

Berger Paints (BRGR) - REDUCE

Result Update

Current Market Price (CMP) Rs. 545	Fair Value (FV) Rs.540
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Rationale:

- BRGR reported 12%/15%/18% yoy growth in revenue/EBITDA/PAT.
- Growth led by 8.5% volume growth and 5% pricing in decorative paints.
- Management expects robust revenue growth with 15-17% EBITDA margin.
- Birla Opus has closed the price gap versus incumbents.
- Moderated painter payouts, while continuing to offer elevated trade margins.
- We increase FY27-28E EPS by 4-10% as we factor in easing RM prices.
- We roll over and revise FV to Rs540 (from Rs515), based on 38X Sep 2028E PE.
- While competitive intensity is stabilizing.
- We remain cautious with new competition from JSW-Dulux adding to pressure from Birla Opus in a soft demand environment.

 Positives:

- BRGR’s consolidated revenue grew 12% yoy to Rs3580 cr (1.3% beat).
- Growth led by volume/value growth of 8.4%/12.7% yoy for standalone business.
- There was ~5.6% yoy growth for subsidiaries.
- Auto coatings reported healthy Double digit value growth.

 Negatives:

- Consolidated GM contracted 55 bps yoy to 40.9%.



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Holding Period: 12 months

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