

Dr. Reddys(RDY) Long Term: 6-12 Months Zacks Recommendation: Neutral (Since: 05/15/20) \$50.37 (As of 05/14/20) Prior Recommendation: Outperform Price Target (6-12 Months): \$53.00 3-Hold Short Term: 1-3 Months Zacks Rank: (1-5) VGM:A Zacks Style Scores: Value: C Growth: A Momentum: B

Summary

In third-quarter fiscal 2020, Dr. Reddy's top and bottom lines recorded year-over-year growth. This was supported by strength in Europe, emerging markets and India, and new product launches. However, Price erosion in the North America generics market will impact sales from that region. Moreover, the European market is also witnessing high price erosion in some of the key molecules. As of Dec 31, the company had 101 generic filings (99 abbreviated New Drug Applications and two new drug applications) pending FDA approval. Approval of new generics should further bolster the portfolio. The company is divesting non-core assets to channelize its sources to increase profitability. Shares of the company have outperformed the industry so far this year. Estimates movement have been stable ahead of Q4 earnings.

Price, Consensus & Surprise

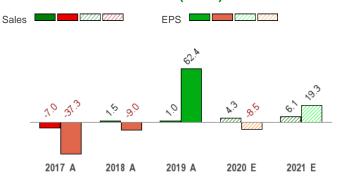


Data Overview

| 52 Week High-Low | \$53.64 - \$33.33 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 20 Day Average Volume (sh) | 224,644 |
| Market Cap | \$8.3 B |
| YTD Price Change | 24.1% |
| Beta | 0.48 |
| Dividend / Div Yld | \$0.26 / 0.5% |
| Industry | Medical - Generic Drugs |
| Zacks Industry Rank | Top 7% (18 out of 253) |

| Last EPS Surprise | NA |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Last Sales Surprise | NA |
| EPS F1 Est- 4 week change | -1.4% |
| Expected Report Date | 05/20/2020 |
| Earnings ESP | 0.0% |
| | |
| P/E TTM | 22.0 |
| P/E F1 | 28.1 |
| PEG F1 | NA |
| P/S TTM | 3.4 |
| | |

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Annual* |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| 2021 | | | | | 2,461 E |
| 2020 | 558 A | 680 A | 614 A | 552 E | 2,320 E |
| 2019 | 543 A | 524 A | 535 A | 581 A | 2,225 A |

EPS Estimates

| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Annual* |
|------------|------------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2021 | | | | | \$1.79 E |
| 2020 | \$0.58 A | \$0.93 A | \$0.40 A | | \$1.50 E |
| 2019 | \$0.40 A | \$0.42 A | \$0.41 A | \$0.38 A | \$1.64 A |
| *Quarterly | y figures may no | t add up to anni | ual. | | |

The data in the charts and tables, including the Zacks Consensus EPS and Sales estimates, is as of 05/14/2020. The reports text is as of 05/15/2020.

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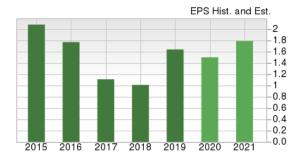
India-based Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd. is an integrated global pharmaceutical company engaged in providing affordable and innovative medicines since 1984.

The company markets its products in countries like the U.S., the UK, Germany, India, Russia, Venezuela, Romania and South Africa. Dr. Reddy's operates through three segments:

- **Global Generics** This segment consists of branded and unbranded prescription drugs along with over-the-counter (OTC) drugs. It includes the operations of the company's biologics business.
- Pharmaceutical Services & Active Ingredients (PSAI) This segment is composed of active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) and custom pharmaceutical services.
- **Proprietary Products and Others** This segment involves the new chemical entities, the differentiated formulations business and a dermatology specialty business.

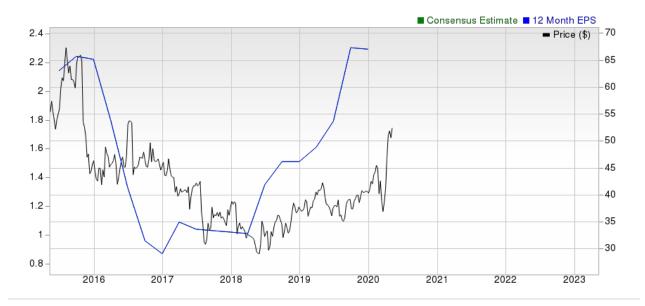
Global Generics contributed 79.9%, PSAI contributed 15.7% and Proprietary Products and Others contributed 4.4% to total revenues in fiscal 2019.

The company has a strategic partnership with Glaxo to market selected products across emerging markets outside India.





Dr. Reddy's reported fiscal 2019 (ending Mar 31, 2019) revenues of \$2.2 billion (up 8% year over year).



Reasons To Buy:

▲ Strong Generic Pipeline: Dr. Reddy's enjoys a strong position in the generics market. As of Dec 31, 2019, the company had 101 generic filings (99 abbreviated New Drug Applications [ANDAs] and two new drug applications) pending FDA approval. Of these 99 ANDAs, 53 were Para IV filings and 32 have first-to-file status.New product launches, especially complex generics, should help drive the generics business over regular intervals. In the third quarter of fiscal 2020, the company launched five products (bortezomib injection, doxercalciferol, deferasirox dispersable tabs, deferasirox film coated tabs, sodium nitroprusside injection).

Dr. Reddy's enjoys a strong position in the generics market. Efforts on strengthening its presence in the biosimilars market have been commendable too.

In April 2019, Dr. Reddy's entered a definitive agreement to acquire the yet-to-be-marketed portfolio of 42 non-marketed ANDAs in the United States. The portfolio includes more than 30 generic injectable products. These products will be technology transferred and ready for launch within the next one to two years. The deal is in sync with the company's strategy to strengthen its portfolio in its chosen growth markets. This transaction will help the company expand its injectable products portfolio in the U.S. market and globally.

- ▲ Biosimilars Market to Boost Revenues: Dr. Reddy's is working with Merck Serono to develop and commercialize a portfolio of biosimilar compounds in oncology, primarily focused on MAbs. Dr. Reddy's has already expanded its biosimilars facility in India to meet growing demand in emerging markets. Dr. Reddy's in July 2018 launched Hervycta (Trastuzumab), a biosimilar of Roche's Herceptin in India, indicated for the treatment of HER2-positive cancers (early breast cancer, metastatic breast cancer and metastatic gastric cancer).
- ▲ Strategic Initiatives: The company is undertaking some strategic measures to combat the ongoing challenges. It plans to modernize some of its infrastructure, systematically implement its new quality management system and automate some of the critical manufacturing and quality related processes.

In order to revitalize growth, Dr. Reddy's remains focused on accelerating the development of its complex generics portfolio and also making efforts to ensure that the approvals come in time through appropriate risk management and proactive measures to deal with possible deficiencies.

Reasons To Sell:

Pricing pressure on North America business: The company's North America base business is witnessing pricing pressures since the last few quarters due to enhanced channel consolidation and increased competitive pressure on sales of some of its key generic products.

In-fact, the United States' generics industry is facing significant competitive and pricing pressure. The ongoing consolidation of customers in the industry has led to increasing price erosion and decreasing volume. The consolidation in the industry has increased the ability to negotiate lower prices for generic drugs. A sharp decline in generic drug prices is proving to be a major challenge for generic drugmakers as well as drug distributors. Moreover, the FDA is speeding up the approval of generic drugs, which means more competition, increasing price cuts and decreasing volume. The pricing and competitive pressures are expected to continue.

Persisting macroeconomic issues in some territories in emerging markets and negative impact of a depreciating ruble remain a concern. The FDA warning letter for some manufacturing facilities is also a concern.

The implementation of general sales tax (GST) in India is also hurting its topline to an extent.

▼ Warning Letter for Manufacturing Facilities: In November 2015, Dr. Reddy's received a warning letter from the FDA regarding a couple of API manufacturing facilities in India as well as its Oncology Formulation manufacturing facility in India. In December 2015, the company submitted a comprehensive, corrective and preventive action plan, to address all the issues raised, which includes manufacturing network and quality/compliance issues. The company has completed its remedial measures and submitted the same as of Mar 2017. The FDA conducted reinspection of the aforementioned manufacturing facilities in March and April 2017. During the re-inspections, the FDA issued three observations with respect to the company's API facility at Miryalaguda, two observations with respect to its API facility at Srikakulam, the company was asked to carry out certain detailed investigations and analyses. The company has completed a portion of this investigation.

In June 2018, the company requested the FDA to schedule a re-inspection of the oncology formulation manufacturing facility at Duvvada. In October 2018, the re-inspection for the injectable plant in Duvvada was completed and the FDA issued eight observations. The company comprehensively responded to this observation and received certain specific questions from the agency, seeking further clarification on some of the company's responses. With respect to the API manufacturing facility in Srikakulam, the company submitted the results of the investigation, and responded to all the queries asked by the FDA. The company is awaiting re-inspection of the facility.

Consequent to this warning letter, the company has been facing a number of challenges that includes price erosion and delay in product launches. These challenges are adversely affecting the company's top-line growth.

▼ Competition in Generics Segment: The generic market is highly crowded and Dr. Reddy's faces competition from players like Mylan, Teva, Endo and Sandoz among others. Competition is fierce as generic companies strive to be the first to launch a generic version once a brand product loses exclusivity so that they can capture significant market share. Once additional generic companies enter the market, market share, revenues and gross profit typically decline. Therefore, it is very important for generic companies to develop and introduce new products in a timely and cost-effective manner to maintain revenues and gross profit. In addition to competition from other generic players, brand name companies also provide competition by marketing their own generic version (authorized generics) of their brand products.

In December 2019, there was a generic launch and an authorized generic launch for the product, NuvaRing, which has led to a considerable reduction in the valuation of this product for the company.

Last Earnings Report

Dr. Reddy's (RDY) Q3 Earnings and Revenues Increase Y/Y

Dr. Reddy's reported third-quarter fiscal 2020 loss of 48 cents per share, per American Depositary Share (ADS). However, the loss includes an impairment charge of \$156.5 million related to the generic launch and an authorized generic launch of the product-Nuvaring, which led to considerable erosion in the value of this product for the company. Excluding the impairment charge, earnings were 63 cents per ADS compared with 41 cents in the year-ago quarter.

| Report Date | Jan 27, 2020 |
|------------------|--------------|
| Sales Surprise | NA |
| EPS Surprise | NA |
| Quarterly EPS | 0.40 |
| Annual EPS (TTM) | 2.29 |

12/2019

Quarter Ending

Moreover, revenues grew 14% year over year to \$614 million. In the second quarter of fiscal 2020, the company out-licensed two neuro products from the proprietary products business and

recognized revenues of \$7.2 billion. Adjusting for this, the sequential growth in the quarter was 7% — the highest-ever quarterly sales from operations, without any one-off item.

Quarter in Detail

Dr. Reddy's reported revenues under three segments — Global Generics, Pharmaceutical Services & Active Ingredients ("PSAI"), and Proprietary Products and Others.

Global Generics revenues were INR35.9 billion (\$503.5 million), up 15% year over year in the fiscal third quarter. Growth was led by contributions from Europe, emerging markets and India, primarily owing to volume gains and product launches.

PSAI revenues were INR6.9 billion (\$96.8 million), up 16% from the year-ago quarter.

Revenues at the Proprietary Products segment came in at INR0.2 billion (\$0.11 million) compared with INR0.7 billion in the year-ago quarter. The company had out-licensed its commercialized derma products in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2019 and commercialized neuro products in the second quarter of fiscal 2020. This, mainly, led to the decline.

Research and development expenses were up 8% year over year to \$55 million.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$178 million, up 5% year over year.

As of Dec 31, 2019, Dr. Reddy's had 101 generic filings (99 abbreviated New Drug Applications [ANDAs] and two new drug applications) pending FDA approval. Of these 99 ANDAs, 53 were Para IV filings and 32 have first-to-file status.

Recent News

Receives FDA Approval for Elyxyb - May 6

Dr. Reddy's announced that the FDA has approved the news drug application seeking approval for Elyxyb as acute treatment of migraine with or without aura in adults

Launch of NitroDur in the U.S. Market - May 6

Dr. Reddy's announced the launch of Desmopressin Acetate Injection, the therapeutic generic equivalent of DDAVP, approved by the FDA. DDAVP is a trademark of Ferring Pharmaceuticals.

Launch of NitroDur in the U.S. Market - Apr 27

Dr. Reddy's announced the launch of Fenofibrate tablets, the therapeutic generic equivalent of Tricor tablets, approved by the FDA. Tricor is a trademark of AbbVie.

Launch of Amphetamine Sulfate Tablets in the U.S. Market – Apr 14

Dr. Reddy's announced the launch of Amphetamine Sulfate tablets, the therapeutic generic equivalent of Evekeo tablets, approved by the FDA. Evekeo is a trademark of Arbor Pharmaceuticals, LLC.

Launch of NitroDur in the U.S. Market - Apr 14

Dr. Reddy's announced the launch of authorized generic version of NitroDur transdermal infusion system, for four dosage strengths — 0.1mg/hr, 0.2 mg/hr, 0.4 mg/hr, and 0.6 mg/hr, each in a box of 30 count. NitroDur is a trademark of USpharma Ltd.

Launch of Invista in India - Apr 13

Dr. Reddy's announced the launch of Invista, a formulation of dasatinib that is bioequivalent version of Sprycel. Invista is approved for treating chronic accelerated or myeloid or lymphoid blast phase and newly diagnosed in chronic phase adult patients with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia in India. Sprycel is a trademark of Bristol Myers.

Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Phytonadione - Mar 26

Dr. Reddy's announced that it is voluntarily recalling certain four lots of Phytonadione injectable emulsion. The product has been recalled due to complaints including ampules breaking and shattering, upon opening, during compounding. The company has notified its distributors to arrange for return of any recalled product.

Launch of Pyrimethamine Tablets in the U.S. Market - Mar 20

Dr. Reddy's announced the launch of Pyrimethamine tablets, the therapeutic generic equivalent of Daraprim tablets, approved by the FDA. Daraprim is a trademark of Vyera Pharmaceuticals, LLC.

Launch of Naloxone Hydrochloride Injection in the U.S. Market - Mar 17

Dr. Reddy's announced the launch of pre-filled Naloxone hydrochloride injection, the therapeutic generic equivalent of Narcan injection, approved by the FDA. Narcanis a trademark of ADAPT Pharma Operations Limited.

Launch of Pyrimethamine Tablets in the U.S. Market - Mar 17

Dr. Reddy's announced the launch of Ziprasidone Mesylate for injection, the therapeutic generic equivalent of Geodon injection, approved by the FDA. Geodon is a trademark of Pfizer.

Launch of Naproxen and Esomeprazole Magnesium Delayed-Release Tablets in the U.S. Market - Feb 27

Dr. Reddy's announced the first-to-market launch of Naproxen and Esomeprazole Magnesium delayed-release tablets, the therapeutic generic equivalent of Vimovo delayed-release tablets, approved by the FDA. Vimovo is a trademark of Horizon PharmaMedicines LLC.

Agrees to Acquire Select Business Divisions of Wockhardt in India – Feb 12

Dr. Reddy's announced that it has entered into an agreement with India-based Wockhardt Limited. Per the agreement, Dr. Reddy's will acquire select divisions of branded generics business of Wockhardt in India and a few other international territories. Selected business divisions include a portfolio of 62 brands spanning across multiple therapy areas such as Respiratory, Neurology, VMS, Dermatology, Gastroenterology, Pain and Vaccines. The transaction is expected to close during the second quarter of 2020.

Amendment of Collaboration Agreement with Curis - Feb 7

Dr. Reddy's announced that its collaboration partner, Curis, has entered into amendment of an existing collaboration, license and option agreement with its subsidiary, Aurigene Discovery Technologies. Per the amended terms, Curis will fund and conduct a phase IIb/III study to evaluate CA-170 in patients with non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer. Aurigene will receive rights to develop and commercialize CA-170 in Asia, in addition to its existing rights in India and Russia.

Launch of Trientine Hydrochloride Capsules in the U.S. Market – Feb 7

Dr. Reddy's announced the launch of Trientine Hydrochloride Capsules USP, 250 mg, a therapeutically equivalent generic version of Syprine

capsules, approved by the FDA. Syprine is a trademark of Alton Pharma.

Valuation

Dr. Reddy's shares are up 24.1% in the year-to-date period and up 25.6% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks Medical sector are down 57.8% and 4.3%, respectively, in the year-to-date period. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry is down 53.4% while the sector is up 1.1%.

The S&P 500 index is down 11.5% in the year-to-date period and 1.2% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 27.12X forward 12-month earnings per share, which compares to 4.13X for the Zacks sub-industry, 22.2X for the Zacks sector and 20.67X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 34.23X and as low as 16.19X, with a 5-year median of 21.48X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in line with the market. Our \$53.00 price target reflects 28.54X forward 12-month earnings per share.

The table below shows summary valuation data for RDY

| | | Stock | Sub-Industry | Sector | S&P 500 |
|----------|---------------|-------|--------------|--------|---------|
| | Current | 27.12 | 4.13 | 22.2 | 20.67 |
| P/E F12M | 5-Year High | 34.23 | 16.2 | 22.2 | 20.79 |
| | 5-Year Low | 16.19 | 4.13 | 15.81 | 15.19 |
| | 5-Year Median | 21.48 | 9.38 | 18.81 | 17.45 |
| | Current | 3.35 | 0.68 | 2.69 | 3.22 |
| P/S F12M | 5-Year High | 4.28 | 4.35 | 3.84 | 3.44 |
| | 5-Year Low | 1.79 | 0.68 | 2.24 | 2.54 |
| | 5-Year Median | 2.67 | 1.91 | 2.96 | 3.02 |
| | Current | 4.01 | 0.56 | 3.7 | 3.74 |
| P/B TTM | 5-Year High | 6.23 | 2.88 | 5.05 | 4.55 |
| | 5-Year Low | 2.43 | 0.56 | 2.92 | 2.84 |
| | 5-Year Median | 3.39 | 1.31 | 4.28 | 3.65 |

As of 05/14/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Top 7% (18 out of 253)

■ Industry Price 1.6k - Industry -70 ■ Price 65 60 -55 1.2k -50 1k -45 800 40 600 35 400 30 2018 2016 2017 2019 2020

Top Peers

| Company (Ticker) | Rec F | Rank |
|--|------------|------|
| Sanofi (SNY) | Outperform | 3 |
| Bausch Health Cos Inc. (BHC) | Neutral | 3 |
| Endo International plc (ENDP) | Neutral | 2 |
| GlaxoSmithKline plc (GSK) | Neutral | 2 |
| Mallinckrodt public limited company (MNK) | Neutral | 3 |
| Mylan N.V. (MYL) | Neutral | 3 |
| Novartis AG (NVS) | Neutral | 3 |
| Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (TEVA) | Neutral | 2 |

| Industry Comparison Industry: Medical - Generic Drugs | | | Industry Peers | | | |
|---|---------|------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | RDY | X Industry | S&P 500 | MYL | NVS | TEVA |
| Zacks Recommendation (Long Term) | Neutral | - | - | Neutral | Neutral | Neutral |
| Zacks Rank (Short Term) | 3 | - | - | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| VGM Score | Α | - | - | Α | В | Α |
| Market Cap | 8.35 B | 300.49 M | 18.95 B | 7.87 B | 192.58 B | 11.98 B |
| # of Analysts | 2 | 4 | 14 | 9 | 5 | 13 |
| Dividend Yield | 0.52% | 0.00% | 2.2% | 0.00% | 2.39% | 0.00% |
| Value Score | С | - | - | Α | В | Α |
| Cash/Price | 0.03 | 0.33 | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.15 |
| EV/EBITDA | 15.60 | -3.08 | 11.58 | 7.25 | 13.68 | 75.82 |
| PEG Ratio | NA | 0.69 | 2.60 | 1.27 | 1.85 | 0.97 |
| Price/Book (P/B) | 4.01 | 2.56 | 2.59 | 0.70 | 3.78 | 0.82 |
| Price/Cash Flow (P/CF) | 18.67 | 2.82 | 10.20 | 1.83 | 10.77 | 2.82 |
| P/E (F1) | 28.14 | 6.24 | 19.00 | 3.53 | 14.91 | 4.54 |
| Price/Sales (P/S) | 3.43 | 2.70 | 1.93 | 0.68 | 3.96 | 0.69 |
| Earnings Yield | 3.55% | -15.46% | 5.05% | 28.38% | 6.71% | 22.06% |
| Debt/Equity | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.75 | 1.08 | 0.50 | 1.68 |
| Cash Flow (\$/share) | 2.70 | -0.36 | 7.01 | 8.33 | 7.80 | 3.89 |
| Growth Score | Α | - | - | С | С | С |
| Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs) | -0.76% | 1.99% | 10.82% | 2.42% | 1.77% | -19.38% |
| Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0) | 19.33% | 0.23% | -10.48% | -2.36% | 7.56% | 0.77% |
| Curr. Cash Flow Growth | 29.21% | 9.45% | 5.68% | -3.91% | 4.27% | -9.67% |
| Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs) | -0.91% | 6.38% | 8.52% | 16.74% | 7.11% | -6.21% |
| Current Ratio | 1.81 | 2.80 | 1.27 | 1.26 | 0.74 | 1.05 |
| Debt/Capital | 0.81% | 8.59% | 44.25% | 51.83% | 33.33% | 62.65% |
| Net Margin | 9.62% | -39.56% | 10.54% | 0.54% | 24.97% | -4.73% |
| Return on Equity | 18.08% | -44.13% | 16.29% | 20.00% | 24.39% | 18.10% |
| Sales/Assets | 0.75 | 0.33 | 0.54 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.30 |
| Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0) | 6.07% | 0.00% | -2.55% | 4.05% | 4.76% | -5.11% |
| Momentum Score | В | - | - | В | Α | D |
| Daily Price Chg | 0.96% | -2.06% | 1.17% | -2.06% | -1.37% | -0.72% |
| 1 Week Price Chg | 3.62% | 1.28% | 3.23% | 8.96% | 1.82% | 11.34% |
| 4 Week Price Chg | -0.75% | 7.43% | 1.06% | -1.81% | -4.01% | 5.89% |
| 12 Week Price Chg | 12.31% | -11.99% | -22.80% | -27.26% | -12.73% | -17.58% |
| 52 Week Price Chg | 25.58% | -26.50% | -12.40% | -24.69% | 1.92% | -3.94% |
| 20 Day Average Volume | 224,644 | 272,413 | 2,553,422 | 6,374,598 | 2,065,482 | 12,973,656 |
| (F1) EPS Est 1 week change | -1.38% | 0.00% | 0.00% | -0.05% | 0.00% | 0.22% |
| (F1) EPS Est 4 week change | -1.38% | 0.00% | -5.57% | -0.64% | -1.23% | 0.17% |
| (F1) EPS Est 12 week change | -5.54% | -4.26% | -16.22% | -4.26% | -1.98% | -2.20% |
| (Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg | NA% | 0.00% | -11.63% | -2.12% | 0.71% | -11.09% |

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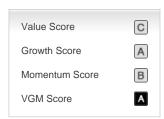
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