

Molbio Diagnostics Ltd.

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Molbio Diagnostics Limited is a Goa-headquartered point-of-care ("POC") molecular diagnostics company engaged in the development and manufacture of 'Truenat', a portable, battery-operated PCR platform that decentralises molecular testing to primary and near-patient settings. Incorporated on October 20, 2000 as Molbio Diagnostics Private Limited at Panaji and subsequently converted into a public limited company vide fresh certificate of incorporation dated January 16, 2025, the company operates six manufacturing facilities across Goa, Bengaluru, Visakhapatnam and Pune, supported by in-house R&D through wholly-owned subsidiary Bigtec. The platform pairs the Trueprep extraction device with the Truelab analyser, running disease-specific, room-temperature-stable single-use test kits at a ~60-minute turnaround. As on March 31, 2026, it offered 43 assays across 30 diseases, had sold over 12,500 devices in more than 90 countries, and held 16 Indian and 191 foreign patents.

Molbio operates within a structural shift from centralised laboratory testing to decentralised POC diagnostics. India's POCT total addressable market stood at ₹203.2 billion in FY26 and is projected to reach ₹446.8 billion by FY31P (17.0% CAGR), while the Indian molecular POCT market for infectious diseases grew at a 13.4%-plus trajectory from ₹32.2 billion in FY21 to ₹61.6 billion in FY26 and is projected at ₹152.1 billion by FY31P (19.8% CAGR), with TB and respiratory diseases accounting for ~70.9% of the segment. The company operates in an oligopolistic market with high entry barriers — its platform underwent 13 years of R&D before ICMR certification, and its 'Truenat' TB chip is the only one from an Indian company and one of only two rapid molecular tests globally endorsed by the WHO for initial TB diagnosis and rifampicin resistance detection.

Financially, the company is scaling with steady margins alongside heavy reinvestment. Revenue from Operations stood at INR 1,445.69 crore in FY26 against INR 1,020.42 crore in FY25, a growth of approximately 41.7% YoY, driven by test kit volumes rising to 17.56 million units from 12.24 million and device sales of 2,524 units. Test kits contributed 73.98% of finished goods revenue at INR 1,034.82 crore versus devices at 14.53%, reflecting a razor-and-blade annuity model, with India at 90.38% of revenue. The company reported EBITDA of INR 328.24 crore (margin of 22.56% on total income), EBITDA Pre-R&D of INR 415.70 crore (28.57%), and a Profit After Tax of INR 164.14 crore (PAT margin 11.28%) against INR 138.58 crore in FY25. ROE stood at 15.59% and ROCE at 17.55%, moderating from 16.20% and 20.98% on an enlarged capital base, with debt-to-equity at approximately 0.36x and working capital at 166 days.

Molbio's key strengths include a WHO-endorsed multi-disease POC PCR platform in a market with high regulatory barriers; a closed-system architecture generating recurring kit revenues that scale with the installed base; R&D depth via Bigtec, with 153 R&D personnel including 136 scientists out of 1,225 permanent employees and R&D spend at 6.05% of revenue; vertical integration with ISO 13485 and MDSAP certification; and a founder-led team under CEO Sriram Natarajan and CTO Dr. Chandrasekhar Bhaskaran Nair, backed by Motilal Oswal's India Business Excellence Fund III and Temasek via V Sciences Investments. Key risk is concentration, with government and aid agencies at 84.56% and the top 10 customers at 83.26% of finished goods revenue.

Key Consolidated Financial Data (INR Cr, unless specified):

	Revenue	EBITDA	PAT	EBITDA (%)	PAT (%)	Adj EPS (₹)	Adj BVPS (₹)	RoE (%)	RoIC (%)	EV/EBIT DA (X)	P/BV (X)	P/E (X)
FY24	819.7	234.2	83.6	28.6	10.2	8.8	1.4	12.4	19.8	40.4	563.6	91.2
FY25	997.5	262.2	140.5	26.3	14.1	12.6	1.6	15.0	22.6	35.4	519.3	64.1
FY26	1,415.0	321.4	166.3	22.7	11.8	14.5	5.4	14.2	21.2	28.8	148.6	55.8

Source: Ventura Research & Company update

Industry Medical Equipment

Script Details

Listing	BSE & NSE
Open Date	Aug 10, 2026
Close Date	Aug 12, 2026
Price Band	INR 768 -807
Face Value	INR 1
Market Lot	18 Shares
Minimum Lot	1

Issue Structure

Issue Size (INR cr)	INR 939.70
Issue Size sh. (in cr.)	1.70
QIB Share (%)	≤ 50%
Non-Inst Share (%)	≥ 15%
Retail Share (%)	≥ 35%
Pre-Issue sh. (in cr.)	11.28
Post Issue sh. (in cr.)	11.52
Post Issue Market Cap (in cr)	9,299.8

Shareholding (%)	Pre (%)	Post (%)
Promoter	44.89	41.3
Public	55.11	43.3
TOTAL	100	100

Issue Structure and Offer Details:

Molbio Diagnostics IPO is a book build issue of INR 939.70 crores. The issue is a combination of fresh issue of 0.25 crore shares aggregating to INR 200.00 crores and offer for sale of 0.92 crore shares aggregating to INR 739.70 crores.

Issue Structure	
Investor Category	Allocation
QIB	Not more than 50% of the Net Offer
NII (HNI)	Not less than 15% of the Net Offer
Retail	Not less than 35% of the Net Offer

Number of shares based on a higher price band of INR 807

Source: Company Reports

Objects of the Issue:

1. Funding capital expenditure towards the setting up of infrastructure for research and development facility, Center of Excellence and connected office space. – INR 125.12 Cr.
2. Funding capital expenditure towards the purchase of certain plant, machinery and other equipment for Goa Unit I, Goa Unit II and Visakhapatnam Unit, and- INR 80.81 Cr.
3. General Corporate Purposes

Financial Summary

Fig in INR Cr (unless specified)	FY24	FY25	FY26	Fig in INR Cr (unless specified)	FY24	FY25	FY26
Income Statement				Per share data & Yields			
Revenue	819.7	997.5	1,415.0	Adjusted EPS (INR)	8.8	12.6	14.5
YoY Growth (%)	154.2	21.7	41.9	Adjusted Cash EPS (INR)	12.4	16.5	20.0
Raw Material Cost	340.4	414.8	576.2	Adjusted BVPS (INR)	1.4	1.6	5.4
RM Cost to Sales (%)	41.5	41.6	40.7	Adjusted CFO per share (INR)	0.8	24.9	4.4
Employee Cost	63.9	102.8	145.2	CFO Yield (%)	0.1	3.1	0.5
Employee Cost to Sales (%)	7.8	10.3	10.3	Adjusted FCF per share (INR)	(2.1)	21.3	2.1
Other Expenses	181.2	217.6	372.1	FCF Yield (%)	(0.3)	2.6	0.3
Other Exp to Sales (%)	22.1	21.8	26.3	Solvency Ratio (X)			
EBITDA	234.2	262.2	321.4	Total Debt to Equity	10.6	6.9	0.2
Margin (%)	28.6	26.3	22.7	Net Debt to Equity	9.2	(0.3)	(0.8)
YoY Growth (%)	442.6	12.0	0.0	Net Debt to EBITDA	0.7	(0.0)	(0.2)
Depreciation & Amortization	41.0	44.6	63.6	Return Ratios (%)			
EBIT	193.2	217.7	257.8	Return on Equity	12.4	15.0	14.2
Margin (%)	23.6	21.8	18.2	Return on Capital Employed	12.5	14.3	11.6
YoY Growth (%)	1,588.4	12.7	0.0	Return on Invested Capital	19.8	22.6	21.2
Other Income	4.1	7.5	9.5	Working Capital Ratios			
Bill discounting & other charges	14.4	17.7	33.5	Payable Days (Nos)	42	84	51
Fin Charges Coverage (X)	13.4	12.3	7.7	Inventory Days (Nos)	140	160	116
Exceptional Item	(53.2)	(11.1)	(0.5)	Receivable Days (Nos)	189	99	105
PBT	129.7	196.4	233.3	Net Working Capital Days (Nos)	288	175	170
Margin (%)	15.8	19.7	16.5	Net Working Capital to Sales (%)	78.9	47.9	46.5
YoY Growth (%)	1,259.1	51.5	18.8	Valuation (X)			
Tax Expense	46.1	55.8	67.0	P/E	91.2	64.1	55.8
Tax Rate (%)	35.6	28.4	28.7	P/BV	563.6	519.3	148.6
PAT	83.6	140.5	166.3	EV/EBITDA	40.4	35.4	28.8
Margin (%)	10.2	14.1	11.8	EV/Sales	11.5	9.3	6.5
YoY Growth (%)	(2,525.5)	68.2	18.3	Cash Flow Statement			
Min Int/Sh of Assoc	18.4	4.6	0.3	PBT	129.7	196.4	233.3
Net Profit	102.0	145.1	166.6	Adjustments	122.4	(22.7)	542.5
Margin (%)	12.4	14.5	11.8	Change in Working Capital	(196.4)	169.2	(658.5)
YoY Growth (%)	(14,143.3)	42.3	14.8	Less: Tax Paid	(46.1)	(55.8)	(67.0)
Balance Sheet				Cash Flow from Operations	9.6	287.1	50.4
Share Capital	2.3	2.3	2.3	Net Capital Expenditure	(43.3)	(54.6)	(49.6)
Total Reserves	14.2	15.7	60.3	Change in Investments	(1.7)	(68.0)	(43.6)
Shareholders Fund	16.5	17.9	62.6	Cash Flow from Investing	(45.0)	(122.7)	(93.2)
Long Term Borrowings	15.1	6.1	212.4	Change in Borrowings	(17.1)	(9.1)	309.5
Deferred Tax Assets / Liabilities	(26.0)	(46.6)	(18.4)	Less: Finance Cost	(14.4)	(17.7)	(33.5)
Other Long Term Liabilities	29.3	42.1	27.2	Proceeds from Equity	0.0	0.7	0.0
Long Term Trade Payables	0.0	0.0	0.0	Buyback of Shares	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Current Liabilities	1,186.1	1,442.0	1,864.7	Dividend Paid	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Liabilities	1,221.1	1,461.6	2,148.4	Cash flow from Financing	(31.6)	(26.1)	276.1
Net Block	256.4	289.5	536.4	Net Cash Flow	(67.0)	138.3	233.2
Capital Work in Progress	1.6	27.3	11.3	Acquired through business combination	0.0	0.0	14.8
Intangible assets under development	33.0	0.0	0.0	Opening Balance of Cash	(8.1)	(75.1)	63.2
Non Current Investments	6.0	45.6	6.0	Closing Balance of Cash	(75.1)	63.2	311.3
Long Term Loans & Advances	48.6	93.8	81.9				
Other Non Current Assets	23.3	28.5	76.4				
Net Current Assets	852.3	976.8	1,436.4				
Total Assets	1,221.1	1,461.6	2,148.4				

Source: Ventura Research

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