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## **RESULT REVIEW Q4&FY25** Divi's Laboratories Limited

Declared On: 17 May 2025

RECOMMENDATION SNAPSHOT										
*CMP	MCap (Rsbn)	Recommendation	Target	Potential Upside						
Rs6584	1748	Hold	Rs7000	6%						

\*as on 19th May, 2025

#### About the Company:

Established in 1990, Divi's Laboratories Limited (Divi's) is engaged in the manufacturing of generic APIs and intermediates, custom synthesis of active ingredients and advanced intermediates for pharma MNCs, other specialty chemicals like carotenoids and complex compounds like peptides and nucleotides. The company is recognised as a reliable supplier of generic APIs, a trustworthy custom manufacturer to big pharma and is among the top API manufacturers worldwide. The company's strategic focus revolves around three core business portfolios: Generic APIs, Custom Synthesis, and Nutraceuticals. Dr. Murali K Divi is the Managing Director of the company.

## Results: Quick Glance:

- The net sales for the quarter reported a growth of 12.2% to Rs25,850mn as compared to Rs23,030mn in the same quarter last year
- The Ebitda margins for the quarter under review stood at 34.3% as compared to 31.7% in the comparative quarter last year
- The company reported net profit of Rs6,620mn as compared to Rs5,380mn in the same quarter last year
- The EPS for the quarter stood at Rs24.93 as compared to Rs20.25 in the corresponding period of last year
- For the full year, the revenues and PAT grew by 19.3% and 36.9% respectively while the Ebitda margins stood at 31.7%
- The Board recommended a final dividend of Rs30 per equity share of FV of Rs2 each for FY25

#### **Conference Call Highlights:**

- For Q4FY25, on account of global supply chain constraints, the pricing pressure and headwinds continued to remain in the generic business. Despite these concerns, the company was able to report stable volumes for its core products and maintained the competitive intensity for these products. The global transit time was impacted on account of the Red sea challenges which led to routing to an alternate path that extended the lead time particularly in the US and the European markets by 2-3 weeks. The company has undertaken measures in terms of inventory stocking, adopting a customer centric approach, advance container procurement in order to ensure scheduled and timely delivery
- The custom synthesis business, sustained growth momentum. Customer engagements, healthy uptick in RFPs and site visits is gaining traction. The generic: custom synthesis mix for the quarter came in at 49:51 and 46:54 for FY25. Nutraceuticals sales for the quarter came in at Rs2,050mn and Rs7,810mn for FY25
- Exports stood at 88% of total sales in FY25, while exports to regulated markets (US and Europe) accounted for 73% of total sales for the same period as against 70% in FY24
- In terms of contrast media, close association with the innovators is an ongoing process alongwith capacity expansions
- Recently, the company has signed a long-term manufacturing and supply agreement for advanced intermediates with a
  global pharma company. Divi's will also undertake capacity addition at its manufacturing facilities for an investment of
  approx. Rs6500-7000mn to be funded via internal accruals
- Unit III has commenced operations for the company. Phase-1 (7 blocks across 200 acres, out of total land of 500 acres) would mainly be utilized towards backward integration. Divi's has capitalized Rs11bn in total for FY25, out of which Rs7.6bn was for Unit III
- In **peptides**, the company has made strategic investments in both solid-phase and liquid-phase synthesis capabilities. Active projects range across development stages. Qualifications are underway from various regulatory global bodies for some products
- For non-**GLP-1**, the company is closely working with innovators and has already invested in solid and liquid based peptides. Apart from this, the company is also working on biocatalysis and flow chemistry
- Financials: (i) the company has capitalized assets of Rs5,600mn for Q4FY25 (for FY25, capitalised assets stood at Rs11.18bn, of which Rs7.55bn pertains to Unit-III at Kakinada). Of this, capitalisation for Kakinada project in Q4FY25 stood at Rs3,370mn. The total amount spent on the Kakinada project including assets capitalized till Mar'25 came in at Rs14.97bn, (ii) in constant currency terms, Divi's reported a growth of 18% in FY25 as against (2%) in FY24, (iii) the forex gain for FY25 stood at Rs480mn as against Rs300mn in FY24, while forex gain for Q4FY25 stood at Rs100mn as against loss of Rs10mn in Q4FY24, (iv) cash as on Mar'25 stood at Rs36.96bn with receivables at Rs28.55bn and inventories at Rs30.33bn, (v) the material cost as a percent to sales stood at ~40% for Q4FY25 as well as FY25, (vi) capex chalked is at ~Rs14bn plus maintenance capex



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## **Financials:**

Performance (Q4&FY25)											
Q4&FY25 Result (Rs mn)	Mar-25	Mar-24	у-о-у	Dec-24	q-o-q	FY25	FY24	у-о-у	FY26E		
Total Revenue	25850	23030	12.2%	23190	11.5%	93600	78450	19.3%	108385		
EBITDA	8860	7310	21.2%	7430	19.2%	29680	22050	34.6%	36201		
Other Income	860	790	8.9%	820	4.9%	3520	3390	3.8%	3420		
Interest	10	20	(50.0%)	0	-	20	30	(33.3%)	30		
Depreciation	1070	950	12.6%	990	8.1%	4020	3780	6.3%	4312		
Exceptional Items	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	-	0		
Тах	2020	1750	15.4%	1370	47.4%	7250	5630	28.8%	9038		
Net Profit	6620	5380	23.0%	5890	12.4%	21910	16000	36.9%	26240		

## **Outlook and Recommendations:**

The company has reported strong set of numbers for the quarter under review. Revenues for Q4FY25 and FY25 have reported growth of ~12% and ~19% respectively on a y-o-y basis. Despite the pricing pressure, the company reported a growth of ~12% on a y-o-y basis in the generics business (49% of the quarterly revenues). It recorded healthy growth across both custom synthesis (CS) and API segments as well. The API segment reported growth of 13% y-o-y basis, revival after 8 quarters; implying strong volumes. The custom synthesis business reported a growth of 13% on a y-o-y basis. Nutraceuticals for the quarter and FY25 came in at Rs2,050mn and Rs7,810mn respectively. Going forward, the Management expects a double-digit growth for both the generics and custom synthesis business. The gross margins expanded ~120bps y-o-y to 62.1% (at 10-quarter high) with operating margins at 34.3%, beating estimates led by backward integration from phase-1 of Kakinada that has started reaping benefits as well as the overall controlled other expenses. As indicated by the management, the raw material sourcing situation has eased to some extent and the sea freight has been stable; air freight rates are expected to normalize in the medium term. Unit-III (Rs15bn capex) started operations in Q4FY25, which will reduce supply chain risks, improve margins via backward integration and help in debottlenecking Units I/II for more CDMO capacity. On the recent long-term agreement bagged for advanced intermediates with a global pharma company; the Management expects post the clearance of all regulatory approvals, the commercialisation to start from either end of CY26 or start of CY27. Prospects from custom synthesis with some projects in the R&D stage, some at pilot stages, GLP-1 opportunities, GLP-2 analogues, biocatalysis, flow chemistry and maintaining the market share for its core products in the generics segment, off-patent molecule benefits are some of the important parameters for the company. Also factors like moderating raw material costs, increased investment on the back of long term contracts, and better execution in the generic space provide better revenue visibility. The capabilities in the peptide space (Divis offers services in GLP1/GLP2 and GIP molecules) gives it the edge to contracts from innovators for the upcoming opportunities. We maintain a Hold on the stock for a revised target of Rs7000.

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