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Market data

Sensex	:	55,103
Sector	:	Chemicals
Market Cap (INRbn)	:	1 <i>7</i> .1
Market Cap (USDbn)	:	0.225
O/S Shares (m)	:	110.7
52-wk HI/LO (INR)	:	180/57
Avg Daily Vol ('000)	:	1,127
Bloomberg	:	FTXC IN

Source: Bloomberg

Valuation

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F	Y19	FY20	FY21
EPS (INR)	2.0	2.3	3.8
P/E(x)	76.7	66.7	40.0
P/BV(x)	10.8	10.1	8.1
EV/EBITDA(x)	48.1	47.6	40.4
Dividend Yield (%)	0.1	0.0	-

Source: Company, Antique

Returns (%)

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	1m	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	(8)	36	40	127
Relative	(2)	43	47	112

Source: Bloomberg

Shareholding pattern

Promoters	:	65%
Public	:	35%
Others	:	0%

Source: Bloomberg

Price performance *vs* Nifty



Source: Bloomberg Indexed to 100

VISIT NOTE

Fineotex Chemical

On faster growth lane

Fineotex Chemical (FCL) is specialty chemical producer and technical solution provider, catering to the entire value chain of textile industry. Moreover, the company has started gaining traction in newer segments i.e home care, hygiene and oil drilling space. FCL has presence in 70+ countries and export contributes 52% of consolidated revenue. Supported by strong demand and traction in newer segments, FCL has increased capacity to 79KMT (added 36KMT in Nov 21) and planning to scale it to 100KMT by 1QFY23. FCL's revenue and PAT have shown 12% and 24% CAGR over FY12-21. Further, it has healthy RoE/RoCE of 23%/22% with net cash balance sheet as on March 21. We believe that the company can show strong growth momentum in near term driven by wallet share gain in textile chemical, traction in newer segment and capacity addition. We don't have rating on the stock.

Strong business model

FCL and its subsidiary Biotex, Malaysia has a diverse product portfolio (400+ products) which finds its applications in the entire textile value chain, home care and hygiene, drilling and other specialties. FCL owns 78% in Biotex, while the remaining 28% is owned by its Founder and MD Dr. Cedric Veniat, a technocrat with over 25 years of work experience. The cost of chemical for any textile company starting from pre-treatment to finishing, totaling to 25 products is not more than 3%, which creates a high entry barrier for new players, limiting the competitive intensity. Additionally, if anything goes wrong due to change in the chemical composition or product mix, it can lead to fabric damage resulting in huge losses for the textile companies, making the customers sticky in nature. Thus, the gestation period to land a customer is long. FCL has long term relationship with its customers. Top-10 customers and products contribute 37% and 27% of the overall revenues, respectively.

Strategic partnerships to boost product development

FCL has a JV with Healthguard, Australia which will concentrate on developing cutting-edge solutions that will be marketed and channelized by FCL- Biotex. The synergy is expected to provide durable metal free sustainable chemistry solutions that are anti-microbial and antiviral. This JV offers a range of products with wider application over several industries like textiles, detergent, leather and allied industries. Further, FCL has set up an R&D centre in collaboration with Sasmira Institute- which is India's premier textile institute. Recently, FCL has entered into strategic collaboration with Eurodye-CTC, Belgium to commercialize specialty chemical product for Indian market. We believe that collaboration will help FCL to expand product profile, geographical reach and develop sustainable practices.

Capacity expansion to support growth

During 3QFY22, FCL has set up green-field facility in Ambernath which has increased its capacity to 79KMT (earlier 43KMT) with the capex of INR270mn. Further, the company is expanding it to 100KMT (2.5x of FY21 capacity) by 1QFY23 with capex of INR160-170mn. Management envisaged asset turnover of >8x with superior margin from new facility. Given that the product lines are fungible, it will allow to save time in the changeover of the product line for different solutions, which in turn will increasing the capacity utilization of the plant.

Valuation and Outlook- Not Rated

Diversified revenue, product and geography mix across clients coupled with technical expertise has in turn resulted into revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 12%/21%/24% over FY12-21. The domestic/exports contribute to 48%/52% of the total revenues in FY21. FCL boasts healthy ROE/post tax ROCE of 23%/22% with a net cash balance sheet as on FY21. Going forward, company believes, the robust earnings growth momentum to continue driven by ramp-up in utilization at the new facility in Ambernath. With the company's plan of expanding its capacity, improving utilization levels and venture into the new segments, the company envisages its consolidated Revenue/PAT to grow at 40%+ between FY21-24E. Currently, the stock is trading at $\sim 17xFY24E$ EPS.

Textile chemicals- A major revenue driver

FCL manufactures the entire value chain for the textile industry including pre-treatment, dyeing, printing and finishing process. Textile contributes substantial part of the overall revenues (~85% of total revenues) while the balance is derived from the other sectors. The company is one of the strongest players in finishing textile chemicals segment in India, with a higher focus on all type of textile applications like cotton, polyester, polyester Lycra, polyester wool etc which have higher applicability in textiles products and are more profitable.

FCL has strong global footprint with presence across 60+ countries majorly in Europe and Asian regions. FCL enjoys longstanding relationships with marquee clients in domestic markets also. Presently, FCL is a key supplier for around 65 corporate customers for textile industry and non-textile players like Sutlej, Himatsingka, Chenab, Birla, Grasim, Reliance, GHCL, Arvind, Jayasree, Bhaskar, Raymonds, Denim, etc.

Exhibit 1: Becoming a one-stop shop for the customers in textile space



Enhanced capacity coupled with better utilization at existing plants to drive growth

During 3QFY22, FCL commissioned plant of 36KMT in Ambernath, Mumbai with the capex of INR270mn (funded through internal accruals). The plant is expected to have an asset turn of >8x at the optimum capacity of 85% with full benefit being accrued from 4QFY22 onwards. The plant is expected to reach full utilization by CY22-end, given the increasing demand. The product lines of the new plant are fungible allowing the company to save time in the changeover of the product line for solutions for segments like Home Care and Hygiene Chemicals, Cleaning, and Drilling Specialty Chemicals. Currently, the company operates at 65-70% capacity utilization for the Navi Mumbai plant, while the utilization levels are ~70% in its Malaysia plant. Going forward, the company intends to ramp-up its production in both its Navi Mumbai and Malaysia plant to 75%. We believe, enhanced capacity in Ambernath coupled with better utilization in its existing plants should support growth in the medium term. Additionally, FCL is also planning to expand Ambernath facility by another 21KMT with capital outlay of INR160-170 mn by 1QFY23.

Exhibit 2: Details on Plants and Capacity

Location	Operating Facts	Strategic Advantages
Mahape and Ambernath, Mumbai, India	 Total Production Capacity: 36,000 MTPA. New plant at Ambernath to gradually provide an additional 36,000 MTPA capacity. Current Utilization: 65% (excluding new Ambernath Facility) Peak Utilization: 75% (excluding new Ambernath Facility) 	 Strategically located plant near key port close to Mumbai with logistical advantages to textile hubs across North, West, South and Central India.
Selangor, Malaysia	 Total Production Capacity: 6,500 MTPA Current Utilization: 72% 	 Easy access to high raw quality materials in the region. Malaysian plant provides raw materials to the Indian facilities. Cost benefits due to Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with important regional markets like Vietnam, China and India.

ESG Accreditations

The company has been various certifications like Green Screen certificate, Beehive Certificate, Bluesian, ECO Passport to name a few. These certifications are a sustainability standard that quarantees the highest level of security for consumers and considers the chemical composition of textile products to ensure healthy and safe materials.

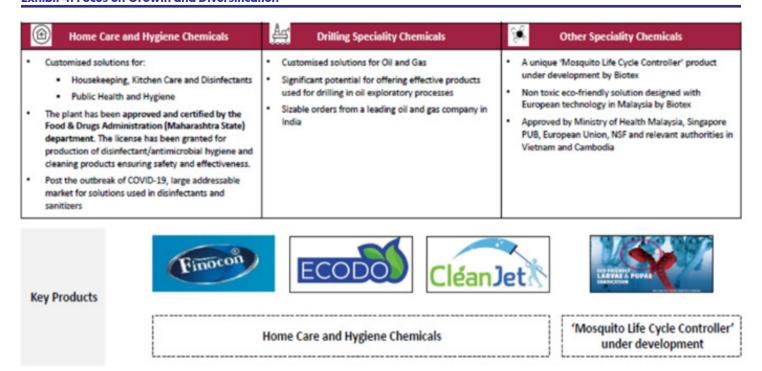
Exhibit 3: Key ESG Accreditations



Foray into newer segments

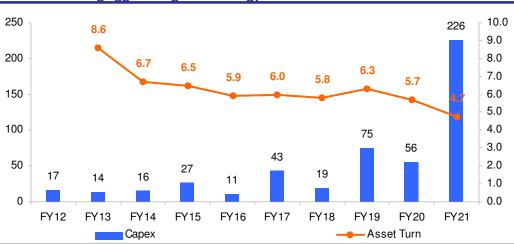
The company is now exploring new opportunities in Home Care and Hygiene Chemicals, Cleaning, and Drilling Specialty Chemicals. This will aid the company in diversifying its product portfolio and is expected to drive value and volume growth going forward. FCL has plans of leveraging its expertise in the textile specialties to foray into the non-textile segments by becoming the supplier for leading detergent companies in the country for their polymer requirements. Additionally, FCL is in advanced talks with companies like RSPL Ltd. (Brand: Ghadi Detergent) and Patanjali for its detergent business. Moreover, the company is also looking at the providing customized solutions for drilling in oil exploratory processes.

Exhibit 4: Focus on Growth and Diversification



Source: Company, Antique

Exhibit 5: Pursuing aggressive growth strategy



Product innovation to add value and support margins

FCL has been focusing on becoming a one stop shop for the customers in the textile space by expanding its portfolio and thus increase the wallet share by having a diversified product range and more solutions to the textile company. Thus, the company has been focusing on developing value added products that will aide textile companies to reduce water and energy consumption. Additionally, changing customer preference and expectations for a fabric to be water and dust repellent, anti-microbial and increasing demand for sustainable products in the textile market has resulted in increase in the addressable market for the company. This in turn has increased the demand for its products, helping them garner more market share. Furthermore, in partnership in Biotex, FCL has developed a unique 'Mosquito Life Cycle Controller' product, which is non-toxic and eco-friendly in nature. The product has already been approved by the Ministry of Health Malaysia, Singapore PUB, European Union, NSF and relevant authorities in Vietnam and Cambodia. The growing share of value-added products will make it possible for the company to enhance margin of the business.

Synergistic Business model

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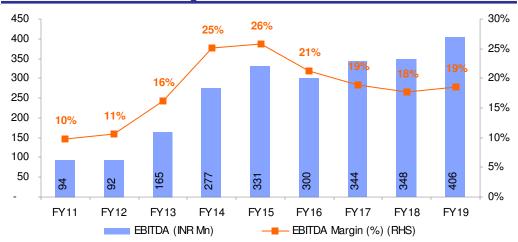
Exhibit 6: Both companies complement each other's strengths

		Fineotex - India	Biotex - Malaysia
÷	Overview	 Diverse product portfolio (400+ categories) across business segments Applications primarily across the entire textile value chain: pre-treatment to finishing 	Niche product portfolio (50+ categories) High end super speciality textile chemical applications
[0]	Focus Areas	 Focused on textiles and rapidly entering other fast growing sectors High profile India customer base 	Sustainable and effective textile solutions Grow 'Mosquito Life Cycle Controller' revenue share High profile International customer base
060 203	Business Segments	Textile, Home Care and Hygiene, Drilling and Other Specialities	Textile and auxiliary sectors 'Mosquito Life Cycle Controller', an eco friendly non toxic solution for mosquito outbreaks used primarily across developing countries
○★ ○○	Competitive Edge	Strong brand recall in Indian markets Reputation for diverse product portfolio Deep customer relationships	Strong brand recall in International markets Solutions for finishing process in textile Strong R&D capabilities

Continued focus on high margin specialty chemicals

FCL posted consolidated revenue stream growth CAGR of 12% from FY12-21 and EBITDA recorded significant growth CAGR of 21% during same period with EBITDA margin expanded by 930bps to 18.6% in FY21. Expansion in margin was primarily backed by superior product mix. Going forward, the company is confident of healthy revenue growth on the back of enhanced capacities coming on-stream in the near term which are high yielding products fetching better margins.

Exhibit 7: EBITDA and EBITDA Margin



Source: Company, Antique

Net cash balance sheet

FCL is a cash surplus company with cash & cash equivalent of around INR309mn as on 1HFY22 and a comfortable B/S to support organic and inorganic growth of the company. Further, the company has recorded healthy OCF which would aid to grow its operations. We believe that the healthy balance sheet would in turn help the company to execute further growth plans. According to the recent ratings given by CRISIL, FCL's Long term rating stands at A-Stable and Short Term Rating at A2+, further demonstrating the company's strong balance sheet.

Exhibit 8: FCL is a net debt free company

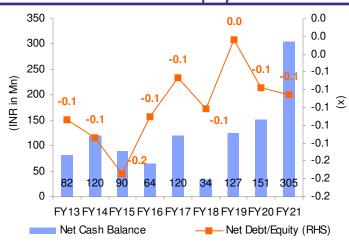
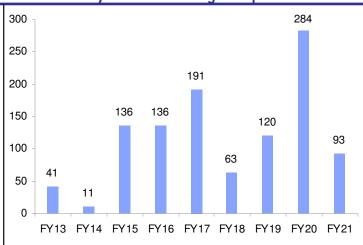


Exhibit 9: Healthy OCF to aid future growth plans



Source: Company, Antique

About the Company

Mumbai based Fineotex group was founded by Mr. Surendra Tibrewala in 1979. Fineotex group is one of the leading manufacturers of chemicals for textiles, construction, water-treatment, fertilizer, leather and paint industry. Fineotex manufactures and provides entire range of products for Pre-treatment Process, dyeing Process, printing process and finishing process for the textile processing to customers across the globe. The Company has a diverse product portfolio (400+ categories) across business segments with business in 60+ countries across the globe. The company has manufacturing facilities, located at Mahepe Navi Mumbai, Ambernath, Maharashtra and Selangor, Malaysia with a combined production capacity of 79,000 MTPA. The Company has recently forayed into the home care and hygiene division with products across housekeeping, kitchen care and disinfection categories.FCL has 2 R&D laboratories in Mumbai, equipped with all modern age equipment. While, the company has a network of 100+ dealers in Indian and International markets.

Exhibit 10: Revenue and Revenue growth (%)

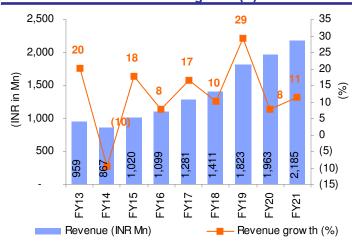
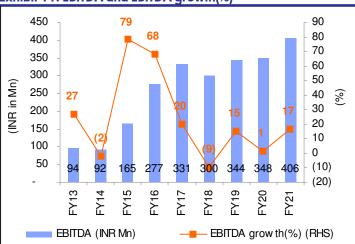


Exhibit 11: EBITDA and EBITDA growth(%)



Source: Company, Antique

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Exhibit 12: PAT and PAT growth(%)

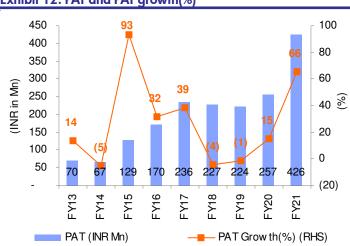
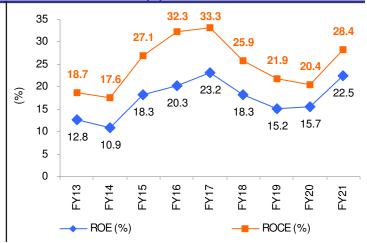


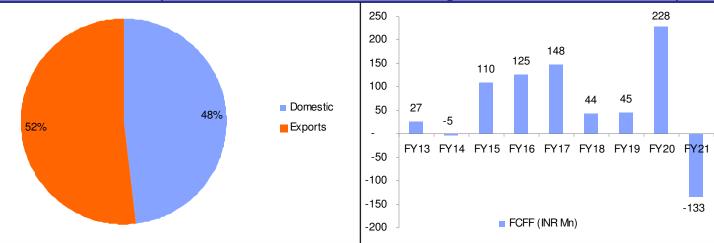
Exhibit 13: ROE & ROCE (%)



Source: Company, Antique

Exhibit 14: Revenue Break-up- FY21

Exhibit 15: FCF generation to increase with enhanced capex



Source: Company, Antique

Financials

Profit and loss account (INRm)

Year ended 31 Mar	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Net Revenue	1,281	1,411	1,823	1,963	2,185
Op. Expenses	950	1,111	1,479	1,615	1,779
EBITDA	331	300	344	348	406
Depreciation	6	7	10	12	15
EBIT	325	293	334	336	391
Other income	40	52	9	16	175
Interest Exp.	4	6	8	6	7
Extra Ordinary Items -gain/(loss) -	-	(2)	126	-
Reported PBT	360	339	333	472	559
Tax	91	100	93	77	113
Reported PAT	269	240	240	396	446
Minority Int./Profit (loss) From A	sso. 33	13	18	12	20
Net Profit	302	252	258	408	465
Adjusted PAT	236	227	224	257	426
Adjusted EPS (INR)	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.3	3.8

Balance sheet (INRm)

Year ended 31 Mar	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Share Capital	223	223	223	223	221
Reserves & Surplus	902	1,135	1,365	1,474	1,872
Networth	1,125	1,357	1,588	1,697	2,093
Debt	11	46	21	28	34
Minority Interest	72	62	57	63	67
Net deferred Tax liabilities	(4)	(2)	2	(5)	7
Capital Employed	1,204	1,464	1,667	1,783	2,202
Gross Fixed Assets	258	266	345	403	605
Accumulated Depreciation	24	13	23	35	49
Capital work in progress	-	1	1	6	46
Net Fixed Assets	234	255	323	374	602
Investments	508	585	519	563	362
Non Current Investments	508	585	519	563	362
Current Assets, Loans & Adv	, 655	769	1,105	1,136	1,707
Inventory	131	211	251	211	288
Debtors	292	279	491	538	827
Cash & Bank balance	131	80	147	179	339
Loans & advances and others	100	199	215	207	254
Current Liabilities & Prov.	193	146	280	290	469
Liabilities	155	109	209	234	368
Provisions	38	37	71	56	101
Net Current Assets	462	624	825	846	1,238
Application of Funds	1,204	1,464	1,667	1,783	2,202

Per share data

Year ended 31 Mar	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
No. of shares (m)	111	111	111	111	111
Diluted no. of shares (m)	111	111	111	111	111
BVPS (INR)	10.1	12.2	14.3	15.2	18.9
CEPS (INR)	2.5	2.2	2.2	3.7	4.2
DPS (INR)	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	-

Source: Company, Antique

Cash flow statement (INRm)

Year ended 31 Mar	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
PBT	382	339	336	220	559
Depreciation & amortisation	6	7	10	12	15
Interest expense	4	6	8	6	7
(Inc)/Dec in working capital	(0)	(148)	(128)	6	(237)
Tax paid	(114)	(92)	(96)	(80)	(96)
Less: Interest/Div. Income Recd.	(5)	(5)	(3)	(7)	(16)
Other operating Cash Flow	(82)	(43)	(7)	126	(138)
CF from operating activities	191	63	120	284	93
Capital expenditure	(48)	(25)	(79)	(63)	(242)
Inc/(Dec) in investments	(21)	(90)	107	(134)	263
Add: Interest/Div. Income Recd.	(40)	20	14	7	(86)
CF from investing activities	(109)	(94)	42	(190)	(65)
Inc/(Dec) in share capital	(22)	-	-	-	(18)
Inc/(Dec) in debt	(20)	2	(1)	(1)	-
Dividend Paid	(13)	(34)	(26)	(32)	(13)
Others	(3)	(4)	(8)	(6)	(13)
CF from financing activities	(58)	(36)	(34)	(39)	(44)
Net cash flow	24	(67)	128	55	(17)
Opening balance	-	103	36	164	218
Closing balance	-	36	164	218	201

Growth indicators (%)

Year ended 31 Mar	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Revenue(%)	16.5	10.2	29.2	7.7	11.3
EBITDA(%)	19.6	(9.4)	14.9	1.0	16.6
Adj PAT(%)	38.7	(3.9)	-1.5	15.0	65.6
Adj EPS(%)	39.9	(3.9)	-1.5	15.0	66.5

Valuation (x)

Year ended 31 Mar	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
P/E	72.5	75.5	76.7	66.7	40.0
P/BV	15.2	12.6	10.8	10.1	8.1
EV/EBITDA	50.1	55.6	48.1	47.6	40.4
EV/Sales	12.9	11.8	9.1	8.4	7.5
Dividend Yield (%)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	-

Financial ratios

Year ended 31 Mar	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
RoE (%)	23.2	18.3	15.2	15.7	22.5
RoCE (%)	33.3	25.9	21.9	20.4	28.4
Asset/T.O (x)	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.4
Net Debt/Equity (x)	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
EBIT/Interest (x)	93.2	60.6	41.2	55.9	78.2

Margins (%)

Year ended 31 Mar	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
EBITDA Margin(%)	25.8	21.2	18.9	17.7	18.6
EBIT Margin(%)	25.4	20.8	18.3	17.1	17.9
PAT Margin(%)	17.9	15.5	12.2	13.0	18.0

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