



India

HOLD (no change)

Consensus ratings*: Buy	y 31	Hold 7	Sell 0
Current price:			Rs314
Target price:			Rs305
Previous target:			Rs305
Up/downside:			-2.9%
InCred Research / Conse	nsus:		-19.0%
Reuters:		ŀ	HPCL.NS
Bloomberg:			HPCL IN
Market cap:		US	\$5,971m
		Rs4	45,566m
Average daily turnover:		U	S\$16.4m
		Rs	1225.0m
Current shares o/s:			1,418.5m
Free float:			45.1%
*Source: Bloomberg			

Key changes in this note

> FY22F EPS increased by 5.5%



		Source: B	loomberg
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	7.4	1.2	43.7
Relative (%)	7.9	3.4	14.6

Major shareholders	% held
ONGC	54.9
HDFC Equity Fund	4.7
LIC	2.6

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Teething issues on new projects

- HPCL's 3QFY22 results were impacted by a one-time inventory loss due to excise cuts as well as loss on sale of LPG due to government price controls.
- The company's financial performance has lagged its peers as refining volumes and margins in 9MFY22 have been impacted by ongoing project execution.
- We reiterate our Hold rating and TP of Rs305. Large off balance sheet debt will keep valuations in check, in our view.

3QFY22 was characterised by unusual events

The government implemented sharp excise cuts in auto fuels on 3 Nov 2021 which resulted in large inventory losses for HPCL (disclosed at Rs17.5bn) which was a negative surprise. The government also did not allow HPCL to pass on the rise in global LPG prices from Nov 2022. We estimate the resultant loss for HPCL at Rs13bn in 3QFY22. This will continue in 4QFY22 but per tonne loss will come down due to the seasonal drop in LPG prices. We believe the government will reimburse these losses by the end of 4QFY22 as even auto fuel marketing margins (MMs) will drop sharply in 4Q due to rising global oil prices. On the positive side, MMs in 3QFY22 were at record levels as domestic auto fuel retail prices have remained unchanged since the excise duty change on 3 Nov 2021. We believe this is due to pending state elections and normal price movements should resume from 10 Mar 2022 (election results day). This price freeze benefited HPCL in 3QFY22 due to the fall in global prices in Nov/Dec 2021. However, the sharp jump in global price in Jan 2022, if sustained, will squeeze MMs in 4QFY22. Finally, gross refinery margins (GRMs) were robust in 3QFY22 with the added benefit of inventory gains, in our view.

Management commentary provided an update on operations

The Mumbai refinery project is complete and expanded volumes with better margins should flow through from 4QFY22F. The Visakh refinery expansion will be commissioned by Mar 2022 with the residue upgradation part (which will give higher margins) to be complete by Dec 2022. Capex has been maintained at Rs145bn for FY22F and FY23F and could drop to Rs110bn in FY24F. 30% of capex over the next five years would be in non-traditional businesses like city gas and clean energy. HPCL added 386 new retail outlets in 3QFY22.

Maintain Hold, TP Rs305

HPCL's 9MFY22 financial performance has significantly lagged its peers as the expansion project at both its refineries faced challenges resulting in lower volumes and margins. Going forward, we believe HPCL's valuations will remain constrained due to the large off balance sheet debt in its JVs. Firstly, Hindustan Mittal Energy (HMEL) had effective net debt of Rs372bn at Mar 2021. So any hiccups in the execution of its petchem cracker (Rs225bn cost, starts by May 2022F) would pose a significant risk. Secondly, our channel checks suggest the project cost of the Rajasthan 9mt refinery JV has risen from Rs431bn to nearly Rs700bn which will strain HPCL's finances, in our view. Downside risk is a sharp spurt in global oil prices, while upside risk is better-than-expected GRMs.

Financial Summary	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Revenue (Rsm)	2,690,915	2,332,485	3,398,472	2,846,395	2,655,864
Operating EBITDA (Rsm)	55,350	160,034	119,563	135,297	142,434
Net Profit (Rsm)	26,387	106,629	70,643	67,913	69,609
Core EPS (Rs)	17.3	70.6	49.5	47.9	49.1
Core EPS Growth	(60.6%)	307.5%	(29.8%)	(3.4%)	2.5%
FD Core P/E (x)	18.14	4.45	6.34	6.56	6.40
DPS (Rs)	9.8	22.8	14.0	14.0	14.0
Dividend Yield	3.10%	7.54%	4.48%	4.46%	4.46%
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.96	4.72	6.73	5.57	5.02
P/FCFE (x)	47.04	13.59	13.22	29.90	44.31
Net Gearing	124.1%	99.0%	121.6%	109.7%	100.6%
P/BV (x)	1.54	1.20	1.09	0.99	0.89
ROE	8.6%	30.9%	17.9%	15.8%	14.6%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates			5.45%		
InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x)			1.01	0.92	0.81

SOURCES: INCRED RESEARCH ESTIMATES, COMPANY REPORTS, PRICED AS AT 1 FEB 2022





Teething issues on new projects

The contribution from HPCL's JVs mainly reflect the profit share from Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals (MRPL) and HMEL. This rose sharply in 3QFY22 due to higher GRMs which also likely include inventory gains.

Figure 1: HPCL's consolidated quarterly result trends (Rs m)										
Rsm	3QFY21	4QFY21	1QFY22	2QFY22	3QFY22	yoy %	qoq %			
EBITDA	32,973	47,367	31,937	30,263	18,521	-44%	-39%			
Interest	-1,323	-2,246	-2,593	-1,593	-2,440	84%	53%			
Depreciation	-8,944	-9,647	-9,267	-9,596	-10,346	16%	8%			
Other income	8,421	4,900	3,465	4,313	4,778	-43%	11%			
Share of profit from associates/JVs	569	323	3,002	177	5,782	917%	3165%			
Profit before tax	31,696	40,698	26,545	23,564	16,294	-49%	-31%			
Tax	-7,959	-10,091	-6,506	-4,376	-2,764	-65%	-37%			
Net profit	23,737	30,607	20,039	19,189	13,530	-43%	-29%			
EPS (Rs)	15.84	20.42	14.13	13.53	9.54	-40%	-29%			
			SOURCE	S: INCRED	RESEARCH	, COMPANY I	REPORTS			

HPCL has disclosed a one-time loss of Rs17.46bn due to a cut in excise duties in auto fuels in 3QFY22. In the absence of any further information from HPCL, we have made assumptions for gain) and refining (Rs3.5bn marketing (Rs14bn loss including due to excise cut) inventory impact for 3QFY22 based on peer group data. We estimate the loss on account of LPG price control at Rs13.5bn in 3QFY22. Excluding these items, EBITDA was above our estimate mainly due to higher GRMs. However, in our view, these higher GRMs were mainly due to inventory gains. Excluding these, numbers were in line. Relatively higher capex and resultant debt have also resulted in HPCL being unable to declare interim dividends unlike its peers.

Figure 2: HPCL's standalone	quarterly	result tre	nds (Rs	m)			
Rsm	3QFY21	4QFY21	1QFY22	2QFY22	3QFY22	yoy %	qoq %
EBITDA	33,015	46,664	31,930	30,136	18,707	-43%	-38%
Interest	-1,274	-2,053	-2,542	-1,545	-2,358	85%	53%
Depreciation	-8,811	-9,372	-9,139	-9,473	-10,247	16%	8%
Other income	8,648	5,446	3,720	4,494	5,504	-36%	22%
Profit before tax	31,579	40,685	23,969	23,612	11,607	-63%	-51%
Tax	-8,032	-10,506	-6,019	-4,377	-2,918	-64%	-33%
Net profit	23,546	30,180	17,950	19,235	8,689	-63%	-55%
EPS (Rs)	15.71	20.78	12.65	13.56	6.12	-61%	-55%
Operating data							
Refining throughtput (mmt)	4.00	4.39	2.51	2.53	4.24	6%	68%
Pipeline throughput (mmt)	5.52	5.36	4.34	4.75	5.50	0%	16%
Domestic sales volumes (mmt)	10.03	9.83	8.45	8.79	9.95	-1%	13%
Exports (mmt)	0.37	0.31	0.38	0.31	0.59	59%	90%
Singapore GRM (US\$/bbl)	1.20	1.80	2.00	3.70	6.10	408%	65%
HPCL reported GRM (US\$/bbl)	1.87	8.11	3.31	2.44	6.39	242%	162%
HPCL GRM ex-inventory (US\$/bbl)	-0.95	3.48					
Other financial data							
Staff costs	8,836	4,352	8,359	7,828	6,221	-30%	-21%
Inventory gains/(loss)							
In refining	6,160	10,970					
In marketing	7,070	29,550					
EBITDA excl inventory/forex	19,785	14,557					
Forex (loss/gain)	2,970	1,410	-710	1,130	1,416		
Debt excl lease liability (Rs bn)	306	400	352	377	373	22%	-1%
Capex (Rs bn)	38	60	30	33	46	21%	41%
			SOURCES:	INCRED RE	ESEARCH,	COMPANY	REPORTS

Broadly, industry transportation fuel volumes have been trending below our expectations.

	3QFY21	4QFY21	1QFY22	2QFY22	3QFY22	yoy %	qoq %
Gasoline sales (mmt)	1.95	1.90	1.63	1.93	2.00	2.6%	3.6%
Diesel sales (mmt)	4.64	4.44	3.96	3.72	4.43	-4.5%	19.1%
Jet fuel sales (mmt)	0.12	0.15	0.10	0.11	0.17	41.7%	54.5%
Gasoline market share	24.3%	24.3%	24.0%	24.4%	24.4%		
Diesel market share	21.9%	21.6%	21.5%	21.6%	21.7%		
Jet fuel market share	10.3%	11.1%	10.7%	10.0%	11.1%		





HPCL's debt levels will remain elevated due to ongoing capex on its own balance sheet and that of its JVs. Our estimates have built in an escalation in the Rajasthan refinery JV project (currently under execution) from Rs431bn to around Rs700bn

Y/E Mar	2019	2020	2021	2022F	2023F	2024F
EBITDA	1,20,209	49,941	1,59,255	1,18,933	1,34,667	1,41,804
Interest	-7,259	-10,817	-9,147	-10,088	-24,186	-25,365
Depreciation	-30,126	-33,044	-35,527	-40,749	-49,526	-55,653
Other income	10,563	9,647	27,887	16,947	17,598	18,297
Pre-tax profit	93,387	15,726	1,42,468	85,043	78,553	79,083
Tax	-33,100	10,646	-35,829	-21,431	-19,795	-19,929
Net profit	60,287	26,373	1,06,639	63,613	58,758	59,154
EPS (Rs)	39.6	17.3	70.6	44.6	41.4	41.7
Book value per share (Rs)	184.9	190.1	239.5	270.3	296.6	324.3
ROE	23.1%	9.2%	32.7%	17.0%	14.6%	13.4%
Net debt equity	78%	130%	103%	128%	117%	108%
Staff costs	29,385	31,935	31,884	35,000	36,750	38,588

Our estimates for FY22F consider inventory gains in refining and marketing (our estimate is based on peer group data) earned in 9MFY22. We assume that the government will fully reimburse the losses on account of LPG borne in 3Q/4QFY22F marketing as profitability will also be under pressure in 4QFY22F on account of an auto fuel price freeze till the election results announced.

Figure 5: HPCL's standalone EBITI	JA working	g (Rs m)				
Y/E Mar	2019	2020	2021	2022F	2023F	2024F
Gross margins from all business segments						
Refinery (excl inventory)	39,748	38,668	16,643	29,985	69,478	78,293
Auto fuels	83,613	77,181	98,961	93,517	96,795	1,00,132
LPG/kero marketing	26,961	28,777	30,048	30,588	31,171	31,770
Balance products/lubricants/pipeline	42,054	44,316	38,995	44,194	45,950	47,348
Sub total	1,92,375	1,88,942	1,84,647	1,98,284	2,43,393	2,57,542
Less: Labour cost	-29,385	-31,935	-31,884	-35,000	-36,750	-38,588
Less: other operational expenses	-56,441	-64,536	-64,728	-54,351	-71,976	-77,151
Sub total	1,06,549	92,471	88,035	1,08,933	1,34,667	1,41,804
Plus: Non-operational items						
Subsidy borne	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inventory in refining	7,410	-29,600	17,710	9,000		
Inventory in marketing	6,250	-12,930	53,510	1,000		
EBITDA	1,20,209	49,941	1,59,255	1,18,933	1,34,667	1,41,804

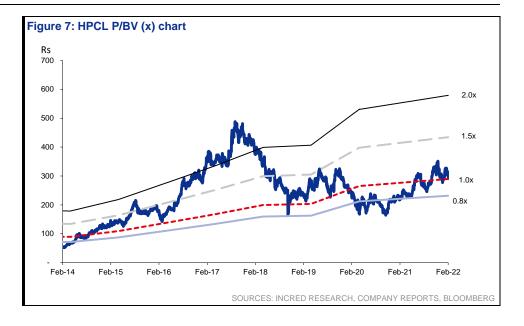
We have only increased the GRM estimate for FY22F reflecting the actuals for 9MFY22 which include inventory gains (none assumed for FY23F/24F). This factor along with lower opex are the main drivers for raising our FY22F EPS estimate by 5.5%.

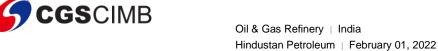
Y/E Mar	2020	2021	2022F	2023F	2024F
HPCL crude throughput (mmt)	17.18	16.42	14.10	23.50	26.00
HPCL reported GRM (US\$/bbl)	1.02	3.86	5.05	5.40	5.5
HPCL ex-inventory GRM (US\$/bbl)	2.32	1.87	3.85	5.40	5.5
Auto fuel volumes (mmt)	24.95	22.47	24.51	25.35	26.2
Auto fuels margins (Rs/kl)	2,439	3,467	3,000	3,000	3,00
Brent crude oil, US\$/bbl	61.00	44.90	70.00	65.00	60.0
Rupee dollar rate year average	70.89	74.23	75.00	75.00	75.0
HMEL refinery throughput (mmt)	12.20	10.07	11.79	12.73	12.7
HMEL GRM (US\$/bbl)	5.35	4.65	7.00	8.00	8.0





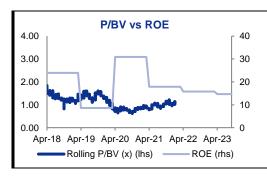
Valuations in 2020 dropped to trough levels due to a sharp downturn in refining and large inventory losses. Record profits from inventory gains in FY21 have allowed HPCL to implement buyback and pay generous dividends thereby supporting the stock price. Recently the stock has stagnated as HPCL's financial performance has lagged its peers due to poor refining performance. Also relative to peers, HPCL has massive off balance sheet debt in its JVs which is a risk until the projects in those JVs are executed successfully, in our view.







BY THE NUMBERS





Profit & Loss					
(Rs mn)	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Total Net Revenues	2,690,915	2,332,485	3,398,472	2,846,395	2,655,864
Gross Profit	151,614	262,916	215,974	250,433	263,932
Operating EBITDA	55,350	160,034	119,563	135,297	142,434
Depreciation And Amortisation	(33,699)	(36,255)	(40,883)	(49,660)	(55,787)
Operating EBIT	21,651	123,779	78,680	85,637	86,647
Financial Income/(Expense)	(11,389)	(9,633)	(10,018)	(24,117)	(25,295)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.	(4,582)	1,387	6,050	8,176	9,474
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	8,062	26,437	16,874	17,525	18,224
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	13,743	141,970	91,586	87,221	89,050
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	13,743	141,970	91,586	87,221	89,050
Taxation	12,644	(35,341)	(20,943)	(19,307)	(19,441)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	26,387	106,629	70,643	67,913	69,609
Minority Interests					
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	26,387	106,629	70,643	67,913	69,609
Recurring Net Profit	26,387	106,629	70,643	67,913	69,609
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	26,387	106,629	70,643	67,913	69,609

Cash Flow					
(Rs mn)	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
EBITDA	55,350	160,034	119,563	135,297	142,434
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.	8,062	26,437	16,874	17,525	18,224
Change In Working Capital	4,395	45,902	(28,662)	73,484	26,759
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense					
Other Operating Cashflow	(22,385)	(7,754)	(1,312)	(2,198)	(2,198)
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(11,389)	(9,633)	(10,018)	(24,117)	(25,295)
Tax Paid	(1,670)	(35,862)	(21,261)	(19,638)	(19,771)
Cashflow From Operations	32,364	179,123	75,183	180,353	140,154
Capex	(181,917)	(136,394)	(117,406)	(117,734)	(91,634)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments	1,629	(6,252)	(45,302)	(45,100)	(45,099)
Other Investing Cashflow					
Cash Flow From Investing	(180,287)	(142,646)	(162,708)	(162,834)	(136,733)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	158,100	(2,927)	121,218	(2,619)	6,635
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares					
Shares Repurchased		(16,356)	(7,625)		
Dividends Paid	(17,251)	(14,857)	(32,436)	(23,406)	(19,860)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow					
Cash Flow From Financing	140,849	(34,140)	81,156	(26,025)	(13,225)
Total Cash Generated	(7,075)	2,337	(6,368)	(8,506)	(9,805)
Free Cashflow To Equity	10,176	33,551	33,693	14,900	10,055
Free Cashflow To Firm	(136,535)	46,110	(77,506)	41,636	28,716

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Balance Sheet					
(Rs mn)	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Total Cash And Equivalents	55,680	59,925	59,925	59,925	59,925
Total Debtors	39,342	68,700	64,756	54,227	50,593
Inventories	193,260	287,639	288,474	271,196	259,503
Total Other Current Assets	126,981	62,095	65,157	66,176	67,215
Total Current Assets	415,263	478,359	478,313	451,523	437,235
Fixed Assets	663,125	763,264	839,788	907,861	943,708
Total Investments	90,508	96,759	142,061	187,161	232,260
Intangible Assets	167	3,216	3,216	3,216	3,216
Total Other Non-Current Assets					
Total Non-current Assets	753,799	863,239	985,065	1,098,239	1,179,184
Short-term Debt					
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	333,805	436,723	408,014	454,709	467,181
Other Current Liabilities					
Total Current Liabilities	333,805	436,723	408,014	454,709	467,181
Total Long-term Debt	440,015	437,088	558,306	555,687	562,322
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities					
Total Non-current Liabilities	440,015	437,088	558,306	555,687	562,322
Total Provisions	85,436	86,978	87,148	87,305	87,463
Total Liabilities	859,256	960,789	1,053,468	1,097,701	1,116,966
Shareholders Equity	309,806	380,809	409,909	452,060	499,454
Minority Interests					
Total Equity	309,806	380,809	409,909	452,060	499,454

Key Ratios					
	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Revenue Growth	(2.3%)	(13.3%)	45.7%	(16.2%)	(6.7%)
Operating EBITDA Growth	(54.4%)	189.1%	(25.3%)	13.2%	5.3%
Operating EBITDA Margin	2.1%	6.9%	3.5%	4.8%	5.4%
Net Cash Per Share (Rs)	(252.22)	(259.75)	(351.33)	(349.48)	(354.16)
BVPS (Rs)	203.31	262.26	288.96	318.68	352.09
Gross Interest Cover	1.90	12.85	7.85	3.55	3.43
Effective Tax Rate		24.9%	22.9%	22.1%	21.8%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	56.3%	32.2%	28.3%	29.2%	28.5%
Accounts Receivables Days	6.51	8.45	7.17	7.63	7.20
Inventory Days	28.58	42.41	33.04	39.35	40.49
Accounts Payables Days	51.56	67.95	48.44	60.65	70.34
ROIC (%)	2.4%	12.4%	6.9%	7.6%	7.6%
ROCE (%)	4.1%	17.9%	10.1%	9.9%	9.6%
Return On Average Assets	3.1%	9.1%	5.6%	5.7%	5.6%

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	Stock Ratings	Definition:	
	Add	The stock's total return is e	

Add The stock's total return is expected to exceed 10% over the next 12 months.

Hold The stock's total return is expected to be between 0% and positive 10% over the next 12 months.

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