

(Rs mn)

Prince Pipe & Fittings

Higher sales volume aided net sales growth

Summary

Prince Pipes' Q4FY24 result was broadly in-line with our estimates on key parameters. The company's prudent pricing strategy led to the best ever quarter in terms of sales volume, while NSR further deteriorated. Sales volume was at 51,444MT, higher by 16.1% YoY and NSR came in Rs140.7/Kg, lower by 18.4% over Q4FY23. The management has guided 10-15% volume growth with the margin to be in the range of 12-14%. Also, in Q1FY25 the company expects good volume growth from agricultural segment. We believe capacity addition would play a pivotal role in earnings improvement in long run for Prince Pipes. We have broadly maintained our earnings estimates for FY25E/FY26E. Maintain HOLD with a revised TP of Rs757 (earlier Rs789), assigning 30x PER on FY26E.

Key Highlights and Investment Rationale

- Encouraging sales volume growth, NSR remained under pressure: Prince Pipes managed to close FY24 with a healthy sales volume uptick. Net sales stood at Rs7.4bn, down by 3.2% YoY. EBITDA came in at Rs923mn, down by 37.8% YoY. The company report PAT of Rs546mn, lower by 41.9% over Q4FY23. We believe healthy sales volume growth will continue owing to positive demand dynamics, the company's extensive distribution network and strong brand recall.
- Consistency in sales volume to be watched, HOLD with a TP of Rs757: Though we like Prince Pipes amongst our building material coverage universe given its timely capacity expansion, focus on increasing share of value added products, we believe sales volume may remain subdued owing to increased competitive intensity. Further, bathware segment may dent on operating margin for longer than expected earlier. Despite near term challenges, we believe the company is likely to do well in long term horizon. HOLD with a TP of Rs757.

TP Rs757				Key Stock Data			
CMP Rs669				Bloomberg / Reuters PRINCPIP IN /PRCE.BO			
Potential upside/downside 13%				Sector Plastic Products - Industria			
Previous Rating HOLD				Shares o/s (mn) 1			
Price Performance (%)				Market cap. (Rs mn) 73,			
	-1m	-3m	-12m	3-m daily avera	ge value (Rs mn) 12.7		
Absolute	10.5	12.4	11.9	52-week high /	low Rs776 / 505		
Rel to Sensex	9.2	10.4	(7.5)	Sensex / Nifty	73,917 / 22,466		
V/s Consensu	S			Shareholdin	g Pattern (%)		
EPS (Rs)		FY25E	FY26E	Promoters	60.9		
IDBI Capital		20	25	FII	5.2		
Consensus		21	25	DII	16.2		
% difference		(3.9)	(1.8)	Public	17.7		

Financial snapshot

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Year	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	26,568	27,109	25,687	29,345	34,123
Change (yoy, %)	28	2	(5)	14	16
EBITDA	4,156	2,503	3,074	3,932	4,777
Change (yoy, %)	15	(40)	23	28	21
EBITDA Margin(%)	15.6	9.2	12.0	13.4	14.0
Adj.PAT	2,494	1,214	1,825	2,185	2,788
EPS (Rs)	23	11	17	20	25
Change (yoy, %)	11.9	(51.3)	50.3	20	28
PE(x)	29.6	60.9	40.5	34	27
Dividend Yield (%)	0.5	0.5	0.1	0	0
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.0	29.3	24.2	18.7	15.1
RoE (%)	21.6	9.2	12.5	13.3	14.9
RoCE (%)	26.6	11.6	13.7	15.6	17.5

Source: IDBI Capital Research

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Con-call Highlights

Operating performance:

- In Q4FY24, the total volumes grew by 16% YoY to 51,444MT. However, NSR dropped by 16.6% led by price reduction taken during the quarter.
- For FY25, volume grew by 10%YoY to 1,72,793 MT. However, NSR dropped by 14% during the year.

Bathware Segment:

- In FY24, the total sales were at Rs100 mn, employee expense were at Rs45 mn and Ad spends were at Rs40 mn and other ancillaries expenses were at Rs10 mn.
- The company is putting lot of efforts towards increasing its PAN India presence by adding dealers and Sales team. Management expects by the end of H1FY25 the company will be having PAN Indian presence across segment.

CAPEX:

• The company will incur the capex of Rs1 bn towards incremental capacity and plant maintenance. Also, incremental capex of Rs100 mn in Acquel towards capacity addition in Bhuj plant.

Others:

- The Bihar facility in Begusarai will get commenced in Q4FY25. The facility will be commencing in the phased manner and it will take 6 months to operate in full utilization.
- The company has more the 7,200 SKUs and over 1,500 channel partners.
- The compny expects CPVC prices to be subdued in coming quarter led by incremental capacity in the industry.

Guidance:

The company has guided 10-15% volume growth with the margin to be in the range of 12-14%. Also, in Q1FY25 the company expects good volume growth from agricultural segment.



Exhibit 1: Financial snapshot

Q4FY24	Q3FY24	QoQ (%)	Q4FY23	YoY (%)
7,401	6,186	19.6	7,644	(3.2)
6,479	5,430	19.3	6,161	5.2
923	757	21.9	1,483	(37.8)
12.5	12.2	23bps	19.4	-694bps
239	229	4.4	211	13.1
14	27	(50.1)	28	(52.1)
53	30	76.7	34	55.8
723	530	36.3	1,278	(43.4)
177	154	14.7	337	(47.5)
546	376	45.2	941	(41.9)
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4.9	3.4	45.2	8.5	(41.9)
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Source: Company; IDBI Capital Research

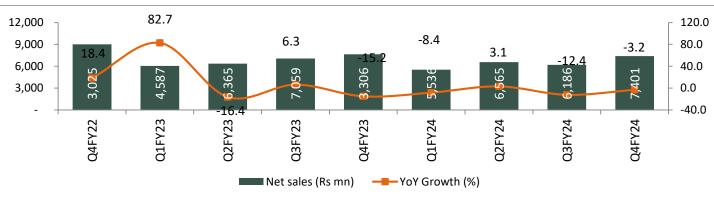
Exhibit 2: Actual vs. estimates

Particulars (Rs mn)	Q4FY24A	Q4FY24E	Variance (%)
Net Sales	7,401	6,848	8.1
EBITDA	923	897	2.9
EBITDA Margin (%)	12.5	13.1	-63bps
Net Profit	546	503	8.7
EPS (Rs)	4.9	4.5	8.7

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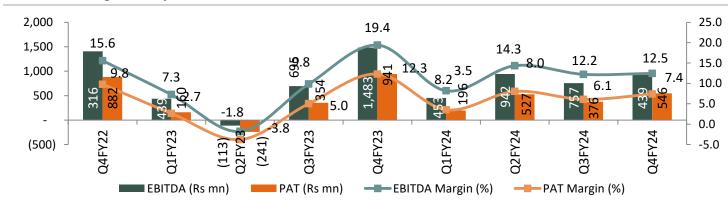


Exhibit 4: Margins analysis

Source: Company; IDBI Capital Research



Financial Summary

Year-end: March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net sales	20,715	26,568	27,109	25,687	29,345	34,123
Change (yoy, %)	26.6	28	2	(5)	14	16
Operating expenses	(17,099)	(22,412)	(24,606)	(22,613)	(25,413)	(29,346)
EBITDA	3,616	4,156	2,503	3,074	3,932	4,777
Change (yoy, %)	58.1	15	(40)	23	28	21
Margin (%)	17.5	15.6	9.2	12.0	13.4	14.0
Depreciation	(594)	(703)	(830)	(912)	(1,111)	(1,191)
EBIT	3,022	3,453	1,673	2,162	2,821	3,586
Interest paid	(207)	(139)	(110)	(65)	(103)	(112)
Other income	176	55	86	161	201	251
Pre-tax profit	2,991	3,369	1,649	2,258	2,920	3,726
Тах	(773)	(875)	(434)	(613)	(735)	(938)
Effective tax rate (%)	25.8	26.0	26.3	27.1	25.2	25.2
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net profit	2,218	2,494	1,214	1,466	2,185	2,788
Exceptional items	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted net profit	2,218	2,494	1,214	1,825	2,185	2,788
Change (yoy, %)	97.2	12	(51)	50	20	28
EPS	20.2	22.6	11.0	16.5	19.8	25.2
Dividend per sh	3.5	3.5	3.5	1.0	1.5	2.0
Dividend Payout (%)	20.8	18.6	38.2	7	9	10



Balance Sheet						(Rs mn
Year-end: March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Shareholders' funds	10,435	12,653	13,640	15,444	17,430	19,953
Share capital	1,100	1,106	1,106	1,106	1,106	1,106
Reserves & surplus	9,335	11,547	12,534	14,338	16,324	18,847
Total Debt	852	1,500	581	1,144	1,288	1,398
Other liabilities	263	250	305	467	480	491
Curr Liab & prov	4,279	4,988	4,016	4,177	4,385	4,508
Current liabilities	4,262	4,966	3,996	4,150	4,358	4,479
Provisions	17	22	20	26	28	29
Total liabilities	5,394	6,738	4,902	5,788	6,153	6,396
Total equity & liabilities	15,829	19,390	18,542	21,232	23,582	26,349
Net fixed assets	5,714	6,641	6,985	8,090	8,486	8,306
Investments	-	100	917	379	379	379
Other non-curr assets	490	482	305	677	721	745
Current assets	9,625	12,167	10,335	12,086	13,996	16,919
Inventories	2,273	6,188	4,256	4,379	4,773	5,346
Sundry Debtors	3,308	4,346	4,150	5,849	6,551	7,402
Cash and Bank	2,299	586	1,244	777	1,548	2,990
Loans and advances	1,744	1,046	684	1,081	1,125	1,181
Total assets	15,829	19,390	18,542	21,232	23,582	26,349

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Cash Flow Statement						(Rs mn
Year-end: March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Pre-tax profit	2,991	3,369	1,649	2,258	2,920	3,726
Depreciation	594	703	830	912	1,111	1,191
Tax paid	(605)	(955)	(400)	(728)	(735)	(938)
Chg in working capital	983	(4,178)	1,136	(1,490)	(888)	(1,302)
Other operating activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash flow from operations (a)	3,963	(1,061)	3,214	952	2,408	2,677
Capital expenditure	(1,347)	(1,630)	(1,174)	(2,016)	(1,507)	(1,011)
Chg in investments	-	(100)	(817)	538	-	-
Other investing activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash flow from investing (b)	(1,347)	(1,730)	(1,991)	(1,478)	(1,507)	(1,011)
Equity raised/(repaid)	-	5	-	-	-	-
Debt raised/(repaid)	(1,581)	648	(919)	563	143	110
Dividend (incl. tax)	(462)	(464)	(464)	(133)	(199)	(265)
Chg in monorities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other financing activities	(845)	890	817	(44)	(45)	(42)
Cash flow from financing (c)	(2,888)	1,079	(566)	386	(101)	(197)
Net chg in cash (a+b+c)	(271)	(1,713)	657	(140)	800	1,468



Financial Ratios

Year-end: March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Book Value (Rs)	94.8	114	123	140	158	180
Adj EPS (Rs)	20.2	22.6	11.0	16.5	19.8	25.2
Adj EPS growth (%)	97.2	12	-51	50	20	28
EBITDA margin (%)	17.5	15.6	9.2	12.0	13.4	14.0
Pre-tax margin (%)	14.4	12.7	6.1	8.8	9.9	10.9
Net Debt/Equity (x)	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1
ROCE (%)	26.5	27	12	14	16	17
ROE (%)	23.6	22	9	13	13	15
DuPont Analysis						
Asset turnover (x)	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4
Leverage factor (x)	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3
Net margin (%)	10.7	9.4	4.5	7.1	7.4	8.2
Working Capital & Liquidity ratio						
Inventory days	40	85	57	62	59	57
Receivable days	58	60	56	83	81	79
Payable days	67	65	47	40	37	33
Valuations						
Year-end: March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
PER (x)	33.2	29.6	60.9	40.5	33.8	26.5
Price/Book value (x)	7.0	5.8	5.4	4.8	4.2	3.7
EV/Net sales (x)	3.5	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	19.9	18.0	29.3	24.2	18.7	15.1
Dividend Yield (%)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3
Source: Company: IDBI Capital Research						

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