## ITC

## Performance Highlights

Quarterly result (Standalone)

| (₹ cr) | 4QFY16 | 4QFY15 | \% chg | 3QFY16 | \% q0q |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenue | 10,169 | 9,293 | 9.4 | 9,177 | 10.8 |
| EBITDA | 3,687 | 3,243 | 13.7 | 3,605 | 2.3 |
| OPM (\%) | 36.3 | 34.9 | $136 b p$ | 39.3 | (303bp) |
| PAT | 2,495 | 2,361 | 5.7 | 2,653 | $(5.9)$ |

Source: Company, Angel Research
ITC posted a healthy set of numbers for 4QFY2016, both on the top-line and the bottom-line front. The top-line was strong due to higher growth in Cigarettes \& Agri businesses; however, higher taxes slightly dragged down the overall profitability of the company.

Key highlights: ITC's net sales for the quarter grew by $9.4 \%$ yoy to ₹ $10,169 \mathrm{cr}$. The Cigarettes business posted a $10.2 \%$ yoy growth in net sales to ₹ $4,639 \mathrm{cr}$, aided by price hikes, which enabled an $11.5 \%$ yoy growth in the segment's EBIT. The FMCG (Others) business posted a $5.4 \%$ yoy growth in net sales to ₹ $2,704 \mathrm{cr}$, and an EBIT level profit of $₹ 71 \mathrm{cr}$. Further, the Paperboards and Packaging division posted a growth of $3.0 \%$ yoy and $6.5 \%$ yoy in revenue and EBIT, respectively. The Hotels business posted a $4.8 \%$ yoy growth in its top-line, while it reported a flat growth at the EBIT level. The Agri business posted a strong growth of $26.5 \%$ yoy in revenue, while its EBIT grew by $6.1 \%$ on a yoy basis. Overall, the company's OPM expanded by 136bp yoy to $36.3 \%$, owing to reduction in overall operating expenses.

Outlook and valuation: We expect ITC to report a top-line and bottom-line CAGR of $8.3 \%$ and $9.3 \%$ respectively over FY2016-18E. At the current market price, the stock is trading at $22.6 x$ FY2018E EPS. We recommend a Buy on the stock with a target price of ₹380.

Key financials (Standalone)

| Y/E March (₹ cr) | FY2015 | FY2016E | FY2017E | FY2018E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net Sales | 36,507 | 36,837 | 39,726 | 43,194 |
| \% chg | 9.8 | 0.9 | 7.8 | 8.7 |
| Net Profit (Adi) | 9,608 | 9,845 | 10,844 | 11,754 |
| \% chg | 9.4 | 2.5 | 10.2 | 8.4 |
| EBITDA (\%) | 36.9 | 38.7 | 38.8 | 38.8 |
| EPS (₹) | 11.9 | 12.2 | 13.5 | 14.6 |
| P/E (x) | 27.6 | 27.0 | 24.5 | 22.6 |
| P/BV (x) | 8.7 | 7.5 | 6.6 | 5.8 |
| RoE (\%) | 31.3 | 27.8 | 26.9 | 25.7 |
| RoCE (\%) | 40.6 | 37.3 | 35.4 | 33.8 |
| EV/Sales (x) | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 5.6 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 18.5 | 17.3 | 15.9 | 14.6 |
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| BUY |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| CMP | $₹ 330$ |
| Target Price | $₹ 380$ |
| Investment Period | 12 Months |
|  |  |
| Stock Info |  |
| Sector | FMCG |
| Market Cap (₹ cr) | $2,65,518$ |
| Net Debt (₹ cr) | $-15,928$ |
| Beta | 0.8 |
| 52 Week High / Low | $360 / 268$ |
| Avg. Daily Volume | $6,90,195$ |
| Face Value (₹) | 1 |
| BSE Sensex | 25,302 |
| Nifty | 7,750 |
| Reuters Code | IC.BO |
| Bloomberg Code | ITC@IN |


| Shareholding Pattern (\%) |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Promoters | 0.0 |
| MF / Banks / Indian Fls | 38.7 |
| FII / NRIs / OCBs | 51.2 |
| Indian Public / Others | 10.1 |


| Abs. (\%) | 3 m | 1 yr | 3 yr |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sensex | 6.7 | $(9.1)$ | 25.8 |
| ITC | 8.2 | $(0.8)$ | 6.9 |

3-year price chart


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Exhibit 1: Quarterly performance (Standalone)

| Y/E March (₹ cr) | 4QFY16 | 4QFY15 | \% yoy | 3QFY16 | \%qoq | FY2016 | FY2015 | \% chg |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Sales | 10,169 | 9,293 | 9.4 | 9,177 | 10.8 | 36,837 | 36,507 | 0.9 |
| Consumption of RM | 3,980 | 3,662 | 8.7 | 3,336 | 19.3 | 13,703 | 14,672 | (6.6) |
| (\% of Sales) | 39.14 | 39.40 |  | 36.35 |  | 37.2 | 40.2 |  |
| Staff Costs | 465 | 454 | 2.4 | 450 | 3.5 | 1,884 | 1,780 | 5.8 |
| (\% of Sales) | 4.6 | 4.9 |  | 4.9 |  | 5.1 | 4.9 |  |
| Other Expenses | 2,037 | 1,934 | 5.3 | 1,786 | 14.0 | 7,013 | 6,582 | 6.5 |
| (\% of Sales) | 20.0 | 20.8 |  | 19.5 |  | 19.0 | 18.0 |  |
| Total Expenditure | 6,482 | 6,050 | 7.1 | 5,572 | 16.3 | 22,599 | 23,034 | (1.9) |
| Operating Profit | 3,687 | 3,243 | 13.7 | 3,605 | 2.3 | 14,238 | 13,474 | 5.7 |
| OPM | 36.3 | 34.9 | 136 | 39.3 | (303) | 38.7 | 36.9 | 174.5 |
| Interest | 12 | 16 | (20.9) | 16 | (23.7) | 49 | 57 | (14.4) |
| Depreciation \& Amortization | 255 | 250 | 2.1 | 263 | (2.9) | 1,034 | 962 | 7.6 |
| Other Income | 412 | 370 | 11.1 | 678 | (39.3) | 1,804 | 1,543 | 16.9 |
| PBT (excl. Extraordinary Items) | 3,832 | 3,348 | 14.4 | 4,004 | (4.3) | 14,958 | 13,998 | 6.9 |
| Extraordinary Income/(Expense) | - | - |  |  |  | - | - |  |
| PBT (incl. Extraordinary Items) | 3,832 | 3,348 | 14.4 | 4,004 | (4.3) | 14,958 | 13,998 | 6.9 |
| (\% of Sales) | 37.7 | 36.0 |  | 43.6 |  | 40.6 | 38.3 |  |
| Provision for Taxation | 1,336 | 987 | 35.4 | 1,352 | (1.1) | 5,114 | 4,390 | 16.5 |
| (\% of PBT) | 34.9 | 29.5 |  | 33.8 |  | 34.2 | 31.4 |  |
| Reported PAT | 2,495 | 2,361 | 5.7 | 2,653 | (5.9) | 9,845 | 9,608 | 2.5 |
| PATM | 25 | 25 |  | 29 |  | 27 | 26 |  |
| EPS (₹) | 3.1 | 2.9 | 5.7 | 3.3 | (5.9) | 12.3 | 12.0 | 2.5 |

Source: Company, Angel Research

## Top-line remains healthy

ITC's net sales for the quarter grew by $9.4 \%$ yoy to $₹ 10,169 \mathrm{cr}$. The Cigarettes business posted a $10.2 \%$ yoy growth in net sales to $₹ 4,639 \mathrm{cr}$, aided by price hikes, which enabled an $11.5 \%$ yoy growth in the segment's EBIT. The FMCG (Others) business posted a $5.4 \%$ yoy growth in net sales to ₹ $2,704 \mathrm{cr}$, and an EBIT level profit of $₹ 71 \mathrm{cr}$. Further, the Paperboards and Packaging division posted a growth of $3.0 \%$ yoy and $6.5 \%$ yoy in revenue and EBIT, respectively. The Hotels business posted a $4.8 \%$ yoy growth in its top-line, while it reported a flat growth at the EBIT level. The Agri business posted a strong growth of $26.5 \%$ yoy in revenue, while its EBIT grew by $6.1 \%$ on a yoy basis.

Exhibit 2: Top-line grows 9.4\% yoy


Source: Company, Angel Research

Exhibit 3: OPM increases by 136bp yoy to 36.3\%


Source: Company, Angel Research

Exhibit 4: Earnings grow 5.7\% yoy


Source: Company, Angel Research

## Operating profit up 13.7\% yoy

The company reported an operating profit of $₹ 3,687 \mathrm{cr}$ for 4 QFY2016, up $13.7 \%$ yoy. Further, the company's OPM expanded by 136bp yoy to $36.3 \%$, owing to reduction in overall operating expenses.

Exhibit 5: Segment-wise performance (Standalone)

| Y/E Mar (₹ cr) | 4QFY16 | 4QFY15 | \% уоу | 3QFY16 | \% q \%q | FY2016 | FY2015 | \% chg |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cigarettes | 4639 | 4211 | 10.2 | 4380 | 5.9 | 17486 | 16805 | 4.1 |
| Others | 2704 | 2567 | 5.4 | 2478 | 9.1 | 9704 | 9011 | 7.7 |
| Hotels | 363 | 346 | 4.8 | 345 | 5.1 | 1286 | 1187 | 8.4 |
| Agri Business | 1806 | 1428 | 26.5 | 1481 | 22.0 | 7457 | 8380 | (11.0) |
| Paperboards \& Packaging | 1238 | 1203 | 3.0 | 1260 | (1.7) | 5017 | 4974 | 0.9 |
| PBIT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cigarettes | 3019 | 2706 | 11.5 | 2984 | 1.2 | 11752 | 11196 | 5.0 |
| Others | 71 | 49 | 46.0 | 19 | 277.8 | 71 | 34 | 106.9 |
| Hotels | 43 | 42 | 1.5 | 26 | 65.1 | 56 | 49 | 13.5 |
| Agri Business | 174 | 164 | 6.1 | 231 | (24.6) | 934 | 904 | 3.3 |
| Paperboards \& Packaging | 203 | 191 | 6.5 | 241 | (15.8) | 908 | 921 | (1.5) |
| PBIT Margin (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cigarettes | 65.1 | 64.3 |  | 68.1 |  | 67.2 | 66.6 |  |
| Others | 2.6 | 1.9 |  | 0.8 |  | 0.7 | 0.4 |  |
| Hotels | 11.8 | 12.1 |  | 7.5 |  | 4.3 | 4.1 |  |
| Agri Business | 9.7 | 11.5 |  | 15.6 |  | 12.5 | 10.8 |  |
| Paperboards \& Packaging | 16.4 | 15.8 |  | 19.1 |  | 18.1 | 18.5 |  |

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## Investment rationale

- Cigarettes business to enjoy strong pricing power: We believe ITC's cigarettes business is well poised to continue to post a healthy profit growth over FY2016-18E due to its strong pricing power and improvement in volume growth.
- Non-cigarettes businesses to register healthy growth over FY2016-18E: While cigarettes remain the main profit center for the company, investments in the non-cigarettes businesses such as FMCG, Hotels and Paperboards have given the company a foothold in the respective businesses. We expect these businesses to play a major role in driving the company's long-term growth.


## Outlook and valuation

We expect ITC to report a top-line and bottom-line CAGR of $8.3 \%$ and $9.3 \%$ respectively over FY2016-18E. At the current market price, the stock is trading at 22.6x FY2018E EPS. We recommend a Buy on the stock with a target price of ₹ 380 .

## Company Background

ITC is a diversified conglomerate, present across various categories - Cigarettes ( $41 \%$ of revenue); Hotels ( $3 \%$ of revenue); Paperboards and Packaging ( $13 \%$ of revenue); Agri-business ( $22 \%$ of revenue); and other FMCG (branded apparel, personal care, stationery, safety matches and specialty papers [21\% of revenue]) businesses. Although ITC is a market leader in the cigarettes category, it is rapidly gaining market share even in its evolving businesses of packaged foods and confectionery, branded apparel, personal care and stationery.

## Profit and loss statement (Standalone)

| Y/E March (F cr) | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16E | FY17E | FY18E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total operating income | 29,901 | 33,239 | 36,507 | 36,837 | 39,726 | 43,194 |
| \% chg | 18.9 | 11.2 | 9.8 | 0.9 | 7.8 | 8.7 |
| Total Expenditure | 19,274 | 20,784 | 23,034 | 22,599 | 24,312 | 26,435 |
| Cost of Materials | 12,066 | 13,156 | 14,672 | 13,703 | 14,619 | 15,766 |
| Personnel | 1,387 | 1,608 | 1,780 | 1,884 | 2,066 | 2,289 |
| Others | 5,821 | 6,019 | 6,582 | 7,013 | 7,627 | 8,380 |
| EBITDA | 10,628 | 12,455 | 13,474 | 14,238 | 15,414 | 16,759 |
| \% chg | 20.1 | 17.2 | 8.2 | 5.7 | 8.3 | 8.7 |
| (\% of Net Sales) | 35.5 | 37.5 | 36.9 | 38.7 | 38.8 | 38.8 |
| Depreciation\& Amortisation | 796 | 900 | 962 | 1,034 | 1,123 | 1,256 |
| EBIT | 9,832 | 11,555 | 12,512 | 13,204 | 14,290 | 15,503 |
| \% chg | 20.6 | 17.5 | 8.3 | 5.5 | 8.2 | 8.5 |
| (\% of Net Sales) | 32.9 | 34.8 | 34.3 | 35.8 | 36.0 | 35.9 |
| Interest \& other Charges | 86 | 3 | 57 | 49 | 55 | 60 |
| Other Income | 939 | 1,107 | 1,543 | 1,804 | 1,950 | 2,100 |
| (\% of PBT) | 8.8 | 8.7 | 11.0 | 12.1 | 12.0 | 12.0 |
| Share in profit of Associates | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| Recurring PBT | 10,684 | 12,659 | 13,998 | 14,958 | 16,185 | 17,543 |
| \% chg | 20.1 | 18.5 | 10.6 | 6.9 | 8.2 | 8.4 |
| Extraordinary Expense/(lnc.) | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| PBT (reported) | 10,684 | 12,659 | 13,998 | 14,958 | 16,185 | 17,543 |
| Tax | 3,266 | 3,874 | 4,390 | 5,114 | 5,341 | 5,789 |
| (\% of PBT) | 30.6 | 30.6 | 31.4 | 34.2 | 33.0 | 33.0 |
| PAT (reported) | 7,418 | 8,785 | 9,608 | 9,845 | 10,844 | 11,754 |
| Add: Share of associates | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| ADJ. PAT | 7,418 | 8,785 | 9,608 | 9,845 | 10,844 | 11,754 |
| \% chg | 20.4 | 18.4 | 9.4 | 2.5 | 10.2 | 8.4 |
| (\% of Net Sales) | 24.8 | 26.4 | 26.3 | 26.7 | 27.3 | 27.2 |
| Basic EPS (₹) | 9.2 | 10.9 | 11.9 | 12.2 | 13.5 | 14.6 |
| Fully Diluted EPS (₹) | 9.2 | 10.9 | 11.9 | 12.2 | 13.5 | 14.6 |
| \% chg | 20.4 | 18.4 | 9.4 | 2.5 | 10.2 | 8.4 |


| Balance Sheet (Standalone) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Y/E March (₹ cr) | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16E | FY17E | FY18E |
| SOURCES OF FUNDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equity Share Capital | 790 | 795 | 802 | 805 | 805 | 805 |
| Reserves\& Surplus | 21,498 | 25,467 | 29,934 | 34,561 | 39,550 | 44,956 |
| Shareholders Funds | 22,288 | 26,262 | 30,736 | 35,366 | 40,354 | 45,761 |
| Minority Interest | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Loans | 78 | 67 | 53 | 29 | 35 | 40 |
| Deferred Tax Liability | 1,706 | 1,741 | 2,099 | 2,099 | 2,099 | 2,099 |
| Total Liabilities | 24,072 | 28,070 | 32,888 | 37,495 | 42,489 | 47,900 |
| APPLICATION OF FUNDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross Block | 16,944 | 18,545 | 21,727 | 25,140 | 28,641 | 32,143 |
| Less: Acc. Depreciation | 5,735 | 6,532 | 7,548 | 8,583 | 9,706 | 10,963 |
| Net Block | 11,209 | 12,013 | 14,178 | 16,557 | 18,935 | 21,181 |
| Capital Work-in-Progress | 1,488 | 2,296 | 2,114 | 2,114 | 2,114 | 2,114 |
| Investments | 7,060 | 8,823 | 8,405 | 12,854 | 12,854 | 12,854 |
| Current Assets | 14,260 | 16,097 | 19,498 | 19,735 | 22,316 | 26,273 |
| Inventories | 6,600 | 7,360 | 7,837 | 7,872 | 8,707 | 9,704 |
| Sundry Debtors | 1,163 | 2,165 | 1,722 | 1,615 | 1,524 | 1,657 |
| Cash | 3,615 | 3,289 | 7,589 | 6,565 | 7,716 | 8,865 |
| Loans \& Advances | 1,154 | 1,803 | 843 | 1,842 | 2,384 | 3,024 |
| Other | 1,728 | 1,480 | 1,506 | 1,842 | 1,986 | 3,024 |
| Current liabilities | 10,448 | 11,604 | 11,775 | 14,234 | 14,199 | 14,989 |
| Net Current Assets | 3,812 | 4,494 | 7,722 | 5,501 | 8,117 | 11,284 |
| Deferred Tax Asset | 503 | 445 | 468 | 468 | 468 | 468 |
| Mis. Exp. not written off | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Assets | 24,072 | 28,070 | 32,888 | 37,495 | 42,489 | 47,900 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Cash flow statement (Standalone)

| Y/E March (₹ cr) | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16E | FY17E | FY18E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Profit before tax | 10,684 | 12,659 | 13,998 | 14,958 | 16,185 | 17,543 |
| Depreciation | 796 | 900 | 962 | 1,034 | 1,123 | 1,256 |
| Change in Working Capital | $(1,049)$ | $(1,732)$ | 30 | 1,280 | $(1,465)$ | $(2,017)$ |
| Interest / Dividend (Net) | $(580)$ | $(767)$ | $(1,131)$ | 49 | 55 | 60 |
| Direct taxes paid | $(2,886)$ | $(3,797)$ | $(4,226)$ | $(5,114)$ | $(5,341)$ | $(5,789)$ |
| Others | $(255)$ | $(300)$ | $(324)$ | - | - | - |
| Cash Flow from Operations | 6,710 | 6,962 | 9,309 | 12,208 | 10,557 | 11,054 |
| (Inc.)/ Dec. in Fixed Assets | $(4,324)$ | $(4,586)$ | $(4,402)$ | $(12,398)$ | $(3,501)$ | $(3,502)$ |
| (Inc.)/ Dec. in Investments | $(744)$ | $(1,763)$ | 418 | $(4,449)$ | - | - |
| Cash Flow from Investing | $(3,581)$ | $(2,823)$ | $(4,820)$ | $(7,949)$ | $(3,501)$ | $(3,502)$ |
| Issue of Equity | 922 | 691 | 979 | 3 | - | - |
| Inc./(Dec.) in loans | $(10)$ | $(11)$ | $(15)$ | $(24)$ | 6 | 5 |
| Dividend Paid (Incl. Tax) | $(3,518)$ | $(4,148)$ | $(4,772)$ | $(5,218)$ | $(5,856)$ | $(6,347)$ |
| Interest / Dividend (Net) | 273 | $(996)$ | 3,619 | $(45)$ | $(55)$ | $(60)$ |
| Cash Flow from Financing | $(2,333)$ | $(4,465)$ | $(190)$ | $(5,284)$ | $(5,905)$ | $(6,402)$ |
| Inc./(Dec.) in Cash | 796 | $(326)$ | 4,299 | $(1,024)$ | 1,151 | 1,149 |
| Opening Cash balances | 2,819 | 3,615 | 3,289 | 7,589 | 6,565 | 7,716 |
| Closing Cash balances | 3,615 | 3,289 | 7,589 | 6,565 | 7,716 | 8,865 |

Key ratios

| Y/E March | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16E | FY17E | FY18E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Valuation Ratio (x) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| P/E (on FDEPS) | 35.8 | 30.2 | 27.6 | 27.0 | 24.5 | 22.6 |
| P/CEPS | 32.3 | 27.4 | 25.1 | 24.4 | 22.2 | 20.4 |
| P/BV | 11.9 | 10.1 | 8.7 | 7.5 | 6.6 | 5.8 |
| Dividend yield (\%) | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| EV/Sales | 8.5 | 7.6 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 5.6 |
| EV/EBITDA | 24.0 | 20.4 | 18.5 | 17.3 | 15.9 | 14.6 |
| EV / Total Assets | 7.4 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 3.9 |
| Per Share Data (₹) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EPS (Basic) | 9.2 | 10.9 | 11.9 | 12.2 | 13.5 | 14.6 |
| EPS (fully diluted) | 9.2 | 10.9 | 11.9 | 12.2 | 13.5 | 14.6 |
| Cash EPS | 10.2 | 12.0 | 13.1 | 13.5 | 14.9 | 16.2 |
| DPS | 5.3 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 7.9 |
| Book Value | 27.6 | 32.6 | 38.1 | 43.9 | 50.1 | 56.8 |
| Returns (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RoCE | 44.0 | 43.9 | 40.6 | 37.3 | 35.4 | 33.8 |
| Angel RolC (Pre-tax) | 84.1 | 81.3 | 84.6 | 82.6 | 72.1 | 64.4 |
| RoE | 33.3 | 33.5 | 31.3 | 27.8 | 26.9 | 25.7 |
| Turnover ratios (x) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Asset Turnover | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Inventory / Sales (days) | 81 | 81 | 78 | 78 | 80 | 82 |
| Receivables (days) | 14 | 24 | 17 | 16 | 14 | 14 |
| Payables (days) | 24 | 25 | 22 | 24 | 26 | 26 |
| Net Working capital (days) | 71 | 79 | 74 | 70 | 68 | 70 |

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