

Cipla Ltd.

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Price: 1,550

Recommendation: Buy
Industry: Pharmaceuticals

Sector: Healthcare

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Cipla, a global pharmaceutical leader with 90 years of innovation, focuses on equitable healthcare access and strategic growth. With a diversified portfolio spanning respiratory, urology, and chronic therapies, Cipla drives market leadership through AI-powered tools and robust R&D.; Strong financials, global expansion, and a commitment to operational excellence position Cipla for sustained success.

Sales		Profit & Loss		Profitability Matrix	
Current Year	18284 Cr	Operating Profit(Year)	5288 Cr	Operating Profit Margin	28.9 %
Previous Year	14345 Cr	Operating Profit(Quarter)	1662 Cr	EBITDA Margin	30.08 %
Current Quarter	4971 Cr	PAT (Year)	4034 Cr	Net Profit Margin	24.3 %
Previous Quarter	4775 Cr	PAT (Quarter)	1438 Cr	EPS	58.3
Revenue (QYoY)	4381 Cr				
Valuation Matrix		Growth(YoY)		Growth(QoQ)	
Trailing P/E	26.9	Sales Growth	10.8 %	Sales Growth	4.1 %
PEG Ratio	1.55	PAT Growth	57.89 %	Sales Growth QYoY	13.47 %
EV/EBITDA	19.2	EPS Growth	15.45 %	PAT Growth	22.07 %
P/B	4.30	Dividend Yield	0.84	PAT Growth QYoY	41.26 %
Capital Allocation		Holdings		Leverage	
RoE	15.3 %	Promoter	29.2 %	Debt/Equity	0.00
RoA	13.8 %	FII	26.3 %	Debt	43.0 Cr
RoCE	18.6 %	DII	27.9 %	Market Cap	125192 Cr
RoIC	33.2 %	Public	16.4 %	Enterprise value	124845 Cr
		No of Shares	80.8 Cr	Cash Equivalents	390 Cr

source: Company filings

Company's Overview Based on Recent Concall and Performance:

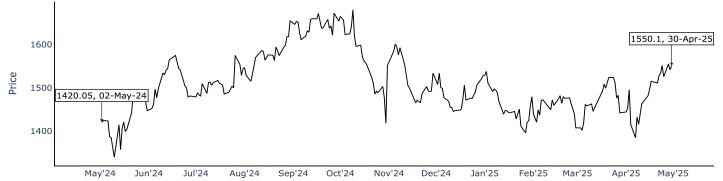
Cipla's Q3 FY25 earnings call highlighted the company's commitment to innovation, equitable healthcare access, and strategic growth as it celebrates 90 years of operations. A key initiative has been the derisking of its manufacturing network, with \$100 million invested in US facilities since FY20, enabling filings for major assets like generic Advair. The company has diversified its portfolio, with EMEU and One Africa businesses contributing over 25% of total revenue, growing 15% YoY in INR terms. Cipla's One India business delivered 10% YoY growth despite seasonal headwinds, driven by strong performance in respiratory, urology, and chronic therapies, with chronic prescriptions now accounting for 61.5% of the mix. The launch of CipAir, an AI-powered asthma screening app, and the addition of five brands with over 100 crore revenue further underscore Cipla's focus on innovation and market leadership.

Cipla's North America business recorded \$226 million in quarterly revenue, with Albuterol market share rising to 21%. While supply disruptions in Lanreotide impacted growth, the company expects normalized levels by Q4 FY25. Cipla has received approvals for key generic drugs, including Phytonadione Injectable and Esomeprazole Granules, and plans to launch generic Advair and Abraxane in FY26, signaling robust pipeline execution. The One Africa business grew 9% in USD terms, with South Africa achieving 21% growth in ZAR terms and maintaining leadership in private markets. EMEU delivered 20% YoY growth in USD terms, supported by deep market penetration and sustained operating margins.

Financially, Cipla achieved its highest-ever quarterly revenue of 7,073 crore, growing 8% YoY, with EBITDA margins at 28%. Gross margins improved to 68%, driven by mix changes, while R&D; investments stood at 360 crore, focusing on product filings and development. The company maintains a strong net cash position of 8,947 crore, enabling strategic investments in India, differentiated US assets, and innovation. Cipla plans to leverage its respiratory portfolio, including upcoming launches of Symbicort and partnered inhalation assets, to drive growth in North America, while focusing on margin expansion in South Africa and top-line growth in EMEU.

Cipla's forward-looking strategy emphasizes scaling its branded prescription and trade generics businesses in India, resolving supply issues in North America, and deepening penetration in EMEU. The company remains optimistic about FY26 revenue growth, supported by its diversified portfolio and robust pipeline. With a focus on innovation, operational excellence, and strategic investments, Cipla is well-positioned to sustain its growth trajectory and deliver value across markets. The management's proactive approach to regulatory compliance and capacity expansion further reinforces confidence in its ability to navigate challenges and capitalize on opportunities.

CIPLA Daily Closing One Year Price Chart



Name	Mar Cap (Rs. Cr.)	P/E	ROE	Sales(G) QoQ	Sales(G) QYoY	PAT(G) QoQ	PAT(G) QYoY
Dr Reddy's Labs	98791.17	18.42	21.39%	4.27%	15.81%	11.83%	1.69%
Lupin	95677.77	33.35	14.14%	1.67%	10.97%	0.30%	39.48%
Zydus Lifesci.	89378.73	19.71	20.67%	0.61%	16.96%	12.39%	33.34%
Aurobindo Pharma	72017.71	20.27	11.53%	2.34%	8.53%	3.50%	-9.69%
Sun Pharma.Inds.	439630.15	37.28	16.69%	2.89%	10.46%	4.30%	22.66%

Aspect	Commentary			
Revenue	Cipla's revenue grew 27.5% YoY to Rs.18,284 Cr, driven by strong performance across geographies and therapies. Quarterly revenue rose 4.1% QoQ to Rs.4,971 Cr, reflecting consistent growth momentum despite seasonal headwinds in India and supply disruptions in North America.			
Profit & Loss	PAT surged 57.89% YoY to Rs.4,034 Cr, supported by operational efficiency and improved margins. Quarterly PAT grew 22.07% QoQ to Rs.1,438 Cr, showcasing robust profitability. EPS growth of 15.45% YoY highlights shareholder value creation.			
Profitability Matrix	Operating profit margin stood at 28.9%, reflecting efficient cost management. EBITDA margin of 30.08% underscores strong operational performance. Net profit margin of 24.3% highlights Cipla's ability to convert revenue into profits effectively.			
Valuation Matrix	Trailing P/E of 26.9 and PEG ratio of 1.55 indicate reasonable valuation relative to growth. EV/EBITDA of 19.2 suggests efficient enterprise value generation. Dividend yield of 0.84% provides moderate income for investors.			
Growth (YoY)	Sales grew 10.8% YoY, driven by diversified portfolio and geographic expansion. PAT growth of 57.89% YoY reflects operational excellence. EPS growth of 15.45% YoY highlights consistent earnings improvement.			
Growth (QoQ)	Sales grew 4.1% QoQ, reflecting steady performance. PAT growth of 22.07% QoQ indicates improved profitability. Sales growth QYoY of 13.47% and PAT growth QYoY of 41.26% highlight strong quarterly momentum.			
Capital Allocation	RoE of 15.3% and RoCE of 18.6% reflect efficient capital utilization. RoIC of 33.2% underscores strong returns on invested capital. Cash equivalents of Rs.390 Cr and net cash position enable strategic investments and innovation.			
Holdings	Promoter holding at 29.2% ensures stable ownership. FII and DII holdings of 26.3% and 27.9%, respectively, indicate strong institutional confidence. Public holding of 16.4% reflects balanced ownership structure.			
Leverage	Debt/Equity ratio of 0.00 highlights Cipla's debt-free status, ensuring financial stability. Debt of Rs.43 Cr is negligible relative to market cap of Rs.1,25,192 Cr, showcasing prudent financial management.			

Analyst viewpoint: Cipla Ltd. demonstrates strong growth potential in the short to mid-term, supported by robust financial performance and strategic initiatives. The company achieved a 27.5% YoY revenue growth to Rs. 18,284 Cr, with quarterly revenue rising 4.1% QoQ to Rs. 4,971 Cr, showcasing consistent momentum despite seasonal headwinds in India and supply disruptions in North America. PAT surged 57.89% YoY to Rs. 4,034 Cr, driven by operational efficiency and improved margins, while quarterly PAT grew 22.07% QoQ to Rs. 1,438 Cr. Cipla's diversified portfolio, including respiratory, urology, and chronic therapies, continues to drive market leadership, with chronic prescriptions accounting for 61.5% of the mix. The company's focus on innovation, such as the launch of CipAir and upcoming generic Advair and Abraxane launches, further strengthens its competitive edge. Valuation metrics, including a trailing P/E of 26.9 and PEG ratio of 1.55, suggest reasonable pricing relative to growth, while a debt-free balance sheet and RoIC of 33.2% underscore efficient capital utilization.

Cipla's global expansion strategy, particularly in North America, EMEU, and South Africa, positions it well for sustained growth. The company's highest-ever quarterly revenue of Rs. 7,073 Cr and EBITDA margins of 28% highlight operational excellence, while its net cash position of Rs. 8,947 Cr enables strategic investments in differentiated assets and innovation. Peer comparison reveals Cipla's competitive advantage in profitability and growth metrics, outperforming industry averages in PAT and sales growth. However, mild supply disruptions in Lanreotide and seasonal headwinds in India may pose short-term challenges, though management remains proactive in addressing these issues. Overall, Cipla's diversified portfolio, innovation-driven approach, and strong financials make it a compelling buy recommendation for investors seeking growth and stability.

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