

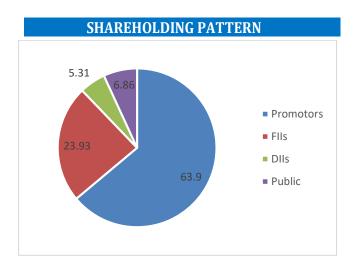


Target: 1150

**Upsides: 24%** 

## August 2022

VALUE PARAMETERS	
Face Value (Rs.)	10.0
Mrk.Cap (Rs. in Cr)	64,958
52-Week High/Low	1048/480
EPS (TTM)	20.0
P/E Ratio (TTM)	50
Book Value per share (Rs)	74.1
Industry P/E	46.2
P/B Ratio (calc at CMP)	13.5
Dividend Yield (%)	0.25
Enterprise value (Rs in Cr)	67,027



FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE						
Consolidated	CY21	CY22E	CY23E			
Sales (Rs. Cr)	8,823	12,339	13,970			
Growth (%)	36.8	39.9	13.2			
EBITDA ( Rs. Cr)	1,654.6	2,567	2860			
EBITDA margin	18.8	20.8	20.47			
PAT (Rs. Cr)	694	1337	1520.2			
EPS (Rs)	16.03	20.6	24.5			
RoE (%)	17.01	26.2	25.9			
RoCE (%)	14.31	27.9	31.2			
P/BV (x)	8.73	11.2	10			
EV/EBITDA (x)	32.87	23.9	21.5			
P/E (x)	55.31	45.2	40			

## Robust volume growth with sustainable margins...

Our Recommendation: VBL's expansion of distribution network in underpenetrated areas like Bihar, MP, and Jharkhand will drive net sales growth and higher realization in coming quarters. Growth of new brands like Sting & Milk-related beverages are increasing by higher pace. Given current scenario, we expect company will perform better in coming months. Thus, we recommend BUY in price range Rs. 900-950 with target price Rs 1150 (upside 24%).

### **Investment Rationale:**

**About Company:** Varun Beverages has been associated with PepsiCo since the 1990s and is the largest franchisee of PepsiCo in the world. The company produces and distributes a wide range of carbonated soft drinks, non-carbonated drinks and packaged water sold under trademarks owned by PepsiCo. Some major brands include Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Seven-Up, Mirinda, Mountain Dew, Nimbooz, String, Slice, Tropicana, and Aquafina. The company has its operations in India, Sri-Lanka, Nepal, Morocco, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

**Q2CY22 Results**: Varun Beverages recorded robust Q2 financial results with 96.9% volume growth & 2.7% realization growth..

- Net sales increased by 102% to Rs 5017.57 compared to Rs 2,483.04 crore in the year-ago period.
- Total volumes were up by 96.9% per cent to 300 million cases compared to 152 million cases in the year-ago period.
- EBITDA margins improved to 25.2 per cent in Q2FY22 led by the higher realization and operating leverage from increased sales volume.
- PAT increased by 151.6 per cent to Rs 802 crore from Rs 318.8 crore in Q2/2021, driven by high growth in revenue from operations and improvement in margins.

# Strong revenue growth led by higher volume growth and

**better realization:** VBL reported sales growth of 102.3% to Rs 4954.8 crore aided by strong volume growth and realization growth of 96.9% and 2.7% respectively. The company witnessed sales of 300 million cases during second quarter. Of total cases sold, 73% were carbonated drinks, 18% cases of water, 9% cases of juices.

**Distribution network expansion:** VBL's has expanded its distribution network to 3 million outlets that include 0.25 million international outlets and 0.4 million outlets are dedicated to Sting only outlets. The company aims to increase its distribution network by 8-10% every year.

**Business growth to continue**: Post Covid restriction, the company is expanding its distribution network to new territories where it has small market share. The company is being benefitted by demand recovery after 2 years of pandemic that helped higher sales growth. The newly set-up facility in Bihar reached its 100% utilization and now the company is looking to add a few more facilities in Bihar, MP, Rajasthan and AP with capital expenditure of more than Rs 1200 crore in FY23. VBL is expecting to double-digit volume growth in coming quarters led by higher demand in juice, energy drink, and dairy product segment.

**Key Risks:** Unexpected increase in RM cost may dampen margins. Clearance related issues in expanding distribution network.

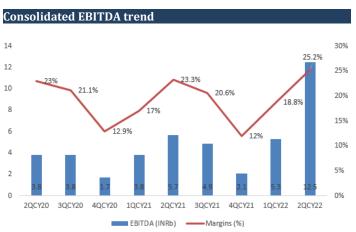


# **Financials and Valuations**

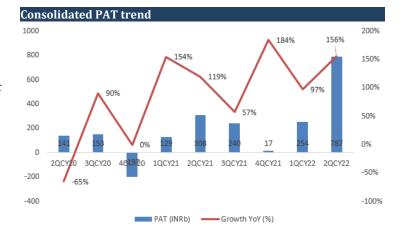
01FY23 Ouarterly snapshot (Rs in Cr)

Y/E March	Q2CY22	Q2CY21	Chg YoY (%)	Q1CY22	Chg QoQ (%)
Net Revenues	4,954.80	2,449.80	102.30	2,827.50	75.20
RM Expenses	2,451.80	1,138.30	115.4	1,370.20	78.9
Employee expenses	310.40	243.20	27.6	275.10	12.9
other operating exp.	941.90	497.50	89	651.20	44.6
EBIDTA	1,250.70	570.80	119.10	531.00	135.5
EBITDA Margin (%)	25.24%	23.30%	194bps	18.78%	646bps
Depreciation	153.1	128.8	18.9	131.30	16.6
EBIT	1,098	442	148	400	16.6
Other Income	10.5	24.4	-57.1	8.5	-51
Interest	46.40	46.80	-0.80	47.00	2.18
Exceptional items	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	na
PBT	1,061.7	419.60	153	361.20	193.9
Tax	259.6	100.9	157	90.1	188
PAT	802.10	318.70	151.6	271.10	195.8
Adj. PAT	802.10	318.70	151.6	271.10	195.8
EPS	12.12	4.74	155.0	3.91	210.00





Strong sales growth of 102% was due to 97% growth in volume & realization growth of 2.7%. Operating leverage helped EBITDA margins grew by 119%. PAT grew by 151.6% aided by low interest cost and operating profit. EPS is Rs 12.12 from Rs 4.74 recorded in same quarter in a year-ago period.





**Income Statement, consolidated (Rs. Cr)** 

Y/E December	CY17	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21
Revenue	4003.5	5,105	7,130	6,450	8,823
Change (%)	3.7	27.5	39.7	-9.5	36.8
Raw Material Cost	1810.1	2,244	3,219	2,764	4,035
Employees expenses	462.8	583	811	890	1,008
Other Expenses	894.7	1,272	1,652	1,595	2,126
Total Expenditure	3167.6	4098.7	5681.9	5248.2	7168.6
% of Sales	79.1%	80.3%	79.7%	81.4%	81.2%
EBITDA	835.9	1006.6	1447.7	1201.9	1654.6
Margin (%)	20.9%	19.7	20.3	18.6	18.8
Depreciation	346.6	385	489	529	531
EBIT	489.3	621.5	959.1	673.2	1123.3
Finance Charges	212.2	213	310	281	185
Other Income	12.5	21.8	42.5	37	67.9
PBT bef. EO Expenses	289.6	430.7	692	429.1	1006.5
EO Items	0	0	0	-665	0
PBT after EO Exp.	289.6	430.7	692	1094.1	1006.5
Total Tax	76.9	134	224	5.2	261
Tax Rate (%)	26.6	31.1	32.4	1.4	25.9
Share of profit from associates	1.4	3	4.4	0	0
Minority Interest	3.9	7	3.2	28.3	52
Reported PAT	210.2	293	469	329	694
Adjusted PAT	210.2	293	469	325	694
Change (%)	395.5	39.3	60.1	-30.7	113.5
Margin (%)	5.3	5.7	6.6	5.0	7.9

Balance Sheet, consolidated (Rs. Cr)

Y/E December	CY17	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21
Equity Share Capital	183	183	289	289	433
Share Warrants	0	0	0	0	0
Total Reserves & Surplus	1,587	1,816	3,040	3,235	3,647
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS FUND	1,769	1,998	3,328	3,524	4,080
Minority Interest	-1	8	31	65	117
Total Loans	2,356	2,765	3,417	3,206	3,342
Deferred Tax Liabilities	142	159	270	215	309
Capital Employed	4,266	4,930	7,046	7,010	7,847
Gross Block	5,633	6,170	8,720	9,009	9,442
Less: Accum. Deprciation	1,654	1,785	2,266	2,624	3,156
Net Fixed Assets	3,979	4,385	6,455	6,384	6,287
Goodwill	2	2	24	24	24
CWIP	145	352	64	67	497
Total Investments	8	11	0	0	0
Current Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Curr. Assets, Loans & Adv.	1,149	1,281	1,833	1,972	2,772
Inventory	439	578	882	929	1,448
Account Receivables	150	128	173	242	221
Cash and Bank Balance	95	94	171	190	337
Loans and Advances	466	481	608	611	766
Curr. Liability & Provisions	1,018	1,102	1,330	1,438	1,732
Account Payables	191	317	478	511	712
Other Current Liabilities	739	644	652	689	762
Provisions	88	141	200	237	258
Net Current Assets	132	179	503	534	1,040
Application of Funds	4,266	4,930	7,046	7,010	7,847



Cash Flow statement (Rs. Cr)

Y/E December	CY17	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21
PBT	290	431	692	363	1,007
Depreciation	347	385	483	529	531
Interest & Finance Charges	197	199	295	244	117
Direct Taxes Paid	-57.1	-73.3	-120	-5.2	-261
(Inc)/Dec in WC	-197	-50.1	-82.7	-118	-59.2
CF from Operations	580	891	1,267	1,012	1,335
Others	40	109	41.1	0	0
CF from Operating incl other	620	1,000	1,308	1,012	1,335
(Inc)/Dec in FA	-517	-809	-733	-291	-863
Free Cash Flow	103	191	575	721	472
Others	-233	-64.7	-1,586	-180	-147
CF from Investments	-750	-873	-2,319	-471	-1,011
Issue of Shares	304	0.7	900	0	0
Inc/(Dec) in Debt	-57.2	457	649	-211	136
Interest Paid	-156	-189	-301	-281	-185
Dividend Paid	-45.6	-45.6	-69	-72.2	-108
Others	113	-351	-89.5	42.6	-20.6
CF from Fin. Activity	159	-127	1,089	-522	-178
Inc/Dec of Cash	28.8	-1	77.6	19	147
Opening Balance	65.7	94.5	93.5	171	190
Closing Balance	94.5	93.5	171	190	337

**Key Ratios** 

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Y/E March	CY2017	CY2018	CY2019	CY2020	CY2021
Per Share Data (Rs)					
EPS	11.52	10.69	16.83	11.4	16.03
BV/Share	43	48.63	76.86	81.38	94.22
DPS	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Dividend Payout (%)	22%	23%	15%	22%	16%
Valuation Ratios					
P/E	25.15	21.82	29.05	53.55	55.31
P/BV	5.18	5.55	5.29	6.59	8.73
EV/EBITDA	17.75	17.35	17.75	31.13	32.87
Return Ratios (%)					
ROE	11.88%	14.65%	14.09%	9.23%	17.01%
ROCE	11.47%	12.61%	13.61%	9.60%	14.31%
Leverage Ratio (x)					
Current Ratio	0.61	0.66	0.75	0.74	0.84
Interest Cover Ratio	2.35	2.93	3.13	2.23	5.86
Net Debt/Equity	1.5	1.41	1.03	0.91	0.82
Quick Ratio	0.33	0.32	0.36	0.36	0.36

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