Ratios (x)				
PE	26.5	20.3	17.6	18.3
Price to Book Value	4.5	3.8	3.3	2.9
EV/EBITDA	17.3	13.5	11.5	10.8
EV/Sales	5.2	3.3	1.8	1.8
Leverage & Solvency Rati	os			
Debt to equity (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest Coverage (x)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Debt to EBITDA (x)	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current Ratio	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9
Quick ratio	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9

Exhibit 12: ICICI Dire	ect co	vera	ige un	iverse (	Oil &	Gas)													
Sector / Company	CMP	TP	Rating	M Cap		EPS (₹)			P/E (x)		EV/E	BITDA	(x)	R	loCE (%)		F	RoE (%)	
occion / company	(₹)	(₹)	macing	(₹ Cr)	FY22	FY23E	Y24E	FY22	FY23E I	Y24E	FY22 I	FY23E F	Y24E	FY22	FY23E F	Y24E	FY22 I	FY23E F	Y24E
BPCL (BHAPET)	339	350	Hold	68,840	41.3	-19.3	82.3	8.2	-17.5	4.1	6.4	173.4	3.4	15.1	-2.8	24.4	17.5	-9.0	29.8
GAIL (India) (GAIL)	84	100	Buy	55,231	23.3	13.7	8.9	3.6	6.1	9.4	3.0	4.7	7.2	18.8	15.1	8.4	18.6	14.7	9.1
Gujarat Gas (GUJGA)	500	480	Hold	34,420	18.9	23.4	20.9	26.4	21.4	23.9	16.4	13.5	14.6	27.0	28.2	21.8	23.1	23.2	17.9
HPCL (HINPET)	248	260	Hold	35,190	44.9	-67.4	42.5	5.5	-3.7	5.8	8.0	-11.4	7.7	7.3	-14.4	7.8	16.5	-32.8	18.6
Indian Oil Corp (INDOIL)	73	80	Hold	1,02,803	17.1	2.3	13.9	4.3	32.0	5.3	2.4	5.5	2.5	12.9	2.4	10.1	18.4	2.6	14.8
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ONGC (ONGC)	124	135	Hold	1,59,133	8.9	32.0	37.1	13.9	3.9	3.3	5.4	2.8	2.0	4.5	14.8	20.9	5.5	17.0	17.3
Petronet LNG (PETLNG)	200	210	Hold	30,000	22.3	17.7	19.2	8.9	11.3	10.4	5.5	6.6	5.8	27.0	20.0	20.8	25.0	19.0	19.5
Reliance Industries (RELIND)	2,472	2,700	Hold	16,72,274	89.7	94.5	118.0	27.5	26.2	20.9	18.0	13.6	11.2	7.1	8.7	10.3	7.8	7.6	8.7

Source: Bloomberg, ICICI Direct Research

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