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#### Highlighted Companies BCL Industries Ltd

#### ADD, TP Rs95, Rs57 close

BCL Industries has moved from being a 200klpd distillation player in FY22 to 700klpd now, with 250klpd to be added soon, within which industry-leading innovation has been undertaken in terms of fuel efficiency. The IMIL segment of the company has become operational in Punjab.

#### Globus Spirits Ltd

ADD, TP Rs1562, Rs785 close

Globus Spirits was the largest grain distillery in India with a 535klpd capacity in FY22, which has been now increased to over 1,000klpd. The company has successfully made inroads into the whisky, vodka and gin segments of IMFL business.

#### Gulshan Polyols Ltd

ADD, TP Rs382, Rs205 close

Gulshan Polyols was only a 60klpd grain distillery in FY22, but now has 810klpd capacity. The IMIL division of the company has been repeatedly awarded territories in Madhya Pradesh.

#### **Summary Valuation Metrics**

P/E (x)	Mar24-F	Mar25-F	Mar26-F
BCL Industries Ltd	14.73	9.8	7.19
Globus Spirits Ltd	17.43	8.43	7.54
Gulshan Polyols Ltd	44.75	10.59	5.36
P/BV (x)	Mar24-F	Mar25-F	Mar26-F
BCL Industries Ltd	2.88	2.24	1.71
Globus Spirits Ltd	2.24	1.79	1.46
Gulshan Polyols Ltd	1.78	1.53	1.2
Dividend Yield	Mar24-F	Mar25-F	Mar26-F
BCL Industries Ltd	0.15%	0.2%	0.28%
Globus Spirits Ltd	0.34%	0.47%	0.53%
Gulshan Polyols Ltd	0.11%	0.38%	0.75%

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### Our maize-ethanol thesis is on the right path

- We reiterated our bullish stance on grain-based ethanol while clearing the myths on feedstock shortfall in our <u>13 Apr 2024</u> report.
- Closely monitoring the ground and cropping patterns, we are satisfied with the movement towards the thesis we had laid earlier on the abundance of maize.
- Stabilization of raw material price (maize) for the industry may directly add ~750bp to gross profit in FY25F. Maintain ADD rating on BCL, GSL and GPL.

#### The feedstock problem

- Currently, average maize output in India is ~32mmt (five-year period ended FY23).
- The major usage of India's maize crop is in poultry and cattle feed businesses at ~12mmt or ~60% of the total output while the starch and processed food industry accounts for ~6.5mmt or ~20%, followed by human consumption of ~4mmt or 5% while the remaining ~15% is exported.
- Based on our calculations, 18mmt more maize is required for the ethanol blending policy's success (Fig.5).

#### The solution

- The green revolution led to a massive rise in foodgrain production in India at 87%, 60%, 39%, 8%, 13% and 19% over six stages from FY51.
- However, the 5x increase in grain production was largely due to a 5x rise in rice output and a 16x growth in wheat production from FY51, while maize production lagged since the middle of the green revolution.
- As per our analysis, maize did not lose the minimum support price or MSP announcement race but rather it lost the race of getting procured.
- Hence, once the procurement or minimum support price (MSP) floor is set for maize, Indian yields would rise to global standards and the country stands to produce the required addition of 18mmt of maize (Fig.1).

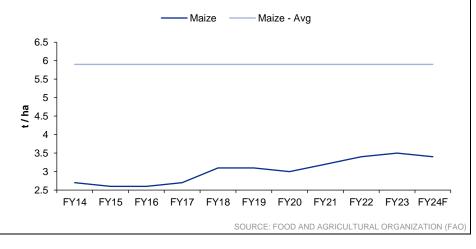
#### Movement on the ground

- National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and National Cooperative Consumer's Federation of India (NCCF) are getting on the front foot with their awareness campaigns (Figs.2 &.3).
- Bihar, the recent harvest ground and the state having the maximum scope for cultivation, is witnessing procurement centres being set up across villages, with Ms. Anice Chandra (IRS), managing director of NCCF, making it clear that her organisation will buy whatever is produced at MSP. <u>Link</u>

#### Retain ADD rating on grain-based distilleries

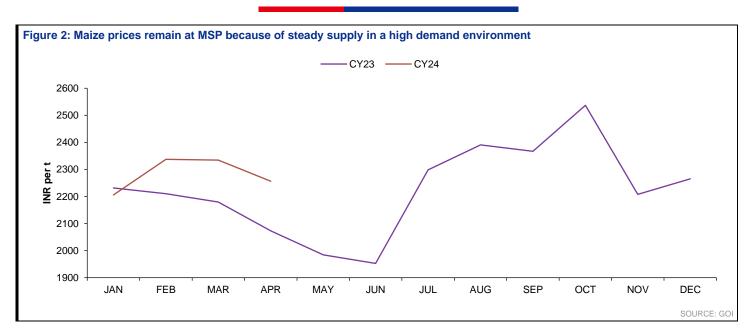
- The hypothesized scenario is turning into a reality with the rise in maize cultivation while the prices of the commodity remain steady.
- Retain ADD rating on BCL Industries (BCL), Globus Spirits (GSL) and Gulshan Polyols.





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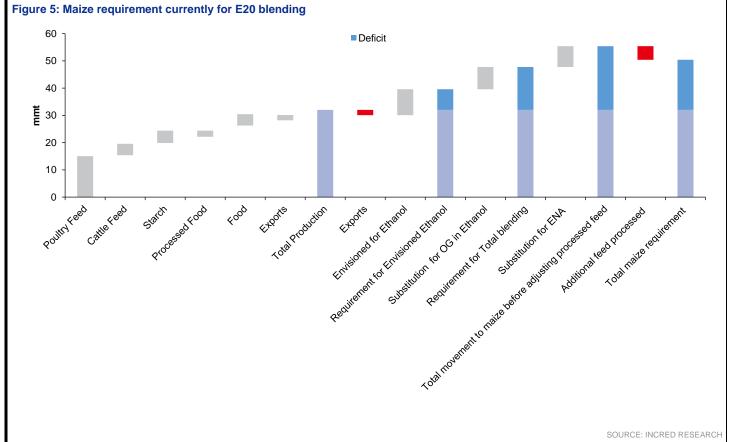




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