# **UltraTech Cement**

# **Accumulate**

## Cement | Q3FY25 Result Update

CMP: Rs.11,421 | TP: Rs 11,947 | Upside 5%

## Expansion/acquisitions to support growth

- UTCEM's Q3FY25 Revenue/Volume/Realization/tn/EBITDA/tn came in line, however EBITDA and APAT were above our estimates.
- We expect a Revenue/EBITDA/APAT CAGR of 12.1%/19.6%/22.4% over FY24-27E led by 9.9%/20.5%/9.3% volume growth and -4.7%/ 1.5%/0.7% realization growth in FY25E/FY26E/FY27E.
- We have broadly maintained EBITDA estimates for FY25E/FY26E, however increase EBITDA estimate by 5.1% for FY27E as ICEM will turn profitable. Maintain 'Accumulate' rating with revised TP of 11,947 on 15.5x consolidated FY27E EV/EBITDA + 50% of FY27E CWIP + Star Cement stake at 1x P/BV.

## Strong operating cash flow to support expansion

UTCEM's capacity is expected to increase from 171.2mtpa currently, to 188 mtpa/200mtpa/215mtpa by FY25E/FY26E/FY27E capacity (incl. 14.45mtpa ICEM/10.75mtpa Kesoram) which will support future growth. It will continue to witness healthy operating cash flow (average Rs148.7 bn/year over FY24-FY27E) and free cash flow (average Rs27.0 bn/year over FY24-FY27E) thereby leading to deleveraging (Net D:E of 0.19x/0.12x/0.01x in FY25E/FY26E/FY27E). We expect improvement in EBITDA/tn from Rs1,089/Rs881 in FY24/9MFY25 to Rs996/Rs1,204/Rs1,288 in FY25E/FY26E/FY27E. UTCEM, being the largest player in the Indian cement industry, is its biggest advantage.

#### EBITDA/tn -11.3% YoY/ +43.0% QoQ

In-line volume (+11.2% YoY/+9.1% QoQ to 30.4mt), in-line realization/tn (-7.6% YoY/+0.8% QoQ to Rs5,661) and in-line opex/tn (-4.6% YoY/-3.7% QoQ to Rs4,711) resulted in EBITDA/tn of Rs951.

### **Earnings Concall Highlights**

- UTCEM expects industry growth in Q4FY25E at >6-7% (higher than industry for UTCEM). For FY26E, the company expects industry growth of 6-7% while UTCEM expects volume growth of >10% with 80-85% capacity utilization.
- Dec'24 exit prices are marginally up by ~1% vs. Q3FY25 avg. In Jan'25, prices increased by 1.5% in the Central and West region.
- Guided capex of Rs30 bn/~Rs90 bn (excl. Rs4-5 bn Kesoram + some portion for ICEM)/Rs60-70 bn in Q4FY25E/FY26E/FY27E.

Key Risk: Lower profitability vs. estimates.



| Key Data         |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Nifty            | 23,205             |
| Equity / FV      | Rs 2,887mn / Rs 10 |
| Market Cap       | Rs 3,304bn         |
|                  | USD 38.2bn         |
| 52-Week High/Low | Rs 12,145/ 9,250   |
| Avg. Volume (no) | 297,950            |
| Bloom Code       | UTCEM IN           |
|                  |                    |

|                     | Current    | Previous   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|------------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Rating              | Accumulate | Accumulate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Target Price        | 11,947     | 11,554     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Change in Estimates |            |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Cur   | rent                     | Chg (%)/bps                               |   |  |
|-------|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| FY25E | FY26E                    | FY25E                                     | FY26E   |  |
| 743   | 908                      | 0.6                                       | 5.4   |  |
| 130   | 190                      | (2.2)                                     | 1.8   |  |
| 17.5  | 20.9                     | (49)                                      | (74)  |  |
| 66    | 106                      | (4.1)                                     | 0.0   |  |
| 228.4 | 367.1                    | (4.3)                                     | (0.2)   |  |
|       | 743<br>130<br>17.5<br>66 | 743 908<br>130 190<br>17.5 20.9<br>66 106 | FY25E         FY26E         FY25E           743         908         0.6           130         190         (2.2)           17.5         20.9         (49)           66         106         (4.1) |  |

#### Valuation (x)

|           | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| P/E       | 50.0  | 31.1  | 25.5  |
| EV/EBITDA | 26.5  | 18.1  | 15.1  |
| ROE (%)   | 10.6  | 15.3  | 16.3  |
| RoACE (%) | 9.2   | 12.7  | 14.0  |

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#### Q3FY25 Result (Rs Mn)

| Particulars   | Q3FY25  | YOY (%) | QoQ (%) |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenue       | 171,933 | 2.7     | 10.0    |
| Total Expense | 143,062 | 6.1     | 5.1     |
| EBITDA        | 28,871  | (11.3)  | 43.0    |
| Depreciation  | 9,167   | 17.0    | 1.4     |
| EBIT          | 19,704  | (20.3)  | 76.8    |
| Other Income  | 2,443   | 73.9    | 10.7    |
| Interest      | 3,819   | 45.7    | 20.4    |
| EBT           | 18,328  | (22.0)  | 80.0    |
| Tax           | 3,580   | (38.3)  | 87.0    |
| RPAT          | 14,695  | (17.3)  | 79.2    |
| APAT          | 14,695  | (17.3)  | 79.2    |
|               |         | (bps)   | (bps)   |
| Gross Margin  | 35.5    | (204)   | 163     |
| EBITDA (%)    | 16.8    | (265)   | 388     |
| NPM (%)       | 8.5     | (207)   | 330     |
| Tax Rate (%)  | 19.5    | (517)   | 73      |
| EBIT (%)      | 11.5    | (330)   | 433     |
|               |         |         |         |

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Exhibit 1: Actual V/s Dolat estimates (Rs mn)

| Particulars (Rs mn) | Actual   | Dolat Est. | % Variance | Comments                                     |
|---------------------|----------|------------|------------|--|
| Revenue             | 1,71,933 | 1,70,259   | 1.0        | +1.6%/-0.6% volume/realization vs. estimates |
| EBITDA              | 28,871   | 27,107     | 6.5        | -0.6%/-1.6% realization/opex vs. estimates   |
| EBITDA margin (%)   | 16.8     | 15.9       | 87 bps     | -  |
| APAT                | 14,695   | 12,641     | 16.3       | Better operating performance                 |

Source: Company, Dolat Capital

**Exhibit 2: Change in estimates** 

| Particulars (Pa mn) |          | FY25E    |          |          | FY26E    |          |          | FY27E    |          |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Particulars (Rs mn) | New      | Old      | Chg. (%) | New      | Old      | Chg. (%) | New      | Old      | Chg. (%) |
| Revenue             | 7,42,760 | 7,38,366 | 0.6      | 9,08,427 | 8,61,961 | 5.4      | 9,99,653 | 9,46,022 | 5.7      |
| EBITDA              | 1,30,310 | 1,33,191 | (2.2)    | 1,89,809 | 1,86,458 | 1.8      | 2,21,962 | 2,11,170 | 5.1      |
| EBITDA margin (%)   | 17.5     | 18.0     | (49 bps) | 20.9     | 21.6     | (74 bps) | 22.2     | 22.3     | (12 bps) |
| APAT                | 66,358   | 68,864   | (3.6)    | 1,06,726 | 1,06,217 | 0.5      | 1,30,310 | 1,22,665 | 6.2      |
| EPS (Rs)            | 229.9    | 238.6    | (3.6)    | 369.7    | 368.0    | 0.5      | 451.4    | 425.0    | 6.2      |

Source: Company, Dolat Capital

We broadly maintain our estimates for FY25E. For FY26E/FY27E, we have factored contribution from ICEM volumes leading to increase in revenue by 5.4%/5.7% for FY26E/FY27E. We broadly maintain EBITDA/APAT for FY26E. We expect EBITDA/APAT to improve by 5.1%/6.2% in FY27E as ICEM is expected to turn profitable.

Exhibit 3: Volume, Realization & Cost/tn Analysis

| Particulars (Rs)            | Q3FY25 | Q3FY24 | YoY (%) | Q2FY25 | QoQ (%) | 9MFY25 | 9MFY24 | YoY (%) |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| Volume (MT)                 | 30.4   | 27.3   | 11.2    | 27.8   | 9.1     | 90.16  | 84.0   | 7.4     |
| Realization/tn (Rs)         | 5,661  | 6,127  | (7.6)   | 5,616  | 0.8     | 5,645  | 6,013  | (6.1)   |
| EBITDA/tn (Rs)              | 951    | 1,191  | (20.2)  | 725    | 31.1    | 881    | 1,055  | (16.4)  |
| Cost/tn (Rs)                | 4,711  | 4,936  | (4.6)   | 4,891  | (3.7)   | 4,764  | 4,958  | (3.9)   |
| Raw Material Cost/tn (Rs)   | 1,085  | 972    | 11.7    | 1,048  | 3.6     | 1,047  | 964    | 8.6     |
| Employee Expenses/tn (Rs)   | 280    | 281    | (0.6)   | 328    | (14.7)  | 278    | 272    | 1.8     |
| Power and Fuel Cost/tn (Rs) | 1,311  | 1,529  | (14.3)  | 1,378  | (4.9)   | 1,366  | 1,601  | (14.7)  |
| Freight Cost/tn (Rs)        | 1,255  | 1,325  | (5.3)   | 1,287  | (2.5)   | 1,284  | 1,338  | (4.0)   |
| Other expenses/tn (Rs)      | 780    | 828    | (5.8)   | 849    | (8.2)   | 790    | 783    | 1.0     |

Source: Company, Dolat Capital

Exhibit 4: % of Revenue

| Particulars         | Q3FY25 | Q3FY24 | Bps   | Q2FY25 | Bps   | 9MFY25 | 9MFY24 | Bps |
|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-----|
| Raw Material Cost   | 19.2   | 15.9   | 331   | 18.7   | 52    | 18.5   | 16.0   | 16  |
| Employee Expenses   | 4.9    | 4.6    | 35    | 5.8    | (90)  | 4.9    | 4.5    | 8   |
| Power and Fuel Cost | 23.1   | 25.0   | (181) | 24.5   | (140) | 24.2   | 26.6   | (9) |
| Freight Cost        | 22.2   | 21.6   | 54    | 22.9   | (75)  | 22.7   | 22.2   | 2   |
| Other expenses      | 13.8   | 13.5   | 26    | 15.1   | (135) | 14.0   | 13.0   | 8   |

Source: Company, Dolat Capital



**Exhibit 5: Income Statement (Consolidated)** 

| Particulars (Rs mn)                    | Q3FY25   | Q3FY24   | YoY (%) | Q2FY25   | QoQ (%) | 9MFY25   | 9MFY24   | YoY (%) |
|--|----------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| Total Revenue                          | 1,71,933 | 1,67,400 | 2.7     | 1,56,347 | 10.0    | 5,08,976 | 5,04,892 | 0.8     |
| Raw Material Cost                      | 32,962   | 26,554   | 24.1    | 29,165   | 13.0    | 94,366   | 80,936   | 16.6    |
| Employee Expenses                      | 8,500    | 7,689    | 10.5    | 9,139    | (7.0)   | 25,021   | 22,882   | 9.3     |
| Power and Fuel Cost                    | 39,802   | 41,780   | (4.7)   | 38,377   | 3.7     | 1,23,116 | 1,34,445 | (8.4)   |
| Freight Cost                           | 38,112   | 36,209   | 5.3     | 35,835   | 6.4     | 1,15,760 | 1,12,335 | 3.0     |
| Other Expenses                         | 23,687   | 22,622   | 4.7     | 23,649   | 0.2     | 71,267   | 65,749   | 8.4     |
| Total Expenditure                      | 1,43,062 | 1,34,854 | 6.1     | 1,36,165 | 5.1     | 4,29,530 | 4,16,346 | 3.2     |
| PBIDT (Excl. O.I.)                     | 28,871   | 32,546   | (11.3)  | 20,183   | 43.0    | 79,446   | 88,546   | (10.3)  |
| Other Income                           | 2,443    | 1,405    | 73.9    | 2,207    | 10.7    | 6,308    | 4,813    | 31.0    |
| Depreciation                           | 9,167    | 7,835    | 17.0    | 9,039    | 1.4     | 26,631   | 23,304   | 14.3    |
| EBIT                                   | 22,147   | 26,116   | (15.2)  | 13,352   | 65.9    | 59,123   | 70,056   | (15.6)  |
| Interest                               | 3,819    | 2,622    | 45.7    | 3,171    | 20.4    | 9,546    | 7,069    | 35.0    |
| EBT (before E.O.)                      | 18,328   | 23,494   | (22.0)  | 10,180   | 80.0    | 49,577   | 62,988   | (21.3)  |
| Exceptional Items                      | 0        | 0        | -       | 0        | -       | 325      | 0        | -       |
| EBT (after E.O.)                       | 18,328   | 23,494   | (22.0)  | 10,180   | 80.0    | 49,902   | 62,988   | (20.8)  |
| Tax                                    | 3,580    | 5,804    | (38.3)  | 1,914    | 87.0    | 9,965    | 15,663   | (36.4)  |
| Share of P/L in Asso & JV (net of tax) | (13)     | 58       | -       | (14)     | -       | 2        | 130      | (98.5)  |
| Minority Interest                      | 40       | (22)     | -       | 51       | (22.0)  | 78       | (15)     | -       |
| RPAT                                   | 14,695   | 17,770   | (17.3)  | 8,200    | 79.2    | 39,861   | 47,469   | (16.0)  |
| Adjustments                            | 0        | 0        | -       | 0        | -       | (325)    | 0        | -       |
| APAT                                   | 14,695   | 17,770   | (17.3)  | 8,200    | 79.2    | 39,536   | 47,469   | (16.7)  |
| Adj. EPS (Rs)                          | 50.9     | 61.6     | (17.3)  | 28.4     | 79.2    | 137.0    | 164.4    | (16.7)  |
|  |          |          | bps     |          | bps     |          |          | bps     |
| EBIDTA Margin (Excl. O.I.)             | 16.8     | 19.4     | (265)   | 12.9     | 388     | 15.6     | 17.5     | (193)   |
| NPM (%)                                | 8.5      | 10.6     | (207)   | 5.2      | 330     | 7.8      | 9.4      | (163)   |
| Tax Rate (%)                           | 19.5     | 24.7     | (517)   | 18.8     | 73      | 20.0     | 24.9     | (490)   |
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Source: Company, Dolat Capital

## **Exhibit 6: Valuation**

| Particulars                         | Rs mn     |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Assumed EV/EBITDA multiple (x)      | 15.5      |
| EBITDA excl. Minority share (FY27E) | 2,20,838  |
| EV                                  | 34,22,993 |
| Less: Net Debt                      | 8,744     |
| Add: 50% of FY27E Capital WIP       | 34,056    |
| Add: Star Cement Stake at 1x P/BV   | 7,760     |
| MCap                                | 34,56,065 |
| Shares o/s                          | 289       |
| Target price (Rs.)                  | 11,947    |
| CMP (Rs.)                           | 11,421    |
| Upside (%)                          | 4.6       |

Source: Company, Dolat Capital



## **Earnings Call KTAs**

#### **Demand & Volume**

- Cement demand remained subdued in Apr-Nov'24, however, seems to be improving from Dec'24 with pickup in govt capex, improvement in urban and rural housing demand. Industry growth for Q3FY25 remained low at ~5%, but strong growth is expected in Q4FY25 at >6-7% (higher than industry for UTCEM) owing to improvement in government/state capex and housing demand coupled with Q4 being a seasonally strong quarter. For FY26, UTCEM expects 6-7% industry growth and UTCEM to clock volume growth of >10% with 80-85% capacity utilization. In Q3FY25 for UTCEM, North has been the best performing market; followed by West/Central/ South, whereas East remains comparatively subdued.
- On a consolidated basis, UTCEM **sales volume** stood at 30.4 mt (+11.2% YoY/+9.1% QoQ) in Q3FY25; does not include any volume from India Cements.
- Capacity utilization stood at 73% in Q3FY25 vs. 68%/77% in Q2FY25/Q3FY24. Clinker utilization stood at 76% in Q3FY25 vs. 73% in Q2FY25. Region wise, East utilization levels remain below 70%, whereas capacity utilization for other regions stood at ~75%.
- Trade share stood at 65.4% in Q3FY25 vs. 67.5%/64% in Q2FY25/Q3FY24.
- Blended cement stood at 69.2%/70.1% in Q3FY25/9MFY25 vs. 70.1%/68% in Q2FY25/Q3FY24.
- Premium products contributed 26.5% of trade sales volume in Q3FY25 vs. 23.4%/23.0% in Q2FY25/Q3FY24.
- Cement to clinker ratio stood at 1.45x in Q3FY25 vs. 1.46x/1.43x in Q2FY25/Q3FY24.
- Lead distance stood at 377 kms in Q3FY25 vs. 388 kms/397 kms in Q2FY25/Q3FY24. The company expects lead distance to go down further by 5-6% with integration of acquired assets in South region.
- Road/Rail/Sea mix stood at 74%/24%/2% in Q3FY25 vs. 71%/ 27%/ 2% in Q2FY25 vs. 73-75%/ 23-25%/ 2% in Q1FY25.
- Direct/depot sales stood at 58.9%/41.1% in Q3FY25 vs. 55.3%/44.7% in Q2FY25.

#### **Price**

UTCEM witnessed 1.4% QoQ price increase in Q3FY25, wherein >3% improvement was seen in North/West. Dec'24 exit prices are marginally up by ~1% vs. Q3FY25 avg. In Jan'25 prices increased by 1.5% in the Central and West region.

#### **Profitability**

As per Q2FY25 earnings call, UTCEM expects 300/tn decline in opex/tn by FY27 led by i) Improvement in blended cement and cc ratio (led by increased penetration of composite cement), ii) Increase in share of green power (from current 32% to 85% by FY28), iii) Lower logistic costs led by lead distance reduction (assuming >25 kms reduction), iv) Ramping up AFR consumption, and v) Operating leverage on the back of increased capacity and utilization. The company will update further plans on the Q4FY25 earnings call.



#### Cost

- Freight cost On a YoY/QoQ basis the freight cost declined on account of lead distance reduction coupled with improved operating efficiencies and newer capacities.
- Power & Fuel cost Fuel cost stood at Rs1.76 per Kcal in Q3FY25 vs. Rs1.84/Rs2.05 per kcal in Q2FY25/Q3FY24; expects fuel cost to be ~Rs1.7 per Kcal in the foreseeable future. Blended fuel consumption (CV of 7500) at \$125 per tn in Q3FY25 vs. \$133/\$150 per tn in Q2FY25/Q3FY24. Management mentioned that there was a one-time charge levied by AP government amounting to Rs470-480 mn which the company had accounted for in Q3FY25.
- Fuel mix Share of petcoke stood at 58% in Q3FY25 vs. 54%/44% in Q2FY25/Q2FY24.
- Green share Green power mix has increased to 33.4% (WHRS/RE 19.9%/13.5%) in Q3FY25 vs. 32.0%/24.1% in Q2FY25/Q3FY24; targets to reach 85% by FY30. UTCEM plans to increase RE capacity from 752MW in 9MFY25 to 1GW/1.6GW (vs. earlier 1.5GW)/2.1GW (vs. earlier 1.8GW) in FY25/FY26/FY27; targets to reach 13%/26% (vs. earlier 27%)/38% (vs. earlier 40%)/60% by FY25/FY26/FY27/FY30 vs. 13% in 9MFY25. Also, plans to increase WHRS capacity from 324MW (16MW commissioned in Q3FY25) in 9MFY25 to 358MW/468MW (vs. earlier 437MW)/511MW (vs. earlier 450MW) in FY25/FY26/FY27; targets to reach 20%/21% (vs. earlier 24%)/24%/25% by FY25/FY26/FY27/FY30 vs. 19% in 9MFY25. Also, the delta for power generation cost for RE and thermal power stands at 35-40%.
- Other expenses Lower other expenses were primarily led by operating leverage benefit.

### Capex, Debt and Expansion

- UTCEM incurred capex of Rs63 bn in 9MFY25; expects to incur capex of Rs30 bn/~Rs90 bn (excl. Rs4-5 bn Kesoram + some portion for ICEM)/Rs60-70 bn in Q4FY25E/FY26E/FY27E.
- Net Debt Net Debt stood at Rs161.6 bn (including Rs31.4 bn ICEM open offer to be completed in Feb'25) in 9MFY25 vs. Rs87.9 bn/Rs27.8 bn in H1FY25/FY24. Net Debt/EBITDA stood at 1.3x in 9MFY25 vs. 0.7x/0.9x in H1FY25/FY24. Net to start going down from FY26.
- Expansion In Q3FY25, UTCEM has increased cement capacity by 1.2mtpa/0.6mtpa at Arakkonam, Tamil Nadu/ Kukurdih, Chhattisgarh. With this, the company's current India/total (incl. 5.4mtpa overseas) cement capacity stands at 151.3mtpa/156.7mtpa. The expansion program is progressing as per schedule. Going forward, the company targets to reach a total consolidated capacity (incl. 14.45mtpa ICEM/10.75mtpa Kesoram) of 188.2mtpa/200mtpa/214.7mtpa by FY25E/FY26E/FY27E. In 9MFY25, the company has added 6.7mtpa clinker capacity; further plans to add 3.35mtpa/10mtpa in Q4FY25/FY26.
- Acquisition of Kesoram Industries Management highlighted that the transaction is in its last phases with the respective authorities. Also, awaiting mines transfer approval from the state authorities of Telangana and Karnataka. It expects no slippages in these processes and is confident the transaction will be concluded by FY25. At present, Kesoram's capacity utilization stood at ~70%; targets to further increase it by 4-5%.



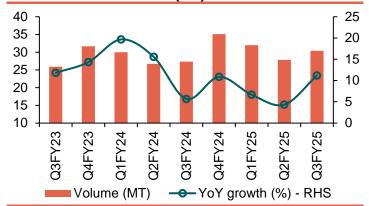
- Acquisition of India Cements (ICEM) With acquisition of 10,13,91,231 shares (32.72%) of ICEM by UTCEM and already having a 22.77% stake in ICEM by UTCEM, ICEM became a subsidiary of UTCEM with effect from 24th Dec'24. UTCEM's total shareholding increased to 17,19,55,887 equity shares representing 55.49% of ICEM's share capital. Post the open offer (110% subscribed), UTCEM holds 81.49% of ICEM's share capital. UTCEM will bring down its stake in ICEM to 75% as per timelines. As per the acquisition workings, ICEM's EV stands at Rs120.75 bn with a capacity of 14.45mtpa, thus translating to an acquisition cost of \$98/tn. As on Dec'24, ICEM's net debt was reduced to Rs8.77 bn; no loans & advances were being given by UTCEM. However, ICEM's debt to get reduced primarily led by the cash generation from non-core assets (largely land). ICEM'S capacity utilization stood at 57% in Q3FY25; to further improve its capacity utilization. It targets to improve the performance of ICEM over the next 12 months coupled with WHRS investments. UTCEM has already started evaluating its opportunities with ICEM and targets to turnaround the performance starting from Jan'25; will share further details on Q4FY25 earnings call.
- Acquired 8.42% stake in STRCEM UTCEM has acquired a non-controlling financial stake of 8.42% in Star Cement Limited at a total cost of Rs7.76 bn. UTCEM has been trying to identify opportunities to deepen their reach in the North-East and believes investment in Star Cement will help them understand the market/opportunities in North Eastern markets.
- Rebranding of ICEM and Kesoram UTCEM mentioned there is no rush to rebrand the existing brands; the transition to take place at the right time.

#### **Others**

- RMC UTCEM witnessed growth in the RMC business with volumes at 3.17mn m3 (14% YoY) and revenue at Rs14.69 bn (13.6% YoY). The total number of RMC plants stood at 348 in Q3FY25 vs. 321/316/307 in Q2FY25/Q1FY25/FY24.
- Ultratech business solutions Building Products segment clocked revenue of Rs2.3 bn (+26% YoY/+8% QoQ) in Q3FY25. The company has increased its UBS outlets to 4,432, contributing 19.5% of domestic grey sales volume. This has also led to an increase in direct sales to 58.9% in Q3FY25 vs. 55.3% in Q2FY25. Currently, UBS is largest pan-India multi-category retail chain catering to individual home builders (IHBs). These stores cater to urban customers as well as consumers residing in villages and talukas. Nearly 60% of the UBS stores are in villages and small towns to tap into the rising demand for housing in rural India.
- Limestone UTCEM highlighted that ICEM has limestone reserves majorly in AP and Telangana with a visibility of >25 years.

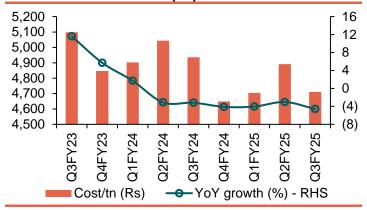


### Exhibit 7: Volume trend (MT)



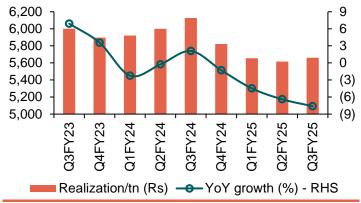
Source: Company, Dolat Capital

### Exhibit 8: Cost/tn trend (Rs)



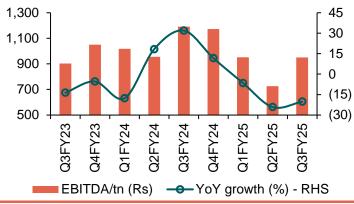
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### Exhibit 9: Realization/tn trend (Rs)



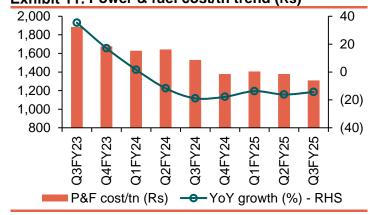
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### Exhibit 10: EBITDA/tn trend (Rs)



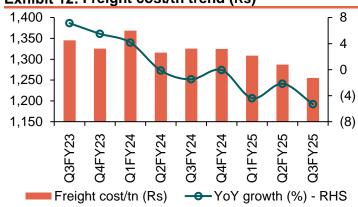
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## Exhibit 11: Power & fuel cost/tn trend (Rs)



Source: Company, Dolat Capital

## Exhibit 12: Freight cost/tn trend (Rs)



Source: Company, Dolat Capital



## **Financial Performance**

## **Profit and Loss Account**

| (Rs Mn)                                | FY24A                  | FY25E                  | FY26E                  | FY27E                     |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenue                                | 709,081                | 742,760                | 908,427                | 999,653                   |
| Total Expense                          | 579,396                | 612,450                | 718,618                | 777,692                   |
| COGS                                   | 460,669                | 480,043                | 563,018                | 607,404                   |
| Employees Cost                         | 30,376                 | 34,325                 | 37,414                 | 39,846                    |
| Other expenses                         | 88,351                 | 98,083                 | 118,186                | 130,442                   |
| EBIDTA                                 | 129,686                | 130,310                | 189,809                | 221,962                   |
| Depreciation                           | 31,453                 | 36,408                 | 41,552                 | 45,122                    |
| EBIT                                   | 98,233                 | 93,902                 | 148,256                | 176,839                   |
| Interest                               | 9,680                  | 13,156                 | 14,354                 | 11,744                    |
| Other Income                           | 6,170                  | 8,020                  | 8,421                  | 8,842                     |
| Exc. / E.O. items                      | (720)                  | 325                    | 0                      | 0                         |
| EBT                                    | 94,222                 | 89,112                 | 142,344                | 173,958                   |
| Tax                                    | 24,183                 | 22,634                 | 36,155                 | 44,185                    |
| Minority Interest                      | (10)                   | 78                     | 0                      | 0                         |
| Profit/Loss share of associates        | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                         |
| RPAT                                   | 70,050                 | 66,400                 | 106,189                | 129,773                   |
| Adjustments                            | 720                    | (325)                  | 0                      | 0                         |
| APAT                                   | 70,770                 | 66,075                 | 106,189                | 129,773                   |
|  |                        |                        |                        |                           |
| Balance Sheet<br>(Rs Mn)               | FY24A                  | FY25E                  | FY26E                  | FY27E                     |
| Sources of Funds                       | F124A                  | FIZSE                  | FIZOE                  | FIZIE                     |
|  | 2 007                  | 2 007                  | 2 002                  | 2 002                     |
| Equity Capital                         | 2,887                  | 2,887                  | 2,893                  | 2,893<br>637              |
| Minority Interest Reserves & Surplus   | 559<br><b>500</b> 388  | 637                    | 637                    |                           |
| Net Worth                              | <b>599,388</b> 602,275 | <b>645,579</b> 648,466 | <b>737,303</b> 740,196 | <b>851,164</b><br>854,057 |
| Total Debt                             | ······                 | ······                 | <del>-</del>           | 115,984                   |
| Net Deferred Tax Liability             | 102,984<br>64,478      | 173,984<br>64,478      | 144,984<br>64,478      | 64,478                    |
| ·                                      |                        | •                      |                        | 1,035,156                 |
| Total Capital Employed                 | 770,296                | 887,565                | 950,295                | 1,033,130                 |
| Applications of Funds                  |                        |                        |                        |                           |
| Net Block                              | 565,321                | 723,907                | 732,354                | 807,232                   |
| CWIP                                   | 131,567                | 121,567                | 171,567                | 131,567                   |
| Investments                            | 27,642                 | 35,402                 | 35,402                 | 35,402                    |
| Current Assets, Loans & Advances       | 283,491                | 232,703                | 280,325                | 354,175                   |
| Current Investments                    | 54,848                 | 10,848                 | 11,848                 | 61,848                    |
| Inventories                            | 83,297                 | 75,293                 | 92,087                 | 101,335                   |
| Receivables                            | 42,782                 | 42,734                 | 52,266                 | 57,514                    |
| Cash and Bank Balances                 | 7,832                  | 7,480                  | 10,374                 | 9,991                     |
| Loans and Advances                     | 172                    | 212                    | 252                    | 292                       |
| Other Current Assets                   | 94,559                 | 96,135                 | 113,499                | 123,195                   |
| Loop Current Liabilities 9 Provinces   | 227 724                | 226 042                | 260 252                | 202 242                   |
| Less: Current Liabilities & Provisions | 237,724                | 226,013                | 269,353                | 293,219                   |
| Payables Other Current Liebilities     | 84,783                 | 77,328                 | 94,576                 | 104,073                   |
| Other Current Liabilities              | 152,941                | 148,684                | 174,777                | 189,145                   |
| Net Current Assets                     | 45,767                 | 6,690                  | 10,972                 | 60,956                    |
| Total Assets                           | 770,296                | 887,565                | 950,295                | 1,035,156                 |
| E – Estimates                          | 110,200                | 331,000                | 000,200                | 1,000,100                 |

E – Estimates



| Important Ratios Particulars       | FY24A     | FY25E     | FY26E     | FY27E     |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| (A) Margins (%)                    |           |           |           |           |
| Gross Profit Margin                | 35.0      | 35.4      | 38.0      | 39.2      |
| EBIDTA Margin                      | 18.3      | 17.5      | 20.9      | 22.2      |
| EBIT Margin                        | 13.9      | 12.6      | 16.3      | 17.7      |
| Tax rate                           | 25.7      | 25.4      | 25.4      | 25.4      |
| Net Profit Margin                  | 10.0      | 8.9       | 11.7      | 13.0      |
| (B) As Percentage of Net Sales (%) |           |           |           |           |
| COGS                               | 65.0      | 64.6      | 62.0      | 60.8      |
| Employee                           | 4.3       | 4.6       | 4.1       | 4.0       |
| Other                              | 12.5      | 13.2      | 13.0      | 13.0      |
| (C) Measure of Financial Status    |           |           |           |           |
| Gross Debt / Equity                | 0.2       | 0.3       | 0.2       | 0.1       |
| Interest Coverage                  | 10.1      | 7.1       | 10.3      | 15.1      |
| Inventory days                     | 43        | 37        | 37        | 37        |
| Debtors days                       | 22        | 21        | 21        | 21        |
| Average Cost of Debt               | 9.6       | 9.5       | 9.0       | 9.0       |
| Payable days                       | 44        | 38        | 38        | 38        |
| Working Capital days               | 24        | 3         | 4         | 22        |
| FA T/O                             | 1.3       | 1.0       | 1.2       | 1.2       |
| (D) Measures of Investment         |           |           |           |           |
| AEPS (Rs)                          | 244.6     | 228.4     | 367.1     | 448.6     |
| CEPS (Rs)                          | 353.4     | 354.2     | 510.7     | 604.6     |
| DPS (Rs)                           | 37.8      | 69.9      | 50.0      | 55.0      |
| Dividend Payout (%)                | 15.5      | 30.6      | 13.6      | 12.3      |
| BVPS (Rs)                          | 2081.9    | 2241.5    | 2558.6    | 2952.2    |
| RoANW (%)                          | 12.4      | 10.6      | 15.3      | 16.3      |
| RoACE (%)                          | 10.6      | 9.2       | 12.7      | 14.0      |
| RoAIC (%)                          | 13.5      | 11.4      | 16.3      | 18.0      |
| (E) Valuation Ratios               |           |           |           |           |
| CMP (Rs)                           | 11421     | 11421     | 11421     | 11421     |
| Mcap (Rs Mn)                       | 3,304,010 | 3,304,010 | 3,304,010 | 3,304,010 |
| EV                                 | 3,344,314 | 3,459,666 | 3,426,772 | 3,348,155 |
| MCap/ Sales                        | 4.7       | 4.4       | 3.6       | 3.3       |
| EV/Sales                           | 4.7       | 4.7       | 3.8       | 3.3       |
| P/E                                | 46.7      | 50.0      | 31.1      | 25.5      |
| EV/EBITDA                          | 25.8      | 26.5      | 18.1      | 15.1      |
| P/BV                               | 5.5       | 5.1       | 4.5       | 3.9       |
| Dividend Yield (%)                 | 0.3       | 0.6       | 0.4       | 0.5       |
| (F) Growth Rate (%)                |           |           |           |           |
| Revenue                            | 12.1      | 4.7       | 22.3      | 10.0      |
| EBITDA                             | 22.1      | 0.5       | 45.7      | 16.9      |
| EBIT                               | 27.0      | (4.4)     | 57.9      | 19.3      |
| PBT                                | 27.0      | (5.4)     | 59.7      | 22.2      |
| APAT                               | 39.8      | (6.6)     | 60.7      | 22.2      |
| EPS                                | 39.8      | (6.6)     | 60.7      | 22.2      |



| Cash Flow                                  |          |           |           |           |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Particulars                                | FY24A    | FY25E     | FY26E     | FY27E     |
| Profit before tax                          | 94,222   | 89,112    | 142,344   | 173,958   |
| Depreciation & w.o.                        | 31,453   | 36,408    | 41,552    | 45,122    |
| Net Interest Exp                           | 7,271    | 9,146     | 10,143    | 7,322     |
| Direct taxes paid                          | (16,505) | (22,634)  | (36,155)  | (44,185)  |
| Change in Working Capital                  | (4,811)  | (5,275)   | (389)     | (367)     |
| Non Cash                                   | (2,661)  | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| (A) CF from Operating Activities           | 108,970  | 106,755   | 157,495   | 181,851   |
| Capex {(Inc.)/ Dec. in Fixed Assets n WIP} | (90,056) | (184,993) | (100,000) | (80,000)  |
| Free Cash Flow                             | 18,914   | (78,238)  | 57,495    | 101,851   |
| (Inc)./ Dec. in Investments                | (6,151)  | 36,240    | (1,000)   | (50,000)  |
| Other                                      | 2,829    | 4,010     | 4,211     | 4,421     |
| (B) CF from Investing Activities           | (93,377) | (144,743) | (96,789)  | (125,579) |
| Issue of Equity/ Preference                | 19       | 0         | 6         | 0         |
| Inc./(Dec.) in Debt                        | 3,299    | 71,000    | (29,000)  | (29,000)  |
| Interest exp net                           | (8,535)  | (13,156)  | (14,354)  | (11,744)  |
| Dividend Paid (Incl. Tax)                  | (10,944) | (20,209)  | (14,465)  | (15,911)  |
| Other                                      | (3,095)  | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| (C) CF from Financing                      | (19,257) | 37,635    | (57,812)  | (56,655)  |
| Net Change in Cash                         | (3,664)  | (352)     | 2,894     | (383)     |
| Opening Cash balances                      | 11,496   | 7,832     | 7,480     | 10,374    |
| Closing Cash balances                      | 7,832    | 7,480     | 10,374    | 9,991     |

E – Estimates

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# **Stock Info and Rating History**

#### **Price Performance**

| Particulars      | 1M | 3M | 12M |
|------------------|----|----|-----|
| Absolute (%)     | 0  | 6  | 16  |
| Rel to NIFTY (%) | 2  | 11 | 7   |

### **Shareholding Pattern**

| Particulars     | Jun'24 | Sep'24 | Dec'24 |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Promoters       | 60.0   | 60.0   | 60.0   |
| MF/Banks/FIs    | 11.8   | 11.6   | 12.3   |
| FIIs            | 18.7   | 18.5   | 17.5   |
| Public / Others | 9.6    | 9.9    | 10.3   |



| Month  | Rating     | TP (Rs.) | Price (Rs.) |
|--------|------------|----------|-------------|
| Apr-24 | BUY        | 11,485   | 9,964       |
| Jul-24 | Accumulate | 11,389   | 11,258      |
| Oct-24 | Accumulate | 11,554   | 10,869      |

\*Price as on recommendation date

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## **Dolat Rating Matrix**

Total Return Expectation (12 Months)

| Buy        | > 20%     |
|------------|-----------|
| Accumulate | 10 to 20% |
| Reduce     | 0 to 10%  |
| Sell       | < 0%      |

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