Petronet LNG (PETLNG)

CMP: ₹ 227 Target: ₹ 240 (6%)

Target Period: 12 months

ths HOLD

May 4, 2023

Lower LNG prices improve QoQ utilisation...

About the stock: Petronet LNG, a JV between leading PSU oil companies, is involved in LNG import and regasification.

- The company operates two LNG terminals at Dahej and Kochi
- Total nameplate capacity of the company is 22.5 MMTPA

Q4FY23 Results: Petronet LNG reported a weak set of numbers.

- Revenue increased 24% YoY to ₹ 13874 crore below I-direct estimate of ₹ 13556 crore
- Total volume was at 185 tbtu, down ~3% YoY below I-direct estimate of 200.2 tbtu
- Blended margin came in at ₹ 66.9/mmbtu, down 8% YoY. EBITDA for the quarter was ₹ 943.1 crore, down 19% YoY
- PAT at ₹ 614.3 crore, was down 18% YoY below I-direct estimate of ₹ 766 crore

What should investors do? In Q1FY24E-TD, average spot LNG prices have further softened to ~US\$12/mmbtu from ~US\$17/mmbtu seen in Q4FY23. There has been a rise in service cargoes since April and utilisation level at Dahej has also improved to 97% (vs. 77% in Q4). Global LNG prices and subsequent impact on volume demand will be the key monitorable, going ahead.

• We retain our **HOLD** rating on the stock

Target Price and Valuation: We value Petronet at ₹ 240 i.e. 10.5x P/E on FY25E FPS

Key triggers for future price performance:

- The company expects to receive some of the ₹ 416 crore receivables, booked in FY22 under the use or pay contract, in the near term
- The 17.5 mmtpa Dahej terminal has been booked for 15.75 mmtpa under long term, thus providing visibility to long term volumes. Increase in Kochi terminal utilisation can support a volume pick-up
- LNG price trend to be key monitorable for offtake

Alternate Stock Idea: Besides Petronet, in our oil & gas coverage we also like Indraprastha Gas (IGL).

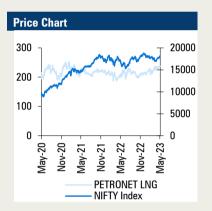
- IGL is one of India's leading CGD companies, which primarily operates in NCT of Delhi and will benefit from stricter environmental regulations in Delhi
- BUY with a target price of ₹ 550



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Particulars	
Particular	Amount
Market Capitalization (₹ Crore)	34,050.0
Total Debt (FY22) (₹ Crore)	3,156.2
Cash and Investments (FY22)	4,329.6
EV (₹ Crore)	32,876.6
52 week H/L	243 /196
Equity capital (₹ Crore)	1,500.0
Face value (₹)	10.0

Shareholding pattern											
Jun-22	Sep-22	Dec-22	Mar-23								
50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0								
34.8	34.8	34.9	34.8								
2.9	4.1	4.1	4.5								
12.2	11.1	11.0	10.7								
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Recent event & key risks

 Key Risk: (i) Faster than expected pick-up in demand, (ii) Increase in LNG prices in H2FY24 with pickup in demand from China

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Key Financial Summar	У			(FTT7-22)	Y23E	FY24E	FY25E	3 year CAGR (FY22E 25E)
Revenues (₹ crore)	35,452.0	26,022.9	43,168.6	11.9	59,899.4	49,818.8	47,680.8	3.4
EBITDA (₹ crore)	3,989.5	4,699.5	5,252.3	15.2	4,855.8	5,164.6	5,239.3	(0.1)
Net Profit (₹ crore)	2,697.6	2,949.4	3,352.4	14.5	3,239.9	3,328.0	3,383.8	0.3
EPS (₹)	18.0	19.7	22.3		21.6	22.2	22.6	
P/E (x)	12.6	11.5	10.2		10.5	10.2	10.1	
Price / Book (x)	3.1	2.9	2.5		2.3	2.1	2.0	
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.3	7.0	6.3		6.5	5.8	5.6	
RoCE (%)	22.3	26.0	27.0		22.7	22.6	21.7	
RoE (%)	24.6	25.3	25.0		21.7	20.6	19.4	

Key takeaways of recent quarter & conference call highlights

Q4FY23 Results: Normalisation of regas services cause blended margins to decline QoQ

- Total volume was at 185 tbtu, up 11% QoQ but lower than I-direct estimate of 200 tbtu. Regas volume was 61 tbtu against I-direct estimate of 70 tbtu while sales volume was 124 tbtu against expectation of 130 tbtu
- The blended margin declined by ₹ 48.1/mmbtu QoQ to ₹ 66.9/mmbtu but was below I-direct estimate of ₹ 72/mmbtu. The decline QoQ was on account of normalisation of regasification services

Q4FY23 Earnings Conference Call highlights

- Capex plans of the company are as follows- 1) Two tanks at a cost of ₹ 1246 crore (capex of ₹ 744 crore has already been incurred) and one jetty at the cost of ₹ 1650 crore at Dahej, 2) Extension of Dahej terminal capacity from 17.5 mmtpa to 22.5 mmtpa, at a capex of ₹ 570 crore 3) The petrochemical plant in Dahej will require a capex of ₹ 14000 crore, which will happen in a staggered manner over four years. However, prior to this, licensor selection and Board approval is still pending, 4) East Coast FSRU terminal at a capex of ₹ 2306 crore, 5) One more tank at Kochi at a capex of ₹ 600 crore
- Total capex plan for FY24 is ₹ 1700 crore
- There was an inventory gain of ₹ 22 crore and trading gain of ₹ 73 crore during the quarter. The company also witnessed forex gain of ₹ 23 crore
- Dahej utilisation level is currently at 97% (vs. 77% in Q4FY23). The company
 has been seeing demand from industrial customers, refineries and petchem
- Kochi terminal's utilisation is likely to improve to 35-40% when Gail's Kochi-Bangalore pipeline gets commissioned in November 2024
- The company has entered into an additional contract with Exxon Mobil wherein it will receive 0.6 MMTPA LNG from 2026 and from 2028 onwards receive 1.2 MMTPA. This will increase the Gorgon volume at Kochi from current 1.425 MMTPA to 2.625 MMTPA after 2028, taking its utilisation to 50%

Petronet LNG- ESG Disclosure Score Score FY20 FY21 FY22

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Environmental	3.3	3.3	3.3
Social	18.7	21.4	21.4
Governance	78.6	78.6	83.6
Overall ESG Score	33.6	34.5	36.2

Source: Bloomberg, ICICI Direct Research

Peer comparison

Exhibit 1: Peer Com	pariso	n																	
Sector / Company	CMP	TP	Ratino	M Cap	1	EPS (₹)			P/E (x)		EV/E	BITDA	(x)	F	RoCE (%)		F	?oE (%)	
Sector / Company	(₹)	(₹)	maring	(₹ Cr)	FY22	FY23E	Y24E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY22	FY23E I	Y24E	FY22	FY23E F	Y24E	FY22	FY23E F	Y24E
GAIL (India) (GAIL)	96	115	Buy	63,121	11.0	23.3	9.4	8.7	4.1	10.2	7.3	3.4	8.4	8.7	18.8	9.0	10.5	18.6	10.5
Gujarat Gas (GUJGA)	465	550	Buy	32,011	18.5	18.9	20.3	25.1	24.6	22.9	15.7	15.7	14.4	31.9	27.3	23.2	28.7	23.3	20.8
Indraprastha Gas (INDGAS)	463	550	Buy	32,410	14.4	18.8	20.4	32.2	24.6	22.7	21.1	16.5	15.3	20.0	22.3	23.5	17.1	19.0	20.0
Mahanagar Gas (MAHGAS)	960	1,180	Buy	9,483	62.7	60.4	70.7	15.3	15.9	13.6	9.7	9.8	8.7	23.1	19.8	20.6	19.2	16.6	17.5
Petronet LNG (PETLNG)	227	230	Hold	34,050	19.7	22.3	21.6	11.5	10.2	10.5	7.0	6.3	6.5	26.0	27.0	22.7	25.3	25.0	21.7

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

	Q4FY23	Q4FY23E	Q4FY22	YoY (%)	Q3FY23	QoQ (%)	Comments
Total Revenues	13.873.9	13,555.8	11,160.4	24.3	15,775.9	-12.1	In line with estimates
Raw materials costs	12,637.1	12,116.0	9,782.8	29.2	13,856.7	-8.8	
Employees Cost	34.1	46.7	42.8	-20.3	44.7	-23.7	
Other Expenses	259.7	189.8	165.7	56.7	199.1	30.4	Higher-than-expected on account of provision for ar arbitration matter
Total Expenditure	12,930.9	12,352.5	9,991.3	29.4	14,100.5	-8.3	
EBITDA	943.1	1,203.4	1,169.1	-19.3	1,675.4	-43.7	QoQ decline due to normalisation in regas services
EBITDA margins (%)	6.8	8.9	10.5	-368 bps	10.6	-382 bps	
Depreciation	188.6	202.8	189.6	-0.6	192.3	-1.9	
EBIT	754.5	1,000.6	979.4	-23.0	1,483.0	-49.1	
Interest	90.2	77.0	80.3	12.4	81.4	10.9	
Other Income	153.8	102.8	85.2	80.4	183.9	-16.4	Higher than expected
Extra Ordinary Item	0.0	0.0	0.0	NA	0.0	NA	
PBT	818.0	1,026.3	984.4	-16.9	1,585.6	-48.4	
Total Tax	203.8	260.7	234.2	-13.0	405.0	-49.7	
PAT	614.3	765.6	750.1	-18.1	1,180.5	-48.0	
Key Metrics							
Sales volume (tbtu)	124.0	130.2	112.0	10.7	120.0	3.3	
Regasification vol (tbtu)	61.0	70.0	78.0	-21.8	47.0	29.8	
Total Volumes (tbtu)	185.0	200.2	190.0	-2.6	167.0	10.8	Below estimates
Blended margin ₹/mmbtu	66.9	71.9	72.5	-7.8	114.9	-41.8	Lower than expected

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

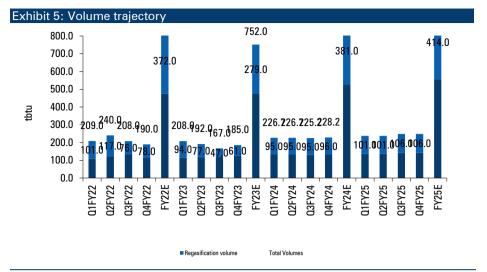
		FY23E			FY24E			FY25E		
(₹ Crore)	Old	New 6	Change	Old	News	Change	Old	New 5	Change	
Revenue	59581.3	59899.4	0.5	49197.6	49,818.8	1.3	47542.3	47,680.8	0.3	Revise volume estimates taking into account current LNG trend
EBITDA	5,116.1	4,855.8	-5.1	5190.2	5,164.6	-0.5	5227.3	5,239.3	0.2	
EBITDA Margin (%)	8.6	8.1	-48 bps	10.5	10.4	-18 bps	11.0	11.0	-1 bps	
PAT	3,391.3	3,239.9	-4.5	3351.9	3,328.0	-0.7	3379.6	3,383.8	0.1	
EPS (₹)	22.6	21.6	-4.5	22.3	22.2	-0.7	22.5	22.6	0.1	

Source: ICICI Direct Research

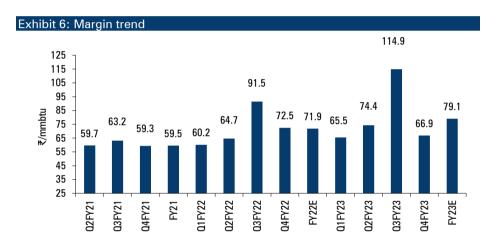
Exhibit 4: Assumptions									
		Current			Earlier				
	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	
Sales volume (tbtu)	457.0	475.0	473.0	525.8	556.8	479.2	519.8	556.8	
Regasification vol (tbtu)	440.0	372.0	279.0	381.0	414.0	288.0	391.0	414.0	Revise estimates taking into account spot LNG price trend
Total Volumes (tbtu)	897.0	847.0	752.0	906.8	970.8	767.2	910.8	970.8	
Blended Margin ₹/mmbtu	59.5	71.9	79.1	67.5	63.7	80.2	67.5	63.7	

Source: ICICI Direct Research

Story in charts



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 7: Booked capacity	
Booked capacity (mmtpa)	
GAIL	7.00
IOCL	3.75
BPCL	1.75
GSPC	2.25
Torrent Power	1.00
Total	15.75

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Financial Summary

Exhibit 8: Profit and los	s statemer	nt		₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	43168.6	59899.4	49818.8	47680.8
Growth (%)	65.9	38.8	-16.8	-4.3
(Inc.) / Dec stock in trade	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Raw material Costs	37077.5	53952.4	43699.0	41501.0
Purchase of trading goods	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Employee Costs	177.1	167.5	183.1	201.4
Other Expenditure	661.7	923.7	772.2	739.1
Op. Expenditure	37916.2	55043.6	44654.3	42441.5
EBITDA	5252.3	4855.8	5164.6	5239.3
Growth (%)	11.8	-7.6	6.4	1.4
Depreciation	768.5	764.3	847.0	847.0
EBIT	4483.9	4091.4	4317.6	4392.4
Interest	317.3	330.5	299.5	299.5
Other Income	307.3	573.6	443.0	443.0
PBT	4473.8	4334.5	4461.1	4535.9
Growth (%)	12.8	-3.1	2.9	1.7
Tax	1121.5	1094.6	1133.1	1152.1
Reported PAT	3352.4	3239.9	3328.0	3383.8
Growth (%)	13.7	-3.4	2.7	1.7
EPS	22.3	21.6	22.2	22.6

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 9: Cash flow state	ement			₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Profit after Tax	3,352.4	3,239.9	3,328.0	3,383.8
Add: Depreciation	768.5	764.3	847.0	847.0
Add: Others	-48.2	-1,717.3	-1,991.6	-1,991.6
Cash Profit	4,072.6	2,287.0	2,183.4	2,239.1
Increase/(Decrease) in CL	688.6	9.2	735.8	-180.3
(Increase)/Decrease in CA	-2,788.0	223.8	1,082.8	178.2
CF from Operating Activi	1973.1	2520.0	4001.9	2237.0
Purchase of Fixed Assets	179.7	-1,057.7	1,775.2	1,455.7
(Inc)/Dec in Investments	-10.0	-0.4	-499.6	-500.0
Others	0.0	1,129.0	0.0	0.0
CF from Investing Activi	-189.7	2,186.3	-2,274.8	-1,955.7
Inc/(Dec) in Loan Funds	-229.9	-85.7	-150.0	-150.0
Inc/(Dec) in Sh. Cap. & Res.	428.1	12.3	-12.3	0.0
Others	0.0	-3,272.0	0.0	0.0
CF from financing activit	198.2	-3,345.4	-162.3	-150.0
Change in cash Eq.	-22.8	1,360.8	1,564.8	131.3
Op. Cash and cash Eq.	4,342.3	4,319.6	5,680.0	7,244.8
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Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 10: Balance She	et			₹ croi
(Year-end March)	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Source of Funds				
Equity Capital	1,500.0	1,500.0	1,500.0	1,500.0
Preference capital	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reserves & Surplus	11,925.5	13,434.7	14,658.8	15,951.0
Shareholder's Fund	13,425.5	14,934.7	16,158.8	17,451.0
Loan Funds	3,156.2	3,070.5	2,920.5	2,770.5
Deferred Tax Liability	832.4	703.1	803.1	903.1
Minority Interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Source of Funds	17414.1	18708.3	19882.4	21124.6
Application of Funds				
Gross Block	13,338.2	13,335.7	15,335.7	16,935.7
Less: Acc. Depreciation	3,781.0	4,545.3	5,504.5	6,394.4
Net Block	9,557.2	8,790.3	9,831.2	10,541.2
Capital WIP	192.6	1,125.9	1,013.3	912.0
Total Fixed Assets	9,749.8	9,916.2	10,844.4	11,453.2
Investments	174.4	174.8	674.4	1,174.4
Inventories	576.7	1,153.1	959.0	917.8
Debtor	2,684.4	3,839.7	3,193.5	3,056.5
Cash	4,319.6	5,680.0	7,244.8	7,376.2
Loan & Advance, Other CA	3614.2	1658.8	1416.3	1416.3
Total Current assets	11194.9	12331.6	12813.6	12766.8
Current Liabilities	3584.7	3521.7	4231.2	4049.6
Provisions	120.3	192.6	218.9	220.2
Total CL and Provisions	3705.0	3714.3	4450.1	4269.8
Net Working Capital	7489.9	8617.3	8363.6	8497.0
Miscellaneous expense	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Application of Funds	17414.1	18708.3	19882.4	21124.6

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 11: Key ratios (Year-end March)	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Per share data (₹)				
Book Value	89.5	99.6	107.7	116.3
Cash per share	28.8	37.9	48.3	49.2
EPS	22.3	21.6	22.2	22.6
Cash EPS	27.5	26.7	27.8	28.2
DPS	11.5	10.0	12.0	12.0
Profitability & Operating	Ratios			
EBITDA Margin (%)	12.2	8.1	10.4	11.0
PAT Margin (%)	7.8	5.4	6.7	7.1
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	4.4	6.0	4.6	4.2
Inventory Turnover (Days)	4.9	7.0	7.0	7.0
Debtor (Days)	22.7	23.4	23.4	23.4
Current Liabilities (Days)	30.0	31.0	31.0	31.0
Return Ratios (%)				
RoE	25.0	21.7	20.6	19.4
RoCE	27.0	22.7	22.6	21.7
RoIC	36.6	33.2	36.5	34.2
Valuation Ratios (x)				
PE	10.2	10.5	10.2	10.1
Price to Book Value	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.0
EV/EBITDA	6.3	6.5	5.8	5.6
EV/Sales	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.6
Leverage & Solvency Rat	tios			
Debt to equity (x)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Interest Coverage (x)	14.1	12.4	14.4	14.7
Debt to EBITDA (x)	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Current Ratio	3.0	3.3	2.9	3.0
Quick ratio	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.8

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 12: ICICI Direct coverage universe (Oil & Gas)																			
Sector / Company	CMP TP		Rating	M Cap	EPS (₹)			P/E (x)			EV/EBITDA (x)			RoCE (%)			RoE (%)		
	(₹)	(₹)	natiliy	(₹ Cr)	FY22	FY23E	Y24E	FY22	FY23E F	Y24E	FY22 F	Y23E F	Y24E	FY22	FY23E I	Y24E	FY22	FY23E F	Y24E
BPCL (BHAPET)	343	380	Hold	73,040	91.0	43.7	5.2	3.8	7.9	65.8	5.8	6.3	13.0	14.8	13.9	2.7	34.9	18.5	2.2
GAIL (India) (GAIL)	96	115	Buy	63,121	11.0	23.3	9.4	8.7	4.1	10.2	7.3	3.4	8.4	8.7	18.8	9.0	10.5	18.6	10.5
Gujarat Gas (GUJGA)	465	550	Buy	32,011	18.5	18.9	20.3	25.1	24.6	22.9	15.7	15.7	14.4	31.9	27.3	23.2	28.7	23.3	20.8
HPCL (HINPET)	232	275	Buy	32,919	70.6	44.9	-66.7	3.3	5.2	-3.5	4.8	7.8	-12.8	15.6	7.3	-12.9	29.5	16.5	-32.4
Indian Oil Corp (INDOIL)	81	90	Hold	1,14,382	15.5	17.1	5.2	5.2	4.7	15.5	3.0	2.6	5.0	13.3	12.9	4.0	19.8	18.4	5.8
Indraprastha Gas (INDGAS)	463	550	Buy	32,410	14.4	18.8	20.4	32.2	24.6	22.7	21.1	16.5	15.3	20.0	22.3	23.5	17.1	19.0	20.0
Mahanagar Gas (MAHGAS)	960	1,180	Buy	9,483	62.7	60.4	70.7	15.3	15.9	13.6	9.7	9.8	8.7	23.1	19.8	20.6	19.2	16.6	17.5
ONGC (ONGC)	152	180	Buy	1,95,067	10.4	8.9	32.0	14.6	17.0	4.7	4.2	6.5	3.4	10.2	4.5	14.8	6.7	5.5	17.0
Petronet LNG (PETLNG)	227	230	Hold	34,050	19.7	22.3	21.6	11.5	10.2	10.5	7.0	6.3	6.5	26.0	27.0	22.7	25.3	25.0	21.7
Reliance Industries (RELIND)	2,349	2,850	Buy	15,89,099	89.7	89.7	98.6	30.8	26.2	23.8	22.2	17.0	12.8	5.5	7.3	9.0	7.0	7.8	8.1

Source: Bloomberg, ICICI Direct Research

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