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SH Kelkar & Company Ltd. (SHKL). : Quality comes at a premium, "SUBSCRIBE"

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Mumbai-based SH Kelkar & Company is the country's largest domestic producer of fragrance, with 20.5% market share with exports to 52 countries. This segment forms the bulk of its revenues while its other business of flavours contributes about 5% of revenues. The estimated size of the Indian fragrance industry and Indian flavour industry is Rs. 1,880 crore and Rs. 1550 crore, respectively, in CY13. The company is an emerging player in the flavour segment (2% market share in CY13) in India with exports to 15 countries. The company has four manufacturing facilities at Raigad and Mumbai in Maharashtra, Vapi in Gujarat and Barneveld in the Netherlands with a total installed manufacturing capacity of 19819 tonnes annually. SH Kelkar produced 7170 tonnes of fragrance and 434 tonnes of flavour in FY15. Company's fragrance manufacturing plants in Mumbai and Raigad comply with the regulations of the International Fragrance Association ("IFRA") and the flavour manufacturing plant in Raigad in Maharashtra is registered with the United States Food and Drug Administration ("US FDA"). The company has a strong and dedicated research team of 18 Scientists. During the financial year 2015, the company has developed over 502 new fragrance and flavours compounds which they sold commercially. The fragrance and flavour ingredients are used in a host of products such as soaps, shower gels, detergents, shampoos, hair oils, deos, perfumes, air care, floor cleaners, biscuits, ice creams, cakes, beverages, syrups, amongst others. Given that S H Kelkar supplies these to over 4,000 companies including Godrej Consumer, Wipro Consumer, Marico, Vini Cosmetics, HUL, Britannia, Vicco Laboratories, Vadilal Industries, amongst others, it only shows the company's standing in the business. SHKL has a well diversified revenue model — no single product or client contributes over 5% to its revenues. This is a key positive as makes it less vulnerable to client/product specific setbacks. Strong research and development skills (developed 12 molecules in the past three years) enable the company to offer innovative products to its clients. Going forward as well, the company plans to focus on innovation and enhance its product offerings. It aims to increase market share by adopting steps such as expanding its client base to include multinational companies, invest more to grow in emerging markets such in Asia and Middle East and North Africa, amongst others. Inorganic growth forms an important part of SH Kelkar's strategy to achieve geographic expansion, strengthen technology, broaden product offerings, amongst others. The company has about 12% share in the overall Rs 4.000 crore fragrance and flavours market in India. The Company has witnessed excellent performance over the past years. SHKL reported revenue and net profit compounded annual growth of 16% and 22%, respectively over FY11-15. In FY15 though, the effects of overall slowdown was visible with topline growth slowing to just 10%. The topline as well as profits were also impacted by raw material availability and pricing issues, which led to a decline in margins. However, the Q1FY16 performance is pointing to some pick up in topline and rebound in margins. In addition, with the debt repayment from the proceeds of IPO, the company would be able to save Rs. 18 crore of interest cost immediately.

At the upper end of the price band of Rs 180, the issue is valued at a P/E of 28x on post issue FY16E EPS assuming interest cost savings which is a at a premium as compared to 20-26 times CY15 price/earnings ratio of global peers such as Givadaun, IFF and Symrise. With due consideration to factors like a) largest domestic producer of fragrance, b) market leadership position, c) significant share in domestic market, d) major beneficiary of increasing demand from FMCG companies specifically present in personal care, packaged foods & dairy products, we recommend "SUBSCRIBE" to the issue.

Issue date	Oct. 28 - 30, 2015				
Issue size	Rs. 508.1 7cr. upper end of the price band				
Type of issue	Fresh issue of 1.16 cr shares and Offer for sale of 1.66 cr. shares by Blackstone and Promoter – Ms. Prabha Ramesh Vaze				
Face Value	Rs.10				
Price Band	Rs. 173 - 180 per share				
Lot size	80 equity Shares and in multiples of 80 equity shares thereof				
Issue structure	QIB: 50%, Retail: 35% Non – Institutional: 15%				
Post issue market cap	Rs. 2,612 cr at upper price band				
Book Running Lead Managers	JM Financial, Kotak Mahindra Capital				
Registrar to the issue	Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd.				
Y/e 31 Mar (Rs. cr)	Q1FY16 FY15 FY14 FY13				
Revenue (Gross)	238	885	809	710	
Growth (%)	-	9.36	14.02	-	
EBITDA	40	143	145	120	
EBITDA Margin (%)	16.92	16.11	17.8	16.8	
Reported PAT	21	64	79	62	
PAT margin (%)	8.67	7.27	9.77	8.67	
Post issue EPS (Rs.)	5.79**	4.4	5.4	4.27	
P/E (x)	31	40	33	42	
Equity Capital	141.5	141.5	14.1	12.03	
Networth	-	510.3	481	367	
RoE (%)	-	13.5	18.3	16.2	
Book Value (Rs.)	-	36.13	32.78	31	
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<sup>\*\*</sup> Q1FY16 Annualized EPS

Shareholding Pattern (%)	Pre Issue	Post Issue
Promoters group	64.2	56.7
Non institutional	35.8	43.3
Total	100	100

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#### **Peer Comparison**

Particulars	FY11-15 Sales CAGR	EBITDA Margin	P/E	EV/Sales	EV/EBIDTA
SH Kelkar	16.2 (%)	16.1%	40x	3.3x	19.2
Givaudan SA	3.0 (%)	23.9%	29x	3.9x	16.4
Symrise	7.6 (%)	20.6%	34x	3.6x	17.7
IFF	2.6 (%)	22.1%	20x	2.8x	12.7

Source: Company, Ajcon Research

## **Objects of the issue**

The proposed IPO to raise Rs 508 crore includes a fresh issue of shares worth Rs 208.8 crore which will flow into the company, while the rest is an offer for sale by private equity firm Blackstone and the promoters. Large part of the money coming into the company (Rs 158 crore) will be deployed to retire debt of the company and its subsidiaries. SH Kelkar currently has consolidated net debt of Rs 180 crore. The repayment will boost the company's earnings as it will save about Rs 18 crore towards interest costs annually.

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