

Marico (MRCO) - REDUCE

Q2FY26 Result Update

Current Market Price (CMP) Rs.739	Fair Value (FV) Rs.730
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Rationale:

- MRCO delivered resilient 7.3% EBITDA growth.
- Performance was despite sharp copra inflation, outperforming the 3-5% range of the past four quarters.
- Execution has been reasonably robust, supported by effective RM inflation management.
- There was revival in VAHO, successful portfolio diversification led by Plix and strong overseas performance, including Bangladesh.
- We expect earnings to grow by 15.1% in FY27E & grow by 11.3% in FY28E.
- We tweak estimates, roll over and revise FV to Rs730 (Rs710), valuing MRCO at 43X December 2027E. Retain REDUCE.
- Stock is currently trading at valuation of 43.0x P/E FY28E EPS.

👍 Positives:

- MRCO's consolidated revenue growth stood at 30.7% (~3.5% beat).
- EBITDA growth at 7.3% (~3% beat), a tad ahead of its quarter-end update.
- Domestic volume growth stood at +7% (KIE: +6%) versus +9% in 1Q.
- About 95% of business gained/sustained market share.
- Confident about delivering double-digit EBITDA growth in 2HFY26.

👎 Negatives:

- EBITDA margin contracted 350 bps yoy to 16.1% (KIE: 16.2%).



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Holding Period: 12 months

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