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CMP: ₹ 1134

### Target: ₹ 1345 (19%)

## Target Period: 12 months

#### October 29, 2022

## Higher realisations support better performance...

**About the stock:** Commencing operations in 1944, Tata Chemicals has come a long way to become one of the top five players in the global soda ash market.

- Under basic chemical, TCL offers soda ash, sodium bicarbonate, cement, salt, marine chemicals and crushed refined soda. Speciality chemical consists of solution towards agro chemical through Rallis and other specialty solutions such as nutritional products and HDS
- Basic chemical forms 75% of overall revenue while the rest comes from speciality products

**Q2FY23 Results:** Reported strong numbers across the board largely led by robust realisation growth across all geographies in basic chemical segment

- Reported revenue growth of 40.2% YoY to ₹ 4239 crore, led by good growth in basic chemical segment (+45% YoY) & in speciality products (+27% YoY)
- Gross margins remained flat YoY at ~77% while EBITDA margin expanded 510 bps YoY to 21.7%
- EBITDA was up 84% YoY to ₹ 920 crore. Energy cost increased 50% YoY to ₹ 732 crore while other expenses increased by 30% YoY to ₹ 687 crore
- Adjusted PAT was at ₹ 628 crore vs. ₹ 201 crore in Q2FY22

What should investors do? The stock appreciated at 61% CAGR in last three years.

We maintain BUY on the back of 1) tighter soda ash supply scenario, 2) upbeat management commentary regarding demand and pricing and 3) the company's ability to pass on the cost escalation via consistent price hikes

**Target Price and Valuation:** We value Tata Chemicals at SOTP valuation to arrive at a revised target price of ₹ 1345/share (earlier ₹ 1370/share).

## Key triggers for future price performance:

- Improvement in the soda ash pricing environment bodes well for future growth outlook
- Revival in export demand for North America unit to sustain group
  performance
- Higher share of speciality business to command better valuations for the overall group

Alternate Stock Idea: Apart from Tata Chemicals, in our chemical coverage, we also like Neogen Chemicals.

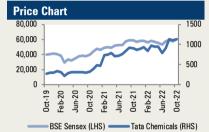
- Trigger for Neogen Chemical's future revenue growth would be increasing CRAMS opportunity
- BUY with a target price of ₹ 1645

Key Financial Sum	mary							
(₹ Crore)	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	5 year CAGR (FY17-22)	FY23E	FY24E	2 year CAGR (FY22-24E)
Net Revenue	10,336.7	10,356.8	10,199.8	12,622.1	4.1%	14,866.4	16,188.6	13.2%
EBITDA	1,780.5	1,949.2	1,500.6	2,304.6	1.9%	2,804.9	3,124.0	16.4%
EBITDA Margins (%)	17.2%	18.8%	14.7%	18.3%		18.9%	19.3%	
Adj.PAT	875.0	806.6	256.4	1,211.5	6.6%	1,558.7	1,801.9	22.0%
Adj. EPS (₹)	34.3	31.7	10.1	47.5		61.2	70.7	
ev/ebitda	16.7x	15.7x	21.9x	14.4x		11.1x	8.5x	
P/E	33.0x	35.8x	112.7x	23.9x		18.5x	16.0x	
ROE (%)	7.1	6.3	1.8	6.6		8.0	8.6	
ROCE (%)	7.1	7.7	4.1	6.6		8.1	8.8	

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BUY

Partic	ulars						
Particula	ar			Amount			
Market ca	ap (₹ Crore)		28,832				
FY22 Tota	al Debt (₹ C	rore)	7,025				
FY22 Cas	h & Inv (₹ C	rore)	2,79				
EV (₹ Cro	/ (₹ Crore)						
52 Week	H/L	1215/77					
Equity Ca	pital (₹ Cror	re)	254				
Face Valu	e (₹)			10			
Share	holding p	attern					
in %	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22			
Promoter	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0			
DII	18.3	19.9	19.1	19.4			
FII	14.0	13.6	15.0	14.9			
Others	29.7	28.5	27.9	27.7			



#### Recent event & key risks

- Outlined a phase 2 capex of ₹ 2000 crore post FY24
- Key Risk: (i) Fall in soda ash prices and rise in crude to impact EBITDA/tonne (ii) Revival in demand and thereby prices

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Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

## Key takeaways of recent quarter & conference call highlight

#### Q2FY23 Results: Strong growth led by basic segment

- Basic chemical topline performance: Revenues were up 45% YoY to ₹ 3242 crore. The India business reported growth of 43% YoY to ₹ 1161 crore while the same from North America, UK and Kenya was up 36% YoY, 56.5% YoY & 79.3% YoY to ₹ 1179 crore, ₹ 651 crore & ₹ 251 crore, respectively. The growth across geographies was largely driven by higher realisation owing to revival in the demand of end user industry
- Basic chemical operational performance: EBITDA for the segment increased 90% YoY to ₹ 804.9 crore, largely on the back of better margins from North America and Kenya businesses. EBITDA/tonne for North America and Kenya remained at ₹ 3761 (+18% YoY) & ₹ 18356 (+378% YoY), respectively

#### Q2FY23 Earnings Conference Call highlights

#### India:

• During monsoon, the detergent market (end user of soda ash) remained soft. Longer term demand remains strong. The company already sees demand picking up in Q3 and expects stronger Q4 for the India market

#### North America:

- Issue was related to volumes during quarter. There was a planned shutdown in the US. The company has taken longer outage than normal mainly since TCL wants strong numbers in Q4 where demand remains high
- Power & fuel increasing The management believes that EBITDA/tonne and margins are expected to remain stable, going ahead

#### UK:

• UK benefitted from increases in volume of higher margins products and salt sales

#### Kenya:

- Kenya remains a low cost benefitting unit for the company. Hence, it recorded strong margins for the quarter
- Tax rate in Kenya was low, which benefitted PAT margins. Overall tax rate for the quarter was at 5%

#### Soda ash:

- Overall market remains tight. No softening in end user industries i.e. glass, chemicals, detergents, etc
- Recession talk in the market is not affecting customers with whom the company is interacting. Hence, there is a stable demand
- Soda ash business of the company is in a balanced situation

#### Salt:

 Remained stable across business. It has seen healthy volume growth in this quarter

#### Soda bicarb:

• Steady business across board

#### Silica:

- Silica business operating at optimum level
- Silica business continues to gain traction for its rubber and food grade silica products with new customers added

#### Nutraceutical:

• The company is expected to gradually scale up the business, going forward

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### Other Updates:

- The management does not foresee any major capacities before FY27- some instances of future capacities- 1) 1-1.5 million tonnes expected in China which would mostly cater to Chinese demand, 2) another 4-5 million tonnes has been announced in the US by 2030
- Capex update Out of project cost of ₹ 2,900 crore, ₹ 1,850 crore has been committed till September 2022. Total ₹1,050 crore is expected to be spent till March 2024. Further, for FY24-27 ~₹ 2000 crore capex has been planned for incremental capacity (beyond ongoing expansion) of soda ash by ~30%, soda bicarb by ~40% and silica by 5x
- Volumes were impacted on plant shutdowns
- Margins were impacted due to higher impact cost
- Business outlook remains strong across geographies and products
- US and India margin is expected to improve, going forward, on price hike
- Margins in other geographies like the US and India are expected to sustain
- Margins in the UK and Kenya may come down once one-time benefit impact eases away

## Financial story in charts

Basic chem Revenue	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23
India	700	764	806	795	812	874	1,063	1,164	1,161
TCA - North America	711	742	807	837	867	891	1,092	1,119	1,179
TCE - Europe	337	374	383	407	416	551	576	531	651
TCM - Magadi	91	107	115	134	140	132	171	246	251

Exhibit 2: Basic chemical volumes – Ge	ographica	l break-u	ip ('000 M	T)					
Basic chem sales volume ('000 MT)	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23
TCL India	176	204	213	195	208	189	205	199	182
Soda Ash	151	178	184	167	178	156	176	169	154
Sodium Bicarbonate	25	26	29	28	30	33	29	30	28
TCA - North America	475	474	566	578	613	586	615	568	561
Soda Ash	475	474	566	578	613	586	615	568	561
TCE - Europe	94	98	96	95	93	99	100	93	99
Soda Ash	67	70	67	68	68	71	70	65	69
Sodium Bicarbonate	27	28	29	27	25	28	30	28	30
TCM - Magadi	51	56	68	83	86	73	75	83	73
Soda Ash	51	56	68	83	86	73	75	83	73

Basic chem realisation/tonne	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23
India	39,755	37,431	37,856	40,758	39,033	46,233	51,842	58,463	63,791
TCA - North America	14,968	15,654	14,258	14,491	14,144	15,205	17,756	19,704	21,016
TCE - Europe	35,851	38,163	39,896	42,842	44,731	55,657	57,600	57,282	65,758
TCM - Magadi	17,843	19,107	16,912	16,145	16,279	18,082	22,800	29,532	34,384

Exhibit 4: Basic chemical EBITDA/	'tonne– Geogra	phical br	eak-up						
Basic chem EBITDA/tonne	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23
India	7,454	9,214	8,342	13,487	10,224	13,231	13,925	21,265	17,469
TCA - North America	2,021	3,333	1,113	2,995	3,197	2,440	4,472	4,860	3,761
TCE - Europe	4,894	4,592	1,979	3,053	-1,935	6,667	4,100	10,572	14,343
TCM - Magadi	1,176	4,643	2,941	3,012	3,837	3,425	8,000	14,286	18,356
Source: ICICI Direct Research									

Exhibit 5: Basic chemical OPM %	Exhibit 5: Basic chemical OPM %– Geographical break-up									
Basic chem OPM (%)	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	
India	18.8%	24.6%	22.0%	33.1%	26.2%	28.6%	26.9%	36.4%	27.4%	
TCA - North America	13.5%	21.3%	7.8%	20.7%	22.6%	16.0%	25.2%	24.7%	17.9%	
TCE - Europe	13.6%	12.0%	5.0%	7.1%	-4.3%	12.0%	7.1%	18.5%	21.8%	
TCM - Magadi	6.6%	24.3%	17.4%	18.7%	23.6%	18.9%	35.1%	48.4%	53.4%	
Source: ICICI Direct Research										

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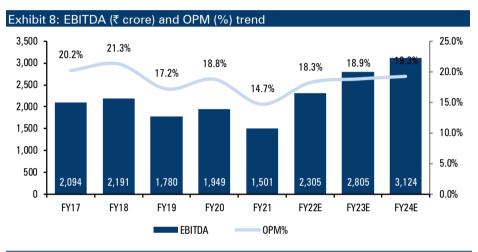
Rev	enue	EBI	TDA	EV/EBITDA	EV
FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E	FY24E	FY24E
4,168	4,639	1,134	1,262	9.0x	11,359
7,258	7,689	1,351	1,431	8.0x	11,452
3,020	3,426	293	400	11.5x	1,836
339	452	38	51	12.0x	615
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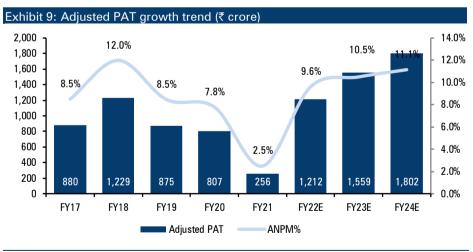
#### Exhibit 7: Revenue trend (₹ crore)



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research



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### **Financial summary**

Exhibit 10: Profit and los	ss statement			₹ crore
Year end March	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Total Operating Income	10,199.8	12,622.1	14,866.4	16,188.6
Growth (%)	-1.5	23.7	17.8	8.9
Raw Material Expenses	2,396.9	2,637.3	2,973.3	3,237.7
Gross Profit	7,802.9	9,984.8	11,893.1	12,950.8
Employee Cost	1,399.7	1,540.0	1,739.4	1,845.5
Other Operating Expenses	4,902.5	6,140.2	7,348.8	7,981.3
EBITDA	1,500.6	2,304.6	2,804.9	3,124.0
Growth (%)	-23.0	53.6	21.7	11.4
Other Income	234.4	256.0	258.6	269.9
EBITDA, including OI	1,735.1	2,560.6	3,063.6	3,394.0
Depreciation	759.3	806.1	917.3	964.8
Net Interest Exp.	367.4	302.8	245.2	166.5
Other exceptional items	0.0	-11.0	0.0	0.0
PBT	608.4	1,440.6	1,901.1	2,262.7
Total Tax	197.8	266.5	428.2	500.5
Tax Rate	32.5%	18.5%	22.5%	22.1%
PAT	410.6	1,174.1	1,472.9	1,762.1
Adj.PAT after Minority interest	256.4	1,211.5	1,558.7	1,801.9
Adj. EPS (₹)	10.1	47.5	61.2	70.7
Shares Outstanding	25.5	25.5	25.5	25.5

Exhibit 11: Cash flow state	ement			₹ crore
Year end March	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
PBT & Extraordinary	634.0	1,684.9	2,141.1	2,502.7
Depreciation	759.3	806.1	917.3	964.8
After other adjustments				
(Inc) / Dec in Working Capital	323.3	-648.8	976.9	-66.9
Taxes	-96.3	-263.4	-428.2	-500.5
Others	417.0	65.5	245.2	166.5
CF from operating activities	2,037.3	1,644.3	3,852.3	3,066.5
Purchase of Fixed Assets	-1,241.9	-1,276.8	-1,065.0	-1,065.0
Others	111.6	440.7	625.1	-500.0
CF from investing activities	-1,130.3	-836.1	-439.9	-1,565.0
Proceeds from issue of shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Borrowings (Net)	-634.1	-40.5	-2,750.0	-877.6
Others	-821.5	-714.8	-525.5	-446.8
CF from financing activities	-1,455.6	-755.2	-3,275.5	-1,324.4
Net cash flow	-548.6	53.0	136.9	177.2
Effects of foreign currency translation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Opening Cash	2,079.5	1,411.0	1,310.4	1,447.2
Closing Cash	1,411.0	1,310.4	1,447.2	1,624.4

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 12: Balance sheet				₹ crore
Year end March	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Liabilities				
Share Capital	254.8	254.8	254.8	254.8
Reserves	14,035.2	17,998.1	19,276.5	20,798.1
Total Shareholders Funds	14,290.0	18,252.9	19,531.3	21,053.0
Minority Interest	852.6	904.5	1,058.7	1,258.9
Long Term Borrowings	5,388.1	3,860.5	1,210.5	410.5
Net Deferred Tax liability	1,572.1	2,036.5	2,036.5	2,036.5
Other long term liabilities	173.0	413.6	131.8	143.5
Long term provisions	1,598.1	1,279.3	2,560.6	2,788.4
Current Liabilities and Provisions				
Short term borrowings	1,544.5	3,164.1	3,064.1	2,986.5
Trade Payables	1,682.9	2,444.7	2,851.1	3,104.7
Other Current Liabilities	870.9	1,116.1	1,314.5	1,431.4
Short Term Provisions	365.1	371.2	437.2	476.1
Total Current Liabilities	4,463.4	7,096.0	7,666.9	7,998.6
Total Liabilities	28,337.2	33,843.3	34,196.3	35,689.3
Assets				
Net Block	12,971.3	13,758.9	15,331.2	15,431.3
Capital Work in Progress	1,034.7	1,589.6	165.0	165.0
Intangible assets under devl.	58.8	77.8	77.8	77.8
Goodwill on Consolidation	1,963.3	2,016.4	2,016.4	2,016.4
Non-current investments	4,252.3	6,357.5	6,357.5	6,357.5
Deferred tax assets	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Long term loans and advances	10.7	0.0	11.5	12.5
Other Non Current Assets	1,400.4	1,298.1	1,002.4	1,086.8
Current Assets, Loans & Advances				
Current Investments	1,563.5	1,325.1	700.0	1,200.0
Inventories	1,686.6	2,293.5	2,728.9	2,971.6
Sundry Debtors	1,397.0	1,933.4	2,321.6	2,528.1
Cash and Bank	1,411.0	1,310.4	1,447.2	1,624.4
Loans and Advances	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Current assets	587.5	1,882.5	2,036.5	2,217.6
Current Assets	6,645.7	8,745.0	9,234.4	10,541.9
Total Assets	28,337.2	33,843.3	34,196.3	35,689.3

Exhibit 13: Key ratios FY23E Year end March FY21 FY22 FY24E <u>Per share data (₹)</u> Adj. EPS 10.1 47.5 61.2 70.7 Adj. Cash EPS 39.9 79.2 97.2 108.6 BV 560.8 716.3 766.5 826.2 DPS 10.0 12.5 11.0 11.0 Operating Ratios (%) 79.1 80.0 80.0 Gross Margin (%) 76.5 EBITDA Margin (%) 14.7 18.3 18.9 19.3 PAT Margin (%) 2.5 9.6 10.5 11.1 Debtor Days 50 56 57 57 Inventory Days 60 66 67 67 70 Creditor Days 60 71 70 Cash Conversion Cycle 50 52 54 54 Return Ratios (%) 0.9 Return on Assets (%) 3.6 4.6 5.0 RoCE (%) 4.1 6.6 8.1 8.8 Core RoIC (%) 4.1 6.6 8.7 10.0 RoE (%) 1.8 6.6 8.0 8.6 Solvency Ratios Total Debt / Equity 0.5 0.4 0.2 0.2 2.7 5.8 8.8 14.6 Interest Coverage Current Ratio 1.5 1.2 1.2 1.3 Quick Ratio 0.9 1.1 0.9 0.8 Valuation Ratios (x) EV/EBITDA 21.9 14.4 11.1 8.5 P/E 23.9 18.5 16.0 112.7 P/B 2.0 1.6 1.5 1.4 EV/Sales 3.2 2.6 2.1 1.6

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## Exhibit 14: ICICI Direct coverage universe (Chemicals)

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Company	CMP		M Cap		EPS (₹)			P/E (x)			EV/EBITDA (x)			RoCE (%)			RoE (%)		
	(₹)	TP(₹)	Rating	(₹ Cr)	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
SRF	2520	2,735	Buy	74,699	63.5	68.9	82.7	36.1	33.2	27.7	22.4	20.6	17.0	23.8	21.6	22.5	22.1	20.3	20.4
PI Industries	2987	3,710	Buy	45,324	55.5	67.2	82.4	57.6	47.6	38.8	40.8	34.2	27.8	16.3	17.1	18.2	13.8	14.5	15.2
Aarti Industries	768	885	Hold	27,822	36.1	25.1	31.6	22.7	32.7	25.9	24.0	19.6	16.0	12.0	13.0	13.9	13.3	13.5	14.8
Tata Chemical	1134	1,345	Buy	28,832	47.5	61.2	70.7	23.9	18.5	16.0	14.4	11.1	8.5	6.6	8.1	8.8	6.6	8.0	8.6
Vinati Organics	2016	2,320	Hold	20,717	33.7	40.1	51.5	56.0	47.1	36.7	44.7	37.0	28.3	24.3	23.2	23.9	19.0	19.1	20.5
Sumitomo Chemical	505	565	Buy	25,214	8.5	10.9	12.5	56.1	43.5	38.0	38.9	30.4	26.1	30.2	30.4	28.2	22.0	22.6	21.0
Navin Fluorine	4400	4,570	Hold	21,738	52.3	64.4	91.4	84.2	68.3	48.1	61.2	45.5	31.3	17.8	18.0	20.1	14.0	15.2	18.4
Rallis India	227	250	Hold	4,420	8.4	8.9	12.4	26.9	25.6	18.3	15.5	15.6	11.1	12.7	11.6	15.3	9.7	9.5	12.1
Sudarshan chemical	416	515	Hold	2,882	18.8	19.3	28.5	24.0	23.3	15.8	14.2	12.8	9.6	10.9	11.3	15.4	15.6	14.3	18.3
Neogen Chemicals	1513	1,645	Buy	3,773	17.9	27.2	32.9	79.5	52.2	43.2	41.8	30.2	25.0	12.0	15.0	16.2	10.2	13.6	14.3
Astec Lifesciences	1867	2,215	Buy	3,660	45.1	54.8	69.3	39.7	32.7	25.9	24.6	20.7	16.5	19.3	17.7	19.4	22.3	21.3	21.2

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