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Cement



Company ACC Ambuja Cements Birla Corporation Dalmia Bharat Grasim Industries India Cements JK Cement JK Lakshmi Cement The Ramco Cements Shree Cement UltraTech Cement

Weak print, yet gradual recovery aligns with expectations Estimate ~8% YoY volume growth for our coverage universe in 3QFY25

- After a subdued demand growth of ~1-2% YoY in 1HFY25, cement demand has improved in 3QFY25. However, regional headwinds such as pollution-related curbs in Delhi-NCR, scarcity of sand, and other aggregates in Odisha; and unfavorable weather conditions (severe cold and unseasonal rains) in certain regions during the quarter have weighed on overall demand growth. We estimate our cement coverage universe to report a volume growth of ~8% YoY in 3QFY25, supported by a low base, pent-up demand, and a pickup in construction activities. We estimate an average grinding capacity utilization of ~75% vs. ~76%/70% in 3QFY24/2QFY25.
- Cement prices have also experienced an upward trend, driven by MoM price hikes of ~3-5% (INR10-15/bag) in Dec'24 across regions. The all-India average cement price grew ~2% QoQ (down ~5% YoY) in 3QFY25. We estimate the blended realization for our coverage universe to improve 1.3% YoY (down ~8% YoY). Our channel check suggests that industry players may announce additional price hikes in the near term. However, their sustainability will need to be monitored. We estimate the aggregate revenue/EBITDA for our cement coverage universe to decline ~2%/22% YoY to INR428.2b/INR67.8b and OPM to contract 4.3pp YoY (up 3.3pp QoQ) to ~16%. We estimate the average EBITDA/t for our cement coverage to decline ~28% YoY (up 28% QoQ) to INR842.
- GRASIM's revenue is estimated to increase 30% YoY, aided by contributions from high-growth businesses (Paints and B2B Ecommerce). VSF volume/ realization is estimated to grow ~7%/6% YoY and chemical segment volume/realization is likely to increase ~2%/12%. Overall EBITDA is estimated to decline 11% YoY to INR4.6b and OPM will be at ~6%, down 2.6pp YoY due to losses in high-growth businesses. It is estimated to report PAT of INR14m (down 99% YoY) led by higher depreciation and interest costs.

Demand improves; quarter-end price hikes boost OPM sequentially

- Cement volume growth is estimated at ~8% YoY in 3QFY25. Volume declined ~10-11% YoY in Oct'24 due to festivals (Durga Puja and Diwali). However, it recovered in Nov-Dec'24 (up ~18-20%) YoY, aided by a low base, pent-up demand, and a pickup in construction activities following the monsoon and festivals. We estimate volume growth of ~10-11% YoY for ACEM (Consol.), ACC, and UTCEM, followed by ~7-9% for TRCL and ICEM, ~4-5% for DALBHARA and JKCE, and ~2-3% for BCORP and SRCM. Volume for JKLC is estimated to decline ~2% YoY.
- The average opex/t for our coverage universe is estimated to decline ~4%/2% YoY/QoQ, led by positive operating leverage and favorable fuel prices. Average imported petcoke price was down ~24%/9% YoY/QoQ in 3QFY25, while domestic petcoke price was down 15%/6% YoY/QoQ. We estimate the average variable cost/t to decline 5%/3% YoY/QoQ, while freight cost/t will remain flat YoY (up 2% QoQ). We estimate other expenses/t to decline ~7%/8% YoY/QoQ.

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- We estimate an EBITDA/t of INR995 for SRCM (the highest within our coverage universe), followed by INR943 for JKCE, and INR925 for UTCEM. EBITDA/t for ACEM is estimated at INR848, while it is between INR600 and INR800 for ACC, BCORP, DALBHARA, JKLC, and TRCL. ICEM's operating loss/t is estimated at INR402.
- We estimate UTCEM and TRCL to report an EBITDA decline of ~14-18% YoY, followed by ~21-27% YoY decline for ACEM (Consol.), SRCM, DALBHARA, and JKCE and ~30-37% decline for ACC, BCORP, and JKLCE. ICEM is estimated to report an operating loss of INR854m compared to EBITDA of INR490m in 3QFY24.

Sector outlook and recommendations

- There are signs of recovery in cement demand after the festive seasons, and we estimate industry volume growth of ~8-9% YoY in 2HFY25, driven by pent-up demand, an expected rebound in government spending, and robust demand in the real estate and housing sectors. Strong volumes growth and improvement in clinker utilizations (estimated to peak out in 4QFY25) will support price hikes in the industry. We maintained earnings estimates for our coverage companies for FY25-27. Further, we shift our valuation multiples for our coverage companies to Dec'26E from Sep'26E.
- We are structurally positive on the industry. We prefer players with a balanced geographic mix, higher capacity utilizations, and a strong track record of capacity expansion and successfully integration. Further, we are positive on companies that have a strong presence in the North, Central and West regions. We believe these regions are less vulnerable to the demand-supply mismatch and volatility in the cement price.
- We prefer UTCEM and ACEM in the large-cap space, while JKCE is our preferred pick in the mid-cap space.

| Conton | СМР | | SA | LES (INR | M) | EB | DITA (INR | M) | NET F | PROFIT (IN | IR M) |
|-------------------|-------|---------|----------|----------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|------------|-------|
| Sector | (INR) | RECO | Dec-24 | Var | Var | Dec-24 | Var | Var | Dec-24 | Var | Var |
| | | | | % YoY | % QoQ | Det-24 | % YoY | % QoQ | Det-24 | % ҮоҮ | % QoQ |
| ACC | 2051 | Buy | 49,445 | 0.5 | 7.3 | 5,928 | -34.4 | 38.1 | 3,138 | -40.5 | 34.2 |
| Ambuja Cements | 538 | Buy | 82,714 | 1.8 | 10.0 | 13,668 | -21.1 | 23.0 | 5,758 | -30.0 | 8.8 |
| Birla Corporation | 1234 | Buy | 21,817 | -5.6 | 11.7 | 2,654 | -29.9 | 49.8 | 444 | -59.3 | LP |
| Dalmia Bharat | 1772 | Buy | 33,819 | -6.2 | 9.6 | 5,739 | -26.3 | 32.2 | 1,480 | -45.0 | 169.1 |
| Grasim Industries | 2440 | Buy | 83,003 | 29.7 | 8.9 | 4,648 | -11.0 | 42.9 | 14 | -99.4 | -99.8 |
| India Cements | 377 | Sell | 9,678 | -10.5 | -4.8 | -854 | PL | Loss | -1,435 | Loss | Loss |
| J K Cements | 4582 | Buy | 28,700 | -2.2 | 12.1 | 4,598 | -26.4 | 61.9 | 1,567 | -44.8 | 336.2 |
| JK Lakshmi Cem. | 834 | Buy | 14,794 | -13.1 | 19.9 | 1,894 | -37.3 | 112.1 | 502 | -63.5 | LP |
| Ramco Cements | 966 | Neutral | 20,250 | -3.9 | -0.6 | 3,233 | -18.2 | 3.6 | 329 | -64.8 | 28.7 |
| Shree Cement | 25495 | Neutral | 46,092 | -6.0 | 23.7 | 9,035 | -26.8 | 52.5 | 2,363 | -67.8 | 153.7 |
| Ultratech Cement | 11450 | Buy | 1,70,326 | 1.7 | 8.9 | 27,855 | -14.4 | 38.0 | 12,914 | -27.3 | 57.5 |
| Cement | | | 5,60,637 | 2.3 | 9.9 | 78,397 | -23.0 | 39.8 | 27,075 | -45.4 | 19.5 |

Exhibit 1: Summary of our 3QFY25 estimates

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Exhibit 2: Comparative valuations

| Company | СМР | Deee | I | EPS (INR |) | PE (x) | | | PB (x) | | | ROE (%) | | |
|-------------------|--------|---------|-------|----------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|
| Name | (INR) | Reco | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| Cement | | | | | | 49.3 | 34.0 | 27.0 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 7.0 | 9.2 | 10.8 |
| ACC | 2,051 | Buy | 81.2 | 110.1 | 143.4 | 25.3 | 18.6 | 14.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 9.1 | 11.3 | 13.2 |
| Ambuja Cements | 538 | Buy | 9.2 | 13.6 | 17.2 | 58.2 | 39.4 | 31.3 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 7.3 |
| Birla Corporation | 1,234 | Buy | 25.4 | 58.8 | 79.8 | 48.7 | 21.0 | 15.5 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 2.9 | 6.5 | 8.3 |
| Dalmia Bharat | 1,772 | Buy | 44.3 | 62.1 | 79.3 | 40.0 | 28.5 | 22.4 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 5.0 | 6.7 | 8.1 |
| Grasim Industries | 2,440 | Buy | 79.5 | 100.6 | 119.3 | 30.7 | 24.3 | 20.5 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.8 | -1.5 | 1.9 | 4.2 |
| India Cements | 377 | Sell | -20.3 | -0.7 | 6.2 | -18.6 | -535.0 | 61.1 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | -12.2 | -0.4 | 3.8 |
| J K Cements | 4,582 | Buy | 83.9 | 126.0 | 179.2 | 54.6 | 36.4 | 25.6 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 11.0 | 15.6 | 19.2 |
| JK Lakshmi Cem. | 834 | Buy | 22.1 | 39.5 | 39.2 | 37.7 | 21.1 | 21.3 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 7.9 | 13.0 | 11.6 |
| Ramco Cements | 966 | Neutral | 12.2 | 22.4 | 31.4 | 79.5 | 43.1 | 30.8 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 3.9 | 6.7 | 8.8 |
| Shree Cement | 25,495 | Neutral | 292.8 | 319.3 | 421.8 | 87.1 | 79.9 | 60.4 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 6.8 |
| Ultratech Cement | 11,450 | Buy | 214.9 | 311.8 | 390.8 | 53.3 | 36.7 | 29.3 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 9.9 | 12.8 | 13.9 |

Exhibit 3: Relative performance - three months (%)

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Exhibit 4: Relative performance - one year (%)



Exhibit 5: Expect 8% YoY growth in the aggregate sales volume for our coverage universe



Source: MOFSL, Company, E: MOFSL estimate



1,208

3QFY21

1,280 1,385

4QFY21

1,181

1QFY22 2QFY22 3QFY22

920

1,002

4QFY22

988 583

1QFY23

2QFY23 3QFY23 4QFY23





903 936 922

782



Source: MOFSL; E: MOFSL estimate

Source: Company, MOFSL; E: MOFSL estimate

1QFY24 2QFY24 1,167 1.055

3QFY24 4QFY24 859

1QFY25

2QFY25

657 842

3QFY2..

Exhibit 9: Average South African coal price down 4% YoY in 3QFY25 Exhibit 10: Average US petcoke price down 24% YoY in 3QFY25





USA Petcoke



Source: Company, Industry

| Exhibit 11: Key | operating | parameters |
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| Companies | | Volume (mt |) | Rea | alization (INR | /t) | EBITDA (INR/t) | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|---------|---------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|--|--|
| Companies | 3QFY25E | YoY (%) | QoQ (%) | 3QFY25E | YoY (INR) | QoQ (INR) | 3QFY25E | YoY (INR) | QoQ (INR) | | |
| ACC | 9.9 | 11.0 | 6.0 | 5,016 | (520) | (100) | 601 | (416) | 140 | | |
| Ambuja Cements (Consol.) | 15.7 | 11.0 | 9.9 | 5,285 | (389) | 18 | 848 | (380) | 68 | | |
| Birla Corporation | 4.3 | 3.0 | 9.0 | 5,043 | (550) | (83) | 614 | (288) | 167 | | |
| Dalmia Bharat | 7.2 | 5.4 | 7.0 | 4,717 | (472) | (286) | 800 | (345) | 153 | | |
| India Cements | 2.1 | 7.0 | (7.7) | 4,557 | (740) | (538) | (402) | (649) | 310 | | |
| JK Cement | 4.9 | 3.6 | 12.7 | 5,888 | (151) | 117 | 943 | (385) | 287 | | |
| JK Lakshmi Cement | 2.9 | (1.7) | 17.5 | 5,083 | (780) | (166) | 651 | (370) | 290 | | |
| The Ramco Cements | 4.4 | 8.9 | (3.0) | 4,649 | (513) | (253) | 742 | (246) | 47 | | |
| Shree Cement | 9.1 | 2.1 | 19.5 | 5,075 | (660) | (111) | 995 | (392) | 215 | | |
| UltraTech Cement | 30.1 | 10.2 | 8.1 | 5,659 | (383) | (40) | 925 | (266) | 201 | | |
| Sector aggregate/avg. | 80.6 | 7.5 | 9.0 | 5,313 | (446) | (90) | 842 | (326) | 185 | | |

Source: MOFSL, Industry

Exhibit 12: Valuation summary

| | M-cap | СМР | | EV/EBITDA (X) | | | | EV/t (USD |) | Net debt/EBITDA (x) | | |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Company Name | (USD b) | INR | Rating | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| Cement | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| UltraTech Cement | 39.2 | 11,450 | Buy | 26.4 | 19.3 | 15.7 | 231 | 206 | 187 | 0.1 | (0.0) | (0.3) |
| Ambuja Cements (Consol.) | 12.7 | 538 | Buy | 24.2 | 16.9 | 13.5 | 184 | 144 | 135 | (2.4) | (1.5) | (1.5) |
| Shree Cement | 10.9 | 25,495 | Neutral | 23.5 | 19.9 | 17.1 | 176 | 154 | 136 | (1.4) | (0.9) | (0.7) |
| ACC | 4.6 | 2,051 | Buy | 12.4 | 9.0 | 6.7 | 94 | 85 | 79 | (1.1) | (1.3) | (1.5) |
| JK Cement | 4.2 | 4,582 | Buy | 21.1 | 15.8 | 12.5 | 188 | 150 | 148 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 1.5 |
| Dalmia Bharat | 3.9 | 1,772 | Buy | 12.1 | 10.4 | 8.9 | 81 | 80 | 77 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| The Ramco Cements | 2.7 | 966 | Neutral | 17.3 | 13.9 | 11.7 | 126 | 120 | 120 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.1 |
| India Cements | 1.4 | 377 | Sell | Loss | 33.1 | 20.4 | 112 | 110 | 108 | Loss | 5.9 | 3.2 |
| Birla Corp | 1.1 | 1,234 | Buy | 11.3 | 8.4 | 7.0 | 71 | 65 | 59 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 1.8 |
| JK Lakshmi | 1.2 | 834 | Buy | 14.3 | 11.1 | 9.7 | 74 | 73 | 66 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 2.6 |

The tables below provide a snapshot of actual and estimated numbers for companies under the MOFSL coverage universe. Highlighted columns indicate the quarter/financial year under review.

ACC

CMP: INR2,051 | TP: INR2,680 (+31%)

- Sales volume is expected to grow 11% YoY, whereas blended Variable cost/t is expected to increase 3% YoY and opex/t to realization is expected to decline 9% YoY.
- EBITDA/t is expected to stand at INR601 vs. INR1,017/INR462 in 3QFY24/2QFY25.

Standalone quarterly performance

| Standalone quarterly pe | erformance | | | | | | | | | (INR b |
|-------------------------|------------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|
| | | FY2 | 4 | | | FY25 | | | FY24 | FY25E |
| Y/E March | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 1Q | 2Q | 3QE | 4QE | | |
| Net Sales | 52.0 | 44.3 | 49.2 | 54.0 | 51.6 | 46.1 | 49.4 | 58.7 | 199.5 | 205.8 |
| Change (YoY %) | 16.4 | 11.2 | 8.4 | 12.7 | (0.9) | 3.9 | 0.5 | 8.8 | (10.2) | 3.2 |
| EBITDA | 7.7 | 5.5 | 9.0 | 8.4 | 6.8 | 4.3 | 5.9 | 9.8 | 30.6 | 26.7 |
| Change (YoY %) | 80.8 | 3,456.3 | 138.7 | 79.5 | (11.9) | (21.7) | (34.4) | 16.6 | 140.5 | (12.5) |
| Margin (%) | 14.8 | 12.4 | 18.4 | 15.5 | 13.1 | 9.3 | 12.0 | 16.6 | 15.3 | 13.0 |
| Depreciation | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 8.8 | 9.2 |
| Interest | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| Other Income | 0.8 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 4.9 | 4.2 |
| PBT before EO Item | 6.2 | 5.2 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 4.9 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 8.1 | 25.2 | 20.4 |
| EO Income/(Expense) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| PBT after EO Item | 6.2 | 5.2 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 4.9 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 8.1 | 25.2 | 20.4 |
| Тах | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.9 | -0.9 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 3.9 | 5.1 |
| Rate (%) | 25.5 | 25.5 | 26.6 | (13.2) | 25.6 | 26.5 | 25.0 | 24.0 | 15.7 | 25.0 |
| Reported PAT | 4.6 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 7.5 | 3.7 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 6.1 | 21.2 | 15.3 |
| Adjusted PAT | 4.6 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 6.1 | 18.7 | 15.3 |
| Change (YoY %) | 108.8 | NM | 212.1 | 72.0 | (21.1) | (39.1) | (40.5) | 24.8 | 88.7 | (18.2) |

likely to decline ~2% YoY.

MI) is estimated to decline 30% YoY.

Ambuja Cements

CMP: INR538 | TP: INR750 (+39%)

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 26: +3.5 +1.3

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- Consolidated volume is expected to increase ~11% YoY. Blended realization is estimated to decline ~8% YoY.
- Consolidated EBITDA/t is expected to be INR848 vs. INR1,228/INR780 in 3QFY24/2QFY25.
- Consolidated quarterly performance

| Consolidated quarterly performa | nce | | | | | | | | | (INK D) |
|------------------------------------|------|-------|------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| Y/E December/March – | | FY2 | 4 | | | FY2 | 25 | | FY24 | FY25E |
| f/E December/Warch | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 1Q | 2Q | 3QE | 4QE | | |
| Net Sales | 87.1 | 74.2 | 81.3 | 88.9 | 83.1 | 75.2 | 82.7 | 91.2 | 331.6 | 332.2 |
| Change (YoY %) | 8.5 | 4.1 | 2.8 | 11.6 | -4.6 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 6.5 | 0.2 |
| EBITDA | 16.7 | 13.0 | 17.3 | 17.0 | 12.8 | 11.1 | 13.7 | 17.8 | 64.0 | 55.3 |
| Change (YoY %) | 50.0 | 298.4 | 69.6 | 37.1 | -23.2 | -14.6 | -21.1 | 4.6 | 73.0 | -13.5 |
| Margin (%) | 19.1 | 17.5 | 21.3 | 19.1 | 15.4 | 14.8 | 16.5 | 19.5 | 19.3 | 16.7 |
| Depreciation | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 16.2 | 22.9 |
| Interest | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| Other Income | 2.6 | 4.8 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 11.7 | 13.6 |
| PBT before JV profit/(loss) | 15.1 | 13.4 | 14.4 | 13.9 | 11.0 | 8.7 | 10.3 | 13.1 | 56.7 | 43.1 |
| Share of JV Profit | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Extraordinary Inc./(Exp.) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 | -1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 | -1.6 |
| PBT after EO Exp./(Inc.) | 15.1 | 13.4 | 14.5 | 16.0 | 11.0 | 7.1 | 10.4 | 13.2 | 59.0 | 41.8 |
| Тах | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 11.6 | 11.8 |
| Prior Period Tax Adj. and Reversal | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 0.0 |
| Rate (%) | 24.9 | 26.3 | 24.8 | 20.8 | 28.4 | 33.6 | 27.2 | 26.1 | 19.7 | 28.3 |
| Reported Profit | 11.4 | 9.9 | 10.9 | 15.3 | 7.9 | 4.7 | 7.6 | 9.8 | 47.4 | 30.0 |
| Minority Interest | 2.3 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 4.7 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 4.5 | 11.6 | 7.9 |
| Adj. Pat after MI | 9.1 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 30.5 | 22.8 |
| Change (YoY %) | 20.4 | 579.6 | 52.6 | (29.4) | (28.6) | (33.2) | (30.0) | (1.2) | 8.2 | (25.4) |

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: +0.1 | +1.1

decline 2%. OPM is expected to contract 6.4pp to ~12%.

Adj. PAT is likely to decline 41% YoY due to lower EBITDA (estimated to decline ~34% YoY).

We estimate variable cost/t to increase ~1% YoY. Opex/t is

EBITDA is estimated to decline 21% YoY, while adj. PAT (after

Birla Corporation

CMP: INR1,234 | TP: INR1,580 (+28%)

Volume is expected to grow 3% YoY. Blended realization is expected to decline 9% YoY.

- EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: +2.6 | -2.2
- Variable cost/t is estimated to decline 8% YoY and opex/t is estimated to decline 4% YoY.

estimated to decline 59% YoY to INR444m.

EBITDA/t is expected to stand at INR614 vs. INR901/INR446 EBITDA is estimated to decline 30% YoY, while adj. PAT is in 3QFY24/2QFY25.

Consolidated quarterly performance

| Consolidated quarterly performance | • | | | | | | | | | (INR b) |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| V/F March | | FY2 | 4 | | | FY2 | 5 | | FY24 | FY25E |
| Y/E March | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 1Q | 2Q | 3QE | 4QE | | |
| Net Sales | 24.1 | 22.9 | 23.1 | 26.6 | 21.9 | 19.5 | 21.8 | 26.3 | 96.6 | 89.6 |
| Change (YoY %) | 9.3 | 14.3 | 14.7 | 7.9 | (9.1) | (14.6) | (5.6) | (0.9) | 11.3 | (7.3) |
| EBITDA | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 14.4 | 10.8 |
| Change (YoY %) | 14.9 | 207.4 | 162.1 | 72.2 | -13.3 | -38.7 | -29.9 | -20.8 | 86.2 | -25.2 |
| Margin (%) | 12.4 | 12.6 | 16.4 | 17.8 | 11.8 | 9.1 | 12.2 | 14.2 | 14.9 | 12.0 |
| Depreciation | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| Interest | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 3.7 | 3.3 |
| Other Income | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Profit before Tax | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 0.4 | -0.4 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 5.7 | 2.6 |
| EO (Income)/Expense | - | 0.0 | - | (0.1) | - | - | - | - | (0.1) | - |
| Profit before Tax after EO | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 0.4 | -0.4 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 5.8 | 2.6 |
| Тах | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 1.6 | 0.7 |
| Rate (%) | 21.7 | 24.3 | 28.9 | 29.2 | 25.9 | 29.4 | 29.4 | 24.9 | 27.5 | 25.5 |
| Reported PAT | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 0.3 | -0.3 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 2.0 |
| Adj. PAT | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 0.3 | -0.3 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 2.0 |
| Change (YoY %) | (16.2) | NM | NM | 164.6 | (45.4) | NM | (59.3) | (23.9) | 1,052.2 | (53.0) |

Dalmia Bharat

CMP: INR1,772 | TP: INR2,250 (+27%)

- Sales volume is expected to grow 5% YoY and realization is expected to decline 11% YoY.
- EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: -3.7 | -4.4 Variable cost/t is expected to decline 15% YoY. Opex/t is likely to decline 6% YoY.
- EBITDA/t is expected to stand at INR800 vs. INR1,146 /INR648 in 3QFY24/2QFY25.
- EBITDA is estimated to decline 26% YoY. Adj. PAT is estimated to dip 45% YoY.

Consolidated quarterly performance

| consolidated quarterly performance | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Y/E March | | FY24 | | | | FY2 | 5 | | FY24 | FY25E |
| | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 1Q | 2Q | 3QE | 4QE | | |
| Net Sales | 36.3 | 31.5 | 36.0 | 43.1 | 36.2 | 30.9 | 33.8 | 45.8 | 146.9 | 146.7 |
| Change (YoY %) | 10.0 | 6.0 | 7.4 | 10.1 | -0.3 | -2.0 | -6.2 | 6.4 | 8.5 | -0.1 |
| EBITDA | 6.2 | 5.9 | 7.8 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 4.3 | 5.7 | 10.1 | 26.4 | 26.9 |
| Change (YoY %) | 5.3 | 55.4 | 21.0 | -7.5 | 8.4 | -26.3 | -26.3 | 54.6 | 13.9 | 1.8 |
| Margin (%) | 17.0 | 18.7 | 21.6 | 15.2 | 18.5 | 14.1 | 17.0 | 22.1 | 18.0 | 18.3 |
| Depreciation | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 15.0 | 13.7 |
| Interest | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| Other Income | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 3.2 | 2.7 |
| PBT before EO Expense | 1.9 | 1.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 5.9 | 10.7 | 11.8 |
| Extra-Ord. Expense | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 |
| PBT after EO Expense | 1.9 | 1.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 5.9 | 10.7 | 10.6 |
| Тах | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 3.0 |
| Prior Period Tax Adj. | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | -0.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.6 | 0.1 |
| Rate (%) | 22.2 | 27.9 | 24.7 | 26.7 | 16.0 | 20.5 | 27.0 | 28.9 | 15.0 | 29.0 |
| Reported PAT | 1.4 | 1.2 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 4.2 | 8.5 | 7.6 |
| Minority + Associate | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| PAT Adj. for EO Items | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 4.1 | 7.6 | 8.4 |
| Change (YoY %) | -36.9 | 325.0 | 33.8 | -3.1 | 82.9 | -53.8 | -45.0 | 62.4 | 11.5 | 9.8 |

Buy

Buy

(INR b)

Buy

Sell

(INR b)

Grasim Industries

CMP: INR2,440 | TP: INR3,210 (+32%)

- Revenue for VSF/Chemical segments is expected to increase 13%/14% YoY.
- EBITDA for the VSF segment is expected to grow 25% YoY and OPM is expected to expand 1.2pp YoY to ~12%.
- The Chemical segment's EBITDA is expected to increase 34% YoY and OPM is likely to expand 2.3pp YoY to ~16%.

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: -12.2 | -1.6 Standalone revenue is estimated to grow ~30% YoY. EBITDA is likely to decline 11% YoY to INR4.6b due to loss in high-

growth businesses. OPM is estimated at 5.6%. Interest/depreciation are estimated to increase ~41% YoY (each). Adjusted profit is expected to decline 99% YoY to INR14m.

| Standalone quarterly perform | nance | | | | | | | | | (INR b) |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| V/E March | | FY24 | 4 | | | FY2 | .5 | | FY24 | FY25E |
| Y/E March | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 1Q | 2Q | 3QE | 4QE | | |
| Net Sales | 62.4 | 64.4 | 64.0 | 67.7 | 68.9 | 76.2 | 83.0 | 86.2 | 258.5 | 314.4 |
| Change (YoY %) | (14.0) | (4.5) | 3.3 | 1.8 | 10.5 | 18.3 | 29.7 | 27.4 | (3.7) | 21.6 |
| EBITDA | 6.7 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 23.2 | 17.1 |
| Change (YoY %) | (49.0) | (37.9) | 9.5 | 23.6 | (51.7) | (45.2) | (11.0) | 13.2 | (27.2) | (26.1) |
| Margin (%) | 10.8 | 9.2 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 6.9 | 9.0 | 5.4 |
| Depreciation | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 12.2 | 15.9 |
| Interest | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 4.4 | 6.1 |
| Other Income | 1.2 | 7.6 | 1.2 | 2.6 | 0.9 | 12.9 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 12.6 | 16.0 |
| PBT before EO Items | 4.0 | 9.6 | 2.4 | 3.3 | -0.7 | 10.5 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 19.2 | 11.2 |
| Extraordinary Inc./(Exp.) | - | - | - | (7.2) | - | (0.5) | - | - | (7.2) | (0.5) |
| PBT after EO Items | 4.0 | 9.6 | 2.4 | -3.9 | -0.7 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 12.0 | 10.7 |
| Тах | 0.4 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 2.6 | 3.0 |
| Rate (%) | 10.2 | 16.8 | 1.2 | (13.5) | 25.8 | 28.0 | 20.0 | 24.7 | 21.3 | 27.7 |
| Reported PAT | 3.6 | 7.9 | 2.4 | -4.4 | -0.5 | 7.2 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 9.5 | 7.7 |
| Prior period tax Adj. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Adj. PAT | 3.6 | 7.9 | 2.4 | 2.3 | -0.5 | 7.6 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 16.2 | 8.1 |
| Change (YoY %) | (56.1) | (22.9) | 46.9 | 145.3 | (114.7) | (4.7) | (99.4) | (56.0) | (22.8) | (50.0) |

India Cements

CMP: INR377 | TP: INR320 (-15%)

- Sales volume is expected to increase 7% YoY and blended realization is likely to decline 16% YoY.
- Operating loss/t is estimated at INR402 vs. EBITDA/t of INR247 in 3QFY24 and operating loss/t of INR712 in 2QFY25.
- EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: N.A. | N.A. Variable cost/t is expected to decline 7% YoY. Opex/t is likely to decline 5% YoY.
- ICEM is estimated to report a net loss of INR1.4b vs. a loss of INR345m/INR2.5b in 3QFY24/2QFY25.

Standalone quarterly performance

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|----------------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| Y/E March | _ | FY | 24 | | | FY2 | 5 | | FY24 | FY25E |
| | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 1Q | 2Q | 3QE | 4QE | | |
| Net Sales | 13.9 | 12.2 | 10.8 | 12.5 | 9.7 | 10.2 | 9.7 | 12.3 | 49.4 | 41.8 |
| Change (YoY %) | (3.7) | (2.6) | (11.3) | (14.7) | (30.3) | (16.8) | (10.5) | (1.5) | (8.1) | (15.4) |
| EBITDA | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | (0.3) | (1.6) | (0.9) | (0.2) | 1.1 | (3.0) |
| Change (YoY %) | (83.7) | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM |
| Margin (%) | 0.4 | 0.7 | 4.5 | 3.8 | (3.2) | (16.1) | (8.8) | (1.4) | 2.2 | (7.1) |
| Depreciation | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Interest | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 2.4 | 3.2 |
| Other Income | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| PBT before EO Expense | (1.0) | (1.0) | (0.5) | (0.5) | (1.6) | (2.8) | (2.1) | (1.5) | (3.0) | (7.9) |
| Extra-Ord. Expense | - | - | (0.3) | (0.2) | (2.4) | (0.1) | - | - | (0.4) | (2.5) |
| РВТ | (1.0) | (1.0) | (0.2) | (0.3) | 0.8 | (2.7) | (2.1) | (1.5) | (2.5) | (5.5) |
| Тах | (0.2) | (0.2) | (0.1) | (0.0) | 0.2 | (0.3) | (0.6) | (0.2) | (0.5) | (1.0) |
| Rate (%) | 23.9 | 17.6 | 31.3 | 10.9 | 26.6 | 12.6 | 30.0 | 16.8 | 20.5 | 18.2 |
| Reported PAT | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.2) | (0.3) | 0.6 | (2.4) | (1.4) | (1.2) | (2.0) | (4.5) |
| Тах | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Adj. PAT | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.3) | (0.4) | (1.2) | (2.5) | (1.4) | (1.2) | (2.3) | (6.3) |
| Change (YoY %) | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM |
| Margin (%) | (5.4) | (6.7) | (3.2) | (3.5) | (12.3) | (24.2) | (14.8) | (9.9) | (4.7) | (15.1) |

JK Cement

CMP: INR4,582 | TP: INR5,300 (+16%)

- JKCE's volume is expected to grow 4% YoY. Blended realization is estimated to decline 6% YoY (flat QoQ).
- EBITDA/t is estimated at INR943 vs. INR1,329/INR656 in 3QFY24/2QFY25.

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: -1.0 | -0.8

Buy

- Variable cost/t is estimated to decline 3% YoY. Opex/t is estimated to increase marginally by 1% YoY (dip 6% QoQ).
- Depreciation/interest costs are likely to increase 5%/7% YoY. Adj. PAT is estimated to decline 45% YoY.

| Consolidated quarterly performan | ice | | | | | | | | | (INR b) |
|----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|------|-------|---------|
| Y/E March | | FY2 | 4 | | | FY2 | 5 | | FY24 | FY25E |
| | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 1Q | 2Q | 3QE | 4QE | | |
| Net Sales | 27.6 | 27.5 | 29.3 | 31.1 | 28.1 | 25.6 | 28.7 | 32.8 | 115.6 | 115.2 |
| Change (YoY %) | 21.7 | 23.1 | 20.5 | 11.8 | 1.6 | (7.0) | (2.2) | 5.6 | 18.9 | (0.3) |
| EBITDA | 4.1 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 2.8 | 4.6 | 6.2 | 20.6 | 18.5 |
| Change (YoY %) | 1.0 | 48.8 | 152.7 | 60.2 | 19.2 | -39.2 | -26.4 | 11.1 | 56.7 | -10.1 |
| Margin (%) | 14.8 | 17.0 | 21.3 | 18.0 | 17.3 | 11.1 | 16.0 | 19.0 | 17.8 | 16.1 |
| Depreciation | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 5.7 | 5.8 |
| Interest | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| Other Income | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.8 |
| PBT before EO Expense | 2.0 | 2.4 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 11.9 | 9.6 |
| Extra-Ord. Expense | 0.2 | - | - | (0.1) | - | (1.0) | - | - | 0.1 | (1.0) |
| РВТ | 1.8 | 2.4 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 11.8 | 10.7 |
| Тах | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 3.9 | 3.5 |
| Profit from Associate and MI | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | 0.1 | - | - | (0.0) | 0.1 |
| Tax-Rate (%) | 37.2 | 26.9 | 30.6 | 36.7 | 32.3 | 12.2 | 33.6 | 40.3 | 32.4 | 32.7 |
| Reported PAT | 1.1 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 8.0 | 7.1 |
| Adj. PAT | 1.2 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 8.0 | 6.2 |
| Change (YoY %) | (23.7) | 59.8 | 628.0 | 90.3 | 49.3 | (80.0) | (44.8) | 12.1 | 87.9 | (22.9) |

JK Lakshmi

CMP: INR834 | TP: INR970 (+16%)

Sales volume is expected to decline 2% YoY. Realization is estimated to decline ~12% YoY.

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: -1.0 | -1.7

Buy

(INR b)

- We expect opex/t to decline ~6% YoY. Variable cost/t is expected to decline ~10% YoY.
- EBITDA/t is estimated at INR651 vs. INR1,021/INR360 in 3QFY24/2QFY25.
- Depreciation/interest costs are expected to increase 14% YoY (each). Adj. PAT is estimated to decline ~64% YoY.

Consolidated quarterly performance

| V/E Manah | | FY24 | | | | FY25 | 5 | | FY24 | FY25E |
|------------------------|--------|------|-------|-------|--------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Y/E March | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 1Q | 2Q | 3QE | 4QE | | |
| Net Sales | 17.3 | 15.7 | 17.0 | 17.8 | 15.6 | 12.3 | 14.8 | 17.8 | 67.9 | 60.6 |
| Change (YoY %) | 4.6 | 14.6 | 9.0 | (4.4) | (9.6) | (21.6) | (13.1) | 0.1 | 5.2 | (10.7) |
| EBITDA | 2.0 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 10.5 | 7.9 |
| Change (YoY %) | (23.6) | 32.5 | 63.1 | 44.6 | 13.3 | (58.9) | (37.3) | (13.0) | 25.4 | (24.6) |
| Margin (%) | 11.3 | 13.8 | 17.7 | 18.9 | 14.2 | 7.2 | 12.8 | 16.4 | 15.5 | 13.1 |
| Depreciation | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 3.0 |
| Interest | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.8 |
| Other Income | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| PBT before EO Expense | 1.2 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 1.2 | (0.2) | 0.8 | 1.9 | 7.2 | 3.7 |
| Extra-Ord. Exp. (Inc.) | - | - | (0.1) | - | - | - | - | - | (0.1) | - |
| PBT | 1.2 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 1.2 | (0.2) | 0.8 | 1.9 | 7.3 | 3.7 |
| Тах | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.5 | (0.1) | 0.4 | 0.5 | 2.4 | 1.3 |
| Prior Period Tax Adj. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Rate (%) | 32.7 | 32.0 | 32.7 | 35.1 | 43.6 | 46.2 | 46.2 | 25.0 | 33.4 | 34.6 |
| Reported PAT | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 0.7 | (0.1) | 0.5 | 1.4 | 4.9 | 2.4 |
| Adj. PAT | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 0.7 | (0.1) | 0.5 | 1.5 | 4.7 | 2.6 |
| Change (YoY %) | (29.4) | 51.9 | 80.1 | 42.7 | (10.4) | (115.1) | NA | (2.1) | 29.9 | (44.1) |

The Ramco Cements

CMP: INR966 | TP: INR950 (-2%)

Volume is expected to increase 9% YoY and realization is expected to decline ~12% YoY.

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 26: +4.8 +3.5

Neutral

(INR b)

- Variable cost/t is expected to decline 8% YoY. Opex/t is expected to decline 9% YoY.
- EBITDA/t is estimated at INR742 vs. INR988/INR695 in 3QFY24/2QFY25.
- It is estimated to report an exceptional gain of INR4b on account of the sale of non-core assets. Adj. PAT is estimated to decline 65% YoY.

Standalone quarterly performance

| Y/E March | | FY24 | | | | FY25 | 5 | FY25 | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|--------|--|--|
| | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 1Q | 2Q | 3QE | 4QE | | | | |
| Net Sales | 22.4 | 23.3 | 21.1 | 26.7 | 20.9 | 20.4 | 20.2 | 27.9 | 93.5 | 89.4 | | |
| Change (YoY %) | 26.4 | 30.5 | 4.8 | 4.0 | (6.8) | (12.5) | (3.9) | 4.3 | 14.9 | (4.4) | | |
| EBITDA | 3.4 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 5.5 | 15.5 | 15.0 | | |
| Change (YoY %) | 13.6 | 116.9 | 38.9 | 1.0 | (6.5) | (21.7) | (18.2) | 31.3 | 31.4 | (3.2) | | |
| Margin (%) | 15.2 | 17.1 | 18.8 | 15.6 | 15.3 | 15.3 | 16.0 | 19.6 | 16.6 | 16.8 | | |
| Depreciation | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 6.4 | 6.9 | | |
| Interest | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 4.2 | 4.6 | | |
| Other Income | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | | |
| PBT before EO Expense | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 2.7 | 5.4 | 4.0 | | |
| Extra-Ord Exp./(Inc.) | - | - | - | - | - | - | (4.0) | - | - | (4.0) | | |
| PBT | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 4.5 | 2.7 | 5.4 | 8.0 | | |
| Тах | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 2.2 | | |
| Prior Year Tax Adj. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Rate (%) | 27.0 | 26.7 | 30.8 | 25.2 | 26.3 | 26.9 | 27.5 | 27.8 | 27.3 | 27.5 | | |
| Reported PAT | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 3.2 | 1.9 | 3.9 | 5.8 | | |
| Adj. PAT | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 3.9 | 2.9 | | |
| Change (YoY %) | (29.7) | 783.2 | 38.6 | (20.4) | (55.0) | (74.7) | (64.8) | 59.3 | 15.0 | (27.2) | | |

Shree Cement

CMP: INR25,000 | TP: INR25,495 (-2%)

- Volume is expected to increase 2% YoY and blended realization is likely to dip 8% YoY.
- We estimate EBITDA/t at INR995 vs. INR1,387/INR780 in 3QFY24/2QFY25.

Neutral

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: -2.4 | -2.0

- Variable cost/t is estimated to decline 3% YoY. Opex/t is estimated to decline 1% YoY.
- Depreciation is estimated to increase 93% YoY due to the commissioning of new capacities in 2HFY24. Adj. PAT is estimated to dip 68% YoY.

Standalone quarterly performance

| Standalone quarterly performance | | | | | | | | | | (INR b) |
|----------------------------------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| | | FY24 | l . | | | FY25 | 5 | | FY24 | FY25E |
| Y/E March | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 1Q | 2Q | 3QE | 4QE | | |
| Net Sales | 49.7 | 45.6 | 49.0 | 50.7 | 48.3 | 37.3 | 46.1 | 52.5 | 195.0 | 184.2 |
| Change (YoY %) | 18.3 | 20.6 | 20.4 | 6.0 | -2.7 | -18.3 | -6.0 | 3.5 | 15.8 | -5.5 |
| EBITDA | 9.3 | 8.7 | 12.3 | 13.3 | 9.2 | 5.9 | 9.0 | 12.1 | 43.6 | 36.2 |
| Change (YoY %) | 13.9 | 66.3 | 74.3 | 48.7 | -1.7 | -31.9 | -26.8 | -8.9 | 48.3 | -17.0 |
| Margin (%) | 18.8 | 19.1 | 25.2 | 26.2 | 19.0 | 15.9 | 19.6 | 23.0 | 22.4 | 19.7 |
| Depreciation | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 16.1 | 26.6 |
| Interest | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 2.6 | 2.3 |
| Other Income | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| PBT before EO Exp. | 7.1 | 6.0 | 9.7 | 7.7 | 3.5 | 0.4 | 3.2 | 5.9 | 30.5 | 13.0 |
| Extra-Ord. Exp./(Inc.) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| РВТ | 7.1 | 6.0 | 9.7 | 7.7 | 3.5 | 0.4 | 3.2 | 5.9 | 30.5 | 13.0 |
| Тах | 1.3 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 0.3 | -0.5 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 5.8 | 2.5 |
| Rate (%) | 18.2 | 17.6 | 24.0 | 14.3 | 9.4 | -108.1 | 25.0 | 31.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 |
| Reported PAT | 5.8 | 4.9 | 7.3 | 6.6 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 2.4 | 4.1 | 24.7 | 10.6 |
| Prior Period Tax Adj. | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Adj. PAT | 5.8 | 4.9 | 7.3 | 6.6 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 2.4 | 4.1 | 24.7 | 10.6 |
| Change (YoY %) | 84.2 | 159.1 | 165.3 | 68.8 | -45.3 | -81.0 | -67.8 | -38.2 | 110.3 | -57.2 |

UltraTech Cement

CMP: INR13,800 | TP: INR11,450 (+21%)

Sales volume (consolidated) is expected to increase 10% YoY Variable cost per ton is estimated to decline 5% YoY and and blended realization is likely to decline 8% YoY.

RMC revenue is expected to increase 10% YoY, whereas

white cement revenue is expected to increase 1% YoY.

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: -1.4 | -0.6

Buy

opex/t is likely to dip 4% YoY.

- EBITDA is estimated to decline 14% YoY and OPM is expected to contract 3.1pp YoY to ~16%.
- We expect EBITDA/t at INR925 vs. INR1,191/INR725 in 3QFY24/2QFY25.
- Depreciation/interest expenses are estimated to increase 16%/25% YoY. Adj. PAT is expected to decline 27% YoY.

Consolidated performance

| Consolidated performance | | | | | | | | | | (INR b) |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| | | FY2 | 4 | | | FY25 | | FY24 | FY25E | |
| | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 1Q | 2Q | 3QE | 4QE | | |
| Net Sales | 177.4 | 160.1 | 167.4 | 204.2 | 180.7 | 156.3 | 170.3 | 218.7 | 709.1 | 726.0 |
| Change (YoY %) | 17.0 | 15.3 | 7.9 | 9.4 | 1.9 | -2.4 | 1.7 | 7.1 | 12.1 | 2.4 |
| EBITDA | 30.5 | 25.5 | 32.5 | 41.1 | 30.4 | 20.2 | 27.9 | 45.0 | 129.7 | 123.4 |
| Change (YoY %) | -1.5 | 36.7 | 39.3 | 23.8 | -0.3 | -20.9 | -14.4 | 9.3 | 22.1 | -4.8 |
| Margin (%) | 17.2 | 15.9 | 19.4 | 20.1 | 16.8 | 12.9 | 16.4 | 20.6 | 18.3 | 17.0 |
| Depreciation | 7.5 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 8.4 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.4 | 31.5 | 35.9 |
| Interest | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 9.7 | 12.6 |
| Other Income | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 6.2 | 7.3 |
| PBT before EO Expense | 22.6 | 16.9 | 23.5 | 31.7 | 21.1 | 10.2 | 17.2 | 33.7 | 94.7 | 82.2 |
| Extra-Ord. Expense | - | - | - | 0.7 | (0.3) | - | - | - | 0.7 | (0.3) |
| PBT after EO Expense | 22.6 | 16.9 | 23.5 | 31.0 | 21.4 | 10.2 | 17.2 | 33.7 | 94.0 | 82.5 |
| Тах | 5.8 | 4.1 | 5.8 | 8.5 | 4.5 | 1.9 | 4.3 | 9.5 | 24.2 | 20.2 |
| Prior Period Tax Adj. | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Rate (%) | 25.5 | 24.3 | 24.7 | 27.5 | 20.9 | 18.8 | 25.0 | 28.2 | 25.7 | 24.5 |
| Reported PAT | 16.9 | 12.8 | 17.7 | 22.5 | 16.9 | 8.3 | 12.9 | 24.2 | 69.8 | 62.3 |
| Minority Interest | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| Adj. PAT | 16.9 | 12.8 | 17.8 | 23.1 | 16.7 | 8.2 | 12.9 | 24.2 | 70.6 | 62.0 |
| Change (YoY %) | 6.3 | 69.6 | 67.9 | 38.7 | -1.0 | -36.0 | -27.3 | 4.8 | 39.2 | -12.1 |

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|----------------------------------|--|
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