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Mrs. Bectors Food Specialities

Consumer Staples & Discretionary

More of the same, and that's exactly what consensus likes

Mrs. Bector's robust revenue growth trajectory (+17% YoY in 4QFY24) continues to be driven by mid-teen volumes led by distribution expansion (achieved its target of doubling its direct reach to ~320k outlets) and marketing support. Both biscuits and breads businesses delivered broad-based performance with 18% YoY growth. Distribution expansion and premiumisation continue to be key focus areas. Operating margins remain healthy and within the guided range (~15%) at 14.4%. Building blocks are in place with: 1) continued investment behind distribution expansion; 2) improving analytics and servicing (implementation of DMS after SFA last year); 3) building brand awareness. Branded bakery revenue growth may accelerate with new capacity and expansion plans. Maintain **BUY**.

Volume and premiumisation driven growth

Consolidated revenue grew 17% YoY (2Y CAGR: 27%) led by mid-teens volume growth. Both biscuits and bakery divisions witnessed balanced 17% YoY growth. The biscuits business continues to witness strong growth driven by mid-teens growth in its domestic biscuits business (led by volumes and premiumisation) with continued distribution expansion/marketing. The company achieved its target of doubling its direct reach to ~320k. Competitive intensity increased with higher consumer promotions during the quarter. Exports business witnessed stronger growth with increased demand from key geographies. Its bakery segment grew 17% YoY, and is likely to improve trajectory driven by branded bakery with distribution expansion in Delhi NCR (reaches 55% of market) and expansion in Punjab (capacity constraints are over with new plant commissioned in north India) with improved backend infrastructure to track secondary sales. Institutional bakery also had a decent quarter. Management expects to see overall growth in the high-teens over the next few years.

Margin print of 14.4% – within guided range

Gross margins were up 254bps YoY to 47.7% (+237bps QoQ) driven by input cost moderation and better mix. That said, EBITDA margin was up 49bps YoY to 14.4%, as the company continues to invest in: 1) increased ad-spends in its brands with its first-ever TVC campaign; 2) distribution expansion; and 3) digitisation (manufacturing/supply chain). Management maintains its operating margin guidance of ~14–15%.

Financial Summary

Y/E March (INR mn)	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Net Revenue	13,621	16,239	19,035	22,229
EBITDA	1,752	2,424	2,948	3,559
EBITDA Margin (%)	12.9	14.9	15.5	16.0
Net Profit	901	1,400	1,800	2,199
EPS (INR)	15.3	23.8	30.6	37.4
EPS % Chg YoY	58.3	54.6	28.6	22.2
P/E (x)	82.3	53.2	41.4	33.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	42.7	31.1	25.9	21.0
RoCE (%)	14.4	17.3	16.2	16.3
RoE (%)	17.8	23.2	24.2	23.9

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Market Data

Market Cap (INR)	74bn
Market Cap (USD)	892mn
Bloomberg Code	BECTORS IN
Reuters Code	MRSB BO
52-week Range (INR)	1,374 /750
Free Float (%)	49.0
ADTV-3M (mn) (USD)	2.3

Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	19.0	3.7	66.8
Relative to Sensex	17.0	(6.7)	48.7

Earnings Revisions (%)	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	1.4	2.1
EBITDA	1.5	2.0
EPS	1.5	2.0

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Valuation and risks

We increase our earnings estimates by ~2% for FY25–26, modelling revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGRs of 17%/21%/25% over FY24–26E. Maintain BUY with a DCF-based revised target price of INR 1,450 (earlier INR 1,300). At our target price, the stock will trade at 39x P/E multiple Mar'26E. Key downside risks are delays or failures in distribution expansion, and/or steep rise in competitive intensity.

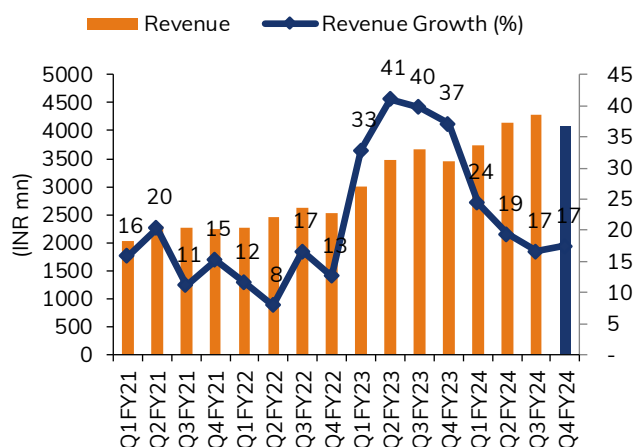
Exhibit 1: Q4FY24 results review (consolidated)

INR mn	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY (%)	Q3FY24	QoQ (%)	FY24	FY23	YoY (%)
Net revenue	4,064	3,461	17	4,289	(5)	16,239	13,621	19
COGS	(2,123)	(1,896)	12	(2,343)	(9)	(8,661)	(7,541)	15
Gross profit	1,940	1,564	24	1,946	(0)	7,578	6,081	25
Staff cost	(577)	(424)	36	(566)	2	(2,182)	(1,630)	34
Other opex	(777)	(658)	18	(768)	1	(2,972)	(2,699)	10
Total opex	(1,354)	(1,082)	25	(1,334)	2	(5,154)	(4,328)	19
EBITDA	586	482	22	612	(4)	2,424	1,752	38
Other income	66	45	49	47	42	190	120	58
Finance Cost	(37)	(23)	65	(34)	10	(118)	(129)	(8)
D&A	(164)	(134)	22	(162)	1	(614)	(533)	15
PBT	452	370	22	463	(2)	1,882	1,210	55
Tax	(116)	(94)	24	(117)	(1)	(479)	(306)	56
PAT before MI	336	276	22	346	(3)	1,403	904	55
Minority Interest	0	0		0		1	(3)	
PAT after MI	336	277	22	346	(3)	1,404	901	56
EPS (INR)	5.7	4.7	22	5.9	(3)	23.9	15.3	56

Costs as a % of sales								
COGS	52.3	54.8	-255 bps	54.6	-238 bps	53.3	55.4	-203 bps
Gross margin (%)	47.7	45.2	254 bps	45.4	237 bps	46.7	44.6	202 bps
Staff cost	14.2	12.3	195 bps	13.2	100 bps	13.4	12.0	147 bps
Other opex	19.1	19.0	10 bps	17.9	120 bps	18.3	19.8	-152 bps
EBITDA margin (%)	14.4	13.9	49 bps	14.3	16 bps	14.9	12.9	206 bps
Income tax rate (%)	25.7	25.3	33 bps	25.3	32 bps	25.5	25.3	15 bps

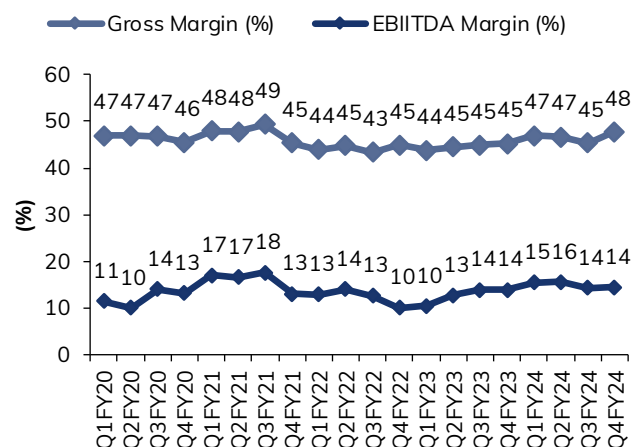
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Exhibit 2: Revenues and growth rates (quarterly)

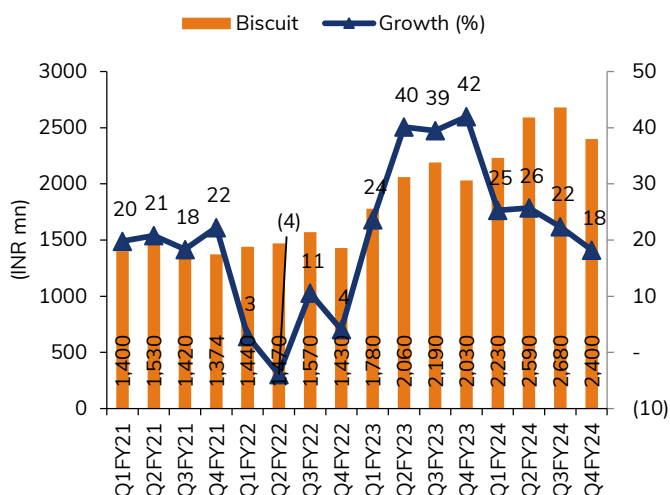


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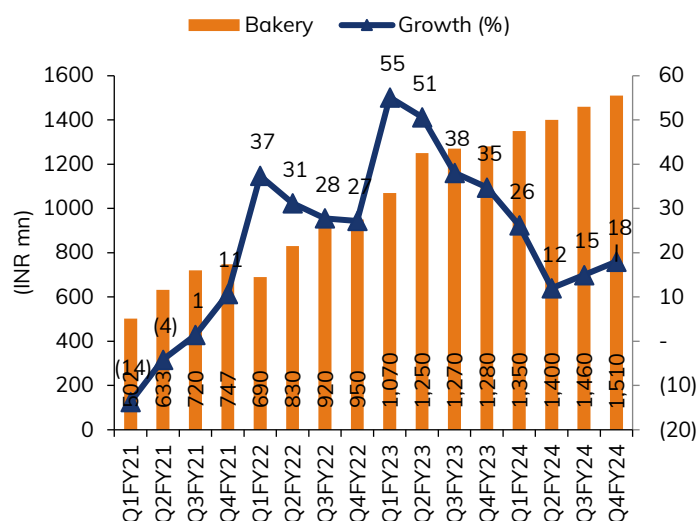
Exhibit 3: Gross and EBITDA margin (quarterly)



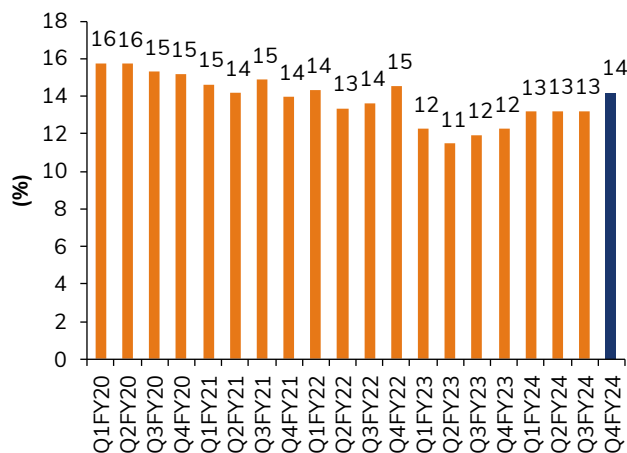
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Exhibit 4: Biscuits division's revenues and growth rates

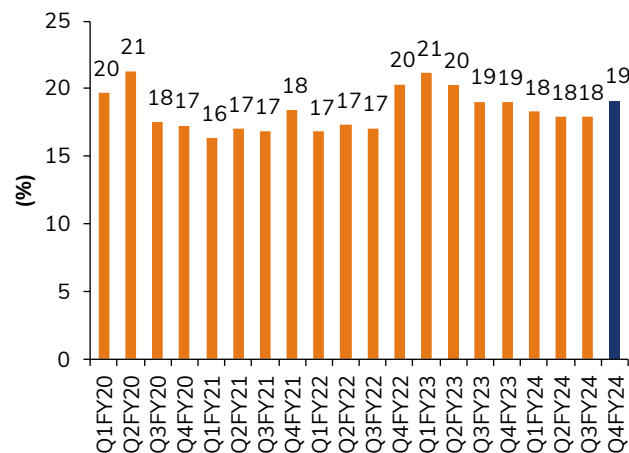
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Exhibit 5: Bakery division's revenues and growth rates

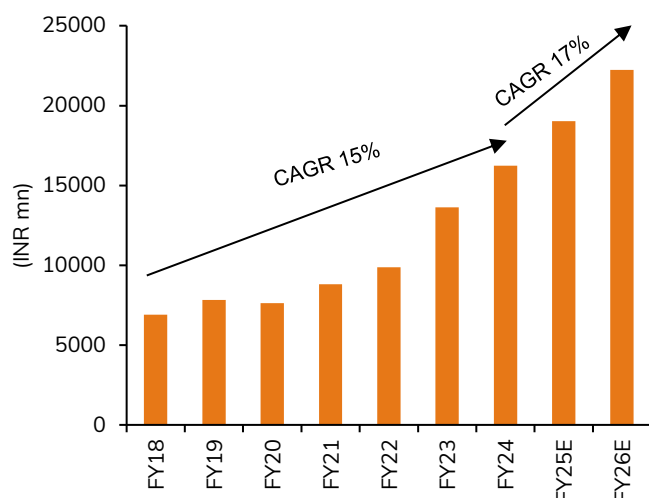
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Exhibit 6: Staff cost, as a % of revenues

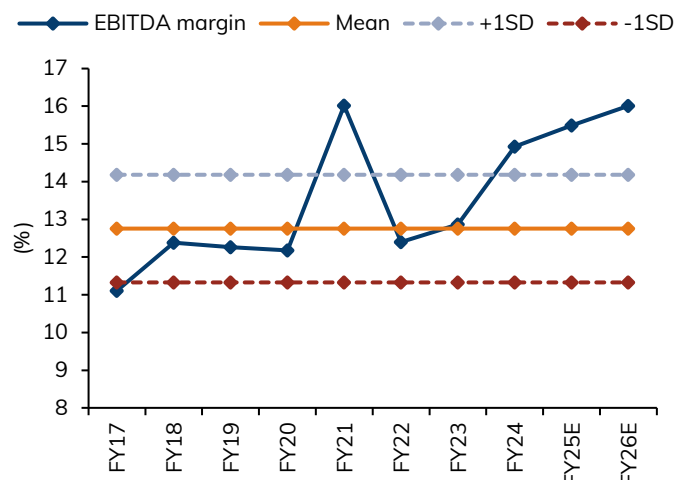
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Exhibit 7: Other opex, as a % of revenues

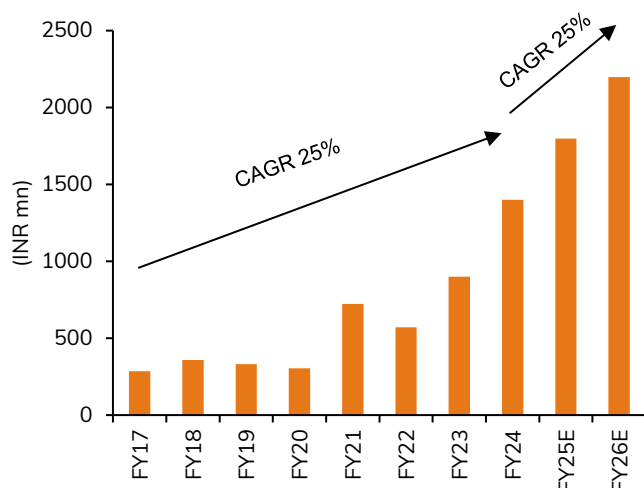
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Exhibit 8: Net revenues and growth rates

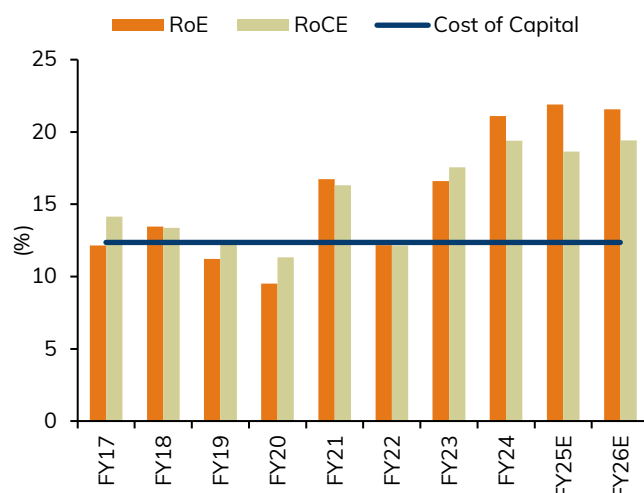
Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 9: EBITDA margin

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 10: Net profit and growth rates

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 11: Return ratios

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 12: Shareholding pattern

%	Sep'23	Dec'23	Mar'24
Promoters	51.2	51.2	51.2
Institutional investors	27.8	27.3	29.5
MFs and others	17.8	17.2	20.4
FIs/Banks	0.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance	0.2	0.0	0.0
FIIIs	9.8	10.2	9.1
Others	21.0	21.5	19.3

Source: Bloomberg

Exhibit 13: Price chart

Source: Bloomberg

Financial Summary

Exhibit 14: Profit & Loss

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	13,621	16,239	19,035	22,229
Operating Expenses	11,869	13,815	16,087	18,670
EBITDA	1,752	2,424	2,948	3,559
EBITDA Margin (%)	12.9	14.9	15.5	16.0
Depreciation & Amortization	533	614	795	949
EBIT	1,219	1,810	2,153	2,610
Interest expenditure	129	118	153	168
Other Non-operating Income	-	-	-	-
Recurring PBT	1,210	1,882	2,405	2,939
Profit / (Loss) from Associates	-	-	-	-
Less: Taxes	306	483	605	740
PAT	904	1,399	1,800	2,199
Less: Minority Interest	(3)	1	-	-
Extraordinaries (Net)	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Reported)	904	1,399	1,800	2,199
Net Income (Adjusted)	901	1,400	1,800	2,199

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 15: Balance sheet

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Total Current Assets	2,982	4,136	3,961	5,847
of which cash & cash eqv.	859	1,315	950	2,375
Total Current Liabilities & Provisions	1,368	1,670	1,944	2,234
Net Current Assets	1,614	2,466	2,016	3,614
Investments	-	-	-	-
Net Fixed Assets	4,076	4,916	7,481	7,693
ROU Assets	182	319	319	319
Capital Work-in-Progress	487	944	944	944
Total Intangible Assets	5	5	5	5
Long Term Loans & Advances	400	121	139	155
Deferred Tax assets	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	6,946	9,332	11,550	13,449
Liabilities				
Borrowings	1,207	2,246	2,846	2,746
Deferred Tax Liability	98	95	95	95
Provisions	134	158	182	203
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Equity Share Capital	588	589	589	589
Reserves & Surplus	4,855	6,041	7,635	9,613
Total Net Worth	5,443	6,630	8,223	10,202
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	6,946	9,332	11,550	13,449

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 16: Quarterly trend

(INR mn, year ending March)

	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24
Net Sales	3,742	4,145	4,289	4,064
% growth (YoY)	24.4	19.3	16.6	17.4
EBITDA	579	647	612	586
Margin %	15.5	15.6	14.3	14.4
Other Income	45	32	47	66
Extraordinaries	-	-	-	-
Adjusted Net Profit	349	373	346	336

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 17: Cashflow statement

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Operating Cashflow	1,641	1,534	2,350	2,577
Working Capital Changes	118	(472)	7	(242)
Capital Commitments	(1,566)	(2,324)	(3,360)	(1,160)
Free Cashflow	74	(789)	(1,010)	1,417
Other investing cashflow	57	89	404	497
Cashflow from Investing Activities	(1,510)	(2,235)	(2,955)	(664)
Issue of Share Capital	0	-	-	-
Interest Cost	(124)	(108)	(153)	(168)
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	-	-	-	-
Dividend paid	(147)	(176)	(206)	(221)
Others	(79)	997	600	(100)
Cash flow from Financing Activities	(366)	687	241	(489)
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	(235)	(14)	(364)	1,425
Closing cash & balance	596	735	907	2,332

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 18: Key ratios

(Year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Per Share Data (INR)				
Reported EPS	15.4	23.8	30.6	37.4
Adjusted EPS (Diluted)	15.3	23.8	30.6	37.4
Cash EPS	24.4	34.2	44.1	53.5
Dividend per share (DPS)	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.8
Book Value per share (BV)	92.5	112.6	139.7	173.3
Dividend Payout (%)	19.5	13.7	11.5	10.0
Growth (%)				
Net Sales	37.8	19.2	17.2	16.8
EBITDA	43.0	38.4	21.6	20.7
EPS (INR)	58.3	54.6	28.6	22.2
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	82.3	53.2	41.4	33.9
P/CEPS	51.9	37.0	28.7	23.7
P/BV	13.7	11.2	9.1	7.3
EV / EBITDA	42.7	31.1	25.9	21.0
P / Sales	5.5	4.6	3.9	3.4
Dividend Yield (%)	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Operating Ratios				
Gross Profit Margins (%)	44.6	46.7	47.0	47.3
EBITDA Margins (%)	12.9	14.9	15.5	16.0
Effective Tax Rate (%)	25.3	25.7	25.2	25.2
Net Profit Margins (%)	6.6	8.6	9.5	9.9
Net Debt / Equity (x)	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.1
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.9
Working Capital Days	26	32	24	24
Inventory Turnover Days	25	25	25	24
Receivables Days	28	33	27	27
Payables Days	24	26	26	26
Profitability Ratios				
RoCE (%)	14.4	17.3	16.2	16.3
RoE (%)	17.8	23.2	24.2	23.9
RoIC (%)	14.4	17.3	16.2	16.3

Source Company data, I-Sec research

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