

May 30, 2023

Balaji Amines Ltd (BAL)

No. of shares (m)	32.4
Mkt cap (Rscrs/\$m)	6943/841.0
Current price (Rs/\$)	2143/26.0
Price target (Rs/\$)	3364/40.8
52 W H/L (Rs.)	3844/1880
Book Value (Rs/\$)	470/5.7
Beta	0.9
Daily NSE volume (avg. monthly)	160290
P/BV (FY24e/25e)	3.7/3.0
EV/EBITDA(FY24e/25e)	9.1/7.5
P/E (FY24e/25e)	17.5/14.0
EPS growth (FY23/24e/25e)	-11.6/22.2/24.5
OPM (FY23/24e/25e)	25.9/25.1/25.5
ROE (FY23/24e/25e)	23.7/23.4/23.5
ROCE(FY23/24e/25e)	26.1/25.2/24.7
D/E ratio (FY23/24e/25e)	0.06/0.03/0.01
BSE Code	530999
NSE Code	BALAMINES
Bloomberg	BLA IN
Reuters	BAMN.NS

Shareholding pattern%	
Promoters	53.7
MFs / Banks / FIs	0.3
Foreign Portfolio Investors	4.5
Govt. Holding	-
Public& Others	41.5
Total	100.0
As on March 31, 2023.	

Recommendation

BUY

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Quarterly Highlights

- Balaji Amines revenues fell 39.6% from Rs 780.37 crores in Q4FY22 to Rs 471.39 crores in Q4FY23. This came on the back of considerable headwinds faced by the company in pharma and API industry which contributes around 50% to its total revenue. These headwinds also impacted the saleable volumes which saw a drop of 21.5% to 26,505 mt in Q4FY23 as against 33,780 mt in Q4FY22. Volumes could however revive in the near few quarters as pharma & API industry appears to have turned a corner.
- Consequently, OPMs during the quarter drop by over 500 bps to 19.75% in Q4FY23 from 25.1% in Q4FY22, resulting in nerve-wracking 52.5% decline in operating profit. Yet obscurity in earnings in last few quarters barely stymie full year results for consolidated operating profit fell by just 2.2% to Rs 609.11 crs (Rs 622.67 crs FY22) this fiscal. Since a lot of BAL's independent directors are nearing their SEBI stipulated period of 10 years, the company has decided revamped its board recently.
- Flushed with both surplus liquidity and emerging import substitution opportunities in India, the company has drawn scarcely unambitious expansion plans over the near few years ranging from expansion of existing products (methylamine, acetonitrile, DMF) and new products (N-Butylamine, Di Methyl Either) by spending over Rs 450 crs over the next two years. Its N-Butylamine plant of 15,000 mt is near completion and is expected to start commercial production by the second half of current fiscal.
- The stock currently trades at 17.5x FY24e EPS of Rs 122.77 and 14x FY25e EPS of Rs 152.89. Though earnings would grow at an average rate of some 23% over the near two years on the back of average revenue growth of some 20%, friction emanating from volatility in raw material prices and its impact on finished product prices could belie estimates; previous earnings estimates FY24 has been dismally cut after dreadful slowdown in pharma & API industry depressed margins. Difficulty in sourcing raw material of subsidiary products cannot be briskly undone. Still BAL's backwardly integrated capacities coupled with process specialization lend it durable competitive advantage. Weighing odds, we advice buying the stock with a revised target of Rs 3364 (previous target Rs 4542) based on 22x FY25e EPS of Rs 152.89 over a period of 9-12 months.

Consolidated (Rs crs)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24e	FY25e
Income from operations	1311.46	2322.88	2355.40	2851.70	3393.09
Other Income	6.07	14.72	15.25	24.09	33.84
EBITDA (other income included)	379.30	637.39	624.36	740.72	899.26
Consolidated Net Profit	238.05	368.42	325.52	397.79	495.38
EPS(Rs)	73.47	113.71	100.47	122.77	152.89
EPS growth (%)	127.2	54.7	-11.6	22.2	24.5



Industry Outlook

Global amines market

As per an industry report, the global amine market is set to grow at CAGR of 7.5% during the near decade ending 2033. The growth is likely to come from the rapidly growing end-users industries such as pharmaceuticals, personal care, agriculture, water treatment, paint, coating and petroleum. This trend was significantly heightened during the pandemic, when an uptick in demand from pharmaceutical industry eventually pushed the demand for the amines industry. The industry in India is oligopolistic in nature as it leaves a country with just a handful of producers catering to the majority of demand. The industry is characterized by heavy capex requirement, stringent government regulation, and complex manufacturing process which create high entry barriers paving the way for sustainable growth in the future. Currently the industry in India facing difficulties as its end user market such as pharma and API face inventory challenges.

The global pharmaceutical is set to grow at a CAGR of 4.5-5% during five years ending 2027, according to an industry report.. Much of the growth would be driven by new product launches, an ageing population, increasing prevalence of chronic diseases, technological advances, and increase in pharmaceutical drug usage. North America will continue to dominate the global pharmaceutical market in terms of consumption, though emerging economies like India and China would also seen increased oftake.



Revenue share of global chemical industry

As per a report by KPMG, the Indian specialty chemicals market is estimated to grow at a CAGR of more than 12 per cent from 2020 to 2025 as the country is seeing significant demand from end-user sectors such as food, automobile, real estate, clothing, cosmetics, among others. Much of the emergence of this industry in India is owed to strong process engineering capabilities, low-cost manufacturing capabilities, and abundant manpower. Further, government initiatives such as the petroleum, chemicals, and petrochemicals investment region (PCPIR) policy and production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes have strengthened the confidence of manufacturers to invest within the country. Increasing pollution control regulations in other countries of the world are prompting manufacturers to diversify their production capabilities.



Source: Fortune Business Insights

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Financials & Valuation

The Company has planned over Rs 450 crs of capex in FY24 and FY25 combined for expanding capacity of existing products and installing capacities of new products. It plans to install 1 lakh ton capacity of DME (Di Methyl Either), which is a new age gas which has application in various fields such as replacement of LPG fuel and aerosol. The project developed in collaboration with Niti Aayog strives to replace LPG in domestic commercial market. BAL has already acquired land for the project and bagged the environmental clearance. Further, on the anvil is 40000 mt capacity of methylamines which will go on stream by next fiscal. Other capital project in the pipeline include 15000 mt of acetonitrile, 12000 mt of DMAHCL and 30000 mt of DMF.

Throughput of DMC, PG and ethylamines could witness traction in current fiscal for the company has managed to overcome initial production challenges. The company expects the plants of DMC/Propylene Carbonate (PC) and Propylene Glycol (PG) with a capacity of 15,000 tons each to see higher utilization as currently the annual domestic demand of DMC is about 8,000 to 9,000 tons which is completely met by imports.



Its subsidiary Balaji Speciality, which plans to launch its IPO sometimes this calendar year, could see discernible ramp up in capacity utilization as challenges in procuring raw material are ironed out. On the back of some 72% capacity utilization, its volume grew by barely unpleasing 23.9% to 21,277 mt last fiscal, prompting it to further enhance capacities of both existing and newer products – former through debottlenecking and latter through green field projects. As seen in the past, redundancies in the existing capacities (read: DMF and capacity of subsidiary) could help in business scaling as and when pharma and API market stabilizes. Projected revenue of some 20% (annual) over the next two years barely unveils production disruption form Balaji's new products such as DMC/PG and N-Butylamines.



The stock currently trades at 17.5x FY24e EPS of Rs 122.77 and 14x FY25e EPS of Rs 152.89. Though fall in prices of raw materials like ammonia, methanol and acetic acid has led some semblance to margins, yet prolonged recovery in pharma and API industry could have depressing effect on finished product prices. Driven by marked reduction in receivable days, free cash flow ballooned: though with increased capex over the next two years, free cash flow may not significantly rise. Weighing odds, we advise buying the stock with target price of Rs 3364 (previous target Rs. 4542) based on 22x FY25e EPS of Rs 152.89 over a period of 9-12 months. For more information please refer to our September report.



Cross Sectional Analysis

	Company	Equity*	CMP	MCAP*	Sales*	Profit*	OPM (%)	NPM (%)	IntCov	ROE (%)	Mcap/Sales	P/BV	P/E
Ba	laji Amines	6	2143	6943	2355	326	25.9	17.2	48.3	23.7	2.9	4.6	21.3
All	cyl Amines	10	2469	12614	1682	229	20.4	13.6	93.9	22.2	7.5	11.3	55.2

*figures in crores; calculations on ttm basis;

standalone or consolidated data as available

Alkyl Amines (AIL) revenue in Q4FY23 were Rs 412 crs as against Rs 425 crs inQ4FY22 a de-growth rate of 3.2%. Operating profit, however, increased to Rs 76.93 crs in Q4FY23 from Rs 73.24 crs in the same quarter last year, resulting in 150 bps expansions in OPMs; surged on account of softening of utility and raw material prices. Following trends in operating profit, more or less though, profit before tax advanced by 3.8% and profit after tax by 4.8%. The company is targeting Rs 300 crs capex for FY24 and FY25 combined. The ongoing expansion of plant for ethyl amines (increasing capacity to 36000 tons per year) is almost complete and is expected to be commissioned in Q2FY24. The company has also applied for an additional land parcel to Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation for future expansion plans.







Figures in Rs crs

Financials

Consolidated Quarterly Results

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	Q4FY23	Q4FY22	% chg.	FY23	FY22	% chg.
Income From Operations	471.39	780.37	-39.6	2355.40	2322.88	1.4
Other Income	5.51	5.05	9.1	15.25	14.72	3.6
Total Income	476.90	785.41	-39.3	2370.64	2337.60	1.4
Total Expenditure	378.27	584.25	-35.3	1746.28	1700.21	2.7
EBITDA (other income included)	98.63	201.16	-51.0	624.36	637.39	-2.0
Interest	2.53	7.15	-64.7	11.97	17.10	-30.0
Depreciation	11.14	10.78	3.4	45.57	42.00	8.5
PBT	84.96	183.23	-53.6	566.82	578.29	-2.0
Tax	29.75	52.39	-43.2	161.13	160.39	0.5
РАТ	55.21	130.85	-57.8	405.68	417.90	-2.9
Minority Interest	7.80	22.12	-64.7	80.16	49.48	62.0
PAT after Minority Interest	47.41	108.72	-56.4	325.52	368.42	-11.6
EO	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted Net Profit	47.41	108.72	-56.4	325.52	368.42	-11.6
EPS(Rs)	14.63	33.56	-56.4	100.47	113.71	-11.6

Quarterly Segment Results

Quarterly Segment Results					Figures in R	s crs
	Q4FY23	Q4FY22	% chg	FY23	FY22	% chg
Segment Revenue						
Amines & Speciality Chemicals	469.18	779.57	-39.8	2341.81	2318.43	1.0
Hotel Division	6.93	5.43	27.5	26.41	16.96	55.8
Unallocated	0.84	0.45	84.5	2.58	2.37	8.8
Inter segmental elimination	0.04	0.05	-1.8	0.16	0.15	6.9
Total Income	476.90	785.41	-39.3	2370.64	2337.60	1.4
Segment EBIT						
Amines & Speciality Chemicals	87.47	189.85	-53.9	574.43	594.54	-3.4
Hotel Division	1.40	0.58	140.2	5.56	1.11	398.8
Unallocated	-1.38	-0.05	-	-1.21	-0.27	-
Total	87.49	190.38	-54.0	578.79	595.39	-2.8
Interest						
Amines & Speciality Chemicals	2.36	7.12	-66.8	11.81	17.00	-30.6
Hotel Division	0.16	0.03	437.3	0.16	0.10	70.2
Unallocated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2.53	7.15	-64.7	11.97	17.10	-30.0
РВТ						
Amines & Speciality Chemicals	85.11	182.73	-53.4	562.62	577.54	-2.6
Hotel Division	1.24	0.55	123.7	5.40	1.02	430.0
Unallocated	-1.38	-0.05	_	-1.21	-0.27	-
Total	84.96	183.23	-53.6	566.82	578.29	-2.0

Consolidated Income Statement				Fie	gures in Rs
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24e	FY25e
Income From Operations	1311.46	2322.88	2355.40	2851.70	3393.09
Growth (%)	40.1	77.1	1.4	21.1	19.0
Other Income	6.07	14.72	15.25	24.09	33.84
Total Income	1317.53	2337.60	2370.64	2875.79	3426.93
Total Expenditure	938.23	1700.21	1746.28	2135.07	2527.67
EBITDA (other income included)	379.30	637.39	624.36	740.72	899.26
Interest	18.29	17.10	11.97	7.88	4.69
Depreciation	34.41	42.00	45.57	49.76	57.46
PBT	326.60	578.29	566.82	683.07	837.11
Tax	83.10	160.39	161.13	194.68	238.58
РАТ	243.50	417.90	405.68	488.40	598.53
Minority Interest	5.30	49.48	80.16	90.61	103.16
PAT after Minority Interest	238.19	368.42	325.52	397.79	495.38
EO	0.14	-	-	-	-
Adjusted Net Profit	238.05	368.42	325.52	397.79	495.38
EPS (Rs)	73.47	113.71	100.47	122.77	152.89

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Segment Results		Figures in	Rs crs
	FY21	FY22	FY23
Segment Revenue			
Amines & Speciality Chemicals	1401.01	2318.43	2341.81
Hotel Division	7.20	16.96	26.41
Unallocated	0.61	2.37	2.58
Inter segmental elimination	97.37	0.15	0.16
Income From Operation	s 1311.46	2337.60	2370.64
Segment EBIT			
Amines & Speciality Chemicals	366.26	594.54	574.43
Hotel Division	-3.03	1.11	5.56
Unallocated	-18.34	-0.27	-1.21
Tota	al 344.89	595.38	578.79
Interest			
Amines & Speciality Chemicals	18.24	17.00	11.81
Hotel Division	0.05	0.10	0.16
Unallocated	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tota	al 18.29	17.10	11.97
PBT			
Amines & Speciality Chemicals	348.02	577.54	562.62
Hotel Division	-3.08	1.02	5.40
Unallocated	-18.34	-0.27	-1.21
Tota	al 326.60	578.29	566.82



Consolidated Balance Sheet				Figures in	
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24e	FY25e
Sources of Funds					
Share Capital	6.48	6.48	6.48	6.48	6.48
Reserves	887.91	1243.37	1547.75	1913.14	2369.64
Total Shareholders' Funds	894.39	1249.85	1554.23	1919.62	2376.12
Minority Interest	15.53	65.01	143.93	234.54	337.69
Long Term Debt	88.85	57.57	30.30	3.03	0.00
Total Liabilities	998. 77	1372.45	1728.46	2157.19	2713.81
Application of Funds					
Gross Block	789.57	969.23	1114.12*	1264.12	1464.12
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	246.66	288.05	333.62	383.38	440.84
Net Block	542.92	681.18	780.50	880.74	1023.28
Capital Work in Progress	173.28	140.94	113.23	175.00	225.00
Investments	0.00	0.00	72.65	0.00	0.00
Current Assets, Loans & Advances					
Inventory	109.94	222.36	302.81	313.69	373.24
Trade receivables	305.66	588.15	377.80	484.79	576.83
Cash and Bank	19.64	51.56	236.33	561.40	796.19
Short term loans (inc. OCA)	141.84	45.03	43.23	55.67	57.32
Total CA	577.08	907.09	960.18	1415.55	1803.57
Current Liabilities	202.79	300.73	149.02	257.22	267.15
Provisions-Short term	40.02	0.00	0.32	0.40	0.40
Total Current Liabilities	242.81	300.73	149.34	257.62	267.55
Net Current Assets	334.27	606.36	810.84	1157.93	1536.02
Net Deferred Tax Liability	-47.24	-67.75	-81.21	-88.49	-102.49
Net long term assets (net of liabilities)	-4.46	11.72	32.45	32.00	32.00
Total Assets	998.7 7	1372.45	1728.46	2157.19	2713.81

*estimated





Key Financial Ratios

Growth Ratios(%)Revenue40.177.11.421.1EBITDA104.168.1-2.018.6Net Profit127.254.7-11.622.2EPS127.254.7-11.622.2Margins (%)0000Operating Profit Margin28.526.825.925.1Gross profit Margin27.526.726.025.7Net Profit Margin18.618.017.217.1Return (%)00000	FY25e
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Return (%)	26.4
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ROCE 26.3 35.2 26.1 25.2	24.7
ROE 31.0 34.9 23.7 23.4	23.5
Valuations	
Market Cap/ Sales 4.3 4.1 2.7 2.4	2.0
EV/EBITDA 15.3 14.9 9.7 9.1	7.5
P/E 23.9 25.6 19.3 17.5	14.0
P/BV 6.5 7.7 4.1 3.7	3.0
Other Ratios	
Interest Coverage 18.8 34.8 48.3 87.6	179.6
Debt Equity 0.1 0.1 0.0	0.0
Net Debt-Equity Ratio 0.1 0.1 -0.3	-0.3
Current Ratio 2.3 2.8 5.3 4.8	5.8
Turnover Ratios	
Fixed Asset Turnover 2.4 3.8 3.2 3.4	3.6
Total Asset Turnover 1.5 2.0 1.5 1.5	1.4
Inventory Turnover 8.6 10.2 6.7 6.9	7.4
Debtors Turnover 5.1 5.2 4.9 6.6	6.4
Creditor Turnover 13.8 13.2 14.4 18.3	13.5
WC Ratios	
Inventory Days 42.5 35.7 54.9 52.7	49.6
Debtor Days 71.4 70.2 74.8 55.2	57.1
Creditor Days 26.5 27.7 25.4 19.9	27.1
Cash Conversion Cycle 87.5 78.2 104.3 88.0	79.6





Cumulative Financial Data

Figures in Rs. crs	FY17-19	FY20-22	FY23-25e
Income from operations	2475	4570	8600
Operating profit	536	1177	2191
EBIT	488	1094	2111
PBT	453	1036	2087
PAT	311	711	1219
Dividends	30	45	117
OPM (%)	21.6	25.7	25.5
NPM (%)	12.6	16.6	17.4
Interest coverage	14.0	18.7	86.0
ROE (%)	24.6	26.4	22.8
ROCE (%)	17.7	23.9	24.4
Debt-Equity*	0.4	0.1	0.0
Fixed asset turnover	2.5	3.0	3.4
Debtors turnover	5.7	4.0	4.9
Inventory turnover	5.4	5.9	7.2
Creditors turnover	9.5	8.5	11.1
Debtor days	64.5	90.5	74.2
Inventory days	68.1	62.2	50.9
Creditor days	38.6	42.9	32.8
Cash conversion	94.0	109.8	92.2
Dividend payout ratio (%)	9.5	6.3	9.6

FY17-19 implies three year period ending fiscal 19

*as on terminal year

**includes CDT

Driven by higher capacity utilization of ethylamine, DMC & Propylene Glycol and commencement of production of new products (N-Butylamine and some in Balaji Speciality Chemicals), BAL could see its cumulative revenues grow by 88.1% to Rs 8600 crs in FY23-25e period as against Rs 4570 crs in the preceding three year period; also higher oftake in its legacy products will help. After the slowdown in the end user industry, particularly pharma and API, in FY23, increased momentum in these user industries (which contributes some 50% to overall turnover) will lend much needed "velocity" to sales, thus propelling fixed asset turnover to 3.4x FY23-25e period from 3.0x in the preceding period (see table). Much of this resurgence, though, depends on the sustainability of demand from pharma and API industry.

Both debtor days and inventory days are expected to fall not least due to better credit terms and fall in raw material price, thus bringing down the cash conversion cycle to 92 days in FY23-25e from 110 days in FY20-22. Notwithstanding margin pressure seen in FY23, higher capacity utilization coupled with mean reversion of margin will marginally boost ROCE to 24.4% in FY23-25e. With the decline in the debt level and higher earnings, the interest coverage will jump to 86.0 in FY23-25e from 19x in FY20-22.





Financial Summary- US Dollar denominated

million \$	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24e	FY25e
Equity capital	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Shareholders' funds	119.9	162.3	185.1	227.8	282.3
Total debt	17.3	16.9	10.3	6.7	3.4
Net fixed assets (incl. CWIP)	97.4	108.4	108.7	127.9	151.2
Investments	0.0	0.0	8.8	0.0	0.0
Net current assets	43.7	77.4	94.7	135.6	180.6
Total assets	134.1	178.5	206.3	256.6	323.3
Revenues	176.7	311.7	293.0	345.5	411.0
EBITDA	51.1	85.5	77.6	89.7	108.9
EBDT	48.6	83.2	76.2	88.8	108.4
PBT	44.0	77.6	70.5	82.7	101.4
PAT	32.1	49.4	40.5	48.2	60.0
EPS(\$)	0.99	1.53	1.25	1.49	1.85
Book value (\$)	3.70	5.01	5.71	7.03	8.71

Income statement figures translated at average rates; balance sheet at year end rates; projections at current rates (Rs 82.55/\$). All dollar denominated figures are adjusted for extraordinary items.

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Exchange Rates Used- Indicative

Rs/\$	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Average	70.88	74.2	74.51	80.39
Year end	75.39	73.5	75.81	82.22

All \$ values mentioned in the write-up translated at the average rate of the respective quarter/ year as applicable. Projections converted at current exchange rate. Cumulative dollar figure is the sum of respective yearly dollar value.