# **Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited**







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# FFC: 2QCY22 unconsolidated EPS clocked in at PKR 2.64, down 7.2% YoY; DPS PKR 2.10

- FFC announced its 2QCY22 financial results today, wherein the company posted unconsolidated profit after tax of PKR 3.3bn (EPS PKR 2.64), down 7% YoY. This takes cumulative EPS to PKR 7.55, up 2% YoY for 1HCY22. Along with the result, company announced an interim DPS of PKR 2.10 for 2QCY22 taking 1HCY22 cumulative payout to PKR 5.80.
- Topline of the company increased by 27% YoY to PKR 28.4bn on the back of higher Urea offtake (+15.8% YoY) and prices (+8% YoY) in 2QCY22.
- Gross margin increased to 40.6% in 2QCY22 vs 34.6 in 2QCY21. Higher margins can be attributable to increased urea prices and improved margins on DAP sales.
- During 2QCY22, distribution cost clocked in at PKR 2.1bn up 8.0% YoY, primarily due to higher transportation and fuel charges.
- Other income of the company clocked in at PKR 3.9bn in 2QCY22 compared to 1.5bn in 2QCY21. The surge in other income is due to the higher return on investment portfolio along with higher dividend received from its associate, Pakistan Maroc Phosphore (PMP).
- Finance cost increased by 146% YoY to PKR 0.9bn in 2QCY22 on back of increased borrowings along with higher interest rates.
- Due to the imposition of higher taxes in FY23 budget, the effective tax rate for 2Q clock in at 68% compare to 30% SPLY.
- We maintain our 'BUY' recommendation on FFC with Dec-22 price target (PT) of PKR 128/share. The stock provides total return of 36.4% from current levels (PT is offering an upside of 21.9% along with dividend yield of 14.5%).

| Key Data                |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| PSX Ticker              | FFC       |
| Target Price (PKR)      | 128       |
| Current Price (PKR)     | 104.9     |
| Upside/(Downside) (%)   | 21.9%     |
| Dividend Yield (%)      | 14.5%     |
| Total Return (%)        | 36.4%     |
| 12-month High (PKR)     | 128.89    |
| 12-month Low (PKR)      | 95.40     |
| Outstanding Shares (mn) | 1,272.24  |
| Market Cap (PKR mn)     | 133,470.7 |
| Year End                | December  |
|                         |           |

Source: Company Accounts, Akseer Research

| Financial Highlights (PKR mn) |        |        |      |        |        |      |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|------|
|                               | 1QCY21 | 1QCY22 | YoY  | 1HCY21 | 1HCY22 | YoY  |
| Net Sales                     | 22,430 | 28,390 | 27%  | 44,018 | 54,706 | 24%  |
| Cost of Sales                 | 14,653 | 16,849 | 15%  | 27,807 | 33,806 | 22%  |
| Gross Profit                  | 7,776  | 11,542 | 48%  | 16,211 | 20,900 | 29%  |
| Distribution cost             | 1,956  | 2,120  | 8%   | 3,964  | 4,307  | 9%   |
| Unwinding of GIDC liability   | 1,199  | 645    | -46% | 1,199  | 1,175  | -2%  |
| Other Income                  | 1,495  | 3,951  | 164% | 4,214  | 7,409  | 76%  |
| Other Charges                 | 569    | 915    | 61%  | 1,292  | 1,643  | 27%  |
| Finance Cost                  | 385    | 945    | 146% | 805    | 2,017  | 151% |
| <b>Profit Before Taxation</b> | 5,162  | 10,517 | 104% | 13,165 | 18,818 | 43%  |
| Taxation                      | 1,541  | 7,157  | 364% | 3,729  | 9,219  | 147% |
| Net Income                    | 3,621  | 3,360  | -7%  | 9,436  | 9,599  | 2%   |
| EPS                           | 2.85   | 2.64   | -7%  | 7.42   | 7.55   | 2%   |
| DPS                           | 2.60   | 2.10   | -19% | 6.10   | 5.80   | -5%  |

Source: Company Accounts, Akseer Research

| Key Financial Ratios |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                      | CY19A | CY20A | CY21A | CY22E | CY23E | CY24E |
| EPS                  | 13.45 | 16.4  | 17.2  | 19.0  | 19.5  | 20.1  |
| EPS Growth           | 18.5% | 21.7% | 5.2%  | 10.6% | 2.5%  | 3.0%  |
| DPS                  | 10.80 | 11.2  | 14.5  | 15.3  | 15.5  | 16.0  |
| PER                  | 7.8   | 6.4   | 6.1   | 5.5   | 5.4   | 5.2   |
| Dividend Yield       | 10.3% | 10.7% | 13.8% | 14.5% | 14.8% | 15.3% |
| EV/EBITDA            | 4.6   | 3.5   | 3.0   | 2.0   | 2.6   | 2.8   |
| P/B                  | 3.8   | 3.1   | 2.8   | 2.6   | 2.3   | 2.1   |
| ROE                  | 48.1% | 48.9% | 46.1% | 46.3% | 43.2% | 40.8% |

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#### **Valuation Basis**

Our PT for Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited (FFC) has been computed using Some of the parts (SOTP) method, while FCFE is used to calculate the value of core fertilizer business. We have used a risk free rate of 13.0%, beta of 1.0 and market risk premium of 6% to arrive at cost of equity of 19.0%.

### **Investment Thesis**

We have a 'BUY' recommendation on the stock based on our PT of 128/share. Our price target offers upside of 21.9% along with a dividend yield of 14.5%. Our investment case on FFC is based on 1) higher fertilizer prices 2) attractive dividend yield and 3) volumes sustainability.

#### Risks

Key downside risks to our investments thesis are: 1) gas supply curtailment 2) lower than estimated fertilizer demand and 3) lower than expected fertilizer prices

# **Company Description**

The principal activity of the Company is manufacturing, purchasing and marketing of fertilizers and chemicals, including investment in other fertilizers, chemical, other manufacturing, energy generation, food processing and banking operations.

# Financial Highlights - FFC

| Income Statement (PKR          | mn)     |        |         |         |         |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                | CY19A   | CY20A  | CY21A   | CY22E   | CY23E   | CY24E   |
| Net sales                      | 105,783 | 97,655 | 108,651 | 134,066 | 121,155 | 124,129 |
| Cost of sales                  | 75,046  | 66,071 | 69,772  | 83,112  | 76,040  | 78,795  |
| Gross Profit                   | 30,737  | 31,583 | 38,879  | 50,955  | 45,115  | 45,333  |
| SG & A                         | 8,288   | 7,848  | 8,409   | 9,068   | 9,285   | 9,620   |
| Operating Profit               | 22,449  | 23,735 | 30,470  | 41,886  | 35,830  | 35,713  |
| Other income                   | 7,191   | 6,429  | 7,919   | 10,611  | 12,389  | 11,764  |
| Other charges                  | 3,409   | 2,639  | 2,946   | 3,515   | 3,514   | 3,880   |
| Finance cost                   | 2,477   | 1,874  | 2,292   | 6,066   | 4,773   | 2,438   |
| Unwinding of GIDC<br>Liability | -       | -      | 2,441   | 2,465   | 2,900   | 3,020   |
| Profit before tax              | 23,753  | 29,591 | 30,339  | 40,452  | 37,031  | 38,139  |
| Taxation                       | 6,643   | 8,772  | 8,443   | 16,243  | 12,220  | 12,586  |
| Profit after tax               | 17,110  | 20,819 | 21,896  | 24,209  | 24,811  | 25,553  |

Source: Company Accounts, Akseer Research

| Balance Sheet (PKR mn)     |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                            | CY19A   | CY20A   | CY21A   | CY22E   | CY23E   | CY24E   |
| PPE                        | 22,212  | 22,841  | 23,987  | 22,788  | 22,332  | 21,886  |
| Other LT assets            | 33,877  | 38,206  | 50,750  | 52,205  | 52,091  | 51,970  |
| Non-Current Assets         | 56,089  | 61,047  | 74,737  | 74,993  | 74,423  | 73,856  |
| Current assets             | 97,301  | 111,902 | 126,270 | 131,725 | 112,330 | 102,342 |
| Total Assets               | 153,390 | 172,949 | 201,007 | 206,718 | 186,753 | 176,198 |
| Non-Current liabilities    | 10,947  | 48,742  | 41,323  | 22,834  | 10,483  | 5,559   |
| Current liabilities        | 106,876 | 81,671  | 112,169 | 131,562 | 118,855 | 108,027 |
| Total Liabilities          | 117,823 | 130,413 | 153,492 | 154,396 | 129,338 | 113,586 |
| Equity                     | 35,567  | 42,536  | 47,514  | 52,323  | 57,414  | 62,612  |
| Total Equity & liabilities | 153,390 | 172,949 | 201,007 | 206,718 | 186,753 | 176,198 |

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| Cashflow Statement (PKR mn) |         |         |        |         |         |        |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
|                             | CY19A   | CY20A   | CY21A  | CY22E   | CY23E   | CY24E  |
| Net Income                  | 17,110  | 20,819  | 21,896 | 24,209  | 24,811  | 25,553 |
| Non-cash Charges            | 2,286   | 2,310   | 2,435  | 4,645   | 2,255   | 2,219  |
| Operating Cash flows        | 28,670  | 9,621   | 37,332 | 41,594  | 24,334  | 15,276 |
| FCFF                        | 29,844  | -29,443 | 10,667 | 40,971  | 44,833  | 28,973 |
| Net borrowings              | -11,256 | 40,070  | 7,941  | -16,895 | -22,401 | -6,349 |
| FCFE                        | 16,804  | 9,309   | 16,954 | 20,446  | 19,235  | 20,991 |
| Net change in cash          | 3,818   | 5,695   | 1,153  | 1,190   | 2,234   | 1,750  |
| Closing cash                | 5,695   | 1,153   | 1,190  | 2,234   | 1,750   | 2,385  |

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