

## Sales Notes 05<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### Bajaj Consumer Care Ltd.

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**CMP: INR 138-120** 

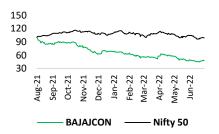
**Outlook: Positive(Not Rated)** 

Target TP: INR 210

Stock Info	
BSE	533229
NSE	BAJAJCON
Bloomberg	BAJAJCON IN
Reuters	BACOA.BO
Sector	Personal Care
Face Value (INR)	1
Equity Capital (INR Cr)	14.8
Mkt Cap (INR Cr)	2,101
52w H/L (INR)	305/129
Avg Yearly Vol (in 000')	663

<b>Shareholding Pattern %</b>	
(As on March, 2022)	
Promoters	38.04
FII	17.55
DII	12.62
Public & Others	31.79

#### **Bajaj Consumer Vs Nifty**



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Jyoti Singh jyoti.singh@arihantcapital.com 022 67114834 Bajaj Consumer Care Ltd. (BCCL) is the second-largest entity in the Shishir Bajaj Group of companies, with a rich history dating back to 1953 when Late. Kamalnayan Bajaj established Bajaj Sevashram to market and sell hair oils and other beauty products. The company is the leading player in Light Hair Oil category with the flagship brand Bajaj Almond Drops Hair Oil commanding around 65% market share in its category. The company markets and distributes its products in India and exports to over 30 countries, with primary focus in SAARC, Gulf & Middle East, ASEAN and African regions.

#### Investment rationale

**Robust Balance sheet:** It has a strong cash reserve which, translates into cash per share of INR 37, and is expected to increase going forward. As per (Bloomberg estimates FY24E is EBITDA INR ~222 cr and it's likely to touch INR 255-260 cr).

**Margin Expansion:** We believe, margin improvement to be better than estimates owing to lower raw material prices. Growth is expected to be better in both almondz and non-almondz compared to market estimates. It would lead to re-rating.

Continue Investment for the brand building: The Company will continue to invest in its brands including new launches for long term growth. A&P spends during quarter was 19%, which is 1.2% higher over the sequential quarter. Expansion of the wholesale loyalty program and its extension to rural market has also been taken up.

**Improved visibility:** In-store execution is being strengthened along with improved store visibility. E-commerce continued to scale up well with growth of  $\sim$  80% growth on full year basis. Digital brands, Natyv Soul and Bajaj 100% Pure scaling up well, bajaj Coconut oil got listed in major chains like Dmart, Reliance, Star Bazar.

New launch lead to better growth: New launches contributed to 9% of E-commerce B2C sales in Q4. Bajaj Consumer Care launched a Bajaj Almond Drops Moisturising Soap and plans to launch a bouquet of other products in skincare and haircare under the brand. Bajaj Coco Onion Hair Oil, launched recentlon sticky hair oil and has a pleasant fragrance and Bajaj Sarson Amla Hair Oild in Dec 2021 to leverage the equity of Bajaj and gain rural distribution strength.

**Social Media Influencers:** ADHO continued to be supported across TV, social media platforms and print media supporting key markets with increased investments in advertising during the quarter. The new youthful thematic campaign dialing up the element of style has started getting positive views across the younger consumers. Digital marketing for ADHO has been continuously dialed up and the company is now actively using new age influencers to reach out to younger consumers.

**Outlook:** The Company is focusing on establishing new brands in the long run though it will eat EBITDA margins in the short run. The Company on its fundamental planning looks strong. A slowdown in the rural market and sluggish performance by the wholesale channel will affect the near-term revenue performance of the company in the near term. But Bajaj is a strong brand and has a great presence, the sentiments in the rural and urban market look positive with some hiccups in the next few quarters due to rising inflation. However, margins have shrunk in FY22 with gross margins Q4FY22 also stays under pressure, which is down from 60.6% to 56.2% YoY. PAT margins have also dipped from 22.3% to 17.8%. FY22 PAT margins have gone down from 24.9% to 20.2% mainly due to the Covid situation and subdued demands and it continues to be under pressure for another 2 quarters till inflation and interest rate parameters stabilize. While, margins to improve and expected to touch 25% plus in FY24 respectively. Overall, we are positive for long term. One can add between INR 120-138 for price objective of INR 210.

#### **Key Financial:**

Standalone (In Cr.)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E*	FY24E*
Revenue	818	898	866	941	1020
EBITDA	216.24	248.8	183.8	191.5	221.7
PAT	190.55	223.6	174.5	179.4	207.9
EBITDA %	26.4%	27.7%	21.2%	20.4%	21.7%
PAT%	23.30%	24.90%	20.16%	19.06%	20.38%
EPS	12.92	15.15	11.49	12.05	13.93
PE	11.0	9.4	12.4	11.8	10.2

<sup>\*</sup>Bloomberg estimates

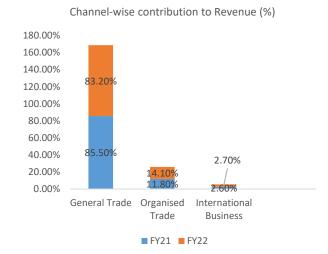
#### **Business Highlights**

General Trade: Retail is being further strengthened across top towns with new retail activation program being rolled out.

**E-Commerce**: E Commerce continues to scale up well with growth of 50% in Q4 and 80% growth on a full year basis over last year

**Modern Trade**: Bajaj Co Coconut oil got listed in major chains like Dmart, Reliance, Star Bazar and many local independent chains.

**International Business:** In Bangladesh, strong momentum continued with field force augmentation.



Source: Company, Arihant Research

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Stock Rating Scale	Absolute Return
BUY	>20%
ACCUMULATE	12% to 20%
HOLD	5% to 12%
NEUTRAL	-5% to 5%
REDUCE	-5% to -12%
SELL	<-12%

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