

# **Hindustan Unilever**

**BSE SENSEX S&P CNX** 40,852 11,972

Hindustan Unilever Limited

**HUVR IN** 

4343.6 / 61.3

2019 2020E 2021E

408.9

100.6

71.9

33.2

14.8

36.8

60.4

54.5

92.0

2187 / 1650

2,165

-4/7/-4

2776

32.8

466.3

120.3

88.4

40.8

22.9

39.2

49.1

51.2

107.4

146.4

Stock Info

Bloomberg

Equity Shares (m)

M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)

52-Week Range (INR)

1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)

12M Avg Val (INR M)

Financials Snapshot (INR b)

382.2

86.4

62.6

28.9

18.2

35.4

69.3

56.7

85.0

119.1 127.3

Free float (%)

Y/E Mar

**Net Sales** 

**Net Profit** 

EPS (INR)

P/E (x)

P/BV (x)

**RoE** (%)

RoCE (%)

EPS Growth (%)

BV/Share (INR)

**EBITDA** 

CMP: INR2,006 TP: INR2,378 (+19%)

Buy

# Demand outlook similar to 2QFY20

We spoke to the management of Hindustan Unilever (HUVR) for an update on the overall market condition. Key takeaways highlighted below:

# Demand environment showing no signs of improvement

- The demand scenario is similar to last quarter with no major improvement or deterioration.
- Rural demand has seen slight sequential slowdown.
- The company doesn't see sharp demand turnaround for another two quarters.

# Rising raw material cost in a weak environment

- Since Oct'19, palm oil prices have started inflating and the company will view its implication on a blended basis. However, the company believes that it's too early currently to decide on a price increase.
- The company took the balance 3% price cut in Oct'19, as guided in its 2QFY20 management commentary.

# **Premiumization trend continuing**

- HUVR has seen no major downtrading during the quarter.
- Premiumization as a trend is continuing.
- Further, premium as a proportion of overall sales is holding up decently.

# Other pointers

- The company is seeing slight sequential improvement in channel liquidity and is offering some credit wherever required.
- HUVR is seeing nothing extraordinary in ad-spends or competitive intensity.
- It will continue its focus on developing the market and the premium segment.
- Modern Trade is growing well ahead of General Trade.

# Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Sep-19	Jun-19	Sep-18	
Promoter	67.2	67.2	67.2	
DII	6.7	6.9	7.3	
FII	12.4	12.1	12.1	
Others	13.7	13.8	13.4	

FII Includes depository receipts

### Valuation and view

- Four key trends are particularly relevant to HUVR as they point toward an elevated earnings growth trajectory compared to the past. These include (a) rapidly improving adaptability to market requirements, (b) recognition and strong execution of the Naturals segment, (c) a continuous strong trend toward premiumization, and (d) extensive plans to employ technology, creating further entry barriers.
- Once we incorporate the GSKCH merger (no clarity on the date yet), there could be 8-9% addition to EPS in FY21, which means that the stock trades at ~45.1x FY21E v/s 49.1x as it appears now.
- Given HUVR's best earnings growth visibility in the Indian large-cap consumer space and by far the highest return ratios, we believe that the premium valuations are justified.
- On a target multiple of 50x Dec'21E EPS, we derive a TP of INR2,378/share.

# Stock Performance (1-year)

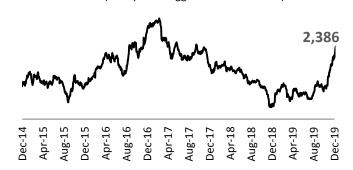


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# Exhibit 1: Sharp spike-up of late...

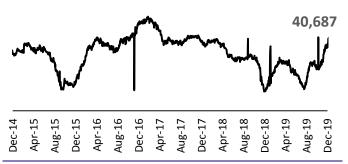
# Palm Oil (Malaysian Ringgit Per Metric Tonne)



Source: RIL, MOFSL

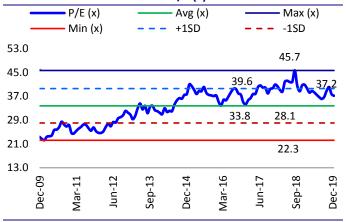
### Exhibit 2: ...similarly PFAD has also increased

Palm Fatty Acid price (INR/MT)



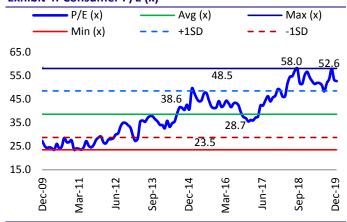
Source: Bloomberg, MOFSL

# Exhibit 3: Hindustan Unilever P/E (x)



Source: Company, MOFSL

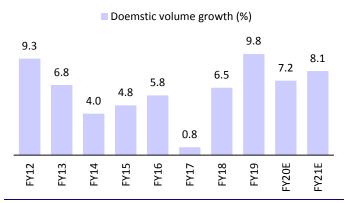
# Exhibit 4: Consumer P/E (x)



Source: Company, MOFSL

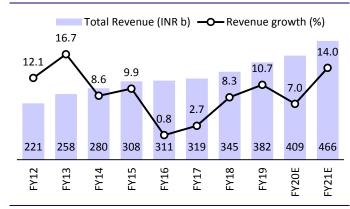
# **Story in Charts**

Exhibit 5: Volumes to grow 7.2%/8.1% in FY20/FY21



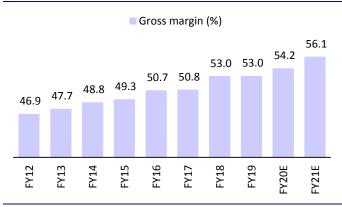
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Exhibit 6: Revenue to see ~10.4% CAGR over FY19-21...



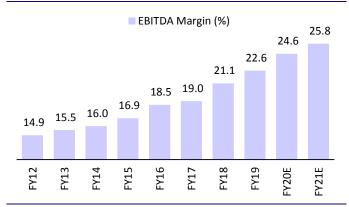
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Exhibit 7: ...with gross margin expansion of 310bp...



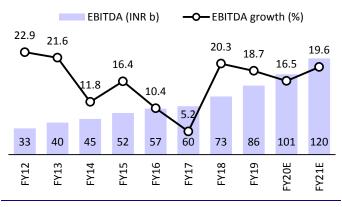
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Exhibit 8: ...leading to operating margins expanding 320bp



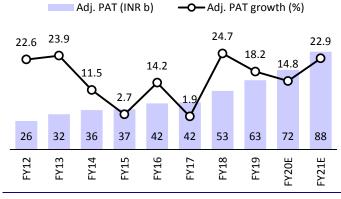
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 9: EBITDA to see 18% CAGR over FY19-21



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 10: Adj. PAT estimated at 18.8% CAGR over FY19-21



Source: Company, MOFSL

# **Financials and valuations**

Income Statement							(INR M)
Y/E March	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E
Net Sales	3,01,705	3,04,990	3,12,980	3,39,260	3,76,600	4,03,016	4,60,130
Other Oper. Income	6,351	5,619	5,920	5,990	5,640	5,866	6,159
Total Revenue	3,08,056	3,10,609	3,18,900	3,45,250	3,82,240	4,08,882	4,66,289
Change (%)	9.9	0.8	2.7	8.3	10.7	7.0	14.0
Gross Profit	1,51,821	1,57,556	1,62,050	1,82,930	2,02,640	2,21,703	2,61,523
Gross Margin (%)	49.3	50.7	50.8	53.0	53.0	54.2	56.1
Operating Exp	99,738	1,00,070	1,01,580	1,10,170	1,16,270	1,21,118	1,41,250
% of sales	32.4	32.2	31.9	31.9	30.4	29.6	30.3
EBIDTA	52,082	57,486	60,470	72,760	86,370	1,00,585	1,20,273
Change (%)	16.4	10.4	5.2	20.3	18.7	16.5	19.6
Margin (%)	16.9	18.5	19.0	21.1	22.6	24.6	25.8
Depreciation	2,867	3,208	3,960	4,780	5,240	8,602	9,086
Int. and Fin. Charges	168	150	220	200	280	960	989
Other Income - Recurring	6,184	5,640	5,260	5,690	6,640	7,446	9,230
Profit before Taxes	55,231	59,769	61,550	73,470	87,490	98,469	1,19,428
Change (%)	15.1	8.2	3.0	19.4	19.1	12.5	21.3
Margin (%)	18.3	19.6	19.7	21.7	23.2	24.4	26.0
Tax	19,060	18,160	18,650	21,480	25,650	26,587	31,051
Deferred Tax	-338	-70	410	-1,000	-790	0	0
Tax Rate (%)	33.9	30.3	31.0	27.9	28.4	27.0	26.0
Profit after Taxes	36,510	41,679	42,490	52,990	62,630	71,882	88,377
Change (%)	2.7	14.2	1.9	24.7	18.2	14.8	22.9
Margin (%)	12.1	13.7	13.6	15.6	16.6	17.8	19.2
Non-rec. (Exp)/Income	6,643	-310	2,410	-620	-2,270	0	0
Reported PAT	43,153	41,369	44,900	52,370	60,360	71,882	88,377
Balance Sheet							(INR M)
Y/E March	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E
Share Capital	2,164	2,164	2,164	2,164	2,165	2,165	
Reserves	35,084	60,630	62,740		74,430	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2,165
		<u> </u>		68,590		77,475	82,727
Capital Employed	37,248	62,794	64,904	70,754	76,595	79,639	84,892
Net Fixed Assets	24,575	29,147	40,240	41,420	43,430	39,828	35,741
Capital WIP	4,790	3,860	2,030	4,300	3,730	3,730	3,730
Investment in Subsidiaries	6,541	3,130	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540
Current Investments	26,238	24,670	35,250	28,570	26,950	27,950	28,950
Deferred Charges	1,960	1,680	1,600	2,550	3,390	3,390	3,390
Curr. Assets, L&A	72,236	76,509	65,850	92,110	98,615	1,20,149	1,38,291
Inventory	26,027	25,284	23,620	23,590	24,220	26,868	35,395
Account Receivables	7,829	10,645	9,280	11,470	16,730	12,146	17,649
Cash and Bank Balance	25,376	27,590	16,710	33,730	36,880	58,451	60,466
Others	13,005	12,990	16,240	23,320	20,785	22,685	24,782
Curr. Liab. and Prov.	99,093	76,202	82,606	1,00,736	1,02,060	1,17,947	1,27,751
Account Payables	48,515	54,980	60,060	70,130	70,700	84,794	92,765
Other Liabilities	29,828	12,382	13,826	16,376	15,860	16,653	17,486
Provisions	20,749	8,840	8,720	14,230	15,500	16,500	17,500
Net Current Assets	-26,857	307	-16,756	-8,626	-3,445	2,202	10,540
Application of Funds	37,248	62,794	64,904	70,754	76,595	79,639	84,892
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Ratios							
Y/E March	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E
Basic (INR)							
EPS	16.9	19.3	19.6	24.5	28.9	33.2	40.8
Cash EPS	18.2	20.7	21.5	26.7	31.4	37.2	45.0
BV/Share	17.2	29.0	30.0	32.7	35.4	36.8	39.2
DPS	15.0	15.5	17.0	20.0	22.0	26.5	32.0
Payout %	90	97	98	99	95	96	94
Valuation (x)							
P/E	118.9	104.1	102.2	81.9	69.3	60.4	49.1
Cash P/E	110.2	96.7	93.5	75.2	64.0	54.0	44.6
EV/Sales	14.3	14.1	13.8	12.7	11.4	10.6	9.3
EV/EBITDA	82.7	75.0	71.5	59.2	49.8	42.6	35.6
P/BV	116.5	69.1	66.9	61.4	56.7	54.5	51.2
Dividend Yield (%)	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.6
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Return Ratios (%) RoE	104.3	83.3	66.5	78.1	85.0	92.0	107.4
RoCE	158.2	119.8	96.7	108.6	119.1	127.3	146.4
RoIC	4,523.0	290.6	118.7	144.0	197.5	300.2	538.8
Working Capital Ratios	4,323.0	230.0	110.7	144.0	197.5	300.2	330.0
Debtor (Days)	9	13	11	12	16	11	14
Asset Turnover (x)	8.1	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.4
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Leverage Ratio							
Debt/Equity (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Flow Statement							(INR M)
Y/E March	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E
OP/(loss) before Tax	55,231	59,770	61,550	72,850	85,220	98,469	1,19,428
Financial other income	-3,559	-1,910	-920	-2,800	-770	-7,446	-9,230
Depreciation	2,867	3,210	3,960	4,780	5,240	8,602	9,086
Net Interest Paid	-1,890	-3,160	-2,400	-2,460	-2,950	960	989
Direct Taxes Paid	-17,775	-17,040	-18,040	-21,880	-26,850	-26,587	-31,051
(Incr)/Decr in WC	-2,156	-1,130	5,380	8,640	-2,610	15,924	-6,323
CF from Operations	32,719	39,740	49,530	59,130	57,280	89,922	82,898
<u>s. nom operations</u>	02,720		,		37,200		52,555
Other Items	3,506	6,004	450	4,880	4,460	6,441	8,628
(Incr)/Decr in FA	263	-6,740	-8,520	-8,270	-7,240	-5,000	-5,000
Free Cash Flow	32,982	33,000	41,010	50,860	50,040	84,922	77,898
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	1,182	3,290	-9,700	7,790	3,270	-1,000	-1,000
CF from Invest.	4,951	2,554	-17,770	4,400	490	441	2,628
Dividend Paid	20 122	22.420	25 610	20 060	AE 460	60 027	02 124
Dividend Paid Others	-29,123	-33,420	-35,610	-38,960	-45,460	-68,837	-83,124
Others CE from Ein Activity	-5,403	-6,660 40,080	-7,030 42,640	-7,550 46 F10	-9,160	45	-522
CF from Fin. Activity	-34,504	-40,080	-42,640	-46,510	-54,620	-68,792	-83,646
Incr/Decr of Cash	3,166	2,214	-10,880	17,020	3,150	21,571	1,879
Add: Opening Balance	22,210	25,376	27,590	16,710	33,730	36,880	58,587

E: MOFSL Estimates

# NOTES

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