

Indices	Current	%	%
maices	Value	1 D	YTD
Sensex	72,643	-0.6	0.6
Nifty	22,023	-0.6	1.3
BSE Midcap	38,250	-0.5	3.8
BSE Small cap	42,013	0.3	-1.5
Sectors - Perfor	mance (BS	E)	
Telecom	2,429	1.0	7.2
FMCG	19,384	0.0	-5.3
Realty	6,561	-0.1	6.0
Oil & Gas	26,886	-2.2	16.8
Auto	46,320	-1.7	9.7
Capital Goods	56,820	-1.2	2.1

Nifty Gainers/Losers	CMP	% Chg
UPL	475	2.8
BHARTIARTL	1,220	2.1
BAJFINANCE	6,514	1.8
M&M	1,800	(4.8)
BPCL	586	(3.7)
COALINDIA	415	(2.9)

FII Trading activities in Cash

	Date	Net	MTD
FII	15-Mar-24	849	-508
DII	15-Mar-24	682	822

Figs. in Rs Cr.

Global Indices	Current Value	% 1 D	% YTD
Dow Jones	38,715	(0.5)	2.7
NASDAQ	15,973	(1.0)	8.2
DAX	17,923	(0.1)	6.9
Nikkei 225	39,599	2.2	19.0
FTSE 100	7,727	(0.2)	0.1
Hang Seng	16,684	(0.2)	(0.6)
Shanghai	3,066	0.4	3.5

Source: Bloomberg; As on 7:30 am IST

Forex Rate			
INR/USD	82.9	-0.1	0.4
INR/EUR	90.3	0.3	1.8
INR/GBP	105.7	0.4	0.0
INR/YEN (100)	55.7	0.6	5.5

Market Commentary

- Asian Markets are trading mixed ahead of a week full of central bank meetings, while investors awaited a slew of economic data from China. Nikkei and Shanghai are trading higher by 2.24% and 0.32% while Hang Seng is trading lower by 0.26%.
- Indian Indices are expected to open on a weak note. GIFT Nifty was trading at 22,048 vs. yesterday's Nifty Futures close of 22,120.
- US Markets closed on a negative note. The weakness on Wall Street partly reflected concerns about the outlook for interest rates ahead of the Fed's monetary policy meeting next week. The Dow Jones ended lower by 190 points or 0.49% to close at 38,714 and the NASDAQ ended lower by 155 points or 0.96% to close at 15,973.

Market Commentary

• Pick of the Week: Archean Chemical Industries Ltd

News in Focus

- RailTel Corporation of India has received the work order from the Municipal
 Corporation of Greater Mumbai for the supply, installation, testing,
 commissioning, operations & maintenance of HMIS (health management
 information system) for the Health Department of BMC amounting to Rs 352
 Cr.
- JSW Energy's Subsidiary JSW Neo Energy has a LoA for an additional 500 MW of wind capacity under the greenshoe option for the SECI wind power projects (Tranche - XVI).
- Life Insurance Corp. has approved a 17% overall hike in wages for more than
 1.10 Lc employees of the insurance giant.
- ITC entered into a share purchase agreement with its arm, Russell Credit, to acquire a 45.36% stake in International Travel House.
- Punjab National Bank, in its EGM, approved raising equity capital of up to Rs 7,500 Cr through qualified institutional placements or any other permitted mode or a combination.



Pick of the Week

16th March, 2024

Archean Chemical Industries Ltd

Specialty Chemicals



leading specialty marine chemical manufacturer in India and focused on producing and exporting Bromine, Industrial salt, and Sulphate of Potash to customers around the world. Archean is the largest exporter of Bromine and industrial salt by volume in India in FY21 and has amongst the lowest cost of production globally in both Bromine and industrial salt. The company produces its products from its brine reserves in the Rann of Kutch, located on the coast of Gujarat, and manufactures products at its facility near Hajipir in Gujarat. Archean has about 55 clients out of which 27 are global and 28 are domestic(as of FY23).

About the Company - Archean Chemical Industries Ltd ("ACI") was incorporated on November 20, 2003. Archean is a

Investment Rationale

- A. Strategic acquisition of Oren Hydrocarbons Private Limited: Archean acquired Oren Hydrocarbons Private Limited during the quarter. Archean will be able to offer other specialized products for oil drilling beyond those CBR bromine derivatives. It will be able to expand its portfolio of products. ACI expects Oren's presence in Oil & Drilling fluids which will synergize with Archean CBR -bromine derivative business. Oren also manufactures several other oil drilling products which will help ACIL to expand its product portfolio offering to oil drilling companies. The business will be capital light with Archean spending 20-30 Cr to revamp existing facilities.
- B. Strong IS Volumes and SOP Business regaining traction: The company sold more IS than its production consuming its inventory, and expects to continue +4 Mn run-rate in Industrial Salt. ACIL gained new clients in the current guarter for SOP and achieved decent business during the quarter. In order to increase the diversity of product profiles, the company continues to carryout several trials both in domestic and overseas clients.
- C. Revenue Generation in Bromine Derivatives to commence from FY25 onwards: The company has started doing trials and sampling with the customers for Phase 1 products. ACIL aims to generate Rs 200-300 Cr of revenue on a conservative basis from the plant (Phase 1 i.e. CBR and PTA Synthesis) in FY25 at a target of 50-70% capacity utilisatiion. It expects to achieve 35-40% margin at 70% capacity utilisatiion.
- D. Outlook & Valuation: The company remains conservatively optimistic about Bromine & its derivatives' near-term future with increasing global volatility and slower-than-expected recovery in the Chinese economy and real estate market. However, with its smaller size and large addressable market, ACIL remains confident of achieving 60-70% utilisation from the new derivative plants and continued strong uptake from the IS segment and recovery in the SOP segment. The stock currently trades at 8x Sep'26E.
- Recommendation: We recommend a BUY on the stock for a target price of Rs 693/ implying an upside of 12% from CMP.

Financial Summary (Consolidated)

Y/E March	Net Sales (Rs Cr)	EBITDA (Rs Cr)	Net Profit (Rs Cr)	EPS (Rs)	PER (x)	ROE (%)	ROCE (%)	EV/EBIDTA (x)
2023	1,441	634	383	31.1	20	45.2%	41.4%	11.8
2024E	1,411	502	355	28.8	21	21.9%	26.6%	15.2
2025E	2,070	845	624	50.7	12	29.5%	36.3%	9.0
2026E	2,821	1,200	927	75.3	8	32.0%	39.5%	6.3

Potential CMP Target Upside (Rs) (Rs) (%) 12% 618 693

MARKET DATA

No. of Shares	12.3 Cr
Market Cap	7,546 Cr
52-week High / Low	838/494
BSE Code	543657
NSE Code	ACI

Why Archean Chemical Ind. Ltd

- **Forward Integration play**
- **High Barriers to Entry**
- Long term contracts with customers

Source: Axis Securities; CMP as on 15th March, 2024



Axis Intellect: Intraweek Stocks for the week 18 Mar 2024 to 25 Mar 2024`

Name of Stock	Sector	Мсар
TATA CONSUMER PRODUCTS	Staples	Large Cap
Siemens Ltd.,	Industrials	Large Cap
Aurobindo Pharma Ltd.	Healthcare	Mid Cap
Five-Star Business Finance Ltd.	NBFC	Small Cap
Cyient Limited	IT	Small Cap
Shyam Metalics and Energy Limited	Metals & min	Small Cap
Allcargo Logistics Ltd	Transport	Small Cap
Godrej Consumer Products Ltd.	Staples	Large Cap
Kajaria Ceramics Ltd	Build Mate	Mid Cap
Bajaj Holdings & Investment Limited	NBFC	Large Cap



Investment Picks

Company	Recommendation	CMP	Target	%
Aarti Drugs Ltd	BUY	453	Price 570	Upside 25.8
Aarti Industries Ltd	BUY	635	735	15.8
Affle India Ltd	BUY	1,023	1,350	32.0
APL Apollo Tubes Ltd Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd	BUY BUY	1,475 313	1,850 425	25.4 35.6
Archean Chemical Industries Ltd	BUY	595	885	48.7
AU Small Finance Bank Ltd	BUY	578	780	34.9
Aurobindo Pharma Ltd	BUY	1,001	1,160	15.8
Bajai Finance Ltd	BUY	6,513	8,810	35.3
Bandhan Bank Ltd	BUY	183	240	31.0
Bank of Baroda Ltd	BUY	254	300	18.2
Bharti Airtel Ltd	BUY	1,220	1,400	14.7
Birla Corporation Ltd	BUY	1,416	1,835	29.6
Britannia Industries Ltd	BUY	4,976	5,800	16.6
Can Fin Homes Ltd	BUY	725	885	22.1
CCL Products (India) Ltd	BUY	581	720	24.0
Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Company Ltd	BUY	1,068	1,375	28.7
CIE Automotive India Ltd	BUY	435	565	30.0
City Union Bank Ltd	BUY	129	160	24.5
Coal India Ltd	BUY	415	510	22.9
Coforge Ltd	BUY	6,117	6,905	12.9
CreditAccess Grameen Ltd	BUY	1,431	1,970	37.7
Cyient Ltd	BUY	1,988	3,000	50.9
Dabur India Ltd	BUY	527	635	20.4
Dalmia Bharat Ltd	BUY	1,880	2,470	31.4
Eicher Motors Ltd	BUY	3,745	4,250	13.5
Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd	BUY	94	122	29.6
Ethos Ltd	BUY	2,433	3,100	27.4
Federal Bank Ltd	BUY	151	180	19.6
H. G. Infra Engineering Ltd	BUY	890	1,080	21.3
Happiest Minds Technologies Ltd	BUY	793	1,100	38.7
HDFC Bank Ltd HealthCare Global Enterprises Ltd	BUY BUY	1,452 341	1,975 410	36.0 20.3
Hero MotoCorp Ltd	BUY	4,583	5,550	21.1
Hindalco Industries Ltd	BUY	533	660	23.8
Hindustan Unilever Ltd	BUY	2,328	2,850	22.4
ICICI Bank Ltd	BUY	1,079	1,250	15.9
IDFC First Bank Ltd	BUY	79	100	27.0
IndiaMART InterMESH Ltd	BUY	2,627	3,000	14.2
ITC Ltd	BUY	420	500	19.2
J.Kumar Infraprojects Ltd	BUY	597	800	34.0
JK Lakshmi Cement Ltd	BUY	825	1,000	21.1
JTL Industries Ltd	BUY	184	300	63.0
Jyothy Labs Ltd	BUY	426	565	32.8
KNR Constructions	BUY	240	310	28.9
Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd	BUY BUY	1,739 1,429	2,140 1,750	23.1 22.5
KPIT Technologies Ltd Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences Ltd	BUY	2,005	2,300	14.7
Manappuram Finance Ltd	BUY	166	230	38.6
MAS Financial Services Ltd	BUY	285	398	40.0
Minda Corporation Ltd	BUY	379	450	18.9
Mold-Tek Packaging Ltd	BUY	767	1,030	34.4



Investment Picks

Company	Recommendation	CMP	Target	%
Company	Recommendation	CIVII	Price	Upside
National Aluminium Co	BUY	136	160	17.3
Nestle India Ltd	BUY	2,608	2,880	10.4
Nippon Life India Asset Management Ltd	BUY	465	585	25.8
NTPC Ltd	BUY	316	350	10.8
P I Industries Ltd	BUY	3,650	4,200	15.1
Persistent Systems Ltd	BUY	8,426	9,570	13.6
Pitti Engineering Ltd	BUY	721	915	26.9
PNC Infratech Ltd	BUY	414	510	23.3
Praj Industries Ltd	BUY	460	635 815 1,220	38.1 33.2
PSP Projects Ltd	BUY	612		
Sansera Engineering Ltd	BUY	973		25.3
Shree Cement Ltd	BUY	25,016	31,470	25.8
SIS Ltd	BUY	452	540	19.4
Star Cement Ltd	BUY	203	245	20.6
State Bank of India	BUY	732	860	17.5
Steel Authority Of India Ltd	BUY	122	135	10.9
Steel Strips Wheels Ltd	BUY	241	325	34.6
TVS Motor Company Ltd	BUY	2,067	2,350	13.7
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd	BUY	47	64	36.8
UltraTech Cement Ltd	BUY	9,644	11,110	15.2
UNO Minda Industries Ltd	BUY	611	750	22.7
V Mart Retail Ltd	BUY	1,871	2,450	31.0
Welspun Living Ltd	BUY	149	210	40.9
Westlife Foodworld Ltd	BUY	740	930	25.7



Index	CMP	% Chng	S2	S 1	Р	R1	R2
Nifty	22,023.35	-0.56%	21835	21930	22025	22120	22215
Sensex	72,643.43	-0.62%	72195	72420	72710	72935	73220
Bank Nifty	46,594.10	-0.42%	46075	46335	46570	46830	47060



Nifty started the week on a flat note and witnessed selling pressure throughout the week, dragging the index to close near the lowest point. Nifty closed at 22023 on 15th March with a loss of 470 points on a weekly basis.

On the weekly chart, the index has formed a bearish candle that has totally engulfed its previous week's move, forming a "Bearish Engulfing" candlestick formation, which is a bearish reversal pattern. For confirmation of such a formation, if the index breaks and closes below the previous week's low, it would indicate a potential change in trend to the downside. The index is moving in a higher top and higher bottom formation on the daily chart, indicating a positive bias. The chart pattern suggests that if Nifty crosses and sustains above the 22200 level, it would witness buying, leading the index towards 22300-22500 levels. However, if the index breaks below the 21900 level, it would witness selling, taking the index towards 21800-21600. On the daily chart, Nifty sustaining above its 50, 100, and 200-day SMAs indicates a positive bias in the medium term. Nifty continues to remain in an uptrend in the medium term. Hence, 'Buying on Dips' continues to be our preferred strategy. For the week, we expect Nifty to trade in the range of 22500-21600 with a negative bias.

The weekly strength indicator RSI and momentum oscillator Stochastic have both turned negative from the overbought zone and are below their respective reference lines, indicating a profit booking.

The trend-deciding level for the day is 22025. If NIFTY trades above this level, we may witness a further rally up to 22120-22215-22310 levels. However, if NIFTY trades below 22025 levels, we may see some profit booking initiating in the market, which may correct NIFTY up to 21930-21835-21740 levels.



Trading Insights

Insight from trading volumes

Script	CMP	Total Volume (x1000)	Monthly Avg Volume(x1000)	% Change
ICICIBANK	1,080	67,113	16,502	306.7%
IOC	161	1,15,679	39,519	192.7%
HDFCBANK	1,453	73,398	25,578	187.0%
KOTAKBANK	1,738	15,895	5,547	186.5%
NTPC	316	45,229	17,086	164.7%
GRASIM	2,197	2,801	1,075	160.5%
BPCL	586	29,321	12,426	136.0%

Insight from delivery

Script	CMP	Total Delivery Volume(x1000)	Monthly Avg Delivery Volume(x1000)	%Change
ADANIPORTS	1,283	2,722	1,256	116.8%
TATAMOTORS	946	10,518	4,926	113.5%
LT	3,537	3,038	1,582	92.1%
JSWSTEEL	781	1,926	1,094	76.0%
INFY	1,634	5,447	3,512	55.1%
GRASIM	2,197	697	464	50.2%
RELIANCE	2,836	5,170	3,460	49.4%

^{*}CMP-Closing Market Price



Daily Support/ Resistance of Nifty Companies

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Company	CMP	Pivot Point	R1	R2	S 1	S2
NIFTY 50	22,023	22,025	22,119	22,215	21,930	21,836
ADANIPORTS	1,283	1,276	1,296	1,308	1,263	1,244
ASIANPAINT	2,868	2,872	2,893	2,918	2,846	2,825
AXISBANK	1,046	1,045	1,059	1,072	1,032	1,017
BAJAJ-AUTO	8,351	8,299	8,487	8,624	8,162	7,973
BAJAJFINSV	1,571	1,570	1,592	1,612	1,549	1,527
BAJFINANCE	6,514	6,484	6,609	6,703	6,390	6,266
BHARTIARTL	1,220	1,210	1,233	1,246	1,196	1,173
BPCL	586	582	605	623	564	541
BRITANNIA	4,974	4,965	5,018	5,062	4,921	4,868
CIPLA	1,488	1,483	1,501	1,514	1,471	1,453
COALINDIA	415	415	428	442	402	388
DIVISLAB			3,522			
	3,485	3,488		3,558	3,452	3,419
DRREDDY	6,285	6,269	6,324	6,363	6,230	6,175
EICHERMOT	3,746	3,752	3,797	3,849	3,701	3,656
GAIL	174	172	179	183	167	161
GRASIM	2,197	2,190	2,216	2,234	2,172	2,147
HCLTECH	1,647	1,656	1,670	1,692	1,634	1,620
HDFCBANK	1,453	1,451	1,461	1,469	1,443	1,434
HDFCLIFE	632	626	641	650	618	603
HEROMOTOCO	4,585	4,589	4,677	4,770	4,497	4,408
HINDALCO	533	528	539	545	522	511
HINDUNILVR	2,328	2,327	2,339	2,349	2,316	2,305
CICIBANK	1,080	1,079	1,088	1,095	1,071	1,063
NDUSINDBK	1,484	1,477	1,497	1,510	1,464	1,444
NFY	1,634	1,633	1,648	1,662	1,619	1,604
OC	161	161	169	176	154	146
TC	419	421	427	434	413	408
JSWSTEEL	781	782	789	797	773	766
KOTAKBANK	1,738	1,739	1,756	1,773	1,721	1,704
LT	3,537	3,556	3,587	3,637	3,506	3,474
LTIM	5,194	5,208	5,246	5,298	5,156	5,118
M&M	1,800	1,823	1,858	1,917	1,765	1,730
MARUTI	11,477	11,437	11,560	11,644	11,353	11,230
NESTLEIND	2,604	2,606	2,627	2,651	2,582	2,561
NTPC	316	316	326	336	306	296
ONGC	259	258	267	276	250	241
POWERGRID	266	265	273	280	258	251
RELIANCE	2,836	2,843	2,860	2,884	2,819	2,802
SBILIFE	1,500	1,490	1,515	1,529	1,476	1,451
SBIN	732	734	745	757	721	710
SHREECEM	25,070	24,905	25,307	25,544	24,668	24,266
SUNPHARMA	1,548	1,554	1,567	1,587	1,535	1,522
TATAMOTORS TATASTEEL	946 142	955 142	971 144	995 146	931	915 138
TCS	4,219	4,212	4,247	4,274	4,185	4,150
TECHM	1,282	1,281	1,294	1,306	1,269	1,256
TITAN	3,633	3,633	3,656	3,679	3,610	3,587
ULTRACEMCO	9,633	9,643	9,741	9,850	9,534	9,435
UPL	475	471	482	489	464	453
WIPRO	517	514	521	526	509	502

Source: Axis Direct.



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