SRF | BUY



India's HFC quota allocation likely to be company wise

SRF's management recently held an investor call to provide insights on refrigerant gas regulations. The key takeaways are: i) Asian region positioned to be the main growth driver of HFC consumption in the medium to long term, ii) companies expected to be assigned product-wise HFC quotas or overall GWP-based quotas by the government, iii) management expects company-wise HFC quotas based on baseline period production levels, iv) significant consumption of HFC-134a and blends in India could be potentially used for HFC-32 quota in future in case of GWP-based quotas. Further, for SRF, as we have highlighted before, the company remains well placed to benefit from the global ref gas demand supply mismatch (refer to our ref gas Deep-Dive report). Particularly, the company has room to increase its HFC-32 volumes, in our view. Our estimates are unchanged. We maintain our positive stance on the name with a BUY rating and an unchanged SoTP-based Sep'26 TP of INR 3,510/share as we see multiple positives for the company, going ahead.

- Asia to be the main growth driver for HFC consumption: SRF's management indicated that developed countries, which are part of the Non-A5 category, are in the process of transitioning from HFCs to HFOs due to Kigali Amendment stipulations. On the other hand, most HCFCs are currently produced and consumed in Asia, with Asian countries transitioning from HCFCs to better alternatives in the form of HFCs due to the Kigali Amendment. As a result, global HFC consumption will only grow marginally, going forward, while in Asia, HFC consumption growth rate is set to be higher, which makes the region the major growth driver for HFC consumption in future.
- Company-wise HFC quotas expected based on baseline period production levels in India: The management informed that, for ref gas production, manufacturers can be allocated individual ref gas wise quotas or overall quota based on total Global Warming Potential (GWP). While the US opted for the latter, China chose product-wise quotas for its companies with a sharply reduced HFC-134a quota. For India, if GWP-based quota is adopted, its significant HFC-134a and blends consumption could potentially be used for HFC-32 production in the future. The government is yet to decide how the quotas will be assigned, although the US, China, and India (in case of past HCFC quota allocation) have allocated quotas to companies based on their production levels during the baseline period. Also, China had declined to use its HCFC quota while allocating its HFC quotas, while India has yet to finalise its stance on the same. The management added that HFC production and consumption quotas are independent of each other.
- Maintain BUY with Sep'26 TP of INR 3,510: The management is confident that the company will be a leading player in the ref gas market with its strong brand and distribution network and backward integration advantage. In our view, the company will continue to benefit from the global ref gas demand-supply mismatch, particularly for HFC-32, where it has headroom to increase its sales volume. We expect ~24%/31% EBITDA/EPS CAGR over FY25-28E. Our estimates are unchanged. We maintain BUY with an unchanged SoTP-based Sep'26 TP of INR 3,510/share.

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Recommendation and Price Target	
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Current Price Target (12M)	3,510
Upside/(Downside)	23.7%
Previous Price Target	3,510
Change	0.0%

Key Data – SRF IN	
Current Market Price	INR2,836
Market cap (bn)	INR840.8/US\$9.5
Free Float	40%
Shares in issue (mn)	296.2
Diluted share (mn)	296.2
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR1,728.6/US\$19.6
52-week range	3,325/2,127
Sensex/Nifty	79,810/24,427
INR/US\$	88.2

Price Performano	e		
%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	-8.8	1.5	11.7
Relative*	-7.9	-6.9	15.2

* To the BSE Sensex

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	129,104	143,582	164,953	194,015	218,661
Sales Growth (%)	-11.5	11.2	14.9	17.6	12.7
EBITDA	25,841	27,184	35,988	45,899	51,603
EBITDA Margin (%)	19.7	18.5	21.8	23.7	23.6
Adjusted Net Profit	13,357	12,508	19,510	26,598	28,284
Diluted EPS (INR)	45.1	42.2	65.9	89.8	95.5
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	-38.2	-6.4	56.0	36.3	6.3
ROIC (%)	10.4	9.1	12.2	14.9	15.1
ROE (%)	12.3	10.4	14.5	17.3	16.1
P/E (x)	63.2	67.5	43.3	31.8	29.9
P/B (x)	7.4	6.7	5.9	5.1	4.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	34.2	32.4	24.4	19.0	16.7
Dividend Yield (%)	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 29/Aug/2025

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Assumptions and Estimates

Exhibit 1. Key assumptions											
INR mn	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Segment revenues											
Technical textiles	18,388	17,349	13,576	12,401	20,852	18,939	18,980	20,291	18,778	19,717	20,703
Chemicals	16,114	24,454	29,750	36,447	52,408	74,109	62,970	66,908	78,800	96,702	115,128
Packaging films	17,823	26,533	26,040	32,917	47,792	51,828	44,893	55,538	63,015	73,015	78,015
Others	4,573	2,716	2,783	2,320	3,403	3,926	4,653	4,275	4,441	4,663	4,897
Unallocated	49	57	54	87	119	99	112	81	81	81	81
Total	56,849	70,996	72,094	83,998	124,337	148,703	131,385	146,931	164,953	194,015	218,661
YoY growth (%)											
Technical textiles	-9%	-6%	-22%	-9%	68%	-9%	0%	7%	-7%	5%	5%
Chemicals	-6%	52%	22%	23%	44%	41%	-15%	6%	18%	23%	19%
Packaging films	26%	49%	-2%	26%	45%	8%	-13%	24%	13%	16%	7%
Others	526%	-41%	2%	-17%	47%	15%	19%	-8%	4%	5%	5%
Unallocated	15%	16%	-5%	61%	37%	-17%	13%	-28%	0%	0%	0%
Total	9%	25%	2%	17%	48%	20%	-12%	12%	12%	18%	13%
Revenue contribution (%)											
Technical textiles	32%	24%	19%	15%	17%	13%	14%	14%	11%	10%	9%
Chemicals	28%	34%	41%	43%	42%	50%	48%	46%	48%	50%	53%
Packaging films	31%	37%	36%	39%	38%	35%	34%	38%	38%	38%	36%
Others	8%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%
Segmental EBIT											
Technical textiles	2,529	2,615	1,515	1,769	4,714	2,617	2,742	2,381	2,535	2,760	2,898
Chemicals	2,694	3,843	5,115	7,281	13,969	23,407	16,274	16,648	21,670	27,560	32,812
Packaging films	2,298	4,115	5,556	8,977	9,463	5,562	2,065	3,645	6,617	8,762	10,142
Others	444	218	318	256	204	348	930	688	666	700	734
Total	7,964	10,790	12,504	18,283	28,350	31,934	22,011	23,362	31,488	39,782	46,586
EBIT margins (%)											
Technical textiles	13.8%	15.1%	11.2%	14.3%	22.6%	13.8%	14.4%	11.7%	13.5%	14.0%	14.0%
Chemicals	16.7%	15.7%	17.2%	20.0%	26.7%	31.6%	25.8%	24.9%	27.5%	28.5%	28.5%
Packaging films	12.9%	15.5%	21.3%	27.3%	19.8%	10.7%	4.6%	6.6%	10.5%	12.0%	13.0%
Others	9.7%	8.0%	11.4%	11.0%	6.0%	8.9%	20.0%	16.1%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%
Total	14.0%	15.2%	17.3%	21.8%	22.8%	21.5%	16.8%	15.9%	19.1%	20.5%	21.3%

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 2. Segment-wise breakdown of chemicals business revenue											
(INR mn)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E		
Segment-wise break down											
Specialty Chemicals	16,238	23,894	31,003	41,650	36,661	37,932	44,432	55,932	68,932		
Fluorochemicals (ref gas, industrial, and fluoropolymers)	13,511	12,553	21,405	32,459	26,310	28,976	34,368	40,770	46,197		
Total revenues	29,750	36,447	52,408	74,109	62,970	66,908	78,800	96,702	115,128		
YoY growth (%)											
Specialty Chemicals		47%	30%	34%	-12%	3%	17%	26%	23%		
Fluorochemicals (ref gas, industrial, and fluoropolymers)		-7%	71%	52%	-19%	10%	19%	19%	13%		
Total revenues		23%	44%	41%	-15%	6%	18%	23%	19%		
% share											
Specialty Chemicals	55%	66%	59%	56%	58%	57%	56%	58%	60%		
Fluorochemicals (ref gas, industrial, and fluoropolymers)	45%	34%	41%	44%	42%	43%	44%	42%	40%		
Total revenues	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		

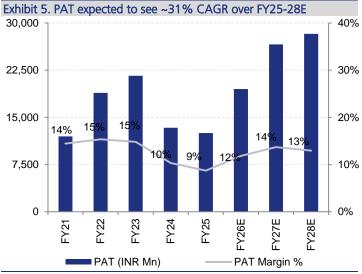
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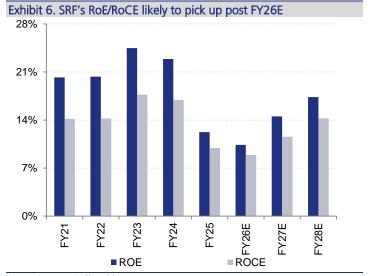




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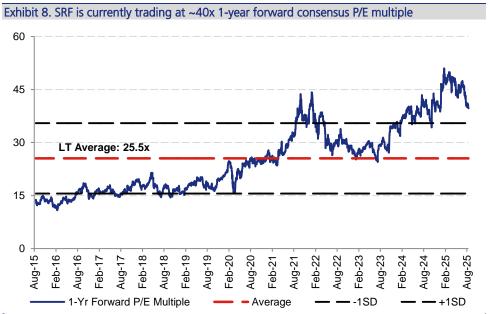
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Valuation

Exhibit 7. Our Sep'26 TP for SRF stands at INR 3,510/share

			Value (INR bn)	Value (INR/share)
Segments	Sep'27 EBITDA (INR bn)	EV/EBITDA multiple (x)		
Technical Textile Business	4	8	28	96
Chemicals Business	37	25	926	3,125
Packaging Films Business	12	8	100	337
Others	1	8	8	28
Total Business EBITDA	54		1,062	3,586
Less: Gross Debt			30	101
Add: Cash & Cash Equivalents			8	26
TP			1,040	3,510
Sep'27E consolidated EPS				93
Implied P/E multiple				38

Source: JM Financial



Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 9. Chemical compa	Exhibit 9. Chemical companies peer valuation																		
Company	Rating	СМР	TP (INR)		P/E	(x)			P/I	B (x)			EV/EB	TDA (x)			ROI	E (%)	
Company	Raung	(INR)	IF (IINK)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
SRF	BUY	2,836	3,510	67.4	43.2	31.7	29.8	6.7	5.9	5.1	4.5	32.3	24.4	19.0	16.7	10.4	14.5	17.3	16.1
PI Industries	HOLD	3,692	3,920	33.9	33.3	29.7	26.4	5.5	4.8	4.2	3.7	24.1	21.9	19.4	17.1	17.5	15.5	15.2	15.0
Deepak Nitrite	BUY	1,788	2,265	35.0	30.9	24.7	23.4	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.1	22.9	20.6	16.3	15.1	13.6	13.7	15.0	14.0
Clean Science	BUY	1,172	1,780	47.1	37.5	29.1	23.5	8.8	7.2	5.8	4.7	31.2	26.2	20.0	15.9	20.2	21.0	21.9	22.0
Fine Organic	SELL	4,693	4,070	35.1	36.0	36.1	33.0	6.3	5.5	4.9	4.4	26.2	26.5	24.6	20.8	19.5	16.3	14.3	14.0
Galaxy Surfactants	HOLD	2,261	2,515	26.3	24.2	22.1	20.9	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.6	15.8	14.7	13.4	12.3	13.4	13.5	13.6	13.2
PCBL Chemical	HOLD	373	430	32.4	25.8	20.3	17.8	3.8	3.5	3.1	2.8	14.3	13.2	11.5	10.5	12.5	14.1	16.2	16.4
Aether Industries	BUY	736	1,030	57.4	49.2	32.6	24.8	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.1	40.3	29.3	22.0	16.8	7.9	8.5	11.5	13.4
Acutaas Chemicals	BUY	1,405	1,500	71.7	48.7	36.9	30.3	8.8	7.5	6.3	5.3	48.6	33.8	25.4	20.7	16.2	16.7	18.6	19.0
Anupam Rasayan	SELL	1,130	680	133.1	101.3	60.8	42.3	4.4	4.0	3.7	3.4	34.5	27.7	22.3	18.3	3.3	4.1	6.3	8.3
Archean Chemicals	HOLD	656	635	40.1	27.4	17.4	13.6	4.3	3.8	3.2	2.6	25.5	17.4	11.5	8.7	11.3	14.8	19.9	21.1
Tatva Chintan Pharma Chem	SELL	1,039	535	425.6	91.9	66.6	53.2	3.3	3.2	3.1	2.9	71.7	35.0	27.1	23.5	0.8	3.5	4.7	5.6
Paradeep Phosphates	SELL	317	175	46.9	31.4	27.3	26.9	6.3	5.3	4.4	3.8	23.3	17.4	15.4	14.9	14.4	18.4	17.6	15.2
Gujarat Fluorochemicals	HOLD	3,402	3,645	68.5	51.9	39.2	33.5	5.2	4.7	4.2	3.8	33.6	26.0	20.1	17.1	8.3	9.5	11.4	11.9

Source: Companies, JM Financial

Financial Tables (Consolidated)

Income Statement					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	129,104	143,582	164,953	194,015	218,661
Sales Growth	-11.5%	11.2%	14.9%	17.6%	12.7%
Other Operating Income	2,282	3,349	0	0	0
Total Revenue	131,385	146,931	164,953	194,015	218,661
Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp	66,956	75,742	82,476	95,844	107,581
Personnel Cost	9,350	10,425	11,571	12,729	14,001
Other Expenses	29,238	33,580	34,916	39,544	45,476
EBITDA	25,841	27,184	35,988	45,899	51,603
EBITDA Margin	19.7%	18.5%	21.8%	23.7%	23.6%
EBITDA Growth	-26.8%	5.2%	32.4%	27.5%	12.4%
Depn. & Amort.	6,726	7,715	8,505	9,439	11,327
EBIT	19,115	19,469	27,484	36,460	40,275
Other Income	830	1,327	800	1,000	300
Finance Cost	3,023	3,760	2,271	1,996	2,094
PBT before Excep. & Forex	16,922	17,037	26,013	35,464	38,482
Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	0
PBT	16,922	17,037	26,013	35,464	38,482
Taxes	3,565	4,529	6,503	8,866	10,198
Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Net Profit	13,357	12,508	19,510	26,598	28,284
Adjusted Net Profit	13,357	12,508	19,510	26,598	28,284
Net Margin	10.2%	8.5%	11.8%	13.7%	12.9%
Diluted Share Cap. (mn)	296.2	296.2	296.2	296.2	296.2
Diluted EPS (INR)	45.1	42.2	65.9	89.8	95.5
Diluted EPS Growth	-38.2%	-6.4%	56.0%	36.3%	6.3%
Total Dividend + Tax	2,137	2,189	3,414	4,655	4,950
Dividend Per Share (INR)	7.2	7.4	11.5	15.7	16.7

Source: Company, JM Financial

Cash Flow Statement					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Profit before Tax	16,922	17,037	26,013	35,464	38,482
Depn. & Amort.	6,726	7,715	9,006	9,872	11,827
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	3,023	3,760	2,271	1,996	2,094
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	-1,145	-176	-3,255	-4,426	-3,754
Others	-762	-121	0	0	0
Taxes Paid	-3,826	-3,339	-6,503	-8,866	-10,198
Operating Cash Flow	20,939	24,875	27,532	34,039	38,451
Capex	-22,169	-12,315	-22,000	-19,000	-20,000
Free Cash Flow	-1,231	12,560	5,532	15,039	18,451
Inc (-) / Dec in Investments	1,073	-3,172	0	0	0
Others	-1,177	647	0	0	0
Investing Cash Flow	-22,273	-14,840	-22,000	-19,000	-20,000
Inc / Dec (-) in Capital	300	0	0	0	0
Dividend + Tax thereon	0	0	0	0	0
Inc / Dec (-) in Loans	5,055	-4,291	-2,000	-9,000	-11,000
Others	-6,072	-6,414	-5,685	-6,650	-7,044
Financing Cash Flow	-717	-10,705	-7,685	-15,650	-18,044
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	-2,052	-670	-2,153	-611	408
Opening Cash Balance	6,045	3,994	3,340	1,187	576
Closing Cash Balance	3,994	3,340	1,187	576	984

Source: Company, JM Financial

Dalamas Chart					/INID\
Balance Sheet					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Shareholders' Fund	114,790	126,262	142,358	164,301	187,635
Share Capital	2,974	2,974	2,974	2,974	2,974
Reserves & Surplus	111,816	123,288	139,383	161,327	184,661
Preference Share Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loans	49,202	46,412	44,412	35,412	24,412
Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-)	9,112	10,196	10,196	10,196	10,196
Total - Equity & Liab.	173,104	182,867	196,963	209,906	222,241
Net Fixed Assets	137,703	142,818	155,812	164,940	173,113
Gross Fixed Assets	162,906	175,541	197,541	216,541	236,541
Intangible Assets	1,195	1,125	1,125	1,125	1,125
Less: Depn. & Amort.	34,452	41,958	50,964	60,836	72,663
Capital WIP	8,053	8,110	8,110	8,110	8,110
Investments	5,349	8,471	8,471	8,471	8,471
Current Assets	61,492	63,922	68,495	77,030	85,193
Inventories	23,265	23,490	26,986	31,741	35,773
Sundry Debtors	19,428	21,695	24,924	29,315	33,039
Cash & Bank Balances	3,994	3,340	1,187	576	984
Loans & Advances	2,111	1,853	1,853	1,853	1,853
Other Current Assets	12,694	13,545	13,545	13,545	13,545
Current Liab. & Prov.	31,440	32,344	35,814	40,534	44,536
Current Liabilities	24,587	27,134	30,604	35,323	39,326
Provisions & Others	6,853	5,210	5,210	5,210	5,210
Net Current Assets	30,052	31,578	32,680	36,496	40,657
Total – Assets	173,104	182,867	196,963	209,906	222,241

Source: Company, JM Financial

Dupont Analysis					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Margin	10.2%	8.5%	11.8%	13.7%	12.9%
Asset Turnover (x)	0.8	8.0	8.0	0.9	1.0
Leverage Factor (x)	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3
RoE	12.3%	10.4%	14.5%	17.3%	16.1%

Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
BV/Share (INR)	387.5	426.2	480.6	554.6	633.4
ROIC	10.4%	9.1%	12.2%	14.9%	15.1%
ROE	12.3%	10.4%	14.5%	17.3%	16.1%
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
P/E (x)	63.2	67.5	43.3	31.8	29.9
P/B (x)	7.4	6.7	5.9	5.1	4.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	34.2	32.4	24.4	19.0	16.7
EV/Sales (x)	6.7	6.0	5.3	4.5	3.9
Debtor days	54	54	55	55	55
Inventory days	65	58	60	60	60
Creditor days	76	71	76	78	78

Source: Company, JM Financial

Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg
30-Aug-22	Buy	3,000	
21-Sep-22	Buy	3,000	0.0
6-Nov-22	Buy	3,000	0.0
14-Dec-22	Buy	3,000	0.0
10-May-23	Buy	3,380	12.7
7-Jun-23	Buy	3,380	0.0
25-Jul-23	Buy	3,245	-4.0
5-Sep-23	Buy	3,245	0.0
30-Oct-23	Buy	3,040	-6.3
30-Nov-23	Buy	3,040	0.0
31-Jan-24	Buy	2,665	-12.3
9-May-24	Buy	2,795	4.9
6-Jun-24	Buy	2,795	0.0
27-Jun-24	Buy	2,795	0.0
24-Jul-24	Buy	2,780	-0.6
23-Oct-24	Buy	2,660	-4.3
30-Jan-25	Buy	3,115	17.1
25-Feb-25	Buy	3,115	0.0
13-May-25	Buy	3,185	2.2
24-Jul-25	Buy	3,510	10.2



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