# **PI INDUSTRIES**

# CSM hits a bump; outlook remains robust

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PI Industries (PI) reported a below estimate quarter (Revenue/PAT 14%/24% below estimate) driven by sharp miss in the CSM segment due to deferment of an order. However, domestic segment's growth at 10% surpassed estimate on new product launches. Outlook for this segment has improved even further with more new product launches and management guiding for 18% growth in FY19—among the highest in the industry. However, factoring the lower margin expectation, we prune FY19/20E EPS 5%/8%. While delivery of the positive outlook remains crucial, strong growth outlook on both the segments puts PI in a sweet spot. We value PI at 25.0x FY20E P/E with revised TP of INR954 (INR1,000 earlier). Maintain 'BUY'.

# CSM impacted by order deferment; 18-20% FY19 growth guidance

While management had guided for 10% revenue growth in FY18, we had estimated 8% post the Q3FY18 performance, implying 27% YoY growth in Q4FY18. However, the decline in the CSM segment came sharply below estimate due to delay in shipments of ~INR700mn. However, management's outlook for the business still remains positive anchored by enquiries and scale-up in pipeline. Overall, management is guiding for 18-20% growth in this segment, including the order (INR700mn) from Q4FY18.

# **Domestic business clocks strong performance**

Coming off 3% YoY growth in Q3FY18, domestic revenue grew 10%, akin to peers, in Q4FY18. The improvement was also driven by traction in newly launched products—five this year. It is looking at four-five product launches in FY19 as well. While growth has been flat for FY18, management remains confident of 18-20% revenue growth in this segment—among the highest in the domestic agrochemical segment.

#### Outlook and valuations: Dual segment growth; maintain 'BUY'

Given the deferment in revenue from Q4FY18 to FY19, the growth expectation for CSM has still been kept the same. On the lower FY18 revenue, we have also maintained our 18% revenue expectation. However, management is confident of strong growth in the domestic agrochemical segment riding new product launches and is guiding for industry-leading 18% growth in FY19. Given the traction, we have also adjusted our revenue growth expectation for FY19 higher from 8% to 12%. However, factoring in the lower margin guidance, we cut FY19/20E EPS 8%/5%. We value PI at FY20E target P/E of 25.0x, leading to TP of INR954. We maintain 'BUY'.

Financials (Stanc	dalone)							(INR mn)
Year to March	Q4FY18	Q4FY17	% change	Q3FY18	% change	FY18*	FY19E*	FY20E*
Net rev.	6,251	6,056	3.2	5,377	16.2	22,771	26,308	30,597
EBITDA	1,347	1,537	(12.3)	1,048	28.6	4,934	5,857	6,917
Adj. PAT	1,054	1,352	(22.0)	806	30.7	3,675	4,420	5,255
Adj. Dil. EPS (INR	7.7	9.8	(22.0)	5.9	30.7	26.7	32.1	38.1
Diluted $P/E(x)$						30.4	25.3	21.3
ROAE (%)						20.7	20.6	20.0
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\* Annual numbers are on consolidated basis

Absolute Rating	BUY
Investment Characteristics	Growth
MARKET DATA (R: PIIL.BO, B:	PI IN)
CMP	: INR 812
Target Price	: INR 954
52-week range (INR)	: 1,035 / 674
Share in issue (mn)	: 137.9
M cap (INR bn/USD mn)	: 112 / 1,732
	: 217.6

	Current	Q3FY18	Q2FY18
Promoters *	51.4	51.4	51.5
MF's, FI's & BKs	19.0	19.0	16.5
FII's	14.6	14.6	16.5
Others	15.0	15.0	15.4
* Promoters pledge (% of share in issu		:	NIL

#### PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)

**SHARE HOLDING PATTERN (%)** 

	BSE Midcap Index	Stock	Stock over Index
1 month	(4.2)	(6.1)	(1.8)
3 months	(3.5)	(6.7)	(3.3)
12 months	6.3	(2.4)	(8.7)

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# Q4FY18 conference call: Key highlights

#### Q4FY18/FY18:

FY18/Q4FY18 revenue split

o CSM: INR15.6bn/INR4.4bn

o Domestic: INR8.2bn/INR1.9bn

- Continued investment in new launches like people and R&D, led to negative operating leverage
- R&D expense has doubled to INR650mn from INR350mn in FY17

#### Raw material (RM):

- RM supply issues from China remain
- Company had certain RM issues and is planning to backward integrate on certain RM. In the current year, company has developed 6-7 alternative vendors in India for certain RM which were being imported from China.
- Company is creating alternative geographical suppliers for majority of its product line
- 16-17% of total RM is approximately being sourced from China and this proportion used to be more than 30% earlier.
- Currently there is an uptrend in RM prices. This situation ends up coming every alternate year.
- The company does believe that for certain RM's, the higher prices could be the new normal

#### Domestic:

- Domestic business model is of partnership, which mainly includes import of technical's and may be formulated here
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- Company's plan to manufacture Bispyribac sodium is on track and it is expecting the necessary approvals to come soon
- Looking at launching 4-5 products in FY19
- Company is looking at 18% growth in FY19E in the domestic segment driven by new products and also on normal monsoon expectations

#### CSM:

- PI mentioned that the business has been delayed and not lost. The quantum of the business delayed was ~INR700mn.
- Delay in shipment was because of logistic issue at the company's end
- ~70% of revenues come from 30% of molecules
- Company commissioned 4 molecules in FY18 and is looking at 4 more in FY19E
- Looking at CSM opportunities in new segments to pick up in the coming years

- Company is doing 24 products at commercial stage. Order book is important for early stage products and not mature stage molecules which become annuities Products are done
- Fall in Order book to revenue conversion trend:
  - o For some products there is much longer visibility/execution timelines
  - o Conversion to revenue is also linked to capacity and new build up
- The lifetime of a Molecule is on average 20-30 years
- When incremental investment is huge, company insists for long term contracts for new molecules
- Company is looking at 18-20% growth in FY19E.

### Capex/Expansion:

- Looking at commissioning 2 multipurpose plants in Jambusar by December. There are already 3 plants in Jambusar
- Company has done a capex of INR1.7bn in FY18
- Looking at capex of INR2.3-2.5bn in FY19E and FY20E
- For its surplus cash balance, company is looking at M&A opportunities.

#### **Guidance:**

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- Looking at 18-20% growth in revenues in FY19 and EBITDA margin of ~21%.
- Looking at 20-21% tax rate for FY19 and FY20
- Expect current margin level to sustain due to expansion the company is undertaking

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Financial snapshot								(INR mn)
Year to March	Q4FY18	Q4FY17	% change	Q3FY18	% change	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Net revenues	6,251	6,056	3.2	5,377	16.2	22,771	26,308	30,597
Raw material	3,227	3,044	6.0	2,821	14.4	11,690	13,887	16,044
Staff costs	683	589	15.9	513	33.3	2,432	2,531	2,939
Other expenses	994	886	12.2	996	(0.2)	3,715	4,033	4,698
Total expenditure	4,904	4,519	8.5	4,330	13.3	17,837	20,451	23,680
EBITDA	1,347	1,537	(12.3)	1,048	28.6	4,934	5,857	6,917
Depreciation	212	185	14.6	211	0.4	830	883	1,003
EBIT	1,135	1,351	(16.0)	836	35.7	4,104	4,974	5,914
Other income	191	(21)	NM	161	18.5	603	722	830
Interest	18	31	(40.8)	14	30.5	53	23	-
Add: Prior period items								
Add: Exceptional items								
Profit before tax	1,307	1,299	0.6	983	32.9	4,653	5,674	6,745
Provision for taxes	253	(53)	NM	177	43.1	979	1,254	1,489
Minority interest								
Associate profit share								
Profit- Discontinued Ops								
Reported net profit	1,054	1,352	(22.0)	806	30.7	3,675	4,420	5,255
Adjusted Profit	1,054	1,352	(22.0)	806	30.7	3,675	4,420	5,255
Equity capital(FV INR 5)	138	138		138		138	138	138
Diluted shares (mn)	138	138		138		138	138	138
Adjusted Diluted EPS	7.7	9.8	(22.0)	5.9	30.7	26.7	32.1	38.1
Diluted P/E (x)	-	-		-		30.4	25.3	21.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	-	-		-		22.2	17.8	14.6
ROAE (%)	-	-		-		20.7	20.6	20.0
As % of net revenues								
Raw material	51.6	50.3		52.5		51.3	52.8	52.4
Employee cost	10.9	9.7		9.5		10.7	9.6	9.6
Other expenses	15.9	14.6		18.5		16.3	15.3	15.4
EBITDA	21.5	25.4		19.5		21.7	22.3	22.6
Reported net profit	16.9	22.3		15.0		16.1	16.8	17.2

**Change in Estimates** 

		FY19E			FY20E		
	New	Old	% change	New	Old	% change	Comments
Net Revenue	26,308	27,188	(3.2)	30,597	31,169	(1.8)	
EBITDA	5,857	6,539	(10.4)	6,917	7,507	(7.9)	Lower margin guidance due to
							higher investments in CSM
EBITDA Margin	22.3	24.0		22.6	24.1		
Adjusted PAT	4,420	4,786	(7.7)	5,255	5,508	(4.6)	
Net Profit Margin	16.8	17.6		17.2	17.7		
Capex	2,000	2,000	0.0	2,000	2,000	0.0	

### **Company Description**

Incorporated in 1947, PI Industries (erstwhile Pesticides India) focuses on agri-Input, custom synthesis and polymer compounding with strength of over 1,100 employees. PI currently operates three formulation and two manufacturing facilities as well as five multi-product plants across Gujarat and Jammu, and one R&D unit in Rajasthan at Udaipur.

PI is one of India's leading players in the agri-input industry, primarily dealing in agrochemicals, specialty fertilisers, plant nutrients and seeds. The company has exclusive rights with several global corporations for distribution in India, and is constantly evaluating prospects to further expand its product portfolio.

The fine chemicals business unit of PI focuses on custom synthesis which entails dealing in custom synthesis and contract manufacturing of chemicals including commercial evaluation of chemical processes, process development, lab and pilot scale up as well as commercial production. The company has a strong product portfolio as a result of exclusive tie-ups with leading agro-chemical, pharmaceutical and fine chemical companies around the world.

#### **Investment Theme**

PI is expected to deliver strong revenue and profit CAGR of 11.5% and 20.3%, respectively along-with robust ROEs of 22.4% over FY16-19E. It is a preferred partner for global MNCs for custom synthesis on account of its competencies in process research and manufacturing, coupled with its non-compete and IP driven business model. PI has built up a strong order book of USD1bn to be executed within the next 3-4 years and Incurred capex of ~INR1.8bn in Jambusar plant. EBITDA margin of the company is likely to expand owing to improving product mix, higher operating leverage and sale of the low margin polymer business.

#### **Key Risks**

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Any execution delay in setting up new capacities would impact the Any execution delay in setting up new capacities would impact the growth in the custom synthesis business.

Indian agriculture is largely dependent on monsoon hence poor monsoon could be a demand dampener for the agri-input division.

On account of very low liquidity in the stock, it might act very volatile.

USD/INR volatility may impact export revenues as well as margins.

# **Financial Statements**

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Very to Mayob	FV4.7	FV40	FV40F	EV/20E
Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Macro				
GDP(Y-o-Y %)	6.6	6.5	7.1	7.6
Inflation (Avg)	4.5	3.6	4.5	5.0
Repo rate (exit rate)	6.3	6.0	6.0	6.5
USD/INR (Avg)	67.1	64.5	66.0	66.0
Company				
Raw Material (% net rev)	51.1	51.3	52.8	52.4
Other exp (% net rev)	14.8	16.3	15.3	15.4
Capex (INR mn)	1,418	1,483	2,000	2,000
Net borrowings (INR mn)	(952)	(2,439)	(7,847)	(10,962)
Employee cost (% of rev)	9.8	10.7	9.6	9.6
Cash conversion cycle	93	112	90	79
Agri prod rev gwth (%)	9.0	(5.0)	12.0	12.0
Custom synth rev gwth(%)	13.0	3.0	18.0	16.0
Tax rate as % of PBT	9.8	21.0	22.1	22.1
Debtor days	66	76	69	60
Inventory days	130	138	122	117
Payable days	103	102	101	98
Interest Exp (% of Debt)	-	1.0	1.0	1.0
Dep. (% gross block)	6.3	6.4	6.0	6.0

Income statement				(INR mn)
Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Net revenue	22,768	22,771	26,308	30,597
Materials costs	11,632	11,690	13,887	16,044
Gross profit	11,137	11,081	12,422	14,553
Employee costs	2,226	2,432	2,531	2,939
Other Expenses	3,378	3,715	4,033	4,698
EBITDA	5,533	4,934	5,857	6,917
Depreciation	730	830	883	1,003
EBIT	4,802	4,104	4,974	5,914
Add: Other income	366.15	602.5	722.46	830.42
Less: Interest Expense	72	53	23	-
Profit Before Tax	5,096	4,653	5,674	6,745
Less: Provision for Tax	501	979	1,254	1,489
Reported Profit	4,595	3,675	4,420	5,255
Adjusted Profit	4,595	3,675	4,420	5,255
Shares o /s (mn)	138	138	138	138
Adjusted Basic EPS	33.4	26.7	32.1	38.1
Diluted shares o/s (mn)	138	138	138	138
Adjusted Diluted EPS	33.4	26.7	32.1	38.1
Adjusted Cash EPS	34.8	32.5	38.5	45.4
Dividend per share (DPS)	4.0	4.0	4.5	5.0
Dividend Payout Ratio(%)	12.0	15.0	14.0	14.0

#### Common size metrics

Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Cost of goods sold	48.9	48.7	47.2	47.6
EBITDA margins	24.3	21.7	22.3	22.6
EBIT margins	21.1	18.0	18.9	19.3
Net Profit margins	20.2	16.1	16.8	17.2

# Growth ratios (%)

Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Revenues	8.6	-	15.5	16.3
EBITDA	28.3	(10.8)	18.7	18.1
PBT	26.5	(8.7)	21.9	18.9
Adjusted Profit	52.0	(20.0)	20.3	18.9
EPS	51.5	(20.0)	20.3	18.9

Balance sheet				(INR mn)	Cash flow metrics				
As on 31st March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Share capital	138	138	138	138	Operating cash flow	3,388	2,634	5,475	4,546
Reserves & Surplus	16,134	19,111	23,536	28,797	Investing cash flow	(2,351)	813	(1,277)	(1,170)
Shareholders' funds	16,272	19,248	23,674	28,935	Financing cash flow	(534)	(1,488)	(748)	(262)
Short term borrowings	369	-	-	-	Net cash Flow	503	1,958	3,449	3,114
Long term borrowings	830	463	-	-	Capex	(1,418)	(1,483)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Total Borrowings	1,198	463	-	-	Dividend paid	(593)	(551)	(620)	(689)
Long Term Liabilities	399	233	233	233					
Def. Tax Liability (net)	(198)	(267)	(535)	(802)	Profitability and efficiency ratios				
Sources of funds	17,671	19,677	23,372	28,366	Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Gross Block	12,340	13,700	15,700	17,700	ROAE (%)	32.8	20.7	20.6	20.0
Net Block	9,375	9,906	11,023	12,020	ROACE (%)	33.7	25.3	26.3	25.6
Intangible Assets	264	279	279	279	Debtors Days	66	76	69	60
CWIP (incl. intangible)	584	691	691	691	Payable Days	103	102	101	98
Total net fixed assets	10,222	10,876	11,993	12,990	Cash Conversion Cycle	93	112	90	79
Non current investments	9	12	12	12	Current Ratio	2.4	2.4	3.0	3.4
Cash and Equivalents	2,151	2,902	7,847	10,962	Debt/EBITDA (x)	0.2	0.1	-	-
Inventories	4,319	4,520	4,756	5,494	Debt/Equity (x)	0.1	-	-	-
Sundry Debtors	4,237	5,268	4,685	5,449	Adjusted Debt/Equity	0.1	-	-	-
Loans & Advances	171	75	75	75	Net Debt/Equity	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.4)
Other Current Assets	1,706	2,345	2,935	3,414	Interest Coverage Ratio	66.6	77.1	214.7	-
Current Assets (ex cash)	10,433	12,207	12,451	14,432					
Trade payable	2,878	3,687	3,995	4,615	Operating ratios				
Other Current Liab	2,267	2,633	2,849	2,849	Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Total Current Liab	5,145	6,320	6,844	7,464	Total Asset Turnover	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Net Curr Assets-ex cash	5,289	5,887	5,607	6,967	Fixed Asset Turnover	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.6
Uses of funds	17,671	19,677	23,372	28,366	Equity Turnover	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.2
BVPS (INR)	118.1	139.7	171.8	210.0					
					Valuation parameters				
Free cash flow				(INR mn)	Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Year to March	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	Adj. Diluted EPS (INR)	33.4	26.7	32.1	38.1
Reported Profit	4,594	3,676	4,420	5,255	Y-o-Y growth (%)	51.5	(20.0)	20.3	18.9
Add: Depreciation	730	830	883	1,003	Adjusted Cash EPS (INR)	34.8	32.5	38.5	45.4
Interest (Net of Tax)	48	36	16	-	Diluted P/E (x)	24.4	30.5	25.3	21.3
Others	(750)	(1,948)	(715)	(830)	P/B (x)	6.9	5.8	4.7	3.9
Less: Changes in WC	1,234	(40)	(871)	882	EV / Sales (x)	4.9	4.8	4.0	3.3
Operating cash flow	3,388	2,634	5,475	4,546	EV / EBITDA (x)	20.1	22.2	17.8	14.6

#### Peer comparison valuation

Less: Capex

Free Cash Flow

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	Market cap	Diluted P/E (X)		EV / EBITDA (X)		ROAE (%)	
Name	(USD mn)	FY18E	FY19E	FY18E	FY19E	FY18E	FY19E
PI Industries	1,761	28.2	23.6	20.0	16.3	22.4	22.1
Bayer Cropscience	2,524	30.6	25.0	20.1	16.0	21.2	21.8
Dhanuka Agritech	501	25.2	21.7	16.8	13.6	22.9	23.0
Rallis India	685	24.1	19.5	14.9	12.2	15.7	17.5
UPL	5,539	18.4	15.2	11.5	9.3	23.7	23.8
Median	-	25.2	21.7	16.8	13.6	22.4	22.1
AVERAGE	-	25.3	21.0	16.7	13.5	21.2	21.6

2,000

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Dividend Yield (%)

Source: Edelweiss research

0.6

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1,418

1,970

1,483

1,151

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# **Additional Data**

## **Directors Data**

Mr. Narayan K. Seshadri	Independent Non-Executive Chairman	Mr. Mayank Singhal	Managing Director and CEO
Mr. Rajnish Sarna	Executive Director	Mr. Arvind Singhal	Additional Director, Non Independent - Non Executiv
Mr. Ravi Narain	Independent Non-Executive Director	Mrs. Ramni Nirula	Independent Non-Executive Director
Dr T.S. Balganesh	Additional Director, Independent Non-Executive Director	Mr. Pravin K. Laheri	Independent Non-Executive Director

Auditors - B.D. Gargeiya & Co, S.S. Kothari Mehta & Co.

\*as per last available data

### **Holding - Top10**

	Perc. Holding		Perc. Holding
Singhal mayank	23.22	Singhal madhu	15.63
Sighal pooja	6.28	Singhal pooja	6.28
Singhal salil	6.2	Icici prudential ass	5.6
Jackson national ass	5.12	Microsoft corp savin	3.95
Cartica capital ltd	3.5	Sbi funds management	3.41

\*as per last available data

### **Bulk Deals**

Data	Acquired / Seller	B/S	Qty Traded	Price
30 Oct 2017	Cartica Capital Ltd	Sell	4425137	775.02

\*as per last available data

## **Insider Trades**

Reporting Data	Acquired / Seller	B/S	Qty Traded
01 Sep 2017	Mr. Narayan K Seshadri	Sell 215000.00	
05 Jun 2017	Mr. Narayan K Seshadri	Sell 25000.00	

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Distribution of Ratings / Market Cap					
Edelweiss Research	n Coverag	e Univer	rse		
		Buy	Hold	Reduce	Total
Rating Distribution * 1stocks under rev		161	67	11	240
	> 50bn	Bet	ween 10bn a	nd 50 bn	< 10bn
Market Cap (INR)	156		62		11

Rating Interpretation		
Rating	Expected to	
Buy	appreciate more than 15% over a 12-month period	
Hold	appreciate up to 15% over a 12-month period	
Reduce	depreciate more than 5% over a 12-month period	



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