

# **Pakistan Fertilizers**

# FFBL PA: 3QCY23 EPS clocked in at PKR4.11 - Above expectations

Fauji Fertilizers Bin Qasim Ltd. has announced its results where company has posted unconsolidated PAT of PKR5.3bn (EPS: PKR4.11) vs. LAT of PKR1.7bn (LPS: PKR1.31) in SPLY. The result is above our expectations mainly due to higher than expected other income and lower selling and distribution expense.

- Revenue for the quarter stood at PKR70.1bn vs. PKR22.6bn in SPLY, up by ~3.1x/1.9x YoY. The turnaround in revenue is mainly attributable to higher offtakes coupled with higher product prices.
- Gross margins for the quarter clocked in at ~15% vs. ~13% in preceding quarter amid higher DAP margins coupled with elevated urea prices.
- Selling and distribution expenses increased by 131%/55% YoY/QoQ amid higher volumetric sales.
- Finance cost increased by 98% YoY to clock in at PKR2.3bn, due to hike in borrowing rates.
- Other income for the quarter clocked in at PKR2.8bn up by 196%/12% YoY/QoQ.
- Effective tax rate for the quarter clocked in at 26% vs. tax credit of PKR473mn in SPLY.
- Company has posted exchange gain of PKR0.12bn in 3QCY23 vs. exchange loss of PKR4.16bn in SPLY.

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|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|------|-------|
| FFBL (PKR mn)           | 3QCY23   | 3QCY22   | 2QCY23   | YoY  | QoQ   |
| Netsales                | 70,070   | 22,568   | 35,235   | 210% | 99%   |
| Cost of sales           | (59,712) | (18,813) | (30,689) | 217% | 95%   |
| Gross profit            | 10,358   | 3,754    | 4,546    | 176% | 128%  |
| GM %                    | 15%      | 17%      | 13%      |      |       |
| S&D Expenses            | (2,434)  | (1,054)  | (1,567)  | 131% | 55%   |
| Administrative expenses | (412)    | (237)    | (323)    | 74%  | 28%   |
| Otherincome             | 2,848    | 964      | 2,541    | 196% | 12%   |
| Other charges           | (318)    | (4,192)  | (156)    | -92% | 104%  |
| Financial charges       | (2,360)  | (1,193)  | (2,837)  | 98%  | -17%  |
| Profit before tax       | 7,175    | - 2,170  | 2,010    | NM   | 257%  |
| Taxation                | (1,870)  | 473      | (1,531)  | NM   | 22%   |
| Profit after tax        | 5,305    | (1,696)  | 479      | NM   | 1007% |
| EPS - Basic             | 4.11     | (1.31)   | 0.37     |      |       |

Scource: Company accounts, Insight research

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| TP   | Target Price              | DCF          | Discounted Cash Flows   | FCF  | Free Cash Flows               |
|------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------|-------------------------------|
| FCFE | Free Cash Flows to Equity | F <b>CFF</b> | Free Cash Flows to Firm | DDM  | Dividend Discount Model       |
| SOTP | Sum of the Parts          | P/E          | Price to Earnings ratio | P/Bv | Price to Book ratio           |
| P/S  | Price to Sales            | EVA          | Economic Valued Added   | BVPS | Book Value per Share          |
| EPS  | Earnings per Share        | DPS          | Dividend per Share      | DY   | Dividend Yield                |
| ROE  | Return on Equity          | ROA          | Return on Assets        | CAGR | Compounded Annual Growth Rate |



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