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India

HOLD (no change)

Consensus ratings*: Buy 30	Hold 7 Sell 4
Current price:	Rs1,744
Target price:	Rs1,900
Previous target:	Rs2,000
Up/downside:	8.9%
InCred Research / Consensus:	-8.3%
Reuters:	SUN.NS
Bloomberg:	SUNP IN
Market cap:	US\$48,308m
	Rs4,184,218m
Average daily turnover:	US\$41.8m
	Rs3623.2m
Current shares o/s:	2,399.3m
Free float: *Source: Bloomberg	45.5%

Key changes in this note

Revise FY25F/26F EPS by 6%/-3%.

Lower the target price to Rs1,900 from Rs2,000 earlier.



Price performance	1M	ЗM	12M
Absolute (%)	(7.5)	(5.7)	22.9
Relative (%)	(6.3)	(3.0)	13.7
Major shareholders		0	% held
Promoters			54.5
ICICI Pru MF			3.4
LIC			2.9

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Sun Pharmaceutical Industries

In-line 3Q performance

- In-line 3Q results, adjusted for milestone income. US biz hit by lower gRevlimid sales, although global specialty & India businesses posted strong growth.
- Adj. margin at 28.7%, up slightly. FY25F R&D costs to be below 7% of sales.
- FY25F/26F EPS revised by 6%/-3%, respectively. We maintain our HOLD rating on the stock with a lower target price of Rs1,900 (Rs2,000 earlier).

3QFY25 performance in line with expectations

Sun Pharmaceutical Industries' (Sun Pharma) 3QFY25 results optically show a big beat; however, adjusting for a one-off milestone income (US\$45m vs. US\$20m YoY), margin was broadly in line at 28.7% (ex-forex loss). Notably, R&D spending continues to remain low & much below management's guidance; R&D guidance now stands revised to less than 7% of sales, which should inch up in FY26F, as clinical trials pick up pace. The US business saw a QoQ decline of 8% (at US\$474m vs. expectation of US\$520m) mostly led by lower gRevlimid contribution QoQ. The global specialty business posted robust performance (US\$325m, ex-milestone income, +14% QoQ), led by better seasonality. The gRevlimid contribution was lower QoQ, while ex-gRevlimid, the generics business dipped marginally. India business continued its double-digit growth (13.8% YoY growth vs. expectation of 11%), largely led by volume and new launches. The emerging market business grew by 11.6% YoY; however, RoW market, adjusting for milestone income, was flattish YoY. Other expenses were down QoQ due to lower S&D expenses while other operating income was high due to recognition of a certain grant from the previous quarter.

Busy season ahead for the specialty segment

Sun Pharma has a busy season ahead in the specialty segment; with the approval for Deuroxolitinib (launch pending, given a preliminary injunction has been filed against the launch), potential approval of Nidlegy in Europe and topline data post phase-III trials for llumya in psoriaris arthritis indication in 2HCY25F.

Other conference-call highlights

a) Specialty R&D expenses stood at 41% of the overall R&D spending. b) In Japan, the focus is on growing the specialty business, as generic business is witnessing price erosion challenges. c) Antibe Therapeutics acquisition - Sun Pharma is expected to conduct certain clinical studies to proceed on the clinical trial of a leading drug that was put on hold by the USFDA in Mar 2024.

Retain HOLD rating with a lower target price of Rs1,900

Our FY25F/26F earnings stand revised by 6%/-3%, respectively. We maintain our HOLD rating on the stock with a lower target price of Rs1,900 (Rs2,000 earlier). While we remain sanguine on the specialty portfolio & margin in the medium term, we feel FY25F can be a moderate year for earnings, given the ongoing investments. Upside risk: Faster-than-expected ramp-up in the specialty portfolio. Downside risk: Slowdown in the specialty portfolio.

Financial Summary	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue (Rsm)	386,545	438,857	484,969	528,203	579,892
Operating EBITDA (Rsm)	102,438	117,729	129,870	152,595	164,967
Net Profit (Rsm)	32,727	84,736	95,764	117,718	128,622
Core EPS (Rs)	32.4	36.0	42.0	49.1	53.6
Core EPS Growth	7.7%	11.4%	16.5%	16.9%	9.3%
FD Core P/E (x)	53.90	48.40	41.55	35.55	32.53
DPS (Rs)	10.0	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5
Dividend Yield	0.57%	0.66%	0.66%	0.66%	0.66%
EV/EBITDA (x)	39.51	35.03	31.19	26.19	23.69
P/FCFE (x)	44.05	49.65	22.54	30.53	19.06
Net Gearing	(22.6%)	(15.2%)	(24.3%)	(28.7%)	(35.6%)
P/BV (x)	8.72	7.47	6.57	5.76	5.06
ROE	16.4%	16.6%	16.8%	17.3%	16.6%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates				5.65%	(2.79%)
InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x)					

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS

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(Rs m)	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25	Y-o-Y (%)	Q-o-Q (%)
Revenue	1,12,410	1,09,307	1,19,408	1,21,924	1,23,807	1,19,829	1,26,528	1,32,914	1,36,755	10%	3%
Consumption of raw materials	28,037	22,502	27,582	27,871	27,369	23,804	26,754	26,942	27,405	0%	2%
as % of sales	24.9%	20.6%	23.1%	22.9%	22.1%	19.9%	21.1%	20.3%	20.0%		
Employee costs	20,371	21,796	24,020	23,644	23,633	22,993	24,546	24,777	25,523	8%	3%
as % of sales	18.1%	19.9%	20.1%	19.4%	19.1%	19.2%	19.4%	18.6%	18.7%		
R&D costs	6,702	6,657	6,796	7,734	8,245	9,000	7,940	7,929	8,450	2%	7%
as % of sales	6.0%	6.1%	5.7%	6.3%	6.7%	7.5%	6.3%	6.0%	6.2%		
Other expenditure	27232	30059	27713	30541	31037	33116	30706	35157	33453	8%	-5%
as % of sales	24.2%	27.5%	23.2%	25.0%	25.1%	27.6%	24.3%	26.5%	24.5%		
EBITDA	30,069	28,293	33,297	32,135	33,523	30,915	36,581	38,109	41,924	25%	10%
Margins (%)	26.7%	25.9%	27.9%	26.4%	27.1%	25.8%	28.9%	28.7%	30.7%		
Depreciation	6,600	6,715	6,513	6,328	6,221	6,504	6,551	6,259	6,306		
Other income	1,708	3,461	2,065	2,595	3,748	5,496	4,821	4,821	2,823		
Interest	462	927	809	493	347	736	615	692	515		
PBT	24,715	24,111	28,040	27,909	30,702	29,172	34,235	35,979	37,926	24%	5%
Total tax	2,834	2,229	4,681	3,901	4,323	1,489	5,523	5,672	5,589		
Tax rate (%)	11.5%	9.2%	16.7%	14.0%	14.1%	5.1%	16.1%	15.8%	14.7%		
PAT before MI	21,880	21,882	23,359	24,008	26,378	27,682	28,713	30,307	32,337	23%	7%
Minority interest (MI)	-220	-323	95	-253	-443	-120	-356	95	-142		
Adj. PAT before extraordinary items	21,660	21,559	23,454	23,755	25,936	27,562	28,356	30,402	32,196	24%	6%
Extraordinary expenses	0	-1,715	-3,229	0	-698	-1,016	0	0	-3,162		
Reported PAT	21,660	19,845	20,225	23,755	25,238	26,546	28,356	30,402	29,034	15%	-4%
No. of shares	2399.3	2399.3	2399.3	2399.3	2399.3	2399.3	2399.3	2399.3	2399.3		
EPS	9.0	9.0	9.8	9.9	10.8	11.5	11.8	12.7	13.4		

Figure 2: Margin profile											
Margins (%)	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25	Y-o-Y (bp)	Q-o-Q (bp)
Gross	75%	79%	77%	77%	78%	80%	79%	80%	80%	207	23
EBITDA	27%	26%	28%	26%	27%	26%	29%	29%	31%	358	198
Adj.PAT	19%	20%	20%	19%	21%	23%	22%	23%	24%	259	67
Effective tax rate	11%	9%	17%	14%	14%	5%	16%	16%	15%	65	-103
							:	SOURCE: INCF	RED RESEAR	CH, COMPAN	IY REPORTS

(Rsm)	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25	Y-o-Y (%)	Q-o-Q (%)
Total US formulations	34,660	35,343	38,709	35,504	39,736	39,544	38,894	43,274	40,030	1%	-7%
% total revenue	30.8%	32.3%	32.4%	29.1%	32.1%	33.0%	30.7%	32.6%	29.3%		
India formulations	33,919	33,641	35,604	38,425	37,785	37,078	41,445	42,652	43,004	14%	1%
% total revenue	30.2%	30.8%	29.8%	31.5%	30.5%	30.9%	32.8%	32.1%	31.4%		
EM formulations	21,158	18,204	21,452	23,499	20,946	20,348	23,695	24,519	23,384	12%	-5%
% total revenue	18.8%	16.7%	18.0%	19.3%	16.9%	17.0%	18.7%	18.4%	17.1%		
RoW formulations	15,563	15,744	16,041	17,000	17,797	16,290	15,814	16,633	21,840	23%	31%
% total revenue	13.8%	14.4%	13.4%	13.9%	14.4%	13.6%	12.5%	12.5%	16.0%		
Bulk drugs	5,154	3,852	5,396	4,972	4,661	4,158	4,946	5,338	5,678	22%	6%
% total revenue	4.6%	3.5%	4.5%	4.1%	3.8%	3.5%	3.9%	4.0%	4.2%		
Others	1,957	2,522	2,207	2,523	2,883	2,411	1,734	498	2,819	-2%	466%
% total revenue	1.7%	2.3%	1.8%	2.1%	2.3%	2.0%	1.4%	0.4%	2.1%		
Total revenue	1,12,410	1,09,307	1,19,408	1,21,924	1,23,807	1,19,829	1,26,528	1,32,914	1,36,755	10%	3%

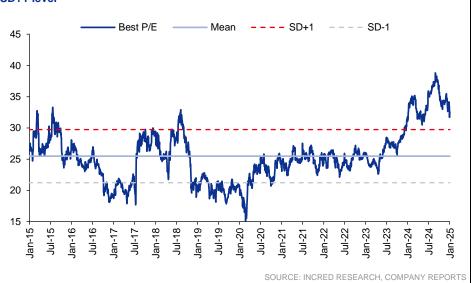
Figure 4: Actuals vs. estimates					
-	Actuals	Incred Estimates	Variance (%)	Bloomberg Estimates	Variance (%)
Revenue (Rs m)	1,36,755	1,33,936	2.1	1,33,214	2.7
EBITDA (Rs m)	41,924	36,999	13.3	37,530	11.7
Margin (%)	30.7	27.6		28.2	
PAT (Rs m)	29,034	28,853	0.6	29,318	(1.0)
				SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH,	COMPANY REPORTS

Figure 5: Our revised earnings	s estimates					
-		FY25F			FY26F	
	Old	New	Variance (%)	Old	New	Variance (%)
Revenue (Rs m)	5,19,817	5,28,203	2%	5,74,620	5,79,892	1%
EBITDA (Rs m)	1,43,293	1,52,595	6%	1,67,080	1,64,967	-1%
Margin (%)	27.6	28.9		29.1	28.4	
PAT (Rs m)	1,11,422	1,17,718	6%	1,32,309	1,28,622	-3%
				SOURCE: INC	RED RESEARCH, CO	OMPANY REPORTS

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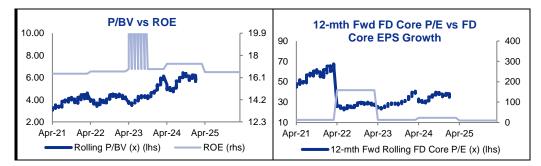
Figure 6: After a recent correction, Sun Pharma still trades at a valuation above the SD+1 level



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Profit & Loss					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Total Net Revenues	386,545	438,857	484,969	528,203	579,892
Gross Profit	283,030	332,235	378,342	419,922	461,014
Operating EBITDA	102,438	117,729	129,870	152,595	164,967
Depreciation And Amortisation	(21,437)	(25,294)	(25,566)	(25,400)	(28,000)
Operating EBIT	81,000	92,435	104,304	127,195	136,967
Financial Income/(Expense)	(1,274)	(1,720)	(2,385)	(2,400)	(2,000)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	10,755	5,084	13,903	16,000	17,000
Profit Before Tax (pre-El)	90,481	95,799	115,822	140,795	151,967
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	90,481	95,799	115,822	140,795	151,967
Taxation	(11,519)	(8,476)	(14,395)	(22,527)	(22,795)
Exceptional Income - post-tax	(44,904)	(1,715)	(4,943)		
Profit After Tax	34,058	85,608	96,484	118,268	129,172
Minority Interests	(1,331)	(873)	(721)	(550)	(550)
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	32,727	84,736	95,764	117,718	128,622
Recurring Net Profit	77,631	86,450	100,707	117,718	128,622
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	77,631	86,450	100,707	117,718	128,622

Cash Flow					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
EBITDA	102,438	117,729	129,870	152,595	164,967
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	15,591	(56,618)	10,621	(44,962)	(24,594)
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense					
Other Operating Cashflow	83,115	64,480	149,451	123,633	157,373
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(1,274)	(1,720)	(2,385)	(2,400)	(2,000)
Tax Paid	8,004	(13,167)	(25,717)	(36,677)	(38,345)
Cashflow From Operations	89,845	49,593	121,350	84,556	117,028
Capex	(14,344)	(20,646)	(21,710)	(15,000)	(16,000)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments	(41,643)	(46,858)	(1,433)		
Other Investing Cashflow					
Cash Flow From Investing	33,858	(17,911)	98,207	69,556	101,028
Debt Raised/(repaid)	(28,718)	52,602	(33,899)	(17,039)	1,515
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares			(774)		
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(21,692)	(25,197)	(28,982)	(27,592)	(27,592)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	80,469	13,976	5,308	13,600	15,000
Cash Flow From Financing	30,059	41,380	(58,347)	(31,031)	(11,077)
Total Cash Generated	63,918	23,470	39,860	38,524	89,951
Free Cashflow To Equity	94,986	84,284	185,657	137,073	219,572
Free Cashflow To Firm	124,977	33,403	221,941	156,512	220,057

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(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Total Cash And Equivalents	128,373	151,842	191,702	230,227	320,178
Total Debtors	105,929	114,385	112,494	142,615	156,571
Inventories	89,968	105,131	98,683	126,769	144,973
Total Other Current Assets	25,880	27,476	31,871	34,333	40,592
Total Current Assets	350,150	398,833	434,750	533,944	662,315
Fixed Assets	111,689	113,537	113,001	102,601	90,601
Total Investments	52,147	3,894	4,426	4,426	4,426
Intangible Assets	125,777	180,396	172,652	172,652	172,652
Total Other Non-Current Assets	58,237	110,776	129,800	129,800	129,800
Total Non-current Assets	347,849	408,603	419,879	409,479	397,479
Short-term Debt	8,086	61,979	28,444	28,444	28,444
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					i
Total Creditors	44,793	56,815	56,533	60,426	65,744
Other Current Liabilities	119,126	80,276	84,867	96,682	105,190
Total Current Liabilities	172,006	199,070	169,844	185,552	199,377
Total Long-term Debt	4,817		13	(17,026)	(15,510)
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	10,515	15,211	13,712	13,712	13,712
Total Non-current Liabilities	15,332	15,211	13,725	(3,314)	(1,799)
Total Provisions					
Total Liabilities	187,338	214,281	183,569	182,238	197,579
Shareholders Equity	480,112	559,954	636,668	726,243	826,722
Minority Interests	30,549	33,201	34,392	34,942	35,492
Total Equity	510,661	593,155	671,060	761,185	862,215
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Key Ratios	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25E	Mar-26E
-	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue Growth	15.4%	13.5%	10.5%	8.9%	9.8%
Revenue Growth Operating EBITDA Growth	15.4% 21.0%	13.5% 14.9%	10.5% 10.3%	8.9% 17.5%	9.8% 8.1%
Revenue Growth Operating EBITDA Growth Operating EBITDA Margin	15.4% 21.0% 26.5%	13.5% 14.9% 26.8%	10.5% 10.3% 26.8%	8.9% 17.5% 28.9%	9.8% 8.1% 28.4%
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Overweight	Definition: An Overweight rating means stocks in the sector have, on a market cap-weighted basis, a positive absolute recommendation.
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