

# A Comprehensive Study on Profitability Analysis of Asian Paints Limited

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## Abstract

Financial statement analysis is an essential management and investment service that helps in assessing the financial performance, viability, and sustainability of a business enterprise. This research work provides a detailed financial statement analysis of Asian Paints Limited, which is one of the leading and most trusted paint manufacturers in India, famous for its innovation, brand, and widespread market. The main purpose of this research work is to analyze the profitability, liquidity, solvency, and efficiency of the company for a period of five years, thereby analyzing its overall financial performance and sustainability in the competitive paints market. The research work is based on the secondary data available in the form of published annual reports, financial statements, industry reports, and reliable financial databases. To facilitate a systematic analysis and meaningful interpretation, various tools such as ratio analysis, comparative financial statements, common-size statements, and trend analysis have been used. These tools help in detecting trends, measuring performance, analyzing financial stability, and analyzing changes in the financial position of the company. The findings from the analysis show that Asian Paints Limited has been registering steady growth in revenues and has been maintaining its profitability. The company's strong brand, wide distribution network, efficient cost management, and innovative marketing campaigns have ensured stable operating margins and improved return on equity. The liquidity ratios of the company show that it has been maintaining strong short-term financial positions, while the solvency ratios show that the company has been maintaining a well-balanced capital structure with low exposure to risk. The findings from the analysis show that Asian Paints Limited has been maintaining strong financial management, operational efficiency, and sustainable growth. The findings from the analysis will be useful to investors, management, and other stakeholders for assessing the financial position of the company and making informed investment decisions. The study concludes that financial analysis is a crucial tool in the modern corporate world for performance measurement, decision-making, and strategic planning.

**Keywords:** *Keyboard. Financial Statement Analysis, Profitability Analysis, Ratio Analysis, Liquidity and Solvency, Asian Paints Limited*

## INTRODUCTION

The paint industry is a major contributing factor in the development of the Indian manufacturing sector. The demand for paints is directly linked to construction activities, urbanization, and rising income levels, which are factors that contribute to the consumption of decorative and industrial paints. In this competitive scenario, Asian Paints Limited has established itself as the largest paint-producing company in India and a major player in the international paint market. The company has a diversified product range of decorative and industrial paints and has developed a strong brand identity through its efficient distribution

network in the domestic and international markets. Profitability is an important factor that determines the financial position, efficiency, and sustainability of a company. Profitability analysis is a tool that helps the management, investors, creditors, and other stakeholders of a company understand the effectiveness of the company in utilizing its resources to generate profits and maintain stable growth. Despite the growth in the sales of the paint industry over the years, the companies are facing various challenges such as raw material price fluctuations, market competition, government pressures, and increasing operating costs, which can have a negative

effect on the profit margins of the companies. Thus, a comprehensive profitability analysis of Asian Paints Limited is required to assess its financial performance and sustainability. This report aims to analyze the financial statements of Asian Paints Limited for a period of five years. The analysis is based on the secondary data collected from the published annual reports of the company. Various analytical techniques such as ratio analysis, comparative statements, and trend analysis have been used to determine the profitability, efficiency, and financial position of the company in a systematic manner over the period of this study.

### STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Asian Paints Limited is operating in a highly competitive and cost-conscious environment. Although the company has been registering steady growth in sales, variations in raw material prices, transportation costs, and operating costs have been affecting the company's profitability. Moreover, shifting consumer patterns and rising competition from local and global rivals are also pressurizing the company's pricing and market shares. Moreover, government regulations and economic instabilities can also affect production costs and demand trends. Thus, the current study aims to examine whether Asian Paints Limited has been able to maintain a stable level of profitability during the chosen timeframe while successfully coping with cost variability and competitiveness

### OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To examine the profitability analysis of Asian Paints Limited.
- To assess the trend of sales and profits during the period of study.
- To assess the liquidity and solvency position of the company through financial ratios.
- To offer suggestions for improvement of profitability

### SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The scope of the study is on the financial performance of Asian Paints Limited for a period of five years. The study will mainly concentrate on the financial ratios

such as profitability, liquidity, and solvency ratios to assess the financial performance of the company. The study will also attempt to analyze the trends in the financial performance of the company to determine the improvements or weaknesses during the period of the study. The results of the study will benefit the management of the company for strategic planning and performance measurement, the investors for making informed investment decisions, and the creditors for determining the creditworthiness of the company. In addition, the study will benefit students and researchers for understanding the application of financial statement analysis. Moreover, the study may be used for comparing Asian Paints Limited with other companies in the paint industry and for conducting future financial studies.

### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The data for this study has been obtained from the secondary sources of Asian Paints Limited. The data has been taken from the published annual reports and audited financial statements of the company. The data has also been collected from the company announcements and other reliable financial websites. The data has been taken for a period of five years and has been used for the analysis of the financial performance of the company. The data collected is of a quantitative nature.

Tools for Analysis

1. Common Size Statements
2. Comparative Statements
3. Trend analysis
4. Ratio analysis

- Liquidity Ratio
- Profitability Ratios

Period of Study: FY 2021 to FY 2025

### LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

- The study is purely based on the secondary data gathered from the published annual reports and financial statements of Asian Paints Limited; therefore, the reliability of the study is dependent on the accuracy of the data.
- The study is based on a short period of five years, which may not accurately represent the long-term financial performance of the company.

- The study is limited to the analysis of financial statements alone and does not take into account other external factors such as market competition, economic conditions, government policies, and consumer preferences.
- The study is dependent on the findings of the financial statements, which may be influenced by the accounting policies and procedures followed by the company, which may change from time to time.
- The study is an academic exercise, and therefore the findings may not be appropriate for investment and management decisions.

## REVIEW OF LITERATURE

**Siddiqui and Jain (2020)**<sup>1</sup> identified the patterns clearly: which areas of the business contribute to the bottom line, how to cut costs, and optimize daily business. They emphasized that increasing revenue and sustainability are complementary, providing a yardstick to measure profitability relative to competitors in the paint industry. The paper also highlighted how effective working capital management can boost profits and how focusing investment on high-margin products helped the company report improved financial performance. The message was that careful management of operating costs and effective allocation of resources are essential to maintaining profits in a competitive market.

**Equity master (2023)**<sup>2</sup> analyzed the annual report of Asian Paints for FY22-23, emphasizing the increase in operating and net profit margins and how year-over-year comparison helps in understanding growth consistency. It explained how raw material prices and competitiveness affect margins, providing investors with information on financial stability and dividend viability. The efficiency of operations was identified as the key factor in profitability in a competitive market, with product diversification and innovation contributing to increased revenue. Marketing strategy contributed to the overall improvement in profits. Macroeconomic factors such as inflation, demand fluctuations, and cost challenges were also highlighted, and the need for active management to maintain financial performance was emphasized.

**Poornima and Vishnupriya (2023)**<sup>3</sup> analyzed the financial performance of Asian Paints, focusing on profitability, liquidity, and efficiency ratios. They explained how ratio analysis helps in making management decisions and resource allocation by monitoring the operating profit and net profit to identify growth opportunities. The importance of high asset turnover was emphasized, and areas for cost reduction were identified to improve financial performance. The relationship between financial efficiency and strategic investments was also discussed, indicating that improved profitability is associated with efficient cost management and resource optimization. Finally, it was indicated that a balanced approach to capacity expansion and cost management can stimulate sustainable growth, illustrating how management decisions directly impact profitability.

**Muthu and Siva Prakash (2025)**<sup>4</sup> conducted a study on Asian Paints, analyzing the long-term profitability and financial position of the company using trend and ratio analysis. The study provided information on growth prospects and relative market position in the paints industry, as well as analyzing the impact of effective cost management on profitability. The study emphasized the role of marketing and product development in maintaining profit margins and suggested that appropriate investments in technology and innovation could enhance the financial position of the company. The study also analyzed industry trends, such as the increasing demand for eco-friendly paints, and their effect on revenue and profitability. The study also emphasized the significance of effective financial planning and management for maintaining operational efficiency and competitiveness and suggested that appropriate financial planning and decision-making are essential for long-term sustainability and market leadership.

**Wagh (2025)**<sup>5</sup> analyzed the financial performance of Asian Paints over a period of five years, examining the company's profitability, solvency, and liquidity position. The study concluded that high profitability is essential for strategic expansion and maintaining investor confidence. The study analyzed the impact of changes in raw material prices on net profits and emphasized the importance of operational efficiency

to maintain profit margins. The study provided valuable suggestions for improving financial management practices. Wagh also emphasized the significance of internal and external financial controls in risk management and maintaining sustainable profitability. The study suggested that aligning financial strategy with market trends is essential, and that flexible management and continuous monitoring of performance are necessary to overcome challenges like market volatility and changing consumer behavior, thereby ensuring long-term profitability.

**PROFILE OF THE COMPANY**

Asian Paints Limited was founded in 1942 in Mumbai, Maharashtra, by Chamanlal H. Choksy, Chamanlal Choksey, Suryakant Dani, and Arvind Vakil. Today, it has grown to be the largest paint

manufacturer in India and one of the leading players in the international market as well. It is a public limited company, listed on both BSE and NSE, and primarily deals with decorative paints, industrial paints, and home decor items, with decorative paints contributing to the majority of its sales. The company has various manufacturing units in India and internationally and has an extensive distribution network that reaches thousands of dealers and retailers. It holds the largest market share in the decorative paint market in India and also operates in more than 15 countries, exporting to over 60 countries across the globe. Asian Paints gives high priority to research and development, innovation, eco-friendly products, and effective supply chain management, which helps the company grow and maintain a competitive position in the paint industry.

**ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION**

**Common Size Analysis**

Common Size Income Statement

**Table no:1**

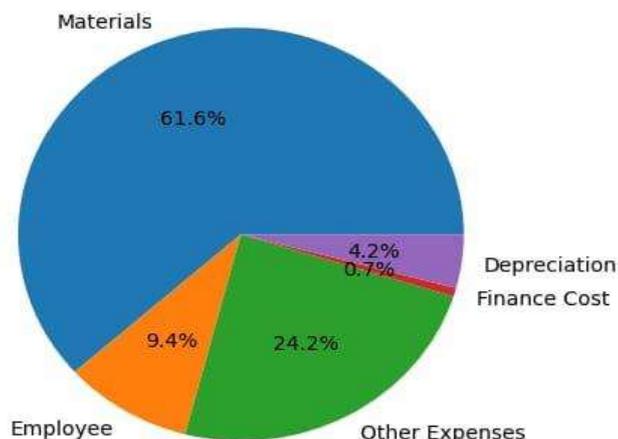
Year	Net Sale	Total Expenses	Operating profit	Net Profit
2021	100	80.93	22.38	16.69
2022	100	83.01	17.00	12.54
2023	100	81.65	18.34	13.69
2024	100	77.19	22.80	17.32
2025	100	85.12	17.91	12.19

**Source: Secondary data**

**INTERPRETATION:**

Table No:1 The common size income statement of Asian Paints Limited the distribution of revenue between expenses and profits for the five-year period from FY 2021 to FY 2025. During FY 2021, the company had a quite efficient cost structure, as total expenses constituted 80.93% of net sales. Consequently, the company had a high operating profit margin of 22.38% and a net profit margin of 16.69%, indicating high profitability. During FY 2022, the total expenses increased to 83.01% of revenue. Consequently, there was a significant fall in the operating profit margin to 17.00% and net profit margin to 12.54%. This indicates that the increase in input and operating costs negatively impacted profitability. During FY 2023, the total expenses fell slightly to 81.65%, leading to a slight increase in the operating profit and net profit margins, indicating better cost management. FY 2024 is the period of highest performance during the analysis period, as the total expenses fell considerably to 77.19% of revenue. This improvement in cost management led to the highest operating profit margin of 22.80% and net profit margin of 17.32%, indicating high operational management and efficiency. However, during FY 2025, the total expenses increased substantially to 85.12% of revenue. Consequently, there was a fall in the operating profit margin to 17.91% and net profit margin to 12.19%. Overall, the analysis indicates that the profitability of Asian Paints Limited is highly sensitive to changes in cost levels. Effective cost control enhances profit margins, while rising expenses result in reduced profitability.

**Chart No:1**  
 FY25 Cost Structure (% of Revenue)



**Comparative Analysis**  
 Comparative Statement

**Table No:2**

Year	Net Sales (Cr)	Change (Cr)	Net Profit (Cr)	Change (Cr)
2021	18,280.06		3,051.80	
2022	25,002.09	+6,722.03	3,134.71	+82.91
2023	29,953.12	+4,951.03	4,100.18	+965.47
2024	30,727.71	+774.59	5,321.55	+1,221.37
2025	29,421.11	-1,306.60	3,584.88	-1,736.67

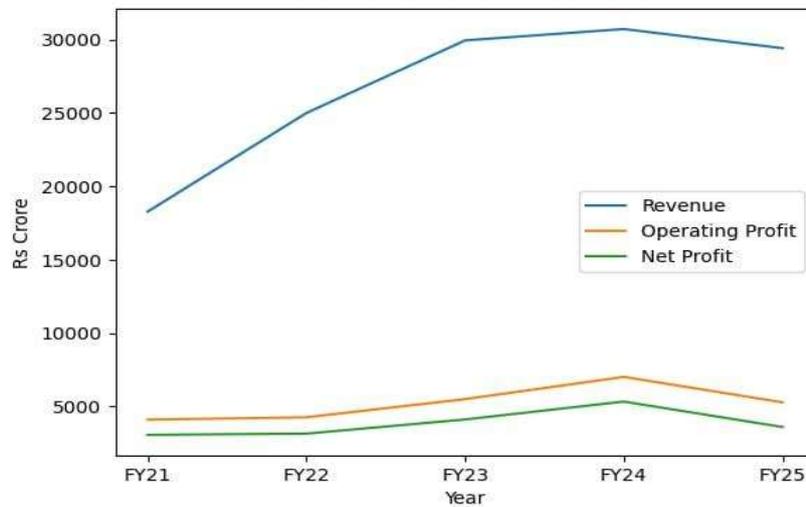
**Source: Secondary data**

**INTERPRETATION:**

Table No: 2 shows the comparative analysis of net sales and net profit of Asian Paints Limited from FY 2021 to FY 2025. The table shows the variation in sales and profit over the years, which helps to evaluate the growth and performance of the company. In FY 2021, the net sales of the company were ₹18,280.06 crore and the net profit was ₹3,051.80 crore. This data acts as the base year for comparison. In FY 2022, the company experienced a substantial rise in net sales of ₹6,722.03 crore, which indicates a substantial rise in demand and business expansion. However, the net profit rose by a meager amount of ₹82.91 crore, which indicates that the company was unable to fully capitalize on the increased sales due to rising costs. In FY 2023, the net sales of the company rose by ₹4,951.03 crore, while the net profit rose substantially by ₹965.47 crore. This indicates that the company has been able to manage its costs effectively and has improved its operating efficiency compared to the previous year. In FY 2024, the net sales of the company rose moderately by ₹774.59 crore, while the net profit rose sharply by ₹1,221.37 crore. This indicates that the company has been able to perform better and has managed its costs effectively compared to the previous year. In FY 2025, the net sales of the company fell by ₹1,306.60 crore, which indicates that the company is facing a slowdown in demand or market conditions. The net profit also fell sharply by ₹1,736.67 crore, which indicates that the company is facing increased cost pressures due to reduced sales.

**Chart No:2**

Asian Paints Performance Trend



**Trend Analysis**

**Table No :3**

Year	Sales Index	Profit Index
2021	100.0	100.0
2022	136.7	102.7
2023	163.9	134.4
2024	168.1	174.3
2025	160.9	117.5

**Source: Secondary Data**

**INTERPRETATION:**

Table No:3 Shows that the company has been registering consistent growth in sales over the years, from the base index of 100 in FY 2021 to a highest point of 168.1 in FY 2024. Although there was a slight drop in sales to 160.9 in FY 2025, the sales are still much higher than the base year, which is an indication of business growth. The profit trend analysis shows fluctuations in profit growth. Although there was a slight rise in profits in FY 2022 and a substantial rise in FY 2023 and FY 2024, with the profit index touching a highest point of 174.3 in FY 2024. This is an indication of improved efficiency and cost management during this period. However, in FY 2025, the profit index declined substantially to 117.5, despite the high sales, which may be an indication of increased costs or operational inefficiencies.

**Ratio Analysis**

**Liquidity Ratio**

**Table No: 4**

Year	Current Ratio	Quick Ratio
2021	1.28	0.72
2022	1.34	0.78
2023	1.37	0.80
2024	1.31	0.76
2025	1.28	0.74

**INTERPRETATION:**

Table No:4 Liquidity ratios are used to assess the ability of the company to pay off its current liabilities as they fall due. The Current Ratio indicates a steady improvement from 1.28 in FY 2021 to 1.37 in FY 2023, indicating better short-term financial management during this period. It slightly decreased to 1.31 in FY 2024 and further to 1.28 in FY 2025, indicating a slight tightening of working capital management. However, it remains above 1 throughout the period, indicating a good ability to cover current liabilities. The Quick Ratio follows a similar trend, increasing from 0.72 in FY 2021 to 0.80 in FY 2023, indicating better liquidity management after excluding inventories. However, in the subsequent years, it decreased to 0.76 in FY 2024 and further to 0.74 in FY 2025, indicating a greater dependence on inventory or a slower realization of liquid assets. Overall, the company’s liquidity position is moderate during the five-year period. Although the short-term solvency position is stable, the relatively lower quick ratio ratio indicates an area for improvement in the management of liquid assets such as cash, accounts receivable, and short-term investments.

**Profitability Ratio**

**Table No: 5**

Ratio	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Gross Profit Margin	53.41	44.49	50.71	56.36	54.99
Operating profit Margin	22.38	17.00	18.34	22.80	17.91
Net Profit Margin	16.69	12.54	13.69	17.32	12.19
Return On Equity	25.23	23.24	26.35	31.30	18.03
Return On Capital Employed	30.42	27.63	31.21	36.52	23.08

**INTERPRETATION:**

Table No:5 The profitability ratios explain the story of how effectively the company can convert its operations into profits over a period of five years, at various levels of activity. Gross Profit Margin (GPM): The GPM has shown a notable fluctuation. It declined from 53.41% in FY 2021 to 44.49% in FY 2022, indicating increased costs of production or pricing pressures. However, it showed a remarkable recovery, touching a peak of 56.36% in FY 2024 and then slightly reducing to 54.99% in FY 2025. Overall, it indicates effective cost management and pricing power in the latter periods. Operating Profit Margin (OPM). The OPM declined from 22.38% in FY 2021 to 17.00% in FY 2022 due to increased operating expenses. However, it showed a steady increase, touching 22.80% in FY 2024, indicating effective operating management. However, it again declined to 17.91% in FY 2025, hinting at increased operating costs or reduced operating leverage. Net Profit Margin (NPM) The NPM follows a similar trend to the OPM. It declined from 16.69% in FY 2021 to 12.54% in FY 2022, and then it gradually increased, touching a peak of 17.32% in FY 2024. However, it again declined to 12.19% in FY 2025, indicating increased finance costs, taxes, or one-off expenses, which affected the overall profitability. Return on Equity (ROE): The ROE remained strong from FY 2021 to FY 2024, increasing from 25.23% to 31.30%, indicating effective use of the equity owners’ funds. However, it showed a sharp decline to 18.03% in FY 2025, indicating reduced profitability and lower returns to equity owners. Return on Capital Employed (ROCE): The ROCE increased nicely from 30.42% in FY 2021 to 36.52% in FY 2024, indicating effective use of long-term capital. However, it showed a substantial decline to 23.08% in FY 2025, indicating reduced operating profits relative to the capital employed.

**FINDINGS**

Asian Paints Limited has registered consistent sales growth during the period of study. In some years, the company faced challenges in terms of profitability due to increased costs of raw materials and operating expenses. The operating and net profit margins were fluctuating, but the company managed to improve

them as a result of implementing cost control measures. The liquidity and solvency positions of the company indicate that it is financially sound. The company’s brand value and optimal operations ensured that it maintained profitability despite the challenges in the market.

## SUGGESTIONS

- Asian Paints should focus on having more control over their costs related to raw materials to reduce variability in their profit margins.
- The company can improve its profitability by optimizing its operating expenses and improving logistics management.
- The company can also focus on developing more eco-friendly and high-end product lines to improve their profit margins and brand equity.
- Improved cost forecasting and pricing decisions will help the company protect its profits in uncertain market conditions.
- The company should increase investment in technology and automation to improve the efficiency of production and reduce costs.
- Expanding its presence in rural and international markets could help the company increase sales and improve profitability in the long run.

## CONCLUSION

Analysis of the profitability of Asian Paints Limited reveals a firm that has remained strong and consistent in the five-year period analyzed. Through the assessment of profitability, liquidity, and solvency ratios, it is evident that Asian Paints Limited has demonstrated prudent cost management, financial planning, and operations. Although fluctuations in raw material prices and operating costs affected the firm's margins, its brand and extensive market presence ensured that the firm's profitability remained stable. Overall, Asian Paints Limited portrays a sound financial position with tremendous growth prospects, indicating a financially stable and well-run business entity. The firm's consistency in its performance indicates excellent management efficiency and resource management. With a continued focus on cost management and market expansion, Asian Paints Limited is set to remain profitable in the long term.

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