

# Pick of the week



## Indian Oil Corporation Ltd

### Recommendation

**Buy**

### Time Period

**12 Months**

### Current Price

**₹ 87**

### Target Price

**₹ 115**

### Potential Upside

**32.1%**

## Investment Argument

- IOCL's normalized EBITDA, adjusted for inventory/forex movement, was ~Rs. 10,100 cr in Q4FY20, reflecting higher realized refining and marketing margins and lower operating expenses. Inventory-adjusted refining margins increased by US\$6.2/bbl qoq to US\$8.2/bbl turning significant premium to benchmark margins.
- In Q4FY20, Inventory-adjusted marketing margins also jumped 21% qoq to Rs2,082/ton, contrary to stable margins reported by BPCL and HPCL. Reported EBITDA was modestly positive ~ Rs210 cr, including inventory loss of ~Rs7,160 cr and forex loss of ~Rs2,720 cr.
- In FY20, IOCL's normalized EBITDA declined to ~Rs.27,400 cr from ~Rs.31,300 cr in FY19. Reported EBITDA was sharply lower at Rs18,160 cr including inventory loss and forex loss. Adjusted net income declined 69% yoy to ~Rs.5,200 cr (EPS of Rs.5.7). Gross debt increased to Rs.1,17,000 cr as on FY20 end from Rs.86,400 cr in FY19 led by increase in working capital deployment.
- In the post result conference call of Q4FY20, IOCL indicated that refining utilization had recovered to 90% in Jun'20 from ~55% in May'20, while auto fuel demand was ~85-90% of normal volumes from about 45-70% in Apr'20 and May'20.
- The recent hikes in auto fuel prices allay concerns on marketing margins for now. The SoTP-based fair value is Rs.115 based on 6x FY22E EV/EBITDA for standalone business plus the value of investments.