

Power Grid Corporation of India

Estimate change



TP change



Rating change



Bloomberg	PWGR IN
Equity Shares (m)	9301
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	2595.3 / 29.3
52-Week Range (INR)	345 / 247
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-7/-13/-18
12M Avg Val (INR M)	3860

Financials & Valuations (INRb)

Y/E March	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Sales	488.8	519.5	542.8
EBITDA	416.2	436.8	449.4
Adj. PAT	163.4	177.1	185.4
Adj. EPS (INR)	17.6	19.0	19.9
EPS Gr. (%)	5.3	8.3	4.7
BV/Sh.(INR)	106.6	114.1	122.3

Ratios

Net D:E	1.3	1.3	1.3
RoE (%)	17.0	17.2	16.9
RoCE (%)	9.6	9.6	9.2
Payout (%)	54.6	52.5	50.2

Valuations

P/E (x)	15.9	14.7	14.0
P/BV (x)	2.6	2.4	2.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.0	8.6	8.4
Div. Yield (%)	3.4	3.6	3.6
FCF Yield (%)	9.2	7.8	5.2

Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Sep-25	Jun-25	Sep-24
Promoter	51.3	51.3	51.3
DII	19.4	18.6	16.9
FII	25.7	26.5	28.3
Others	3.6	3.6	3.5

FII Includes depository receipts

CMP: INR279

TP: INR300 (+8%) Downgrade to Neutral

Weak capitalization clouds outlook

- In 2QFY26, Power Grid Corporation (PWGR) reported a standalone (SA) revenue of INR100b (-3% YoY), 6% below our estimate. EBITDA was 13% below our estimate at INR80.1b (-9% YoY), hit by a 55% YoY surge in other expenses. Reported PAT was INR35.5b, 4% below estimates (-4%YoY), supported by higher other income, lower depreciation (likely due to reduced capitalization), and a positive net regulatory deferral movement of INR 5.2b. Adj. SA PAT was 16% below our est. of INR31.2b, mainly due to a miss at the EBITDA level.
- In the analyst meet, management reiterated its capex guidance of INR280b/INR350b/INR450b for FY26/FY27/FY28, respectively. However, the capitalization target for FY26 might be on the lower side of INR200-220b, owing to persistent issues related to right-of-way (RoW).
- We downgrade PWGR to Neutral as we cut out FY26/27 Adj. PAT by 6%/4%. The cut to our estimate and our more cautious view is attributed to the slower-than-expected pace of capitalization, with PWGR capitalizing INR45b in 1HFY26 vs. the previously guided FY26 target of INR220b. While RoW issues have improved somewhat in recent months, we believe the risk to the company falling short of its FY26 capitalization target of INR200-220b remains elevated. While the medium-to-long term project pipeline continues to improve, we await more clarity on the resolution of near-term execution issues before forming a positive outlook.
- The stock is trading at FY27 P/B of 2.4x vs. the long-term avg. of 1.7x. We derive our TP of INR300 for PWGR based on Dec'27 BVPS and a P/B multiple of 2.5x (earlier 3x).

Earnings miss estimates due to higher other expenses

Standalone (SA) Performance:

- In 2QFY26, PWGR reported SA revenue of INR100b (-3% YoY,+1% QoQ), missing our estimate by 6%. EBITDA was 13% below our estimate at INR80.1b (-9% YoY, -1% QoQ), hit by a 55% YoY growth in other expenses.
- Reported PAT came in 4% below our estimate at INR35.5b (-4% YoY, -3% QoQ), supported by higher-than-expected other income, lower-than-expected depreciation (likely due to lower capitalization), and positive net movement in regulatory deferral account balances of INR5.2b.
- Adj. PAT was 16% below our estimate at INR31.2b (-11%YoY,-10% QoQ), mainly due to a miss at the EBITDA level.

Consolidated Performance:

- Consolidated operating revenue came in at INR114.76b, improving 2% YoY, while reported PAT declined ~6% YoY to INR35.7b.
- The transmission segment remained the primary revenue driver, contributing 92% of total income (INR116.7b).
- In 2QFY26, its JVs reported a loss of INR0.6b (vs. a loss of INR1b/INR0.4b in 2QFY25/1QFY26).

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Other Matters:

- The Board of Directors approved the payment of the first interim dividend of INR4.5/share.
- The Board further approved raising of funds through an unsecured rupee term loan/line of credit up to INR60b from SBI.

Highlights of the 2QFY26 performance:

- In 2QFY26, PWGR added ~205 ckm of transmission lines and 11,185 MVA transformation capacity.
- System availability stood at 99.83% in 1HFY26, with 0.09 trippings per line per year.
- Capex and capitalization in 1HFY26 were INR153.8b and INR45.8b, respectively. FY26 capex target of INR280b (TBCB: INR190.6b, RTM: INR35.5b, others: INR53.8b) has been maintained, with a potential to rise to INR300b.
- Capex targets for FY27/FY28 were reiterated at INR350b/INR450b, and capitalization targets at INR200b/250b/280b for FY26/27/28.
- Work in hand totals INR1.52t, including INR1,030b in TBCB projects.
- In the Brahmaputra Basin, the Ministry of Power has outlined a development plan requiring investments of about INR1.91t by 2035 and INR4.52t thereafter, presenting a total opportunity of INR6.43t. The project, currently under study, is an HVDC project in plain terrain and may follow the TBCB route.
- For the Leh–Ladakh HVDC project, the single bid received was not acceptable. The government is now considering replacing the HVDC system with an AC alternative costing ~INR 300b.
- The company participated in several BESS tenders but did not win any; it remains committed to future opportunities.

Valuation and view

We derive our TP of INR300 for PWGR based on Dec'27 BVPS and a P/B multiple of 2.5x.

Standalone Quarterly Performance

Y/E March	FY25					FY26E			FY25	FY26E	FY26E	Var.	YoY	QoQ
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3QE	4QE			2QE	%	%	%
Sales	100.7	102.6	101.2	109.8	99.3	100.0	102.1	116.6	414.3	417.9	106.9	-6%	-3%	1%
YoY Change (%)	-1.7	5.3	-5.2	-0.6	-1.4	-2.5	0.9	6.1	-0.9	0.9	4.2			
EBITDA	87.4	87.9	85.2	92.2	81.2	80.1	86.3	109.2	352.8	356.8	92.2	-13%	-9%	-1%
YoY Change (%)	-2.9	3.0	-9.3	0.9	-7.2	-8.8	1.3	18.4	-2.5	1.1	4.9			
As of % Sales	86.8	85.6	84.2	84.0	81.8	80.1	84.6	93.6	85.1	85.4	86.2			
Depreciation	30.7	31.6	30.7	30.4	29.7	30.6	31.4	34.4	123.5	126.1	33.6	-9%	-3%	3%
Interest	21.6	26.0	21.3	25.9	23.0	25.6	21.6	26.1	94.8	96.4	25.8	-1%	-2%	11%
Other Income	7.8	11.2	14.9	15.0	13.3	13.5	15.1	7.8	48.9	49.6	11.5	17%	20%	2%
Regulatory/Extraordinary items	-0.6	2.5	0.4	0.5	2.1	5.2	0.0	0.0	2.8	7.3	0.0			
PBT	42.3	43.9	48.5	51.4	43.9	42.6	48.4	56.4	186.2	191.3	44.2	-4%	-3%	-3%
Tax	8.2	6.8	9.6	8.1	7.3	7.1	10.1	9.9	32.7	34.5	7.0	1%	4%	-3%
Effective Tax Rate (%)	19.4	15.5	19.8	15.7	16.7	16.6	20.9	17.6	17.5	18.0	15.9			
Reported PAT	34.1	37.1	38.9	43.4	36.5	35.5	38.3	46.4	153.5	156.8	37.2	-4%	-4%	-3%
YoY Change (%)	-3.7	-3.2	-1.9	5.0	7.1	-4.2	-1.7	7.1	-0.8	2.1	0.2			
Adjusted PAT	34.6	35.0	38.6	42.9	34.7	31.2	38.3	46.4	151.2	150.7	37	-16%	-11%	-10%
YoY Change (%)	-8.7	4.8	-0.4	0.5	0.4	-10.9	-0.8	8.1	-1.1	-0.3	6.2			

Our valuation for PWGR

BVPS- Dec'27	INR	120
P/B multiple	(x)	2.5
Target Price	INR	300
CMP	INR	279
Upside / (Downside)	%	7%



Highlights from the management commentary

■ Financial performance:

- In 2QFY26, ~205ckm of transmission lines and 11,185MVA transformation capacity were added.
- Up to 1HFY26, transmission system availability was 99.83%, and trippings per line per year stood at 0.09.
- During the quarter, billing of INR98.2b was done, while realization was INR100.4b.
- Debt stood at INR1,359b, and net worth was INR989b.
- Gross fixed assets stand at INR2,951b and CWIP- INR477b.
- Outstanding dues stood at INR28.9b, down from INR31.5b in 1QFY26, with major dues primarily from Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and Telangana.

■ Project execution

- Transformation capacity additions:
 - Commissioned three 1,500 MVA ICTs at Khavda-3, two 1,500 MVA ICTs each at Ahmedabad, Navsari, and Fatehgarh-3, and one 1,500 MVA ICT at Bikaner.
 - Additional ICTs commissioned include six at 400 kV Kurnool, two at New Navsari, one each at Nalagarh, Hassan, and Fatehgarh-3 stations.
- Transmission line commissioning:
 - Completed Khavda–Khavda-3, Banaskantha–Ahmedabad (765 kV), Banaskantha–Sankhari, and the Jaipur–Jagdalpur inter-regional link connecting the Western and Eastern regions.
 - Successfully looped in Agra–Jaipur at Dausa and commissioned both circuits of the Navsari–Katalgudi line, five months ahead of schedule.
- Substation commissioning:
 - Commissioned 765/400 kV substations at Khavda-3, Khavda-2, Ahmedabad, and Dausa.
 - Commissioned 220 kV underground cable at Zojila Pass, a technically critical project.
 - Additional commissioning included 765/400 kV substations at Narela, Kishanpur–Kishtwar, and ICT-4 at Kurnool-3.

■ Telecom and consultancy division highlights:

- Customer growth in the telecom division: Added 22 new customers; revenue was INR5.7b in 1HFY26 (vs. INR5.4b 1HFY25).
- 1HFY26 consultancy income rose to INR8.2b from INR2.5b in 1HFY26, driven primarily by growth in the smart meter business.
- The company received 3 new international and 15 new domestic consultancy orders during the quarter.

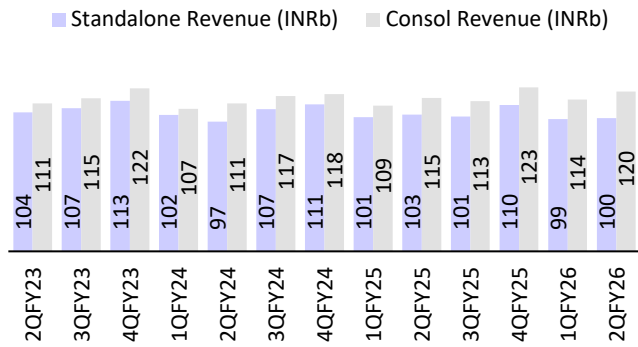
■ Capex, capitalization, and works in hand:

- Capex and capitalization done in 1HFY26 were INR153.8b and 45.8b, respectively.
- FY26 capex target was maintained at INR280b (TBCB- INR190.6b, RTM- INR35.5b and others- 53.8b), with a potential to rise to INR280-300b.

- Capex target for FY27/FY28 was re-iterated at INR350b/INR450b.
- FY26 capitalization target might reduce to INR200b from INR220b. Capitalization target for FY27/28 is INR250/280b.
- Work in hand is at INR1.52t, including INR1,030b for TBCB projects, INR95b for ongoing RTM projects, INR371b for new RTM projects, and INR27b for other projects.
- **New opportunities:**
 - In the Brahmaputra Basin, the Ministry of Power has announced a development plan requiring investments of about INR1.91t by 2035 and INR4.52t thereafter, presenting a total opportunity of INR6.43t. The plan includes 42 GW of HVDC corridors with major stations at Namsai, Roing, Niglog, Shilapathar, Gogamukh, and Rauta for bulk power transfer from the Northeast to the rest of India, along with the PSP integration of 3.7 GW by 2035 and 7.4 GW beyond. The project, currently in the study stage, is an HVDC project in plain area and might follow the TBCB route.
- **RoW challenges**
 - The company is facing RoW challenges from landowners; however, the Government of India has been supportive. A new guideline issued on March 21, 2025 revised RoW compensation rates from 30% to 60% in urban areas and to 45% in semi-urban areas, with payments now linked to actual market rates instead of circle rates. The guideline outlines a valuation process involving three independent valuers—nominated by farmers, Power Grid, and the District Magistrate—to determine fair compensation.
 - States such as Delhi and Haryana have already adopted these guidelines, with others following suit. The transition to this new framework has caused some project delays, with commissioning now expected in 3Q and 4QFY26.
- **Leh HVDC project:**
 - The Leh–Ladakh HVDC project had received a single bid, which was not found acceptable. Given the significant escalation in project cost from the initially planned INR240b to ~INR420b, the feasibility of executing the project under the HVDC configuration is under reconsideration. The Government of India is evaluating the possibility of replacing the HVDC system with an AC transmission alternative, estimated to cost ~300b. The project timeline should remain unchanged, with commissioning targeted by 2029 under the proposed AC configuration.
- **Other highlights**
 - The Khavda–South Olpad transmission project has been finalized, while the Barmer–South Kalamb project is expected to be finalized within the current financial year, having already received NCT approval. Other projects are expected to take additional time for completion.
 - The company participated in several BESS tenders but was not awarded any contracts. It remains committed to actively participating in upcoming tenders.
 - Other expenses rose 77%, primarily due to foreign exchange rate variation (FERV), which is a pass-through item reflected under regulatory deferral adjustments. Additionally, the increase includes expenses of around INR4.5b related to the smart metering business, accounted for under the service concession agreement, with corresponding income booked on the revenue side. Hence, the rise in expenses is largely neutral in impact.

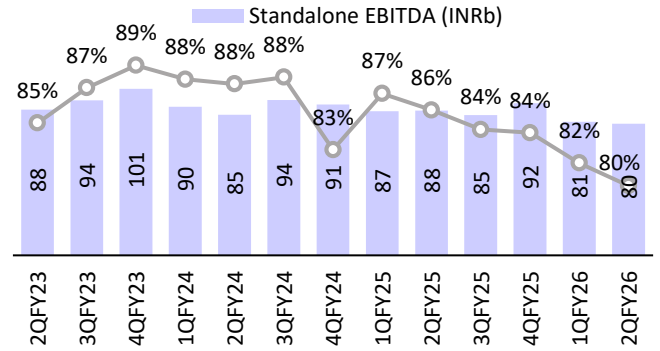
Story in charts – 2QFY26

Exhibit 1: SA and consolidated revenue



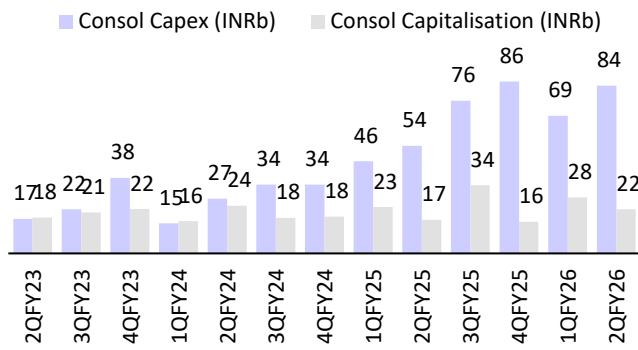
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 2: SA EBITDA (INR b) and EBITDA margin



Source: Company, MOFSL

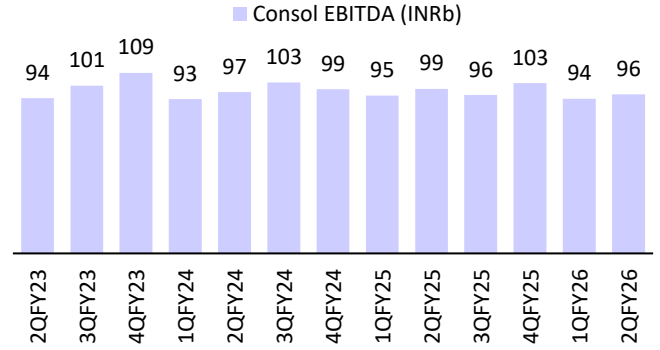
Exhibit 3: Consol. capex and capitalization



*Capitalisation till Apr-July

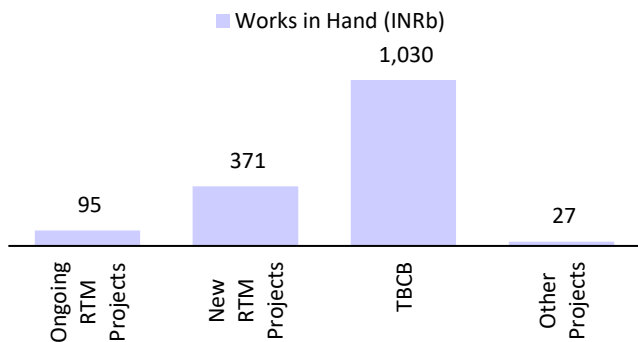
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Exhibit 4: Consol. EBITDA (INRb)



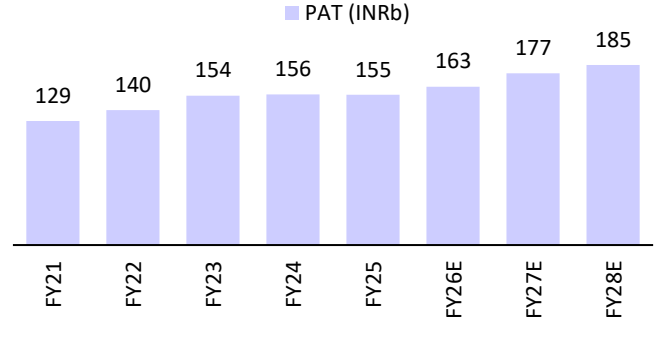
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Exhibit 5: Works in hand (30th Sep'25)



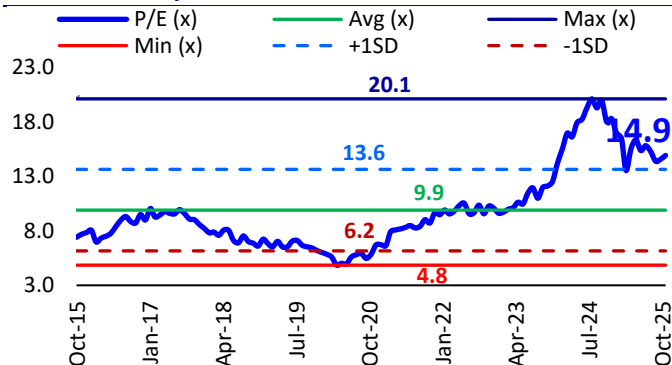
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Exhibit 6: Consol. PAT growth over FY21-28E



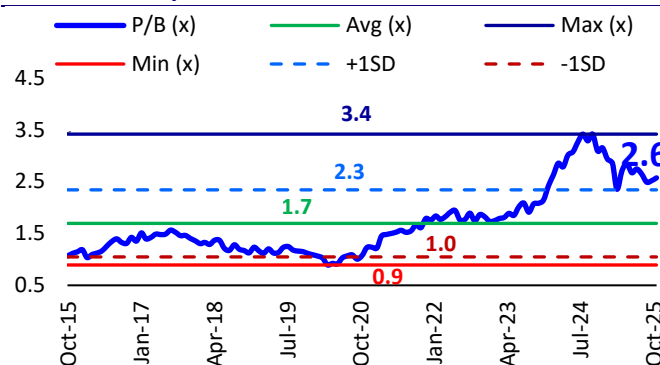
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 7: One-year forward P/E



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 8: One-year forward P/B



Source: Company, MOFSL

Financials and valuations

Consolidated Income Statement

(INR m)

Y/E March	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	4,58,517	4,52,717	4,60,686	4,88,837	5,19,500	5,42,795
Change (%)	11.6	-1.3	1.8	6.1	6.3	4.5
Expenditure	61,032	59,402	67,270	72,635	82,688	93,431
Gross Profit	4,58,517	4,52,717	4,60,686	4,88,837	5,19,500	5,42,795
EBITDA	3,97,485	3,93,315	3,93,417	4,16,201	4,36,813	4,49,364
% of Net Sales	86.7	86.9	85.4	85.1	84.1	82.8
Depreciation	1,33,334	1,30,953	1,29,042	1,33,201	1,39,714	1,46,501
Interest	96,339	87,728	87,001	88,577	85,491	82,068
Other Income	10,025	10,700	16,671	7,367	8,563	9,819
PBT before EO	1,77,837	1,85,335	1,94,045	2,01,790	2,20,171	2,30,614
EO income (expense)	0	0	0	7,335	0	0
PBT after EO	1,77,837	1,85,335	1,94,045	2,09,126	2,20,171	2,30,614
Tax	22,819	29,408	37,728	38,598	42,018	44,079
Rate (%)	12.8	15.9	19.4	18.5	19.1	19.1
Share of JVs and asso.	-821	-196	-1,103	-1,103	-1,103	-1,103
Reported PAT	1,54,197	1,55,732	1,55,214	1,69,425	1,77,050	1,85,433
Adjusted PAT	1,54,197	1,55,732	1,55,214	1,63,444	1,77,050	1,85,433
Change (%)	10.3	1.0	-0.3	5.3	8.3	4.7

Balance Sheet

(INR m)

Y/E March	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Share Capital	69,755	93,006	93,006	93,006	93,006	93,006
Reserves	7,60,391	7,78,445	8,33,622	8,98,465	9,68,435	10,44,849
Net Worth	8,30,145	8,71,451	9,26,628	9,91,471	10,61,441	11,37,855
Loans	12,65,949	12,34,486	13,09,650	13,11,012	13,62,255	15,09,309
Deferred Rev. & tax	2,08,424	1,97,604	1,86,645	2,00,455	2,00,455	2,00,455
Capital Employed	23,04,518	23,03,542	24,22,923	25,02,938	26,24,152	28,47,619
Gross Fixed Assets	27,01,123	27,55,311	28,38,222	32,17,379	35,27,379	38,87,379
Less: Depreciation	8,46,753	9,77,706	11,15,020	12,35,523	13,66,285	15,01,722
Net Fixed Assets	18,54,370	17,77,606	17,23,202	19,81,856	21,61,094	23,85,658
Capital WIP	1,37,723	1,81,975	3,35,851	2,34,349	2,47,819	3,04,172
Investments	34,891	41,632	31,167	33,883	33,883	21,828
Other Assets	4,75,971	5,07,693	5,70,853	7,19,994	7,94,279	9,13,319
Inventory	13,400	14,063	18,025	13,510	13,845	14,411
Debtors	1,36,945	1,18,341	79,648	78,907	79,545	83,191
Cash & Bank Balance	73,846	74,951	1,00,772	1,58,501	2,18,158	3,18,564
Other Current Assets	1,33,195	1,75,900	2,34,759	3,57,669	3,70,776	3,84,210
Loans & Advances	1,18,585	1,24,438	1,37,649	1,11,407	1,11,956	1,12,943
Other Liabilities	1,98,438	2,05,364	2,38,149	4,67,145	6,12,925	7,77,358
Net Current Assets	2,77,534	3,02,330	3,32,704	2,52,849	1,81,354	1,35,961
Application of Funds	23,04,518	23,03,542	24,22,923	25,02,938	26,24,152	28,47,619

Financials and valuations

Ratios

Y/E March	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Basic (INR)						
EPS	16.6	16.7	16.7	17.6	19.0	19.9
Cash EPS	30.9	30.8	30.6	31.9	34.1	35.7
Book Value	89.3	93.7	99.6	106.6	114.1	122.3
DPS	9.8	11.3	9.0	9.6	10.0	10.0
Div.Payout (incl. Tax.)	58.8	67.2	53.9	54.6	52.5	50.2
Valuation (x)						
P/E	16.8	16.7	16.7	15.9	14.7	14.0
Cash P/E	9.0	9.1	9.1	8.7	8.2	7.8
EV/EBITDA	9.5	9.5	9.7	9.0	8.6	8.4
Price/Book Value	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.3
Dividend Yield (%)	3.5	4.0	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.6
Profitability Ratios (%)						
RoE	19.4	18.3	17.3	17.0	17.2	16.9
RoCE	10.3	10.0	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.2
RoIC	11.1	10.9	10.8	11.4	11.4	11.3
Turnover Ratios						
Debtors (Days)	109	95	63	59	56	56
Inventory (Days)	9	9	9	6	6	5
Current Liabilities (Days)	134	132	124	222	265	296
Asset Turnover (x)	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Leverage Ratio						
Net Debt/EBITDA	3.0	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.6
Debt/Equity (x)	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3

Cash Flow Statement

Y/E March	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
PBT before EO Items						
Depreciation	1,33,334	1,30,953	1,29,042	1,33,201	1,39,714	1,46,501
Interest	96,339	87,728	87,001	88,577	85,491	82,068
Others	869	-13,363	-19,297	-7,367	-8,563	-9,819
(Inc)/Dec in WC	25,486	10,532	7,095	1,37,583	1,31,152	1,45,800
Direct Taxes Paid	-28,530	-33,807	-31,787	-38,598	-42,018	-44,079
CF from Operations	4,02,029	3,72,895	3,62,233	5,15,187	5,25,946	5,51,085
(Inc)/Dec in FA	-82,426	-1,14,037	-2,41,113	-2,77,656	-3,23,471	-4,16,353
FCF	3,19,602	2,58,858	1,21,120	2,37,531	2,02,476	1,34,732
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	11,044	-17,107	5,780	6,265	7,460	8,716
CF from Investments	-71,383	-1,31,144	-2,35,333	-2,71,391	-3,16,010	-4,07,637
Equity raised	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	-2,787	18,388	22,493	-9,565	-23,027	-15,022
(Inc)/Dec in Debt	-1,32,578	-53,168	66,385	1,362	51,244	1,47,054
Interest Paid	-86,468	-93,677	-92,300	-88,577	-85,491	-82,068
Dividend Paid	-85,449	-1,12,189	-97,656	-89,286	-93,006	-93,006
CF from Fin. Activity	-3,07,282	-2,40,646	-1,01,079	-1,86,067	-1,50,280	-43,042
Inc/Dec of Cash	23,364	1,105	25,821	57,729	59,657	1,00,406
Add: Beginning Balance	50,482	73,846	74,951	1,00,772	1,58,501	2,18,158
Closing Balance	73,846	74,951	1,00,772	1,58,501	2,18,158	3,18,564

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