| BSE SENSEX | S\&P CNX |
| :--- | ---: |
| 31,109 | 9,605 |
| Bloomberg | NELI IN |
| Equity Shares (m) | 233.6 |
| M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb) | $41.1 / 0.6$ |
| $52-$ Week Range (INR) | $182 / 85$ |
| $1,6,12$ Rel. Per (\%) | $1 / 45 / 81$ |
| Avg Val, INRm | 20 |
| Free float (\%) | 38.2 |

Financials \& Valuations (INR b)

| Y/E Mar | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8 E}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 9 E}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net Sales | 11.8 | 14.0 | 16.4 |
| EBITDA | 2.8 | 3.4 | 4.0 |
| PAT | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.6 |
| EPS (INR) | 7.8 | 9.4 | 11.3 |
| Gr. (\%) | 53.7 | 21.6 | 20.0 |
| BV/Sh (INR) | 31.1 | 36.8 | 43.6 |
| RoE (\%) | 26.8 | 27.8 | 28.2 |
| RoCE (\%) | 23.1 | 23.7 | 25.1 |
| P/E (x) | 22.7 | 18.7 | 15.5 |
| P/BV (x) | 5.7 | 4.8 | 4.0 |


| Estimate change |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| TP change | $\rightarrow$ |
| Rating change |  |

## CMP: INR176 TP: INR226(+29\%)

Buy

## Results exceed estimates; Exports to drive growth

- EBITDA, PAT beat estimates: NELI's overall revenue rose 12\% to INR2,098m (est. of INR2,026m) in 4QFY17 from INR1,875m in the year-ago period, as Stationery business grew ~21\%. EBITDA grew $12 \%$ YoY from INR249m to INR279m (est. INR243m), with the margin remaining flat at $13.3 \%$ (est. of $12 \%)$. Consequently, adj. PAT grew $80 \%$ YoY from INR94m to INR169m (est. of INR130m). Consolidated results include subsidiary Indiannica's (Britannica) revenue of INR633m and PBT of INR254m only of 4Q. For FY17, revenue grew by $24 \%$ to INR11.8b, EBITDA margin by 210 bp to $23.8 \%$ and PAT by $51 \%$ to INR1,811m.
- Publication and Stationery deliver healthy growth: In FY17, Publication revenue grew by $15 \%$ to INR5,959m and Stationery revenue by $20 \%$ to INR49,332m. Publication revenue includes export sales of INR226m (up $118 \%$ ) and government sales of INR119m. Within Stationary, exports grew $34 \%$ to INR2,314m. EBITDA margin in Publication stood at $38 \%$ and in Stationary at 13\%. EBITDA grew 18.6\% in Publication and 47\% in Stationary. - Management expects strong growth, margin expansion: With syllabus change in Maharashtra/Gujarat, growth should be strong in Publication in FY18 and FY19. On account of strong order book and visibility, Stationary is expected to deliver $20 \%+$ growth, mainly driven by exports. Exports are expected to remain strong through the year and not just during the 'back to school' period. Since margin in exports (16\%) is higher than that in domestic business (12\%), overall margins are expected to expand. NELI also plans to hike prices by 5-5.5\% to counter cost inflation.
- Valuation and view: In Publication, we believe NELI is well placed to capture growth triggers like changing syllabus, common curriculum across India, and conversion of SEB schools to CBSE. We like export-led growth in Stationery and NELI's future-ready eSense platform. We expect 18\% revenue CAGR and 21\% PAT CAGR over FY17-19E. Maintain Buy with a TP of INR226 (20x FY19E EPS).

| Standalone - Quarterly Earning Model |  |  |  |  | (INR Million) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Y/E March | FY16 |  |  |  | FY17 |  |  |  | FY16 | FY17 | FY17 | \% |
|  | 10 | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 10 | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q |  |  | 4QE |  |
| Net Sales | 5,161 | 1,174 | 1,129 | 1,875 | 5,605 | 1,714 | 1,566 | 2,098 | 9,526 | 11,813 | 2,026 | 4 |
| YoY Change (\%) | 4.5 | -20.6 | -16.0 | 2.2 | 8.6 | 46.0 | 38.6 | 11.9 | -2.7 | 24.0 | 10.0 |  |
| Total Expenditure | 3,581 | 1,057 | 1,008 | 1,626 | 3,803 | 1,416 | 1,363 | 1,819 | 7,462 | 9,001 | 1,783 |  |
| EBITDA | 1,580 | 117 | 121 | 249 | 1,802 | 298 | 203 | 279 | 2,064 | 2,813 | 243 | 15 |
| Margins (\%) | 30.6 | 10.0 | 10.7 | 13.3 | 32.1 | 17.4 | 13.0 | 13.3 | 21.7 | 23.8 | 12.0 |  |
| Depreciation | 62 | 65 | 68 | 72 | 60 | 62 | 65 | 64 | 297 | 284 | 80 |  |
| Interest | 30 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 23 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 36 | 43 | 6 |  |
| Other Income | 17 | 100 | 51 | 26 | 23 | 45 | 55 | 40 | 167 | 152 | 40 |  |
| PBT before EO expense | 1,505 | 152 | 104 | 198 | 1,743 | 281 | 193 | 244 | 1,899 | 2,638 | 197 | 24 |
| Extra-Ord expense | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| PBT | 1,505 | 152 | 104 | 198 | 1,743 | 281 | 193 | 244 | 1,899 | 2,638 | 197 | 24 |
| Tax | 521 | 43 | 28 | 105 | 607 | 95 | 66 | 75 | 697 | 827 | 67 |  |
| Rate (\%) | 34.7 | 28.1 | 27.4 | 52.8 | 34.8 | 33.9 | 34.3 | 30.8 | 36.7 | 31.3 | 34.0 |  |
| Minority Interest \& Profit/Loss of Asso. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Reported PAT | 983 | 109 | 75 | 94 | 1,136 | 186 | 126 | 169 | 1,202 | 1,811 | 130 | 30 |
| Adj PAT | 983 | 109 | 75 | 94 | 1,136 | 186 | 126 | 169 | 1,202 | 1,811 | 130 | 30 |
| YoY Change (\%) | 9.4 | -8.5 | -36.6 | -40.2 | 15.5 | 69.8 | 68.3 | 80.1 | -7.8 | 50.7 | 7.3 |  |
| Margins (\%) | 19.1 | 9.3 | 6.7 | 5.0 | 20.3 | 10.8 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 12.6 | 15.3 | 6.4 |  |

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## Results beat estimates

- NELI reported overall revenue of INR2,098m (est. INR2,026m) in 4QFY17 marking a YoY growth of $12 \%$.
- The growth of $\sim 21 \%$ in stationery products business coupled with lower other expenses (a drop of 140 bp to $26.9 \%$ of sales) led to an expansion of $12 \%$ YoY in EBITDA to INR279m (est. INR243m) in 4QFY17.
■ EBITDA margins remained flat at 13.3\% (est. 12\%) in 4QFY17 and adj. PAT grew by 80\% YoY from INR94m in 4QFY16 to INR169m (est. INR130m) in 4QFY17.
- For FY17, revenue grew by $24 \%$ to INR11.8b, EBITDA margins grew by 210 bp to $23.8 \%$ and PAT growing by $51 \%$ to INR1,811m. Going forward, a growth of 20\%+ is expected in FY18 majorly due to steady growth in publications and stationery business.

■ The consolidated results include revenue of INR633m and PBT of INR254m only of 4Q of the subsidiary Indiannica Learning Private Limited (formerly Encyclopaedia Britannica (India) Private Limited) since it was acquired on 30th Dec, 2016. Hence the consolidated results for the whole year of the company do not reflect the full year results of the subsidiary. In view of seasonal nature of business of the subsidiary, financial results of this quarter of the year are not representative of the operations of the whole year. The subsidiary, for the year ended March 31, 2017 has total revenue of INR715m and the Loss before tax is INR146m.

Exhibit 1: Revenue trend


Source: MOSL, Company

Exhibit 2: EBITDA trend


Exhibit 3: PAT trend


## Exports, strong visibility of order book to lead growth

- Stationery business is expected to grow at current pace as exports sales continues to grow at healthy pace ( $34 \%$ in FY17 to INR2,315m).
■ Export sales of publications business too grew by $118 \%$ to INR226m in FY17. The trend is expected to continue as the exports business begins to spread evenly across all quarters.
- As syllabus in Maharashtra and Gujarat continues to change, the revenue of 1QFY18 from publications business is expected to be deferred till 2QFY18. Although, acquisition of Indiannica is set to boost this segment with increased visibility in newer states and overseas.


## Valuation and view

In view of steady growth in both stationery and publications segments led by robust growth in exports business, along with the strong visibility of order book, we maintain our earnings estimates. We expect NELI to post $18 \%$ revenue CAGR and 21\% PAT CAGR over FY17-19E. Maintain Buy with a TP of INR226 (20x FY19E EPS).

Exhibit 4: Price to earnings (one year forward)


Exhibit 5: Price to book (one year forward)


## Story in charts

Exhibit 6: Growth in stationery segment to remain steady


Exhibit 7: Publishing Content to maintain a growth of $\sim 15 \%$


Exhibit 8: Stationery exports sales to grow faster than domestic sales


Exhibit 9: Robust RoCEs


Exhibit 10: Free Cash Flows to remain strong


Exhibit 11: Key Assumptions

| Non Paper Stationery (Domestic) | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18E | FY19E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenues(INR m) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Publishing revenues | 4,572 | 4,751 | 5,319 | 5,160 | 6,075 | 6,986 | 8,034 |
| Stationery | 3,260 | 3,812 | 4,224 | 4,077 | 4,933 | 5,920 | 7,104 |
| E-Sense | 149 | 208 | 201 | 198 | 180 | 184 | 187 |
| Britannica | - | 458 | 600 | 749 | 715 | 822 | 1,028 |
| Others | 77 | 50 | 51 | 75 | 70 | $\mathbf{7 0}$ | $\mathbf{7 0}$ |
| Total Revenues (INR m) | $\mathbf{8 , 0 5 7}$ | $\mathbf{8 , 8 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 7 9 5}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 5 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 2 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 9 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 , 4 2 2}$ |


| Growth \% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Publishing revenues | $29 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $-3 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Stationery | $31 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $-3 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| E-Sense | $61 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $-3 \%$ | $-2 \%$ | $-9 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Britannica |  | - | $31 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $-5 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Others | $21 \%$ | $-34 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $-7 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Total Growth \% | $30 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $-3 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $17 \%$ |

Source: MOSL, Company

Financials and Valuations

| Income Statement - Consolidated |  |  |  |  | (INR Million) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Y/E March | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18E | FY19E |
| Total Income from Operations | 8,821 | 9,795 | 9,526 | 11,813 | 13,981 | 16,422 |
| Change (\%) | 9.5 | 11.0 | -2.7 | 24.0 | 18.4 | 17.5 |
| EBITDA | 2,080 | 2,367 | 2,064 | 2,813 | 3,383 | 4,007 |
| Margin (\%) | 23.6 | 24.2 | 21.7 | 23.8 | 24.2 | 24.4 |
| Depreciation | 258 | 308 | 297 | 284 | 293 | 303 |
| EBIT | 1,822 | 2,060 | 1,768 | 2,529 | 3,090 | 3,704 |
| Int. and Finance Charges | 100 | 91 | 36 | 43 | 36 | 30 |
| Other Income | 35 | 28 | 167 | 152 | 154 | 178 |
| PBT bef. EO Exp. | 1,757 | 1,996 | 1,899 | 2,638 | 3,208 | 3,851 |
| EO Items | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PBT after EO Exp. | 1,757 | 1,996 | 1,899 | 2,638 | 3,208 | 3,851 |
| Current Tax | 605 | 693 | 697 | 827 | 1,006 | 1,207 |
| Tax Rate (\%) | 34.4 | 34.7 | 36.7 | 31.3 | 31.3 | 31.3 |
| Reported PAT | 1,152 | 1,303 | 1,202 | 1,811 | 2,203 | 2,644 |
| Adjusted PAT | 1,152 | 1,303 | 1,202 | 1,811 | 2,203 | 2,644 |
| Change (\%) | 7.1 | 13.2 | -7.8 | 50.7 | 21.6 | 20.0 |
| Margin (\%) | 13.1 | 13.3 | 12.6 | 15.3 | 15.8 | 16.1 |

Balance Sheet
(INR Million)

| Y/E March | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18E | FY19E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Equity Share Capital | 476 | 476 | 476 | 467 | 467 | 467 |
| Preference Capital | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Reserves | 4,307 | 4,956 | 5,763 | 6,789 | 8,120 | 9,724 |
| Net Worth | 4,787 | 5,433 | 6,240 | 7,256 | 8,587 | 10,191 |
| Minority Interest | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Deferred Liabilities | 73 | 41 | 41 | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| Total Loans | 2,337 | 1,436 | 995 | 1,459 | 1,459 | 959 |
| Capital Employed | 7,197 | 6,909 | 7,276 | 8,739 | 10,070 | 11,174 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross Block | 3,673 | 3,741 | 4,108 | 4,302 | 4,452 | 4,602 |
| Less: Accum. Deprn. | 1,798 | 2,042 | 2,338 | 2,622 | 2,915 | 3,218 |
| Net Fixed Assets | 1,874 | 1,699 | 1,769 | 1,680 | 1,536 | 1,383 |
| Capital WIP | 45 | 40 | 8 | 28 | 0 | 0 |
| Curr. Assets, Loans\&Adv. | 6,042 | 5,995 | 5,506 | 6,605 | 8,922 | 10,546 |
| Inventory | 3,337 | 3,484 | 3,057 | 3,715 | 4,405 | 5,152 |
| Account Receivables | 1,961 | 1,886 | 2,144 | 2,415 | 2,911 | 3,329 |
| Cash and Bank Balance | 69 | 55 | 53 | 37 | 1,124 | 1,536 |
| Loans and Advances | 675 | 571 | 251 | 438 | 482 | 530 |
| Curr. Liability \& Prov. | 1,253 | 1,317 | 745 | 1,158 | 1,973 | 2,340 |
| Account Payables | 643 | 586 | 653 | 1,023 | 951 | 1,120 |
| Provisions | 610 | 731 | 92 | 135 | 1,021 | 1,220 |
| Net Current Assets | 4,789 | 4,678 | 4,761 | 5,447 | 6,949 | 8,206 |
| Appl. of Funds | 7,197 | 6,909 | 7,276 | 8,739 | 10,070 | 11,174 |
| Appl. of Funds | 7,680 | 8,587 | 11,169 | 12,754 | 14,318 | 16,520 |

Financials and Valuations

| Ratios |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Y/E March | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18E | FY19E |
| Basic (INR) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EPS | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 7.8 | 9.4 | 11.3 |
| Cash EPS | 5.9 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 9.0 | 10.7 | 12.6 |
| BV/Share | 20.1 | 22.8 | 26.2 | 31.1 | 36.8 | 43.6 |
| DPS | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 3.7 |
| Payout (\%) | 48.4 | 48.4 | 52.5 | 37.3 | 39.6 | 39.3 |
| Valuation (x) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| P/E | 36.4 | 32.2 | 34.9 | 22.7 | 18.7 | 15.5 |
| Cash P/E | 29.7 | 26.0 | 28.0 | 19.6 | 16.5 | 13.9 |
| P/BV | 8.8 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 4.0 |
| EV/Sales | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 2.5 |
| EV/EBITDA | 20.9 | 17.9 | 20.4 | 15.1 | 12.2 | 10.1 |
| Dividend Yield (\%) | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.1 |
| Return Ratios (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RoE | 25.7 | 25.5 | 20.6 | 26.8 | 27.8 | 28.2 |
| RoCE | 18.7 | 19.5 | 17.4 | 23.1 | 23.7 | 25.1 |
| RolC | 19.7 | 20.8 | 17.5 | 25.6 | 29.4 | 33.0 |
| Working Capital Ratios |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inventory (Days) | 135 | 127 | 117 | 115 | 113 | 112 |
| Debtor (Days) | 80 | 69 | 82 | 75 | 74 | 72 |
| Creditor (Days) | 26 | 21 | 25 | 32 | 24 | 24 |
| Working Cap. Turnover (Days) | 191 | 169 | 180 | 167 | 149 | 145 |
| Leverage Ratio (x) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Debt/Equity | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |


| Cash Flow Statement |  |  |  |  | (INR Million) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Y/E March | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17E | FY18E | FY19E |
| OP/(Loss) before Tax | 1,757 | 1,996 | 1,909 | 2,638 | 3,208 | 3,851 |
| Depreciation | 258 | 308 | 288 | 284 | 293 | 303 |
| Interest \& Finance Charges | 0 | 0 | -3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Direct Taxes Paid | -607 | -651 | -743 | -827 | -1,006 | -1,207 |
| (Inc)/Dec in WC | -889 | -100 | 542 | -702 | -415 | -846 |
| CF from Operations | 519 | 1,553 | 1,993 | 1,392 | 2,081 | 2,101 |
| Others | 72 | 69 | -50 | 43 | 36 | 30 |
| CF from Operating incl EO | 591 | 1,622 | 1,942 | 1,435 | 2,117 | 2,132 |
| (inc)/dec in FA | -430 | -176 | -258 | -213 | -122 | -150 |
| Free Cash Flow | 162 | 1,446 | 1,685 | 1,222 | 1,995 | 1,982 |
| (Pur)/Sale of Investments | -163 | -11 | -6 | -847 | 0 | 0 |
| Others | -24 | 106 | 5 | 445 | 0 | 0 |
| CF from Investments | -617 | -81 | -258 | -615 | -122 | -150 |
| Issue of Shares | -1 | -3 | 0 | -582 | 0 | 0 |
| (Inc)/Dec in Debt | 658 | -901 | -401 | 464 | 0 | -500 |
| Interest Paid | -97 | -93 | -37 | -43 | -36 | -30 |
| Dividend Paid | -501 | -557 | -1,247 | -675 | -871 | -1,040 |
| Others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CF from Fin. Activity | 59 | -1,555 | -1,685 | -836 | -908 | -1,570 |
| Inc/Dec of Cash | 34 | -14 | -1 | -16 | 1,087 | 411 |
| Opening Balance | 35 | 69 | 55 | 53 | 37 | 1,124 |
| Closing Balance | 69 | 55 | 53 | 37 | 1,124 | 1,536 |

## Corporate profile

## Company description

Indo Count Industries Ltd (ICNT) is focused player on bedding-a niche segment of home textile market, which formed $81 \%$ of revenues in FY15. It's other two segments spinning and consumer goods contributed $16 \%$ and $3 \%$ respectively. In terms of EBITDA, home textiles contributed $95 \%$ of total EBITDA in FY15. With a unique asset-light business model, ICNT enjoys robust and best in class capital efficiency ( $40 \%$ RoCE). Entry in newer products expands opportunity by $3 x$ to USD13b.

## Exhibit 1: Sensex rebased



## Exhibit 3: Top holders

| Holder Name | \% Holding |
| :---: | :---: |
| Elm Park Fund Limited | 6.0 |
| Lazard Emerging Markets Small Cap Equity Trust | 2.8 |
| Morgan Stanley Mauritius Company Limited | 2.1 |
| Uniworth Finance And Securities Pvt Ltd | 1.5 |
| Dsp Blackrock Small And Mid Cap Fund | 1.3 |

Exhibit 5: Directors

| Name | Name |
| :--- | :--- |
| Dilip J Thakkar | P N Shah |
| Prem Malik | R Anand |
| Sushil Kumar Jiwarajka | Vaijayanti Pandit |

Kamal Mitra
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*Independent

Exhibit 7: MOSL forecast v/s consensus

| EPS <br> (INR) | MOSL <br> forecast | Consensus <br> forecast | Variation (\%) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FY18 | 9.4 | 16.7 | -43.7 |
| FY19 | 11.3 | 18.7 | -39.7 |
|  |  |  |  |

Source: Bloomberg

Exhibit 6: Auditors

| Name | Type |
| :--- | :--- |
| B K Shroff \& Co | Statutory |
| S Anantha \& Co | Secretarial Audit |
| Suresh Kumar Mittal \& Co | Internal |
|  |  |
|  |  |

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