

Hindustan Zinc

Estimate changes	1
TP change	1
Rating change	

Bloomberg	HZ IN
Equity Shares (m)	4225
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	1331.6 / 16
52-Week Range (INR)	383 / 291
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	0/-12/-36
12M Avg Val (INR M)	277

Financials Snapshot (INR b)

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FY24E	FY25E	FY26E				
297.0	332.0	355.4				
137.2	169.8	189.7				
77.3	99.0	111.4				
18.3	23.4	26.4				
(26.4)	28.0	12.6				
33.9	45.3	59.7				
56.7	59.1	50.2				
40.1	45.3	42.8				
17.2	13.4	11.9				
9.3	6.9	5.3				
9.6	7.4	6.2				
4.8	3.8	3.8				
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Shareholding pattern (%)

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As On	Dec-23	Sep-23	Dec-22			
Promoter	64.9	64.9	64.9			
DII	32.5	32.5	32.6			
FII	0.7	0.8	0.9			
Others	1.9	1.8	1.6			

FII Includes depository receipts

CMP: INR315 TP: INR310 (-2%) Neutral Performance in line; cost of production declines further

- Hindustan Zinc (HZ)'s 3QFY24 revenue stood at INR73b (down 7% YoY), in line with our estimate of INR75b. EBITDA stood at INR35b (down 5% YoY), in line with our estimate of INR34b. The YoY decline in EBITDA was due to lower zinc sales volumes, lower zinc ASP, higher marketing cost and strategic hedging impact, partially offset by increased silver/lead volumes, reduction in CoP, and favorable exchange rates.
- The CoP stood at USD1,095/t (the lowest CoP in the last 10 quarters and the fourth consecutive quarter of consistent improvement). The reduction in CoP is driven by better volumes, enhanced operational efficiencies, and the benefits of lower coal prices.
- APAT stood at INR20b (down 6% YoY), above our estimate of INR18b. APAT was higher on the back of higher 'other income' and lower-than-expected tax outgo. HZ declared a second Interim dividend of INR6 per share in Dec 2023.
- Mined metal production stood at 271kt (up 5% YoY), refined Zinc volume stood at 203kt (down 3% YoY), refined Lead volume stood at 56kt (up 22% YoY) and silver volume stood at 197t (up 22% YoY).
- During 9MFY24, revenue stood at INR214b (down 16% YoY), EBITDA stood at INR100b (down 24% YoY), and APAT stood at INR57b (down 28% YoY).
 HZ posted the highest ever 9M mined metal production of 780kt (up 2% YoY) on the back of improved metal grades.
- Gross debt as on Dec'23 stood at INR101b and cash and cash equivalents on the books are over INR97b.

Guidance on volume and CoP maintained

- HZ has kept its mined metal production target unchanged at 1,075-1,100kt and saleable silver target at 725-750t for FY24. However, silver volumes are expected to be better than anticipated.
- Fumer facility is expected to add 30kt of silver production from FY25E onwards (30kt run rate expected by 4QFY24).
- Once the alloy facility is completely operational, it will increase the total VAP to 25% from the current 18-20%.
- HZ maintained its cost guidance at USD1,125-1,175/t for FY24.

Valuation and view

- The performance has been largely in line with our estimates. To account for lower CoP ahead and improved demand outlook, we have slightly increased our FY25/FY26 EBITDA estimates by 1%/4%.
- HZ currently trades at 6.7x FY26E EV/EBITDA and we believe all positives are priced in at current levels. We reiterate our Neutral rating on the stock with a TP of INR310 (premised on 6x FY26E EV/EBITDA).

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Quarterly Performance												INR b
Y/E March		FY2	3			FY2	4E		FY23	FY24E	FY24E	Vs. Est.
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE			3QE	%
Mine prodn. (kt)	252	255	257	301	257	252	271	289	1,062	1,069		
Sales												
Zinc refined (kt)	206	189	210	216	208	185	203	219	821	815		
Lead refined (kt)	54	57	46	54	50	57	56	57	211	220		
Silver (tonnes)	177	194	161	182	179	181	197	180	714	737		
Net Sales	94	83	79	85	73	68	73	83	341	297	75	(2)
Change (YoY %)	43.7	36.2	-1.6	-3.3	-22.4	-18.5	-7.1	-2.2	15.8	-12.9		
Change (QoQ %)	6.7	-11.2	-5.6	8.2	-14.4	-6.7	7.6	13.8				
EBITDA	51	44	37	43	33	31	35	37	175	137	34	5
Change (YoY %)	44.4	32.1	-15.2	-14.2	-34.8	-28.8	-5.0	-12.8	7.9	-21.6		
Change (QoQ %)	3.5	-14.2	-15.9	14.8	-21.3	-6.2	12.2	5.4				
As % of Net Sales	54.7	52.9	47.1	50.0	46.0	46.2	48.2	44.6	51.3	46.2		
Finance cost	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	10		
DD&A	7	8	8	9	8	8	9	10	33	35		
Other Income	3	4	3	4	3	2	3	2	14	10		
PBT (before EO item)	47	39	32	35	26	23	27	27	153	103		
EO exp. (income)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
PBT	47	39	32	35	26	23	27	27	153	103		
Total Tax	16	12	10	9	6	6	6	7	48	25		
% Tax	33.8	31.7	32.3	26.3	24.8	25.0	24.0	25.2	31.2	24.7		
Reported PAT	31	27	22	26	20	17	20	20	105	77	18	11
Adjusted PAT	31	27	22	26	20	17	20	20	105	77	18	11
Change (YoY %)	55.9	32.9	-20.2	-11.8	-36.5	-35.5	-5.9	-22.2	9.2	-26.4		
Change (QoQ %)	5.6	-13.3	-19.6	19.8	-24.0	-12.0	17.3	-0.9				



Highlights from the management commentary

Guidance on volume

- Management has kept its FY24 mined metal volumes unchanged at 1,075-1,100kt.
- Silver production, which was guided around 725-750t, is expected to surpass the guided volumes in FY24. However, 4QFY24 silver volumes will depend on the mined metal grade.
- As HZ reaches its yearly mined metal target of 1.2mt from the current ~1.05mt, silver volumes can reach ~800t and to achieve 1,000t of silver production, HZ needs to increase its mined metal volumes to 1.5mt.
- The Fumer facility is expected to add 30kt of silver production from FY25E onwards (achieve 30kt run rate by 4QFY24).
- Once the alloy facility is completely operational, it will increase the VAP to 25% by 1QFY25 from the current 18-20%.

Guidance on CoP

- 3QFY24 marked the fourth consecutive quarter of consistent CoP improvement and the lowest in last 10 quarters. Better coal linkages and softening of coal prices led to improved CoP.
- HZ has kept its CoP guidance unchanged at USD1,125-1,175/t for FY24.
- This solidifies HZ's position as the global cost leader and is now in the first decile in the global zinc mining.

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Capex

- Fumer and alloy plants are currently operational with the complete ramp up expected in 4QFY24.
- 160kt roaster at Debari is progressing as per timelines and is expected to be commissioned by 4QFY25.
- Once the roaster is operational, it will help HZ achieve refined metal capacity of 1.2mt.
- 510kt of DAP/NPK Fertilizer Plant at Chanderiya is progressing as per timelines.

Silver demand

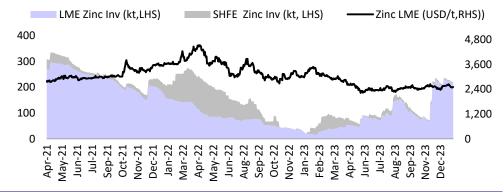
- Industrial silver demand is expected to touch 632m oz in CY23, on the back of higher investments in photovoltaics, power grid, 5G networks, consumer electronics, and automobiles.
- Global silver demand is expected to witness a deficit as it reaches 1.14b oz with lower-than-estimated mined output in CY23.
- Since FY14, HZ has increased its ranking in global silver leadership from rank number 23 to being the fifth largest producer globally.
- Considering robust silver demand, the outlook looks robust.

Other developments

- The proposed demerger of HZL's corporate structure to unlock value by establishing distinct legal entities for Zinc & Lead, Silver, and Recycling business units is currently in advanced stage of discussion by the BoD and the company would arrive at a decision by Mar-Apr'24.
- HZ expects the debt to be reduced by INR20b in 4QFY24.
- The demand for zinc remains robust, driven by strong infrastructure push from countries such as India, Vietnam, and Mexico.
- Demand for lead is expected to remain strong, driven by increased demand from the automobile segment.
- HZ domestic primary zinc market share stands at ~79%.
- HZ anticipates to elevate the utilization of domestic coal to ~45%, a move which is expected to further improve the CoP.

Story in chart

Exhibit 1: LME Zinc inventory as on date has increased to over 215kt



Source: MOFSL, Bloomberg

Exhibit 2: Silver prices have remained range bound in 3QFY24



Source: MOFSL, investing.com, Bloomberg

Exhibit 3: Mine production and refined metal production (QoQ)

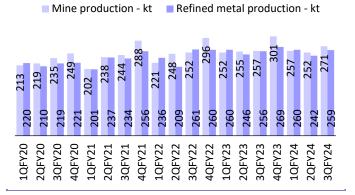
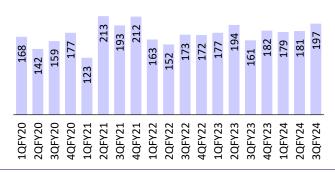


Exhibit 4: Silver production (t) was up 9% QoQ and 22% YoY at 197t

Silver production - t



Source: Company, MOFSL Source: Company, MOFSL

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Exhibit 5: Premium during the quarter contracted to USD166/t

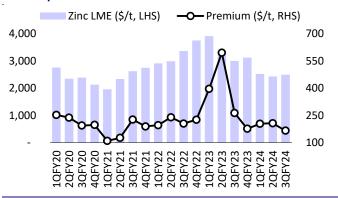
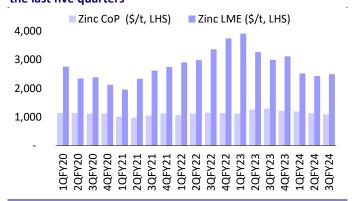
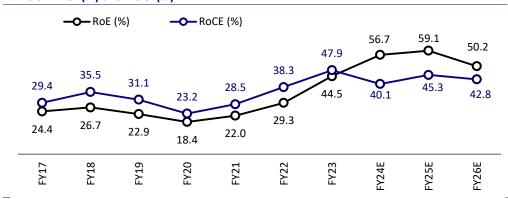


Exhibit 6: CoP eased by USD42/t QoQ and USD198/t over the last five quarters



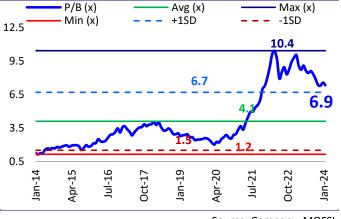
Source: Company, MOFSL Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 7: ROE(%) and ROCE(%)



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 8: P/B ratio at elevated levels to justify high RoE



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 9: EV/EBITDA remains around LTA



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 10: Changes to our assumptions and key financials

		FY24E				FY25E			FY26E		
		New	Old	% change	New	Old	% change	New	Old	% change	
Sales Volume Ass	umptions										
Refined Zinc	kt	815	823	-1%	834	834	0%	844	834	1%	
Refined Lead	kt	220	219	0%	209	209	0%	211	209	1%	
Silver	t	737	727	1%	724	724	0%	732	724	1%	
Financial Estimate	es										
Revenue	INR bn	297	300	-1%	332	332	0%	355	349	2%	
EBITDA	ıı .	137	136	1%	170	168	1%	190	182	4%	
Adj PAT	ıı .	77	76	2%	99	98	1%	111	105	6%	
EPS	INR/sh	18	18	2%	23	23	1%	26	25	6%	

Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 11: Valuation

Valuation	UoM	FY26E
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EBITDA	INR b	190
EV/EBITDA Multiple	х	6.0
Enterprise Value	INR b	1,138
Net Cash	INR b	159
Equity value	INR b	1,297
Shares outstanding	bn	4.23
Target price (INR/sh; rounded-off)	INR/sh	310

Source: MOFSL

Financials and Valuation

Income Statement							(INR Million)
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	186	226	294	341	297	332	355
change%	(12.1)	21.9	30.1	15.8	(12.9)	11.8	7.0
Total Expense	97	110	132	166	160	162	166
EBITDA	88	117	162	175	137	170	190
EBITDA Margin%	47.7	51.6	55.1	51.3	46.2	51.2	53.4
Depreciation	23	25	29	33	35	37	39
EBIT	66	91	133	142	102	133	151
Interest and finance charge	1	4	3	3	10	11	14
other income	19	18	12	14	10	11	11
PBT Before EO	84	106	142	153	103	132	149
PBT after EO	84	106	141	153	103	132	149
Total Tax	16	26	45	48	25	33	38
Reported PAT	68	80	96	105	77	99	111
Adjusted PAT	68	80	98	105	77	99	111
change%	(14.5)	17.3	22.3	7.7	(26.4)	28.0	12.6
margin%	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

E: MOFSL estimates

Balance Sheet							(INR Million)
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Equity Share Capital	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Total Reserves	395	315	334	121	135	183	244
Networth	403	323	343	129	143	192	252
Other Liability + Def Tax Liabilities	(18)	(11)	9	23	23	23	23
Total Loans	6	65	28	119	124	132	140
Capital Employed	391	377	381	271	290	346	415
Gross Block	272	323	354	382	415	432	449
Less: Accum Dep	107	155	180	206	241	278	316
Fixed Asset (Net Block)	165	168	174	176	175	154	133
CWIP	25	19	21	22	22	22	22
Curr. Assets Loans & Advances	262	259	252	156	173	252	344
Inventory	18	14	20	19	16	18	19
Account Receivables	4	4	7	4	4	5	5
Cash and Bank	222	223	208	113	132	209	299
Loans and Advances	17	18	17	21	21	21	21
Current Liab and Provision	61	69	66	84	81	83	84
Account Payables	15	15	20	21	18	20	22
Other current liabilities	46	54	46	63	63	63	63
Net Current Assets	201	190	186	72	93	169	259
Application of Funds	391	377	381	271	290	346	415

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Financials and Valuation

Ratios							
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Basic (INR)							
EPS	16.1	18.9	23.1	24.9	18.3	23.4	26.4
Cash EPS	21.5	24.9	30.0	32.6	26.6	32.2	35.5
Book Value	95.4	76.5	81.1	30.6	33.9	45.3	59.7
DPS	16.5	21.3	18.0	75.5	15.0	12.0	12.0
Payout (incl. div. text)	122.9	112.7	77.9	303.5	82.0	51.2	45.5
Valuation (X)							
P/E	19.6	16.7	13.6	12.7	17.2	13.5	11.9
Cash P/E	14.7	12.7	10.5	9.7	11.9	9.8	8.9
Price/ Book Value	3.3	4.1	3.9	10.3	9.3	7.0	5.3
EV/Sales	6.0	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	3.8	3.3
EV/EBITDA	12.6	10.0	7.1	7.6	9.6	7.4	6.2
Div Yield (%)	5.2	6.8	5.7	24.0	4.8	3.8	3.8
Profitability Ratios (%)							
ROE%	18.4	22.0	29.3	44.5	56.7	59.1	50.2
ROCE%	23.2	28.5	38.3	47.9	40.1	45.3	42.8
Turnover Ratios (%)							
Debtors (No.of days)	8	7	9	4	5	5	5
Inventory (No. of days)	36	23	24	20	20	20	20
Creditors (No. of days)	29	25	25	22	22	22	22
Leverage Ratios (%)							
Net Debt/ Equity (x)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	0.0	(0.1)	(0.4)	(0.6)

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Cash Flow Statement							(INR Million)
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Adj EBITDA	88	117	162	175	137	170	190
Non Cash Op. Exp (Inc)	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
(Inc)/Dec in Wkg Cap	(11)	6	(12)	6	(1)	0	0
Tax Paid	(11)	(18)	(24)	(31)	(26)	(33)	(38)
CF. From Op Activity	66	106	127	151	111	136	152
(Inc)/Dec in FA & CWIP	(36)	(24)	(30)	(35)	(33)	(17)	(17)
Free Cashflows	30	81	97	116	77	120	135
Interest & Dividend Income	5	15	9	14	10	11	11
others	5	(15)	29	87	-	-	-
CF. From Inv Activity	(26)	(24)	8	66	(23)	(6)	(6)
(Inc)/dec in Debt	(19)	65	(43)	90	5	8	8
Interest Paid	(2)	(2)	(3)	(3)	(10)	(11)	(14)
Dividend Paid (Incl.tax)	-	(160)	(76)	(319)	(63)	(51)	(51)
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CF. From Fin Activity	(21)	(97)	(123)	(232)	(68)	(54)	(56)
(Inc)/dec in cash	19	(16)	13	(15)	20	76	90
Add: Opening cash balance	0	19	3	16	1	20	97
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Closing cash balance	19	3	16	1	20	97	186
Bank balance and current							
investments	204	220	192	112	112	112	112
Closing Balance	222	223	208	113	132	209	299

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