ACPL DIGEST

(Mar-23)

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ACPL Research covers 46 scrips from 14 sectors which constitute around 60% of the market capitalization of the KSE 100 index



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	Remittances	
8MFY23	8MFY22	Change
\$18.0 bn	\$20.2 bn	▼ -10.8%

	Exports	
8MFY23	8MFY22	Change
\$18.6 bn	\$20.6 bn	▼ -9.7%

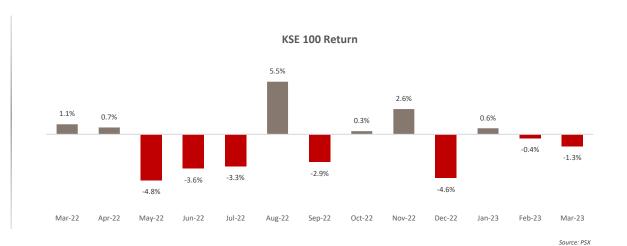
8MFY23	8MFY22	Change
\$37.4 bn	\$47.3 bn	▼ -21.0%

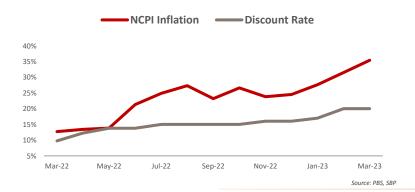
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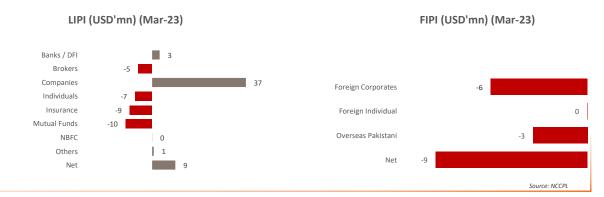
Current	Account
8MFY23	8MFY22
-\$3.9 bn	-\$12.1 bn

Current Account

In the month of March 2023, the KSE-100 index experienced a brief upswing in the first half of the month, driven by the expectation of securing a bailout package from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). However, this positive sentiment was short-lived due to various factors, including political instability caused by the ECP's announcement of a delay in the general elections and violent clashes at Zaman Park, Lahore. Additionally, on the macroeconomic front, uncertainties surrounding the delay in signing the IMF staff-level agreement, ambiguity over inflows from friendly countries, and an anticipated hike in interest rates further dampened market sentiment. Consequently, the stock market closed the month with a negative return of -1.3% MoM, settling at 40,001. The Pakistani rupee depreciated by 8.5% to Rs283.79 in March, primarily attributed to insufficient foreign exchange reserves, underscoring the need for the resumption of the stalled IMF program. Pakistan's trade







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deficit narrowed by 35% MoM to US\$1.7bn due to a significant decrease in imports, resulting in a 24-month low CAD of US\$74mn. The FBR missed its tax collection target for March by 8.8%, resulting in a revenue collection shortfall of Rs64bn. The Monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) recorded a historical high of 35.4% YoY in March, marking the highest rate in six decades. Moreover, the finance ministry projected further inflationary pressures due to policy decisions taken earlier, such as the increase in energy and fuel prices and the central bank's interest rates, in addition to the depreciation of the rupee. Moving forward, the State Bank of Pakistan is expected to implement monetary tightening measures during the upcoming Monetary Policy Committee meeting scheduled on April 4, which may involve a policy rate increase of 200 basis points as per the IMF's conditions. Although the recent rollover of a \$2 billion Chinese loan has provided temporary relief for Pakistan, the government still needs to secure financing to honor its upcoming external debt payments of \$7 billion while foreign exchange reserves stand at \$4.2 billion. The government's commitment to implementing effective measures, such as the imposition of additional taxes, withdrawal of power subsidies, and increasing interest rates, to secure a staff-level agreement with the IMF is essential to resolve the deteriorating foreign exchange crisis and revive the country's economy. Therefore, we suggest our investors to consider the dips as buying opportunity and accumulate the scrips from the banking sector as the elevated interest rates will improve net interest earnings. Furthermore, having noncyclical and high dividend-yielding stocks in the portfolio would also provide a constant stream of income during depressed times. We recommend building positions in EFERT, SYS, HUBC, MEBL, HBL and UBL as they can yield good returns in the mid-term. Please refer to the fourth page for further scrips.

											(USD' mn) (Mar-23)
		Cement	Banks	Fertilizer	Food	E&P	ОМС	Power	Tech	Textile	Others	Gross
	Banks / DFI	-1.85	0.43	-2.33	0.38	0.24	0.11	-0.12	0.44	-0.43	6.06	2.94
	Broker Proprietary Trading	-0.20	0.40	-3.52	-0.36	-0.59	-0.21	-0.05	-0.16	0.46	-1.39	-5.61
	Companies	6.28	-0.12	25.98	-0.17	-0.48	-0.11	-0.10	0.09	0.52	5.47	37.35
LIPI	Individuals	1.01	0.35	-9.86	0.58	1.06	0.93	-1.05	3.54	-0.13	-3.06	-6.64
Portfolio	Insurance Companies	-5.41	4.85	-1.34	-0.28	1.75	0.00	-0.42	-1.06	0.56	-8.11	-9.46
	Mutual Funds	0.14	-1.97	-5.65	-0.09	-2.97	-0.27	1.75	-0.74	-0.29	0.62	-9.47
	NBFC	0.01	0.02	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.00	-0.00	0.00
	Other Organization	0.35	1.91	-1.53	0.01	-0.46	-0.18	-0.12	-0.53	-0.02	0.59	0.01
	LIPI Total	0.31	5.86	1.73	0.06	-1.46	0.28	-0.12	1.59	0.68	0.17	9.12

		Cement	Banks	Fertilizer	Food	E&P	омс	Power	Tech	Textile	Others	Gross
FIDI	Foreign Corporates	0.65	-5.84	-0.32	-0.10	1.55	-0.04	0.38	-2.05	-0.25	0.22	-5.79
FIPI Portfolio	Foreign Individual	-0.01	0.00	-0.06	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.06	-0.01	-0.01	-0.03
Portiono	Overseas Pakistani	-0.95	-0.02	-1.36	0.03	-0.08	-0.24	-0.27	0.40	-0.42	-0.38	-3.29
	Total	-0.31	-5.86	-1.73	-0.06	1.46	-0.28	0.33	-1.59	-0.68	-0.17	-9.12

Source: NCCPL

COMMODITIES OVERVIEW



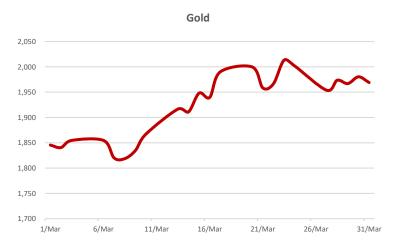
Crude Oil

In March 2023, the Brent oil market experienced a decline of 4.9%, with the closing price being recorded at \$79.77, as fears of a global recession weighed heavily on market sentiment. The current trading value of Brent oil stands at \$85.19, which is lower than the levels of \$120-130 observed in the aftermath of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The decision taken by the OPEC to reduce oil production by one million barrels per day is expected to increase the price of oil, despite concerns surrounding the global recession. Moreover, the increasing economic activity in China has generated a surge of optimism among market participants, with many anticipating that the demand from the Asian economic powerhouse will result in record-high levels of oil consumption in 2023.

Gold

During the month of March 2023, the price of gold futures increased by 7.2% and ended the month at a value of \$1969. Despite the hawkish signals conveyed by the Federal Reserve's decision to raise interest rates by 25 basis points, the price of gold continued to rise throughout the month mainly due to the prevailing concerns of a worldwide banking crisis. As a result, investors sought refuge in traditional safe haven assets, with the yellow metal being the most sought after, driving its price up to \$2030 after March 2022. Looking ahead, it is expected that the fear of a recession will keep the prices of gold elevated, as the U.S. Federal Reserve has indicated that there will be no monetary rate cuts for the remainder of the year.





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Textile Composite

	Buying Area	Target P	rice	Upside (%)	LDCP	BV (T)	P/B (T)	Divid	end	D/Y - F (%)	EPS	6	EP	S	P/E (F)	Shares ('mn)	Free Float ('mn)
NCL	19.8	Dec 23	25	26.3 ▲	20.70	99.2	0.2	FY23E	-	0.0	1HFY23	(7.65)	FY22E	(11.57)	-1.8	240	108
ILP	46.0	Dec 23	58	26.1 ▲	47.89	37.4	1.3	FY23E	4.50	9.4	1HFY23	5.31	FY23E	22.35	2.1	898	135
GATM	19.0	Dec 23	25	31.6 ▲	21.12	58.6	0.4	FY23E	-	0.0	1HFY23	2.64	FY23E	5.88	3.6	617	154

Oil & Gas Exploration Companies

	Buying Area	Target Price	Upside (%)	LDCP	BV (T)	P/B (T)	Dividend	D/Y - F (%)	EPS	EPS	P/E (F)	Shares ('mn)	Free Float ('mn)
OGDC	82.0	Dec 23 115	40.2 ▲	83.36	216.0	0.4	FY23E 10.50	12.6	1HFY23 22.09	FY23E 44.18	1.9	4,301	645
PPL	62.5	Dec 23 85	36.0 ▲	63.96	169.8	0.4	FY23E 4.00	6.3	1HFY23 17.98	FY23E 38.80	1.6	2,721	667
POL	390.0	Dec 23 480	23.1 ▲	398.89	159.5	2.5	FY23E 80.00	20.1	1HFY23 50.57	FY23E 103.52	3.9	284	130
MARI	1495.0	Dec 23 1,800	20.4 ▲	1513.30	1017	1.5	FY23E 179.00	11.8	1HFY23 178.87	FY23E 357.30	4.2	133	27

Oil & Gas Marketing Companies

	Buying Area	Target Pr	rice	Upside (%)	LDCP	BV (T)	P/B (T)	Divid	lend	D/Y - F (%)	EPS	6	EF	PS	P/E (F)	Shares ('mn)	Free Float ('mn)
PSO	112.0	Dec 23	150	33.9 ▲	117.89	489.0	0.2	FY23E	7.00	5.9	1HFY23	(7.16)	FY23E	59.26	2.0	469	211
APL	287.0	Dec 23	350	22.0 ▲	293.62	310.4	0.9	FY23E	25.00	8.5	1HFY23	44.51	FY23E	82.93	3.5	100	25

Pharmaceuticals

	Buying Area	Target F	Price	Upside (%)	LDCP	BV (T)	P/B (T)	Divid	end	D/Y - F (%)	EPS	5	EP	S	P/E (F)	Shares ('mn)	Free Float ('mn)
HINOON	465.0	Dec 23	560	20.4 ▲	471.51	145.5	3.2	CY23E	62.73	13.3	CY22	57.71	CY23E	62.73	7.5	42	19
SEARL	49.0	Dec 23	70	42.9 ▲	51.48	79.4	0.6	FY23E	1.00	1.9	1HFY23	1.61	FY23E	3.13	16.4	390	176
AGP	52.5	Dec 23	70	33.3 ▲	54.20	34.1	1.6	CY23E	2.50	4.6	CY22	5.10	CY23E	6.55	8.3	280	84
CPHL	24.8	Dec 23	30	21.0 🛦	25.57	20.2	1.3	FY23E	-	0.0	1HFY23	1.93	FY23E	3.70	6.9	228	80

Technology & Communication

	Buying Area	Target P	Price	Upside (%)	LDCP	BV (T)	P/B (T)	Divid	end	D/Y - F (%)	EPS	;	EP	S	P/E (F)	Shares ('mn)	Free Float ('mn)
SYS	455.0	Dec 23	600	31.9 ▲	462.06	45.4	10.2	CY23E	8.25	1.8	9MCY22	17.30	CY22E	23.10	20.0	276	166
AIRLINK	18.5	Dec 23	25	35.1 ▲	20.23	29.1	0.7	FY23E	-	0.0	1HFY23	1.70	FY23E	2.85	7.1	395	119
OCTOPUS	50.5	Dec 23	65	28.7 ▲	51.45	13.8	3.7	CY23E	-	0.0	9MCY22	3.67	CY22E	4.89	10.5	137	27

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Food & Personal Care Products

	Buying Area	Target Pr	rice	Upside (%)	LDCP	BV (T)	P/B (T)	Divide	end	D/Y - F (%)	EP:	S	EP	S	P/E (F)	Shares ('mn)	Free Float ('mn)
MFL	27.0	Dec 23	33	22.2 ▲	28.00	55.8	0.5	FY23E	-	0.0	1HFY23	2.09	FY23E	4.10	6.8	122	31
TOMCL	18.7	Dec 23	23	23.0 ▲	19.35	24.2	0.8	FY23E	-	0.0	1QFY23	0.83	FY23E	3.57	5.4	135	60
UNITY	12.5	Dec 23	16	28.0 ▲	13.29	13.8	1.0	FY23E	-	0.0	1HFY23	(0.52)	FY23E	(1.04)	-12.8	1,194	478

Real Estate Investment Trust

	Buying Area	Target Pr	rice	Upside (%)	LDCP	BV (T)	P/B (T)	Divid	end	D/Y - F (%)	EPS		EPS	S	P/E (F)	Shares ('mn)	Free Float ('mn)
DCR	13.3	Dec 23	14	5.3 ▲	13.63	26.6	0.5	FY23E	1.65	12.1	1HFY23	0.86	FY23E	1.73	7.9	2,224	556

Commercial Banks

	Buying Area	Target Price	Upside (%)	LDCP	BV (T)	P/B (T)	Divid	lend	D/Y - F (%)	1	EPS	EF	PS	P/E (F)	Shares ('mn)	Free Float ('mn)
МСВ	113.5	Dec 23 150	32.2 ▲	115.00	142.6	0.8	CY23E	28.00	24.3	CY22	27.63	CY23E	38.00	3.0	1,185	415
BAHL	40.8	Dec 23 55	34.8 ▲	42.50	82.5	0.5	CY23E	8.00	18.8	CY22	14.91	CY23E	22.30	1.9	1,111	722
BAFL	28.2	Dec 23 38	34.8 ▲	28.78	58.1	0.5	CY23E	4.00	13.9	CY22	10.24	CY23E	10.66	2.7	1,777	622
ВОР	3.9	Dec 23	29.9 ▲	4.03	21.7	0.2	CY23E	1.00	24.8	CY22	3.64	CY23E	3.75	1.1	2,974	1,256
HBL	71.0	Dec 23 95	33.8 ▲	73.28	172.3	0.4	CY23E	7.00	9.6	CY22	21.04	CY23E	27.81	2.6	1,467	733
UBL	104.0	Dec 23 130	25.0 ▲	106.56	164.9	0.6	CY23E	25.00	23.5	CY22	26.19	CY23E	37.26	2.9	1,224	490
FABL	21.4	Dec 23 29	35.5 ▲	21.77	46.0	0.5	CY23E	5.25	24.1	CY22	7.40	CY23E	8.42	2.6	1,518	379
MEBL	93.0	Dec 23 120	29.0 ▲	95.20	58.0	1.6	CY23E	13.00	13.7	CY22	25.15	CY23E	33.84	2.8	1,627	407

Cement

	Buying Area	Target Price	Upside (%)	LDCP	BV (T)	P/B (T)	Divid	lend	D/Y - F (%)	EP:	S	EF	S	P/E (F)	Shares ('mn)	Free Float ('mn)
FCCL	11.4	Dec 23 15	31.6 ▲	11.96	24.5	0.5	FY23E	-	0.0	1HFY23	2.07	FY23E	4.08	2.9	2,180	759
ACPL	55.0	Dec 23 70	27.3 ▲	57.46	128.1	0.4	FY23E	3.50	6.1	1HFY23	4.08	FY23E	8.12	7.1	137	27
MLCF	24.9	Dec 23 34	36.5 ▲	25.98	38.9	0.7	FY23E	-	0.0	1HFY23	3.31	FY23E	5.73	4.5	1,073	483
CHCC	107.0	Dec 23 140	30.8 ▲	112.58	96.6	1.2	FY23E	4.00	3.6	1HFY23	15.64	FY23E	30.32	3.7	194	117
DGKC	42.0	Dec 23 56	33.3 ▲	43.91	159.2	0.3	FY23E	1.00	2.3	1HFY23	2.13	FY23E	4.25	10.3	438	219
LUCK	391.0	Dec 23 520	33.0 ▲	402.44	646.5	0.6	FY23E	-	0.0	1HFY23	22.04	FY23E	41.89	9.6	323	113

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Engineering

	Buying Area	Target P	rice	Upside (%)	LDCP	BV (T)	P/B (T)	Divid	end	D/Y - F (%)	EPS	•	EP	S	P/E (F)	Shares ('mn)	Free Float ('mn)
MUGHAL	47.7	Dec 23	60	25.8 ▲	49.13	62.1	0.8	FY23E	1.00	2.0	1HFY23	4.00	FY23E	5.60	8.8	336	84
ASTL	17.0	Dec 23	23	35.3 ▲	17.67	51.4	0.3	FY23E	-	0.0	1HFY23	(0.62)	FY23E	(2.78)	0.0	297	74
AGHA	11.0	Dec 23	14	27.3 ▲	12.00	25.9	0.5	FY23E	-	0.0	1HFY23	0.66	FY23E	1.32	9.1	605	151
ISL	41.0	Dec 23	50	22.0 🛦	42.41	46.2	0.9	FY23E	-	0.0	1HFY23	0.14	FY23E	0.23	184.4	435	152
ASL	6.6	Dec 23	8	21.2 🛦	6.83	14.5	0.5	FY23E	-	0.0	1HFY23	(2.27)	FY23E	(3.44)	0.0	925	324

Automobile Parts & Accessories

	Buying Area	Target Price	Upside (%)	LDCP	BV (T)	P/B (T)	Dividend	D/Y - F (%)	EPS	EPS	P/E (F)	Shares ('mn)	Free Float ('mn)
PTL	18.2	Dec 23 25	37.4 ▲	19.10	39.3	0.5	FY23E -	0.0	1HFY23 (0.81)	FY23E (1.61)	0.0	168	50

Fertilizer

	Buying Area	Target Price	Upside (%)	LDCP	BV (T)	P/B (T)	Dividend	D/Y - F (%)	EPS		EPS	P/E (F)	Shares ('mn)	Free Float ('mn)
FFC	97.9	Dec 23 120	22.6 ▲	99.97	87.8	1.1	CY23E 12.50	12.5	CY22 15	.76	CY23E 15.97	6.3	1,272	700
EFERT	84.0	Dec 23 105	25.0 ▲	84.82	30.9	2.7	CY23E 14.00	16.5	CY22 11	98	CY22E 12.36	6.9	1,335	601
FFBL	12.0	Dec 23 16	33.3 ▲	12.47	28.8	0.4	CY23E -	0.0	CY22 1	.80	CY23E 1.85	6.7	1,291	452
FATIMA	30.6	Dec 23 38	24.2 ▲	30.00	47.0	0.6	CY23E 4.50	15.0	9MCY22 4	.71	CY22E 6.63	4.5	2,100	315

Glass & Ceramics

	Buying Area	Target Pric	Upside (%)	LDCP	BV (T)	P/B (T)	Divide	end	D/Y - F (%)	EPS		EP	S	P/E (F)	Shares ('mn)	Free Float ('mn)
TGL	67.7	Dec 23	90 32.9 ▲	70.39	78.1	0.9	FY23E	3.00	4.3	1HFY23	7.49	FY23E	14.69	4.8	172	69

Miscellaneous

	Buying Area	Target Price	Upside (%)	LDCP	BV (T)	P/B (T)	Divider	nd	D/Y - F (%)	EPS		EPS	P/E (F)	Shares ('mn)	Free Float ('mn)
PABC	38.0	Dec 23 47	23.7 ▲	38.01	15.9	2.4	CY23E	3.00	7.9	9MCY22	6.83	CY22E 10.07	3.8	361	108

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

TP	Target Price	DDM	Dividend Discount Model	FCF	Free Cash Flows
FCFE	Free Cash Flows to Equity	FCFF	Free Cash Flows to Firm	DCF	Discounted Cash Flows
PE	Price to Earnings Ratio	PB	Price to Book Ratio	BVPS	Book Value Per Share
EPS	Earnings Per Share	DPS	Dividend Per Share	ROE	Return of Equity
ROA	Return on Assets	SOTP	Sum of the Parts	JPB	Justified Price to Book

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VALUATION METHODOLOGY

To arrive at our Target Price, Abbasi & Company (Private) Limited uses different valuation methods which include:

- I. Discounted Cash Flow Model
- II. Dividend Discount Model
- III. Relative Valuation Model
- IV. Sum of Parts Valuation

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