

Crompton Greaves Consumer (CROMPTON) - BUY

Company Update

Current Market Price (CMP) Rs.259	Fair Value (FV) Rs.390
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Rationale:

- We recently met with Crompton’s CFO Mr Kaleeswaran Arunachalam.
- ECD margin recovery expected over the coming three quarters.
- Lighting margin expansion is sustainable, subject to brand investments.
- Butterfly’s new product range saw good traction.
- Crompton’s valuation de-rating (higher than peers) seems excessive to us, given relative performance in ECD/lighting and progress in new categories.
- We estimate 11.5%/11.3%/13.5% revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR over FY25-28E; maintain BUY.

Positives:

- Fans: Demand for ceiling fans is expected to recover as channel inventory is normal.
- Solar pumps and rooftops have potential to reach Rs1,000 cr annualized sales each in the next 24 months.
- Price erosion in lighting has abated and no major headwinds for growth are expected in the near term.

Negatives:

- Air cooler industry continues to decline 40-50% (elevated channel inventory), this could be a drag on the near-term ECD growth.
- Appliances: Near-term margins are likely to be impacted by BEE-related discounting.

(CFO: Chief Financial Officer; ECD: Electrical Consumer Durable; PAT: Profit After Tax; BEE: Bureau of Energy Efficiency; EBITDA: Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization; CAGR: Compound Annual Growth Rate)



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Holding Period: 12 months

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