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Prince Pipes & Fittings Ltd. (Prince)



Result Update (Q1 FY23)

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Medium term outlook remains strong despite feeble profitability due to inventory loss

Prince reported fragile volumes and margins, while the EBITDA and PAT margins saw a sharp decline (410 bps/530 bps and 510 bps/730 bps YoY/QoQ respectively) in Q1FY23 due to inventory loss of 30-35 Cr as the PVC prices fell by 55% QoQ to ₹ 14/kg along with dealer destocking. The management expects that the PVC prices are at near to bottomed out and the demand should start to recover from Q3FY23E.

We continue to like Prince on the back of its large product portfolio (launched new products PE-FIT Aqua - HDPE Piping Systems and Corfit Manhole Chambers in May), PAN India distribution, entry into Bathware and Sanitaryware segment (production to start from Q4FY23E) and focus on B2C. Guidance of 13-15% EBITDA Margins in the medium term remains intact. We maintain **BUY** on stock for the target price of ₹ 910/share (35x PE which is the industry average) on FY24E EPS of ₹ 26 with a potential upside of 52%.

Strong comeback expected in H2FY23

- Company witnessed heavy inventory losses of ₹ 30-35 Cr in Q1 due to sharp fall in PVC prices. The management expects inventory losses in Q2FY23 too, which will impact realization and keep margins under pressure.
- Market sentiments should improve and good volume growth is expected from H2FY23
 on the back of channel restocking and stable PVC prices. Inventory levels are also
 expected to normalise from Q2FY23E onward.

Entry into Bathware & Sanitaryware segment

Prince has announced its entry into the Faucetware & Sanitaryware segments (15,000
Cr market size which is 65% organised) and is planning to launch these products from
Q4FY23E. Initially it is planning to operate on an outsourcing-based model for the next
12 to 18 months.

Q1FY23 Performance

 Prince has shown a weak performance, where Volume/Revenue/EBITDA/PAT grew by 70%/82%/7%/-11% YoY (on a low base) while -31%/-33%/-69%/-82% QoQ respectively.

Outlook

The impact of this sudden fall in PVC prices is expected to shrink the margins in Q2 as well, which will then gradually improve from H2FY23E. We maintain **BUY** on the stock for the target price of ₹ 910/share (35x PE which is the industry average) on FY24E EPS of ₹ 26 with a potential upside of 52%.

Quarterly/Annual Financial Summary

	Q1FY23	Q1FY22	YoY (%)	Q4FY22	QoQ (%)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Volume	31.3	18.47	70%	45.28	-31%	138.3	139.0	150.1	165.2	181.7
Realization	193	179	8%	199	-3%	150	191	185	180	180
Net sales (In Mn)	6,040	3,310	82%	9,012	-33%	20,891	26,627	27,777	29,729	32,702
EBITDA	440	410	7%	1,404	-69%	3,792	4,215	4,237	4,832	5,316
EBITDAM	7%	12%	-41%	16%	-53%	18%	16%	15%	16%	16%
PAT	160	180	-11%	882	-82%	2218	2498	2466	2874	3213
PAT M	3%	5%	-51%	10%	-73%	11%	9%	9%	10%	10%
EPS	1.4	1.6	-11%	8.0	-82%	20.1	22.6	22.3	26.0	29.1
ROE (%)						24%	22%	18%	18%	17%
ROCE (%)						29%	27%	23%	23%	22%
Pe (x)						20.7x	28x	28x	24x	22x

Source: Company, Bonanza

Plastic Pipes

Current Price:	598
Target Price:	910
Expected Upside (%)	52%

Stock Details

Bloomberg Code	PRINCPIP.IN
Reuters Code	PRCE.NS
Shares o/s (Mn)	110.6
M Cap (Rs. In Mn)	66,310
52 week H/L (Rs.)	897/549

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter Group	62.94
FII	4.15
DII	14.51
Public	18.40

Stock Performance Chart



Stock Performance

Return (%)	1 Month	6 Month	1 Year	
Absolute	-2%	-10%	-7%	
Relative				
(BM)	-16%	-10%	-4%	
Relative (Midcap)	-12%	-19%	-15%	

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Buy - More than 15% return for time period of 12 - 18 months

Sell - More than 10 downside for time period of 12 - 18 months

Hold - Between 5-15% return for time period of 12 - 18 months

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