



India

HOLD (previously ADD)

Sell 4 Consensus ratings*: Buy 21 Hold 4 Current price: Rs1.289 Rs1,368 Target price: Previous target: Rs1,610 Up/downside: 6.1% InCred Research / Consensus: -14.0% Reuters: Bloomberg: ARBP IN US\$10,310m Market cap: Rs748,682m US\$26.6m Average daily turnover:

Rs1929.4m

585.9m

4,817.0%

Key changes in this note

Current shares o/s:

Free float:

*Source: Bloomberg

- > Reduce FY25F/26F EPS by 7%/9%.
- Cut the target price to Rs1,368 from Rs1,610.
- Downgrade the stock's rating to HOLD.



		Source: Bloomberg		
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M	
Absolute (%)	(13.8)	(11.1)	31.6	
Relative (%)	(11.8)	(10.8)	7.4	

Major shareholders	% held
Promoters	51.8
LIC	5.4
HDFC MF	3.7

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Aurobindo Pharma

Positives priced in; downgrade to HOLD

- Weak 2Q results. Margin impacted by higher R&D spending & weak US biz.
- Pen-G and Vizag plant should start contributing from FY26F.
- FY25F/26F EPS estimates revised downwards by 7%/9%. We downgrade the stock's rating to HOLD (ADD earlier) with a lower target price of Rs1,368.

Weak 2QFY25 performance

Aurobindo Pharma (ARBP) reported 2QFY25 revenue in line with our estimate but missed on the profitability front (EBITDA/PAT miss by 3%/11%, respectively). Margin at 20.1% missed our/Bloomberg consensus estimates by 80bp/150bp, respectively, due to the rise in R&D spending by Rs700m (trend to continue for the next three-to-four quarters) and Rs300m impact of carriage outward due to the Red Sea crisis (trend to slow down in 3Q and 4QFY25F). Further, a cost of Rs800m (Pen-G plant-related) also hit the P&L, with no commensurate revenue. The US market revenue at US\$421m (our estimate: US\$430m) was impacted by QoQ lower gRevlimid sales and QoQ decline in injectables business (by US\$21m) arising from supply chain problems (to recover in 2HFY25F) and seasonality. On the other hand, the oral solids business posted a healthy growth of 9% YoY/4.5% QoQ. The EU market growth was strong at 17% YoY/4% QoQ and is on course to achieve EUR900m guidance in FY25F and US\$1bn+ sales in FY26F.

Sustains margin guidance of 21-22%

Aurobindo Pharma retained its FY25F margin guidance of 21-22% as 2HFY25F to be better than 1HFY25. Margin should benefit from higher gRevlimid sales, lower input costs, a stable US pricing environment and PLI benefits, partly offset by higher R&D spending. Post OAI at the Eugia-III plant, management expects a relatively moderate growth (doubledigit growth but unlike the super-normal growth in FY24), although FY26F is likely to be better with the commercialization of oncology products and some settled product launches. The Pen-G plant started with commercial batches (35 batches in 2Q) and ramped up to 35-40 batches per month in 3Q. With capacity ramp-up and increased efficiency, the plant is expected to break even in 4QFY25F and deliver positively in FY26F.

Other highlights

a) Tax rate guidance for FY25F revised to 30% from 27-28% earlier. b) Vizag plant -Approval received from EMA and the US for terminally sterilized lines. Decent revenue to start from FY26F and full-fledged from FY27F. c) Biosimilar in Phase-3 clinical trials: Denosumab - trial to be completed by May-Jun 2025F and commercialization in India by 2025F and in Europe by CY26F; Omalizumab – by Feb-Mar 2025F, patient recruitment for clinical trials would be done; by the end of CY25F, filing to be done for EMA and the US market, and India launch likely in 2025F.

Downgrade our rating to HOLD with a lower target price of Rs1,368

We feel the tailwinds from US pricing dynamics are priced in, and the stock is priced to perfection. We downgrade our rating on it to HOLD (from ADD). The faster-than-expected ramp-up in Eugia is an upside risk and vice-versa.

Financial Summary	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue (Rsm)	234,555	248,554	290,019	312,611	342,244
Operating EBITDA (Rsm)	43,867	37,582	58,430	67,074	75,409
Net Profit (Rsm)	26,481	19,275	31,716	37,102	44,525
Core EPS (Rs)	47.4	32.9	57.4	63.3	76.0
Core EPS Growth	(14.2%)	(30.6%)	74.5%	10.3%	20.0%
FD Core P/E (x)	27.21	39.19	22.46	20.36	16.96
DPS (Rs)	9.0	7.5	6.0	7.0	8.0
Dividend Yield	0.70%	0.58%	0.47%	0.54%	0.62%
EV/EBITDA (x)	16.68	19.63	12.87	10.91	9.37
P/FCFE (x)	16.74	16.27	20.92	40.79	11.09
Net Gearing	(7.0%)	(5.2%)	(0.1%)	(6.1%)	(12.3%)
P/BV (x)	3.07	2.81	2.53	2.28	2.03
ROE	11.9%	7.5%	11.9%	11.8%	12.6%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates				(7.35%)	(9.43%)
InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x)					

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



(Rs m)	2QFY23	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	Y-o-Y (%)	Q-o-Q (%)
Revenue	57,394	64.071	64,730	68,505	72,194	73,518	75,802	75,670	77,961	8%	
Consumption of raw materials	25,680	29.076	29,310	31,547	32,367	31,506	30.609	30.727	32,103	-1%	
as % of sales	44.7%	45.4%	45.3%	46.1%	44.8%	42.9%	40.4%	40.6%	41.2%		
Employee costs	8,685	9,217	8,519	9,520	9,550	9,897	10,263	10,720	11,095	16%	4%
as % of sales	15.1%	14.4%	13.2%	13.9%	13.2%	13.5%	13.5%	14.2%	14.2%		
R&D costs	2,760	4,152	4,107	3,876	3,000	3,980	3,920	3,390	4,100	37%	21%
as % of sales	4.8%	6.5%	6.3%	5.7%	4.2%	5.4%	5.2%	4.5%	5.3%		
Other expenditure	11900	12082	12772	12049	13245	12122	14139	14638	15002	13%	2%
as % of sales	20.7%	18.9%	19.7%	17.6%	18.3%	16.5%	18.7%	19.3%	19.2%		
EBITDA	8,369	9,544	10,022	11,514	14,032	16,013	16,871	16,196	15,661	12%	-3%
Margin (%)	14.6%	14.9%	15.5%	16.8%	19.4%	21.8%	22.3%	21.4%	20.1%		
Depreciation	2,981	3,214	3,456	3,266	4,175	4,233	3,543	4,042	3,823	-8%	-5%
Other income	111	927	1,349	1,163	1,572	1,625	1,213	2,209	1,360	-13%	-38%
Interest	253	450	556	566	682	756	894	1,110	1,127		
PBT	5,246	6,807	7,359	8,846	10,747	12,650	13,647	13,253	12,072	12%	-9%
Total tax	1,130	1,891	2,242	2,423	3,237	3,225	3,226	4,057	3,905		
Tax rate (%)	21.5%	27.8%	30.5%	27.4%	30.1%	25.5%	23.6%	30.6%	32.3%		
PAT before MI	4,116	4,916	5,118	6,423	7,510	9,426	10,421	9,196	8,166	9%	-11%
Minority interest (MI)	-22	-3	-55	-18	61	-63	-127	-14	3		
Adj. PAT before extraordinary items	4,095	4,913	5,063	6,405	7,572	9,363	10,295	9,182	8,169	8%	-11%
Extraordinary expenses	0	0	0	-698	0	0	-1,221	0	0		
Reported PAT	4,095	4,913	5,063	5,707	7,572	9,363	9,074	9,182	8,169	8%	-11%
No. of shares	585.9	585.9	585.9	585.9	585.9	585.9	585.9	585.9	585.9		
EPS	7.0	8.4	8.6	10.9	12.9	16.0	17.6	15.7	13.9		

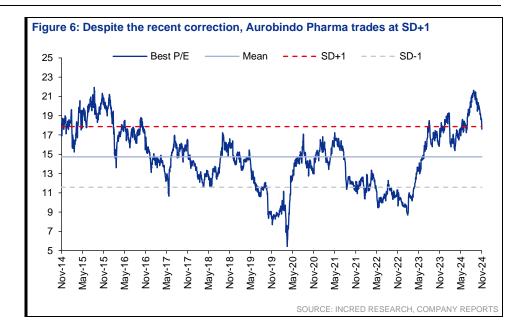
Figure 2: Margin profile											
(%)	2QFY23	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25 \	/-o-Y (bp) (Q-o-Q (bp)
Gross	55%	55%	55%	54%	55%	57%	60%	59.4%	58.8%	366	-57
EBITDA	15%	15%	15%	17%	19%	22%	22%	21%	20%	65	-131
Adj.PAT	7%	8%	8%	9%	10%	13%	14%	12%	10%	-1	-166
Effective tax rate	22%	28%	30%	27%	30%	25%	24%	31%	32%	223	174
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(Rs m)	2QFY23	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	Y-o-Y (%)	0-0-0 (%)
North America INR	26.376	30.012	30.450	33.040	33.850	37.560	35.880	35,550	35.300	4%	-1%
% total revenue	46.0%	46.8%	47.0%	48.2%	46.9%	51.4%	47.3%	47.0%	45.3%	470	-170
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ARV	1,643	2,512	1,590	1,900	2,500	1,790	2,380	2,290	1,930	-23%	-16%
% total revenue	2.9%	3.9%	2.5%	2.8%	3.5%	2.4%	3.1%	3.0%	2.5%		
Europe	15,162	17,012	16,600	18,370	17,690	17,280	18,320	19,820	21,050	19%	6%
% total revenue	26.4%	26.6%	25.6%	26.8%	24.5%	23.6%	24.2%	26.2%	27.0%		
RoW	4,519	4,989	5,920	4,860	6,490	6,270	8,520	7,090	8,120	25%	15%
% total revenue	7.9%	7.8%	9.1%	7.1%	9.0%	8.6%	11.2%	9.4%	10.4%		
API	9,694	9,546	10,170	10,330	11,660	10,220	10,190	10,920	11,560	-1%	6%
% total revenue	16.9%	14.9%	15.7%	15.1%	16.2%	14.0%	13.4%	14.4%	14.8%		
Total revenue	57,394	64,071	64,730	68,505	72,194	73,130	75,800	75,670	77,961	8%	3%
								SOURCE: INCR	ED RESEAR	CH COMPAN	Y REPORTS

Figure 4: Actuals versus estimates					
	Actual	Incred Est.	Variance (%)	Bloomberg Est.	Variance (%)
Revenue (Rsm)	77,961	77,204	1.0	77,562	0.5
EBITDA (Rsm)	15,661	16,151	-3.0	16,769	-6.6
Margin (%)	20.1	20.9		21.6	
PAT (Rsm)	8,169	9,223	-11.4	9,719	-15.9
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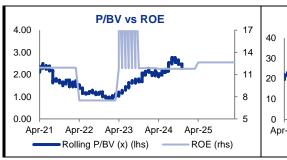
3	estimates	FY25F		F	Y26F	
	Old	New	Variance (%)	Old	New	Variance (%)
Revenue (Rsm)	3,16,594	3,12,611	-1%	3,46,361	3,42,244	-1%
EBITDA (Rsm)	68,977	67,074	-3%	80,636	75,409	-6%
Margin (%)	22	21.5		23	22.0	
PAT (Rsm)	40,044	37,102	-7%	49,158	44,525	-9%







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Profit & Loss					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Total Net Revenues	234,555	248,554	290,019	312,611	342,244
Gross Profit	133,152	135,621	163,990	185,301	201,912
Operating EBITDA	43,867	37,582	58,430	67,074	75,409
Depreciation And Amortisation	(11,265)	(12,446)	(15,217)	(16,500)	(17,500)
Operating EBIT	32,602	25,136	43,213	50,574	57,909
Financial Income/(Expense)	(486)	(1,405)	(2,897)	(4,000)	(3,500)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	3,204	2,510	5,574	6,500	7,500
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	35,319	26,242	45,890	53,074	61,909
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	35,319	26,242	45,890	53,074	61,909
Taxation	(7,256)	(6,849)	(12,110)	(15,922)	(17,335)
Exceptional Income - post-tax	(1,280)		(1,919)		
Profit After Tax	26,783	19,393	31,861	37,152	44,575
Minority Interests	(302)	(118)	(146)	(50)	(50)
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	26,481	19,275	31,716	37,102	44,525
Recurring Net Profit	27,761	19,275	33,634	37,102	44,525
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	27,761	19,275	33,634	37,102	44,525

Cash Flow					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
EBITDA	43,867	37,582	58,430	67,074	75,409
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	15,578	(10,950)	(16,751)	(15,221)	(17,053)
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense					
Other Operating Cashflow	1,612	16,561	4,035	9,413	(1,181)
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(486)	(1,405)	(2,897)	(4,000)	(3,500)
Tax Paid	(10,406)	(17,921)	(18,472)	(21,385)	(12,704)
Cashflow From Operations	50,165	23,868	24,345	35,881	40,971
Capex	(23,237)	(23,927)	(27,201)	(15,000)	(15,000)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments	(6,248)	(1,970)			
Other Investing Cashflow					
Cash Flow From Investing	20,680	(2,029)	(2,855)	20,881	25,971
Debt Raised/(repaid)	(25,724)	24,576	14,613	(38,245)	1,169
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares					
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(2,637)	(4,395)	(2,636)	(3,516)	(4,102)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	(1,246)	(1,491)	(8,180)	2,500	4,000
Cash Flow From Financing	(29,607)	18,690	3,796	(39,261)	1,068
Total Cash Generated	(8,927)	16,661	941	(18,379)	27,039
Free Cashflow To Equity	45,121	46,415	36,103	18,517	68,111
Free Cashflow To Firm	71,332	23,244	24,387	60,763	70,442

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Balance Sheet					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Total Cash And Equivalents	45,816	62,476	63,417	45,037	72,076
Total Debtors	40,123	44,664	48,167	53,144	58,181
Inventories	75,539	85,112	98,082	112,540	123,208
Total Other Current Assets	19,750	23,204	32,389	31,261	34,224
Total Current Assets	181,227	215,457	242,056	241,982	287,690
Fixed Assets	106,660	124,918	142,849	141,349	138,849
Total Investments	6,183	3,917	3,217	3,217	3,217
Intangible Assets	36,133	39,219	40,766	40,766	40,766
Total Other Non-Current Assets	9,014	15,389	21,827	21,827	21,827
Total Non-current Assets	157,990	183,443	208,659	207,159	204,659
Short-term Debt	22,835	42,426	41,803	41,803	41,803
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	27,031	38,713	44,542	46,263	46,486
Other Current Liabilities	31,695	33,799	35,647	37,010	38,402
Total Current Liabilities	81,560	114,938	121,991	125,076	126,691
Total Long-term Debt	5,678	6,190	21,349	(16,896)	(15,727)
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	6,239	9,254	8,867	8,867	8,867
Total Non-current Liabilities	11,917	15,444	30,216	(8,029)	(6,860)
Total Provisions					
Total Liabilities	93,477	130,381	152,207	117,047	119,831
Shareholders Equity	245,760	268,399	298,428	331,964	372,337
Minority Interests	(19)	120	80	130	180
Total Equity	245,741	268,519	298,508	332,094	372,517

Key Ratios					
	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue Growth	(5.3%)	6.0%	16.7%	7.8%	9.5%
Operating EBITDA Growth	(17.8%)	(14.3%)	55.5%	14.8%	12.4%
Operating EBITDA Margin	18.7%	15.1%	20.1%	21.5%	22.0%
Net Cash Per Share (Rs)	29.53	23.66	0.45	34.36	78.51
BVPS (Rs)	419.43	458.07	509.32	566.55	635.45
Gross Interest Cover	67.03	17.89	14.92	12.64	16.55
Effective Tax Rate	20.5%	26.1%	26.4%	30.0%	28.0%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio					
Accounts Receivables Days	58.48	62.25	58.42	59.14	59.36
Inventory Days	298.41	259.61	265.28	301.93	306.59
Accounts Payables Days	98.94	106.24	120.56	130.17	120.62
ROIC (%)	10.7%	7.2%	10.6%	11.9%	13.0%
ROCE (%)	12.0%	8.5%	12.7%	14.1%	15.3%
Return On Average Assets	8.4%	5.5%	8.5%	8.9%	10.0%

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