Zydus Lifesciences | REDUCE

Strong 2Q; earnings to remain muted despite levers

Zydus reported a strong 2QFY26 with revenue/EBITDA/PAT growing +17/+13/+38% YoY, and EBITDA margins coming flat at 26.2% (-88bps YoY). The strong performance was driven by robust growth in the US formulations segment (+14% YoY), led by volume expansion and new product launches. Zydus launched 7 new products during 2Q, including Beizray (a 505(b)(2) product), and made significant progress with 6 ANDA filings and 4 approvals. Further, Zydus plans to file Saraglitazar NDA in the US by 4QFY26. In India, formulations grew by 8% YoY, supported by strong growth in branded business (+9% YoY). The Consumer Wellness segment saw 31% YoY growth, aided by the acquisition of Comfort Click, marking Zydus's entry into the high-growth VMS space. The International Formulations business delivered +39% YoY growth, driven by strong demand in emerging markets and Europe. Additionally, Zydus made its entry into Medtech, acquiring 86% of Amplitude Surgical, contributing INR 1.5bn to top-line growth. The ongoing product launches and recent acquisitions remains a major driver for growth, we have adjusted our FY26/27 estimates to reflect the same. However, due to absence of gRevlimid post FY26, the reported earnings growth is likely to be negative over FY25-28, making it unattractive for investors to buy at current valuations. We value the stock at 22x Sept'27 EPS to arrive at a TP of INR 906 (includes option value for Saraglitazar), rating the stock as REDUCE.

- US formulations (45% of sales): The segment reported sales of INR 27bn (+14% YoY). In constant currency terms, the sales was at USD 313mn (+9% YoY). The growth was led by volume expansion and new products launches over the last 18 months. Zydus launched 7 new products during 2Q, with Beizray (albumin solubilized docetaxel injection), a 505(b)(2) product on specialty front, additionally launched in October. Further, 2Q saw 6 ANDA filings and 4 ANDA approvals (including 1 tentative). The company also received its first Notice of Compliance (NOC) approval in Canada, with receipt of NOC for Varenicline tablets. The company has additionally received 2 more NOCs in October.
- India formulations (26% of sales): The segment reported INR 15.9bn in top-line, (+8% YoY), with growth being led by branded formulations (+9% YoY). The company outpaced IPM in key therapies of Cardiology, Gynecology and Oncology. Overall, the contribution of chronic stood at 44.5%. 2Q also saw launch of VaxiFlu India's first trivalent influenza vaccine for flu protection.
- Consumer wellness (11% of sales): The segment reported top-line of INR 6.4bn (+31% YoY). Growth seems magnified on account of UK-based Comfort Click Limited (CCL)'s acquisition, marking company's first international acquisition and strengthening presence in UK, EU and US. It also marks Zydus's entry into high growth VMS space. CCL derives majority of its revenues from e-comm. & D2C, and is one of the fastest-growing digital healthcare platforms in VMS.
- Innovation portfolio: Zydus is advancing its pipeline with key milestones ahead, including filing the NDA for saraglitazar with the U.S. FDA in Q4 FY '26. The company is also progressing with the Bivalent Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine in India and plans to launch CUTX-101 between January-June 2026. Additionally, Zydus is set to conduct clinical trials for TAVI in Europe.
- Other businesses: The International Formulations segment (12% of sales) reported INR 7.5bn sales (+39% YoY), with growth being across regions and led by strong demand in both emerging markets and Europe. The company acquired 86% of Amplitude Surgical in 2Q, thus entering Medtech business (3% of sales). The vertical reported INR 1.5bn in sales, and the company completed its 100% stake acquisition in October. API (2% of sales) grew 23% YoY.

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	1,90,215	2,25,738	2,65,165	2,62,675	2,62,979
Sales Growth (%)	12.7	18.7	17.5	-0.9	0.1
EBITDA	53,033	68,951	71,623	60,882	56,128
EBITDA Margin (%)	27.1	29.7	26.6	22.8	21.0
Adjusted Net Profit	38,507	47,451	51,608	41,611	38,951
Diluted EPS (INR)	38.3	47.2	51.3	41.4	38.7
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	50.8	23.2	8.8	-19.4	-6.4
ROIC (%)	18.4	22.7	21.8	17.6	15.9
ROE (%)	20.6	21.7	19.7	13.8	11.6
P/E (x)	24.5	19.9	18.3	22.7	24.2
P/B (x)	4.8	3.9	3.3	2.9	2.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.1	13.3	12.3	13.8	14.3
Dividend Yield (%)	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 06/Nov/2025



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Recommendation and Price Target	
Current Reco.	REDUCE
Previous Reco.	HOLD
Current Price Target (12M)	906
Upside/(Downside)	-3.3%
Previous Price Target	872
Change	3.9%

Key Data – ZYDUSLIF IN							
Current Market Price	INR937						
Market cap (bn)	INR942.5/US\$10.6						
Free Float	20%						
Shares in issue (mn)	1,006.0						
Diluted share (mn)	1,006.0						
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR955.4/US\$10.8						
52-week range	1,059/795						
Sensex/Nifty	83,311/25,510						
INR/US\$	88.6						

Price Performan	ce		
%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	-5.8	6.4	-5.9
Relative*	-7.5	3.0	-9.2

^{*} To the BSE Sensex

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■ Financial Highlights:

- Revenue at INR 61.2bn (+17% YoY | +3/+5 % vs street/JMFe); The beat on JMFe is on account of Medtech business acquisition, adjusting for the same the company delivered a +2% vs JMFe
- Gross Profit of INR 44.3bn (+18% YoY), with gross margin at 72.4% (+49bps YoY | +148bps vs JMFe)
- EBITDA at INR 16.0bn (+13% YoY | -1/+4 % vs street/JMFe)
- EBITDA Margin at 26.2% (-88bps YoY | -112/-10 bps vs street/JMFe)
- PAT at INR 12.6bn (+38% YoY | +16/+34 % vs street/JMFe); beat on PAT is on account of gain on foreign transactions

Segmental analysis

- India forumlations at INR 15.9bn (+8% YoY | in-line with JMFe)
- Consumer wellness at INR 6.4bn (+31% YoY | +22% vs JMFe)
- US formulations at INR 27.4bn (+14% YoY | -2% vs JMFe)
- International formulations at INR 7.5bn (+39% YoY | +19% vs JMFe)
- Medtech at INR 1.5bn
- APIs at INR 1.5bn (+23% YoY | +14% vs JMFe)
- Alliances & others at INR .12bn (-85% YoY | -76% vs JMFe)



Source: Bloomberg, JM Financial

INR mn		FY:	26			FY	27			FY:	28	
	Old est.	New est.	YoY change	Est. change	Old est.	New est.	YoY change	Est. change	Old est.	New est.	YoY change	Est. change
Net sales	247737	2,65,165	17%	7%	239918	2,62,675	-1%	9%	239459	2,62,979	0%	10%
Total operating revenue	254080	2,69,171	16%	6%	246896	2,67,082	-1%	8%	247134	2,67,826	0%	8%
EBITDA	70755	71,623	4%	1%	56161	60,882	-15%	8%	54370	56,128	-8%	3%
- margin	27.8%	26.6%			22.7%	22.8%			22.0%	21.0%		
PAT	48095	51,266	13%	6.6%	38673	41,611	-19%	7.6%	37709	38,951	-6%	3.3%

Source: JM Financial

Exhibit 3. 2QFY26 review									
Zydus Lifesciences P&L - in INR mn	2QFY25A	2QFY26	% YoY	2QFY26 JMFe	% Delta vs JMFe	2QFY25E (cons)	% Delta vs cons	1QFY26	% QoQ
Total Income	52,370	61,232	17%	58,445	5%	59,532	3%	65,737	-7%
Expenses									
Raw material	14,714	16,905	15%	17,000	-1%			17,895	-6%
Gross Profit	37,656	44,327	18%	41,445				47,842	
Gross Profit (%)	72%	72.4%	49 bps	71%	148 bps			73%	-1%
Staff cost	8,792	10,342	18%	10,100	2%			10,052	3%
Mfg & Other expense	14,704	17,968	22%	16,000	12%			16,905	6%
EBITDA (excl. other income)	14,160	16,017	13%	15,345	4%	16,238	-1%	20,885	-23%
% EBITDA Margin	27.0%	26.2%	-88 bps	26.3%	-10 bps	27.3%	-112 bps	31.8%	-561 bps
Other income	1,136	5,231	00 bp3	1,000	10 505	27.370	112 505	1,549	301 bp3
Interest income	1,150	3,231		1,000				1,040	
Finance expenses	251	1,013		850				847	
Depreciation	2,336	3,019		2,450				2,381	
Exceptional items	0	-342		0				0	
Foreign exchage gain (loss) on loans									
Other foreign exchage gain (loss)									
Profit Before Tax (PBT)	12,709	16,874	33%	13,045	29%			19,206	-12%
Tax	3,731	4,540		3,500				4,340	
% Tax rate	29%	27%		27%				23%	
Minority interest	90	-200		350				542	
JVs	221	52		221				344	
Exceptional	0	0		0				0	
Reported PAT	9,109	12,586	38%	9,416	34%	10,889	16%	14,668	-14%
% Cost Ratios	2QFY25A	2QFY26	% YoY	2QFY26	% Delta vs			1QFY26	% QoQ
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Raw Materials	28.1	27.6	-49 bps	29.1	-148 bps			27.2	39 bps
Staff cost	16.8 28.1	16.9 29.3	10 bps	17.3	-39 bps			15.3 25.7	160 bps 363 bps
Mfg & Other expenses	20.1	29.5	127 bps	27.4	197 bps			25.7	202 phs
Sales Break-up	2QFY25A	2QFY26	% YoY	2QFY26	% Delta vs JMFe			1QFY26	% QoQ
Formulations - Key Markets	44,260	50,881	15%	43,930	16%			47,012	8%
US	24,168	27,437	14%	28,050	-2%			31,817	-14%
India	14,703	15,931	8%	15,880	0%			15,195	5%
International Markets	5,389	7,513	39%	6,310	19%			7,265	3%
Other Businesses and Alliances	6,876	9,498	38%	14,028	-32%			18,370	-48%
Consumer Wellness	4,875	6,374	31%	5,216	22%			8,549	-25%
APIs	1,194	1,472	23%	1,290	14%			1,575	-7%
Alliances	807	120	-85%	500	-76%			269	-55%

Source: JM Financial

Financial Tables (Consolidated)

Income Statement				(1	INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	1,90,215	2,25,738	2,65,165	2,62,675	2,62,979
Sales Growth	12.7%	18.7%	17.5%	-0.9%	0.1%
Other Operating Income	5,259	6,677	4,006	4,407	4,848
Total Revenue	1,95,474	2,32,415	2,69,171	2,67,082	2,67,826
Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp	62,282	63,380	79,549	84,056	86,783
Personnel Cost	31,376	36,806	42,426	45,968	47,336
Other Expenses	48,783	63,278	75,572	76,176	77,579
EBITDA	53,033	68,951	71,623	60,882	56,128
EBITDA Margin	27.1%	29.7%	26.6%	22.8%	21.0%
EBITDA Growth	48.3%	30.0%	3.9%	-15.0%	-7.8%
Depn. & Amort.	7,641	9,158	12,173	12,871	13,569
EBIT	45,392	59,793	59,451	48,011	42,560
Other Income	3,651	4,329	11,623	8,824	10,506
Finance Cost	812	1,659	3,952	3,216	3,194
PBT before Excep. & Forex	48,231	62,463	67,122	53,619	49,872
Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	0
PBT	48,231	62,463	67,122	53,619	49,872
Taxes	9,775	14,119	16,780	13,405	12,468
Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-)	1,184	578	867	997	1,147
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	1,133	1,471	-400	-400	-400
Reported Net Profit	38,507	47,451	51,608	41,611	38,951
Adjusted Net Profit	38,507	47,451	51,608	41,611	38,951
Net Margin	19.7%	20.4%	19.2%	15.6%	14.5%
Diluted Share Cap. (mn)	1,006.0	1,006.0	1,006.0	1,006.0	1,006.0
Diluted EPS (INR)	38.3	47.2	51.3	41.4	38.7
Diluted EPS Growth	50.8%	23.2%	8.8%	-19.4%	-6.4%
Total Dividend + Tax	6,210	3,025	5,533	5,533	5,533
Dividend Per Share (INR)	6.2	3.0	5.5	5.5	5.5

Source: Company, JM Financial					
Cash Flow Statement				(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Profit before Tax	48,231	62,463	67,122	53,619	49,872
Depn. & Amort.	7,641	9,158	12,173	12,871	13,569
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	-812	-1,659	-3,952	-3,216	-3,194
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	-8,711	15,315	-8,335	1,142	464
Others	-1,212	509	4,587	1,417	-306
Taxes Paid	-12,858	-18,019	-16,780	-13,405	-12,468
Operating Cash Flow	32,279	67,767	54,813	52,428	47,937
Capex	-9,066	-17,126	-9,500	-9,500	-9,500
Free Cash Flow	23,213	50,641	45,313	42,928	38,437
Inc (-) / Dec in Investments	-8,268	-2,855	0	0	0
Others	2,582	-63,742	2,373	4,774	6,456
Investing Cash Flow	-14,752	-83,723	-7,127	-4,726	-3,044
Inc / Dec (-) in Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Dividend + Tax thereon	-6,210	-3,025	-5,533	-5,533	-5,533
Inc / Dec (-) in Loans	-3,915	24,062	-811	0	-500
Others	-7,979	-895	-2,826	-2,790	-2,768
Financing Cash Flow	-18,104	20,142	-9,170	-8,323	-8,801
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	-577	4,186	38,516	39,379	36,092
Opening Cash Balance	4,878	4,130	8,268	46,784	86,162
Closing Cash Balance	4,130	8,268	46,784	86,162	1,22,255

Source: Company, JM Financial

Balance Sheet					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Shareholders' Fund	1,98,295	2,39,531	2,84,739	3,19,821	3,52,092
Share Capital	1,006	1,006	1,006	1,006	1,006
Reserves & Surplus	1,97,289	2,38,525	2,83,733	3,18,815	3,51,086
Preference Share Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Interest	22,721	24,053	23,653	23,253	22,853
Total Loans	7,791	31,811	31,000	31,000	30,500
Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-)	4,465	5,126	5,126	5,126	5,126
Total - Equity & Liab.	2,33,272	3,00,521	3,44,518	3,79,200	4,10,571
Net Fixed Assets	1,47,918	1,58,256	1,55,583	1,52,213	1,48,144
Gross Fixed Assets	1,09,568	1,19,866	1,28,366	1,36,866	1,45,366
Intangible Assets	97,310	1,04,744	1,05,744	1,06,744	1,07,744
Less: Depn. & Amort.	70,075	79,532	91,705	1,04,576	1,18,144
Capital WIP	11,115	13,179	13,179	13,179	13,179
Investments	19,126	70,999	70,999	70,999	70,999
Current Assets	1,25,764	1,42,762	1,93,880	2,32,543	2,68,890
Inventories	34,419	39,440	45,677	45,323	45,449
Sundry Debtors	52,202	40,247	46,612	46,250	46,379
Cash & Bank Balances	4,130	22,647	61,163	1,00,541	1,36,634
Loans & Advances	15	771	771	771	771
Other Current Assets	34,998	39,657	39,657	39,657	39,657
Current Liab. & Prov.	59,536	71,496	75,944	76,555	77,463
Current Liabilities	35,175	35,949	39,777	39,754	40,016
Provisions & Others	24,361	35,547	36,168	36,801	37,446
Net Current Assets	66,228	71,266	1,17,936	1,55,988	1,91,427
Total – Assets	2,33,272	3,00,521	3,44,518	3,79,200	4,10,571

Source: Company, JM Financial

Dupont Analysis					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Margin	19.7%	20.4%	19.2%	15.6%	14.5%
Asset Turnover (x)	0.8	8.0	0.8	0.7	0.7
Leverage Factor (x)	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2
RoE	20.6%	21.7%	19.7%	13.8%	11.6%
Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
BV/Share (INR)	197.1	238.1	283.0	317.9	350.0
ROIC	18.4%	22.7%	21.8%	17.6%	15.9%
ROE	20.6%	21.7%	19.7%	13.8%	11.6%
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5
P/E (x)	24.5	19.9	18.3	22.7	24.2
P/B (x)	4.8	3.9	3.3	2.9	2.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.1	13.3	12.3	13.8	14.3
EV/Sales (x)	4.9	4.0	3.3	3.1	3.0
Debtor days	97	63	63	63	63
Inventory days	64	62	62	62	62
Creditor days	54	51	49	47	46

Source: Company, JM Financial

History of Reco	mmendation and	Target Price	
Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.
10-Aug-22	Buy	430	
14-Nov-22	Buy	470	9.3
4-Feb-23	Buy	485	3.2
18-May-23	Buy	570	17.5
13-Aug-23	Buy	690	21.1
7-Nov-23	Buy	720	4.3
11-Feb-24	Buy	900	25.0
18-May-24	Buy	1,165	29.4
12-Aug-24	Hold	1,190	2.1
4-Sep-24	Hold	1,135	-4.6
12-Nov-24	Hold	1,090	-4.0
6-Feb-25	Hold	1,030	-5.5
21-May-25	Hold	884	-14.2
12-Aug-25	Hold	872	-1.4



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ADD	DD Expected return >= 5% and < 15% over the next twelve months.					
REDUCE	REDUCE Expected return >= -10% and < 5% over the next twelve months.					
SELL	Expected return < -10% over the next twelve months.					

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Rating	Meaning
BUY	Total expected returns of more than 10% for stocks with market capitalisation in excess of INR 200 billion and REITs* and more than 15%
	for all other stocks, over the next twelve months. Total expected return includes dividend yields.
HOLD	Price expected to move in the range of 10% downside to 10% upside from the current market price for stocks with market
	capitalisation in excess of INR 200 billion and REITs* and in the range of 10% downside to 15% upside from the current market price
	for all other stocks, over the next twelve months.
SELL	Price expected to move downwards by more than 10% from the current market price over the next twelve months.

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