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Ambuja Cement (ACEM IN)

Q1FY27 Result Update

July 29, 2026

☑ Estimate Change | ☑ Target | ■ Reco.

Change in Estimates

	Current		Previous	
	FY27E	FY28E	FY27E	FY28E
Rating	BUY		BUY	
Target Price	504		520	
Sales (INR mn)	443,117	501,528	465,594	524,039
% Chng.	*(4.8)*	*(4.3)*		
EBITDA (INR mn)	76,270	90,491	79,490	94,582
% Chng.	*(4.1)*	*(4.3)*		
EPS (INR)	10.1	13.4	10.6	14.5
% Chng.	*(4.7)*	*(7.6)*		

Key Data	ABUJ.BO | ACEM IN
BSE Code	500425
NSE Code	AMBUJACEM
52-W High / Low	INR 624 / INR 394
Face Value	2
Sensex / Nifty	77,655 / 24,250
Market Cap	INR 1,082 bn / $ 11,309 mn
Shares Outstanding	2484.82 mn
3M Avg. Daily Value	INR 1,515.91 mn

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoters	67.33
FIIs	5.63
Mutual Funds	9.12
Domestic Institutions	10.53
Public & Others	7.39
Promoter's Pledge (INR bn)	-

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	3M	6M	12M
Absolute	2.6	(4.2)	(18.8)	(28.6)
Relative	1.4	(4.4)	(13.7)	(25.3)

Key Financials - Consolidated

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
Sales (INR mn)	370,188	413,420	443,117	501,528
EBITDA (INR mn)	76,530	72,252	76,270	90,491
Margin (%)	*20.7*	*17.5*	*17.2*	*18.0*
PAT (INR mn)	60,069	57,150	25,146	33,339
EV (INR mn)	1,099,236	1,193,821	1,195,291	1,196,203
Total Debt (INR mn)	3,310	2,443	2,443	2,443
C&C Eq. (INR mn)	61,722	9,586	18,571	24,028
EPS (INR)	24.4	23.1	10.1	13.4
Gr. (%)	*59.3*	*(5.2)*	*(56.2)*	*32.6*
DPS (INR)	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5
Yield (%)	*0.5*	*0.5*	*0.5*	*0.6*
RoE (%)	*12.6*	*10.1*	*4.1*	*5.3*
RoCE (%)	*11.2*	*6.4*	*5.4*	*6.9*
EV/Sales (x)	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	14.4	16.5	15.7	13.2
PE (x)	17.8	18.8	43.0	32.4
P/BV (x)	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.7

Recalibration strategy impacts near term volumes

Quick Pointers

- FY27 volume growth is expected to be ~8% despite weak Q1
- Temporary shutdown of ~3.5mtpa capacity (~6 months) to improve operational efficiency at older units

Ambuja Cement (ACEM) delivered an inline operating performance in Q1FY27, despite volumes getting impacted on recalibration strategy favouring value over volumes. ACEM sacrificed low-margin volumes in non-trade segment (-21% YoY), resulting in a 7% YoY decline in cement volumes. Cement NSR improved just 1% QoQ despite price hikes across regions & premium product share of 34%, due to the consolidation of acquired assets. Cement cost declined by INR206/t QoQ, driven by lower clinker factor and better operational efficiencies, partly offset by imported fuel inflation and packing costs, leading to EBITDA/t of INR918 (vs. PLe: INR851/t). Mgmt. reiterated its FY27 volume growth guidance of ~8% and expects to recover the market share loss over the remaining quarters through stronger trade volumes & capacity additions.

During Q1FY27, ACEM prioritised value over volumes by letting go off low-margin volumes, improving trade mix, lowering clinker factor and temporarily shutting select capacities to improve operational efficiencies. These initiatives are aligned with the roadmap outlined in the past and represent a step in the right direction. However, the key is to improvise older units of ACC, Sanghi and Penna to bring in line with ACEM EBITDA/t and ramp up new units established recently; which would take few more quarters. Consistent execution on the guided cost reduction roadmap (INR250/t each in FY27 and FY28), stabilisation of acquired assets and recovery of the market share loss will be critical for delivering a sustainable improvement in profitability. We cut our FY27E/28E EBITDA estimates by ~4% each on poor ACC performance driving weak NSR. We expect consolidated ACEM's volume/EBITDA to deliver a CAGR of 8%/14% over FY26-28E. At CMP, the stock is trading at EV/EBITDA 13.2x of FY28E EBITDA. Maintain 'BUY' with revised TP of Rs504 (Rs520 earlier) valuing at same 15x EV of Mar'28E EBITDA.

Other Points:

- During Q1FY27, the company sold ~0.45bn units of renewable power (vs. ~0.24bn units in Q4FY26), generating ~INR1.4bn of revenue (vs. ~INR0.7bn in Q4).
- Fly ash sales declined to ~INR0.15bn in Q1FY27 from ~INR0.5bn in Q4FY26.

Quarter Summary

Y/e Mar	Q1'27E	Q1'27A	*% Var.*	Q1'26A	*YoY gr. (%)*
Net Sales (INR mn)	1,04,505	95,000	*-9.0*	1,02,891	*-8.0*
EBITDA (INR mn)	15,759	15,890	*1.0*	19,611	*-19.0*
Margin (%)	*15.1*	*16.7*	*160 bps*	*19.1*	*-240 bps*
PAT (INR mn)	3,751	6,010	*60.0*	7,952	*-24.0*

Source: Company, PL

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Revenue declined due to decline in volumes: Cons. revenue declined 8% YoY to Rs95bn (12% QoQ; PLe Rs104.5bn) on weak volumes. Blended NSR grew 1% QoQ to Rs5,491 (+1% YoY). Pure cement realisation increased 1% QoQ to Rs 5,299/t (+1% YoY; PLe Rs5,392) aided by increase in cement prices during the quarter. Cons. Cement (incl. 0.3mt clinker) volumes declined 8% YoY to 17.3mt (-14% QoQ; PLe 18.5mt) as company focused on low lead distance high margin volumes and ignored few regions in non-trade category as per our channel checks. MSA volumes grew 5% YoY to 6.7mt.

Decline in volume led to EBITDA decline: EBITDA declined 19% YoY to INR15.9bn (+9% QoQ; PLe INR15.8bn) due to the sharp decline in volumes. RM cost/t remained flat YoY at INR803. P&F cost/t increased 4% YoY to INR1,381 due to higher pet coke prices. Freight cost/t rose 2% YoY to INR1,308, while other expenses/t increased 12% YoY to INR860 due to higher packaging costs. Consequently, consolidated EBITDA/t stood at INR918/t (-11% YoY/+26% QoQ; PLe INR851/t). Consolidated reported PAT declined 31% YoY to INR6bn (-68% QoQ; PLe INR3.8bn) due to the absence of tax credits recognised in Q4FY26.

Key Matrices: Premium cement share was 34% (28% YoY; 32% QoQ). Green power share improved to 34% (32% QoQ; 28% YoY), with the company targeting 60% by FY28. Kiln fuel cost stood at INR1.66/kcal (INR1.61/kcal QoQ; INR1.59/kcal YoY). Primary lead distance declined to 249km (262km QoQ; 269km YoY). Direct dispatch stood at 58% (61% QoQ; 57% YoY).

Q1FY27 Concall Highlights:

Demand & Outlook

- Management expects FY27 volume growth of ~8%, supported by improving demand and growth in trade volumes during July. Demand remains healthy across North, West, Central and East, while South is gradually improving.

- The company reiterated its "value over volume" strategy, consciously reducing low-margin business. Trade volumes declined 2% YoY, while non-trade volumes declined 21% YoY, resulting in trade sales increasing to 78% of total sales (vs. 74% in Q4). Premium products accounted for 34% of trade sales, with trade mix expected to remain above 75%.

- In South India, the company deliberately curtailed nearly 1mt of low/zero or negative EBITDA volumes. Management is focusing on channel expansion, higher trade mix and structural cost improvements (renewable power, AFR, WHRS, lower clinker factor, fly ash sourcing and process efficiencies) before recovering volumes. Management expects South trade sales to improve over the next 1-2 quarters, while the lower contribution from South also supported overall cost performance.

Cost & Profitability

- Mgmt. reiterated its target of achieving cement cost of ~INR4,250/t/~INR4,000/t by FY27/FY28.

- Management outlined a detailed cost reduction roadmap to achieve its FY27 cost target, comprising: (1) ~INR30–35/t savings from a further ~15km reduction in lead distance, (2) ~INR30/t from raw material and logistics optimisation through greater use of BCFC rakes and improved fly ash sourcing, (3) ~INR50/t from higher renewable power utilisation (additional 75MW), lower heat consumption (~5 kcal/kg clinker) and lower power consumption (2–3 units/t cement), and (4) ~INR10–15/t from other operating efficiencies. In aggregate, these initiatives are expected to deliver incremental savings of ~INR130–150/t, providing a cushion against inflationary pressures and supporting the FY27 cost target of INR4,250/t

- Reported cement cost declined INR206/t QoQ; however, management highlighted that gross operational savings were ~INR316/t, offset by around INR110/t of imported fuel and freight inflation arising from the West Asia conflict.

- The company expects another INR130-150/t of structural savings through logistics optimisation, renewable energy, lower clinker factor, raw material optimisation, manufacturing efficiencies, and fixed-cost initiatives.
- Clinker factor improved to 64% (from 67%), while blended cement share increased to 85%. The company also built one month of clinker inventory and three months of coal inventory to mitigate fuel cost volatility.

Renewable Energy & Power

- Renewable energy capacity increased to 973MW, with a target of 1,122MW by FY28, while WHRS capacity stands at 228MW and is targeted to reach 376MW.
- During Q1FY27, the company sold ~0.45bn units of renewable power (vs. ~0.24bn units in Q4FY26), generating ~INR1.4bn of revenue (vs. ~INR0.7bn in Q4). Management clarified that these sales are temporary until transmission connectivity to cement plants is completed.
- Around 50% of the currently sold power is expected to be consumed internally from Q2, with almost all renewable generation expected to be utilised internally over the next 2-3 quarters. Long-term external power sales are expected to remain below 10%, as captive consumption delivers higher savings than selling power externally.
- Reported renewable power share of 34% excludes externally sold power; including sold units, effective renewable generation share is already ~48%.

Fly Ash & Raw Materials

- The company has secured long-term fly ash agreements and aims to maximise internal utilisation through improved rail logistics and sourcing initiatives.
- Fly ash sales declined to ~INR0.15bn in Q1FY27 from ~INR0.5bn in Q4FY26. Management clarified that surplus fly ash is sold only when not required internally, with the objective of maximising captive utilisation over time. Fly ash sales, along with lower sourcing costs, effectively reduce the company's overall fly ash cost.

Capacity Expansion & Capex

- Capacity expansion remains on schedule, with Kalamboli (1mtpa) and Warisaliganj (2.4mtpa) expected to be commissioned during Q2FY27, keeping the company on track to reach 119mtpa capacity by FY27-end.
- Trial runs have commenced at Dahej, Salai Banwa, Bathinda and Jodhpur, while the Marwar clinker project is targeted for Q1FY28.
- FY27 capex guidance remains ~INR65bn, with around INR15-16bn already incurred during Q1. Beyond FY27, management expects to add 8-10mtpa of organic capacity annually.

Acquired Assets

- Orient Cement has stabilised and is operating at ~87% utilisation, requiring limited incremental capex.
- Penna Cement remains the largest opportunity for utilisation and profitability improvement through channel expansion rather than significant capex.
- Sanghi Cement continues to improve through jetty expansion, WHRS, logistics optimisation and higher utilisation, with margins expected to improve progressively.

Operations & Efficiency

- Around 3.5mtpa of older capacities have been temporarily shut for approximately six months to facilitate operational optimisation. Management clarified these are temporary suspensions, not permanent closures, and include certain older ACC assets and one acquired asset.
- Overall capacity utilisation stood at ~65%, with management targeting 70-75% utilisation over the medium term under its profitability-focused strategy.
- AFR utilisation currently stands at ~6-7%, with a target of 12-15% in FY27 and 25% over the long term.

Other Highlights

- Three captive coal blocks are under development, with the first expected to become operational in 2-2.5 years.
- RMC business reported ~INR0.35bn EBITDA, while grey cement EBITDA stood at ~INR911/t during the quarter.
- Management reiterated that Ambuja remains debt-free, while inter-company deposits carry an 8% coupon and are part of the group's internal capital allocation framework.

Exhibit 1: Quarterly Estimates

(INR mn)	Q1FY27	*YoY gr. (%)*	Q2FY27E	*YoY gr. (%)*	Q3FY27E	*YoY gr. (%)*	Q4FY27E	*YoY gr. (%)*
Revenue from Operations	95,000	*-7.7%*	1,01,752	*10.9%*	1,18,973	*15.8%*	1,27,392	*16.7%*
EBITDA	15,890	*-19.0%*	16,175	*-8.1%*	20,779	*53.6%*	23,426	*60.0%*
Margin (%)	17%	*-2 bps*	16%	*-3 bps*	17%	*4 bps*	18%	*5 bps*
Adjusted PAT	6,010	*-24.4%*	1,521	*-92.4%*	9,044	*254.9%*	9,216	*-52.3%*

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 2: Q1FY27 Result Overview - Consolidated

Y/e March (Rs mn)	Q1FY27	Q1FY26	YoY gr. (%)	Q1FY27E	% Var.	Q4FY26	QoQ gr. (%)	FY27E	FY26	YoY gr. (%)
Revenue from Operations	**95,000**	**1,02,891**	**(7.7)**	**1,04,505**	**(9.1)**	**1,09,155**	**(13.0)**	**4,43,117**	**4,06,557**	**9.0**
Total RM Costs	13,890	15,245	(8.9)	18,288	(24.0)	20,047	(30.7)	71,498	67,425	6.0
% of Net Sales	14.6	14.8		17.5		18.4		16.1	16.6	
Employee benefits expense	3,870	4,177	(7.4)	4,428	(12.6)	3,959	(2.2)	17,309	16,027	8.0
% of Net Sales	4.1	4.1		4.2		3.6		3.9	3.9	
Power and fuel	23,890	25,131	(4.9)	24,642	(3.1)	26,217	(8.9)	1,08,398	1,00,238	8.1
% of Net Sales	25.1	24.4		23.6		24.0		24.5	24.7	
Freight and forwarding expense	22,580	24,225	(6.8)	24,653	(8.4)	26,489	(14.8)	1,02,705	94,973	8.1
% of Net Sales	23.8	23.5		23.6		24.3		23.2	23.4	
Other expenses	14,880	14,502	2.6	16,734	(11.1)	17,804	(16.4)	66,938	62,505	7.1
% of Net Sales	15.7	14.1		16.0		16.3		15.1	15.4	
Total Expenditure	79,110	83,280	(5.0)	88,746	(10.9)	94,516	(16.3)	3,66,847	3,41,167	7.5
EBITDA	**15,890**	**19,611**	**(19.0)**	**15,759**	**0.8**	**14,639**	**8.5**	**76,270**	**65,389**	**16.6**
Margin (%)	16.7	19.1	-233 bps	15.1	165 bps	13.4	331 bps	17.2	16.1	113 bps
Depreciation and amortisation expense	8,340	7,984	4.5	10,685	(21.9)	10,527	(20.8)	43,276	35,704	21.2
EBIT	**7,550**	**11,627**	**(35.1)**	**5,074**	**48.8**	**4,112**	**83.6**	**32,993**	**29,685**	**11.1**
Other Income	1,690	2,561	(34.0)	2,362	(28.5)	2,339	(27.7)	4,791	8,343	(42.6)
Finance Costs	570	671	(15.1)	698	(18.4)	208	174.0	2,915	2,236	30.4
PBT	**8,670**	**13,517**	**(35.9)**	**6,738**	**28.7**	**6,243**	**38.9**	**34,869**	**35,793**	**(2.6)**
Exceptional items	240	(400)	NA	-	NA	1,025	(76.6)	(5,000)	3,005	(266.4)
PBT (After EO)	8,430	13,917	(39.4)	6,738	25.1	5,218	61.6	39,869	32,787	21.6
Total Tax	1,880	3,789	(50.4)	1,213	55.0	(13,293)	(114.1)	5,142	(23,383)	(122.0)
% PBT	22.3	27.2		18.0		-254.8		12.9	-71.3	
Reported PAT	**6,550**	**10,128**	**(35.3)**	**5,525**	**18.6**	**18,511**	**(64.6)**	**34,727**	**56,170**	**(38.2)**
Non-controlling interest	830	1,818	(54.3)	1,818	(54.3)	273	204.3	4,800	9,089	(47.2)
Share of profit of joint ventures and associate	50	42	20.2	44		64	(21.5)	219	201	9.0
Net Profit Attributable to shareholders	**5,770**	**8,352**	**(30.9)**	**3,751**	**53.8**	**18,302**	**(68.5)**	**30,146**	**47,282**	**(36.2)**
Adjusted PAT	**6,010**	**7,952**	**(24.4)**	**3,751**	**60.2**	**19,327**	**(68.9)**	**25,146**	**57,150**	**(56.0)**

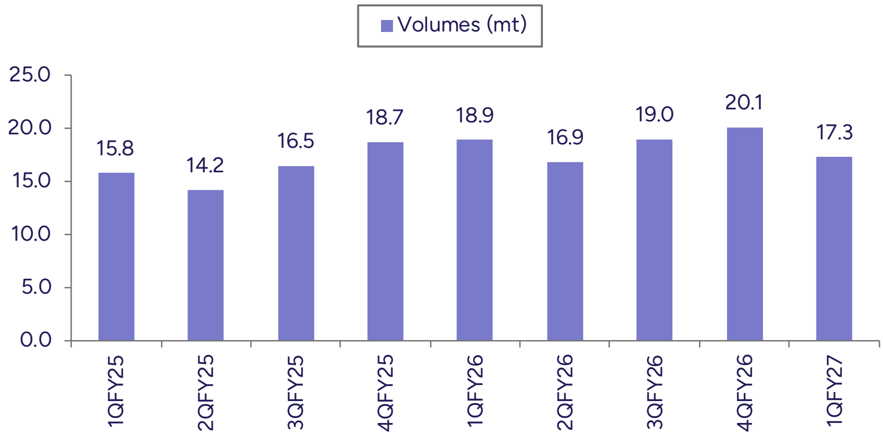
Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 3: Operating Parameters

Y/e March	Q1FY27	Q1FY26	YoY gr. (%)	Q1FY27E	% Var.	Q4FY26	QoQ gr. (%)	FY27E	FY26	YoY gr. (%)
Total Volume (mt)	17.3	18.9	(8.5)	18.5	(6.6)	20.1	(13.9)	78.6	74.9	5.0
Blended NSR/t (Rs)	5,491	5,444	0.9	5,642	(2.7)	5,431	1.1	5,578	5,432	2.7
Blended EBITDA/t (Rs)	**918**	**1,038**	**(11.5)**	**851**	**8.0**	**728**	**26.1**	**971**	**874**	**11.0**

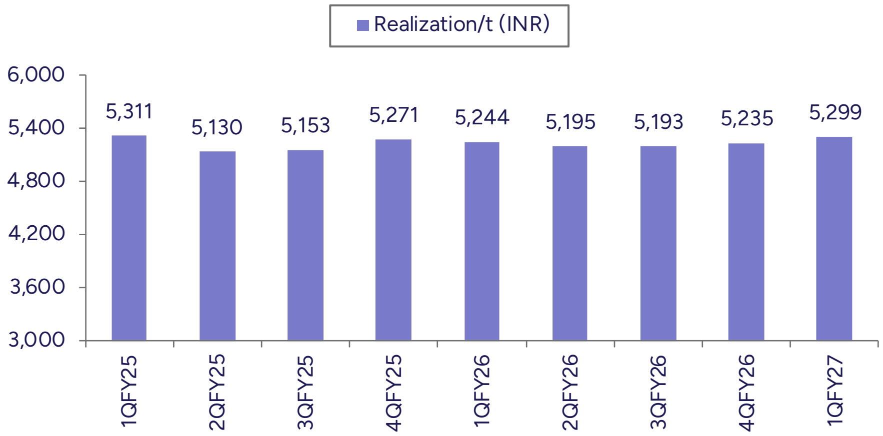
Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 4: Total volumes declined 8% YoY due to focus on value over volume



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 5: Blended NSR grew just 1% QoQ due to acquired assets



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 6: RM costs/t remained flat YoY led by lower clinker factor (63.7%)

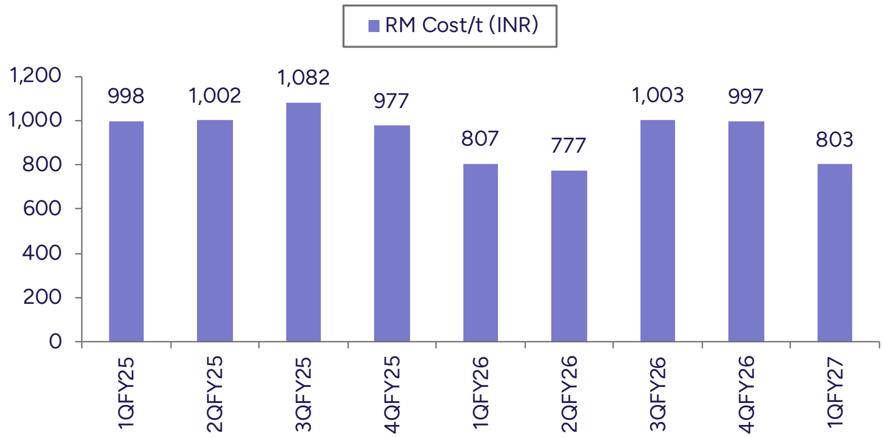


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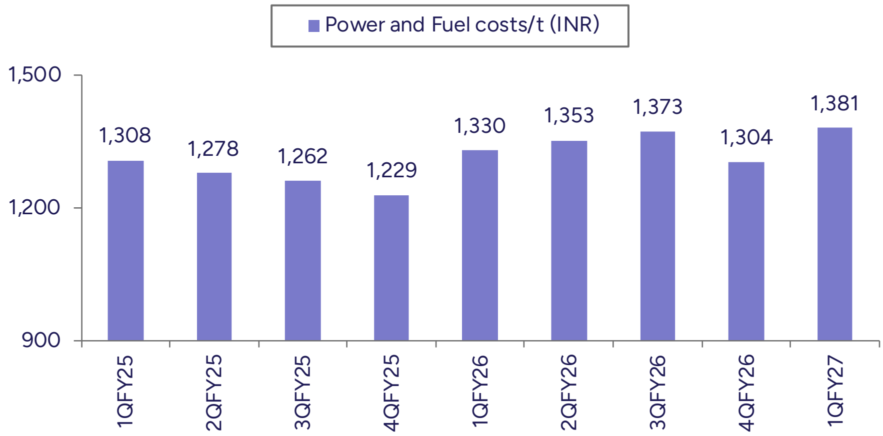
Exhibit 7: Power and fuel costs/t grew 4% YoY due to increase in pet coke prices



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 8: Freight cost/t increased 2% YoY despite to decline in lead distance (249km)

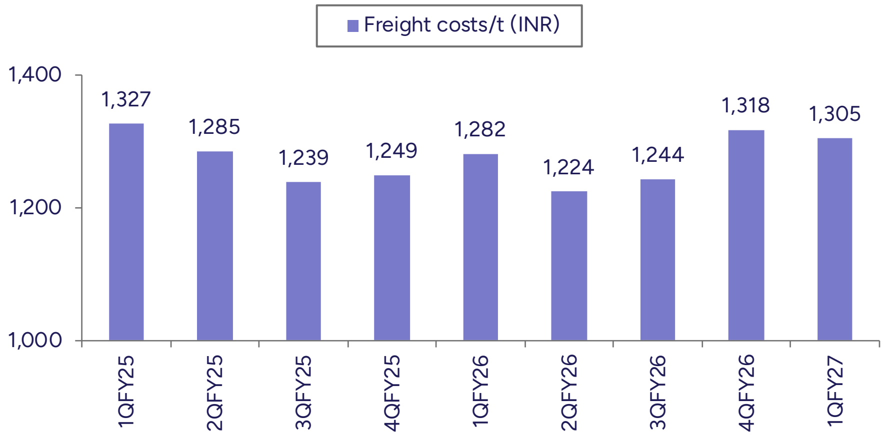


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Exhibit 9: Other expenses increased 12% YoY due to higher packaging costs

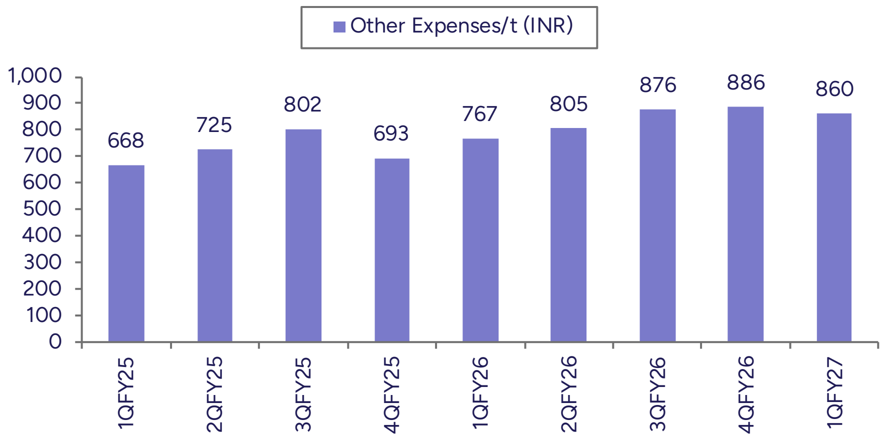

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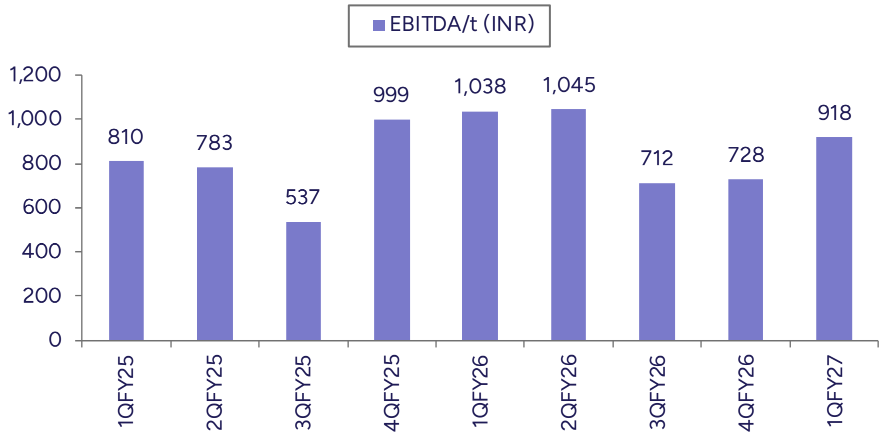
Exhibit 10: EBITDA/t declined 11% YoY on higher other expenses



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 11: Target Price Calculation

Valuation	Mar'28E
Mar'28E EBITDA	90,491
EV/EBITDA multiple	15.0
Targeted EV (ex-minorities)	12,31,211
Net debt/(cash)	-21,585
Shareholder's s value	12,52,796
Value per share	**504**

Source: PL

Financials

Income Statement (INR mn)

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
Net Revenues	**370,188**	**413,420**	**443,117**	**501,528**
YoY gr. (%)	*11.6*	*11.7*	*7.2*	*13.2*
Cost of Goods Sold	65,274	67,425	71,498	80,732
Gross Profit	304,914	345,995	371,619	420,796
Margin (%)	*82.4*	*83.7*	*83.9*	*83.9*
Employee Cost	14,034	16,027	17,309	18,693
Other Expenses	214,350	257,716	278,040	311,611
EBITDA	**76,530**	**72,252**	**76,270**	**90,491**
YoY gr. (%)	*19.6*	*(5.6)*	*5.6*	*18.6*
Margin (%)	*20.7*	*17.5*	*17.2*	*18.0*
Depreciation and Amortization	22,970	35,704	43,276	46,636
EBIT	**53,560**	**36,548**	**32,993**	**43,855**
Margin (%)	*14.5*	*8.8*	*7.4*	*8.7*
Net Interest	2,159	2,236	2,915	2,822
Other Income	26,543	8,343	4,791	5,101
Profit Before Tax	**77,728**	**45,661**	**39,869**	**51,134**
Margin (%)	*21.0*	*11.0*	*9.0*	*10.2*
Total Tax	8,096	(23,383)	5,142	6,664
Effective Tax Rate (%)	*10.4*	*(51.2)*	*12.9*	*13.0*
Profit After Tax	**69,632**	**69,044**	**34,727**	**44,470**
Minority Interest	9,910	9,089	4,800	6,369
Share Profit from Associate	132	201	219	238
Adjusted PAT	**60,069**	**57,150**	**25,146**	**33,339**
YoY gr. (%)	*78.5*	*(4.9)*	*(56.0)*	*32.6*
Margin (%)	*16.2*	*13.8*	*5.7*	*6.6*
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	(215)	3,005	5,000	5,000
Reported PAT	**59,855**	**60,155**	**30,146**	**38,339**
YoY gr. (%)	*89.8*	*0.5*	*(49.9)*	*27.2*
Margin (%)	*16.2*	*14.6*	*6.8*	*7.6*
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	59,855	60,155	30,146	38,339
Equity Shares O/s (mn)	**2,463**	**2,472**	**2,485**	**2,485**
EPS (INR)	**24.4**	**23.1**	**10.1**	**13.4**

Source: Company, PL

Balance Sheet (INR mn)

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	**553,735**	**742,793**	**802,793**	**862,793**
Tangibles	553,735	742,793	802,793	862,793
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Acc: Dep / Amortization	**126,074**	**160,165**	**203,441**	**250,078**
Tangibles	126,074	160,165	203,441	250,078
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Net Fixed Assets	**427,661**	**582,628**	**599,352**	**612,715**
Tangibles	427,661	582,628	599,352	612,715
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Capital Work In Progress	113,772	101,546	106,546	116,546
Goodwill	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Investments	40,905	38,873	38,873	38,873
Net Deferred Tax Assets	(24,285)	(34,337)	(34,337)	(34,337)
Other Non-Current Assets	34,255	35,533	35,533	35,533
Current Assets				
Investments	18,222	-	-	-
Inventories	42,480	45,523	49,617	56,157
Trade Receivables	15,903	18,685	14,568	16,489
Cash & Bank Balance	61,722	9,586	18,571	24,028
Other Current Assets	37,073	45,321	45,321	45,321
Total Assets	**811,064**	**896,066**	**926,752**	**964,033**
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	4,926	4,944	4,970	4,970
Other Equity	530,863	588,530	613,750	645,931
Total Networth	**535,789**	**593,473**	**618,719**	**650,901**
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term Borrowings	3,310	2,443	2,443	2,443
Provisions	2,541	2,365	2,365	2,365
Other Non Current Liabilities	1,552	1,525	1,525	1,525
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	-	-	-	-
Trade Payables	29,948	41,850	42,491	41,221
Other Current Liabilities	105,339	87,117	87,117	87,117
Total Equity & Liabilities	**811,064**	**896,066**	**926,752**	**964,033**

Source: Company, PL

Cash Flow (INR mn)

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
PBT	61,037	32,988	39,869	51,134
Add. Depreciation	22,970	35,704	43,276	46,636
Add. Interest	2,159	2,236	2,915	2,822
Less Financial Other Income	26,543	8,343	4,791	5,101
Add. Other	(25,979)	(1,659)	(4,791)	(5,101)
Op. Profit before WC Changes	60,188	69,269	81,270	95,491
Net Changes-WC	(34,012)	(18,476)	663	(9,730)
Direct Tax	(3,802)	2,822	(5,142)	(6,664)
Net Cash from Op. Activities	**22,374**	**53,615**	**76,791**	**79,097**
Capital Expenditures	(139,376)	(107,520)	(65,000)	(70,000)
Interest / Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
Others	64,065	28,168	4,791	5,101
Net Cash from Invt. Activities	**(75,311)**	**(79,352)**	**(60,209)**	**(64,899)**
Issue of Share Cap. / Premium	83,391	-	26	-
Debt Changes	(20,083)	(9,121)	-	-
Dividend Paid	(5,630)	(5,650)	(4,926)	(6,158)
Interest Paid	(1,758)	(1,523)	(2,915)	(2,822)
Others	-	-	-	-
Net Cash from Fin. Activities	**55,920**	**(16,294)**	**(7,816)**	**(8,979)**
Net Change in Cash	**2,983**	**(42,031)**	**8,767**	**5,219**
Free Cash Flow	(64,497)	(9,828)	11,791	9,097

Source: Company, PL

Quarterly Financials (INR mn)

Y/e Mar	Q2FY26	Q3FY26	Q4FY26	Q1FY27
Net Revenues	**91,745**	**102,767**	**109,155**	**95,000**
YoY gr. (%)	*21.5*	*20.9*	*9.4*	*(7.7)*
Raw Material Expenses	13,085	19,049	20,047	13,890
Gross Profit	78,660	83,718	89,108	81,110
Margin (%)	*85.7*	*81.5*	*81.6*	*85.4*
EBITDA	**17,609**	**13,531**	**14,639**	**15,890**
YoY gr. (%)	*58.4*	*52.8*	*(21.6)*	*(19.0)*
Margin (%)	*19.2*	*13.2*	*13.4*	*16.7*
Depreciation / Depletion	8,852	9,110	10,527	8,340
EBIT	**8,757**	**4,420**	**4,112**	**7,550**
Margin (%)	*9.5*	*4.3*	*3.8*	*7.9*
Net Interest	768	589	208	570
Other Income	2,570	873	2,339	1,690
Profit before Tax	**8,331**	**4,553**	**5,218**	**8,430**
Margin (%)	*9.1*	*4.4*	*4.8*	*8.9*
Total Tax	(14,648)	575	(13,293)	1,880
Effective Tax Rate (%)	*(175.8)*	*12.6*	*(254.8)*	*22.3*
Profit After Tax	**22,979**	**3,978**	**18,511**	**6,550**
Minority Interest	5,366	1,633	273	830
Share Profit from Associate	44	51	64	50
Adjusted PAT	**19,885**	**2,548**	**19,327**	**6,010**
YoY gr. (%)	*212.8*	*(64.1)*	*117.0*	*(24.4)*
Margin (%)	*21.7*	*2.5*	*17.7*	*6.3*
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	(2,228)	(152)	(1,025)	(240)
Reported PAT	**17,657**	**2,396**	**18,302**	**5,770**
YoY gr. (%)	*268.2*	*(88.7)*	*78.5*	*(30.9)*
Margin (%)	*19.2*	*2.3*	*16.8*	*6.1*
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	**17,657**	**2,396**	**18,302**	**5,770**
Avg. Shares O/s (mn)	2,463	2,472	2,472	2,485
EPS (INR)	**8.1**	**1.0**	**7.8**	**2.4**

Source: Company, PL

Key Financial Metrics

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
Per Share (INR)				
EPS	24.4	23.1	10.1	13.4
CEPS	33.7	37.6	27.5	32.2
BVPS	217.5	240.1	249.0	262.0
FCF	(26.2)	(4.0)	4.7	3.7
DPS	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5
Return Ratio (%)				
RoCE	11.2	6.4	5.4	6.9
ROIC	12.1	9.9	4.9	6.2
RoE	12.6	10.1	4.1	5.3
Balance Sheet				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	-	-	-	-
Net Working Capital (Days)	28	20	18	23
Valuation (x)				
PER	17.8	18.8	43.0	32.4
P/B	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.6
P/CEPS	12.9	11.5	15.8	13.5
EV/EBITDA	14.3	16.5	15.6	13.2
EV/Sales	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.3
Dividend Yield (%)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
FCFF Yield (%)	(6.1)	(1.0)	1.0	0.8
PEG Ratio	0.3	(3.7)	-	0.9

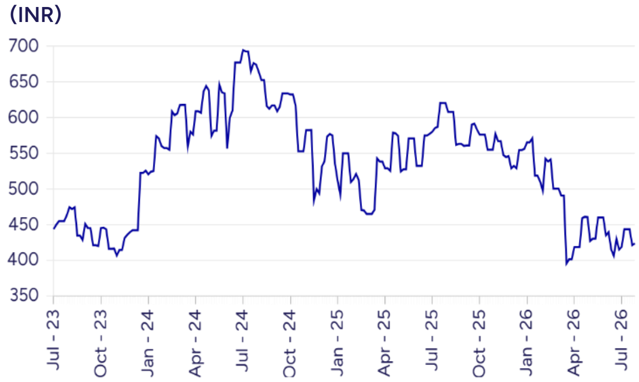
Source: Company, PL

Key Operating Metrics

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
Cons. Volume (mt)	65	75	79	87
Cons. Net Realisations (INR/t)	5,420	5,432	5,578	5,690
Cons. EBITDA/ t (INR/t)	916	874	971	1,040

Source: Company, PL

Price Chart



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No.	Date	Rating	TP (INR)	Share Price (INR)
1	07-Jul-26	BUY	520	436
2	05-May-26	BUY	524	445
3	09-Apr-26	BUY	598	447
4	10-Mar-26	BUY	640	452
5	31-Jan-26	BUY	640	510
6	08-Jan-26	BUY	667	562
7	04-Nov-25	BUY	718	577
8	08-Oct-25	BUY	701	570
9	01-Aug-25	BUY	685	593
10	07-Jul-25	BUY	690	592

Analyst Coverage Universe

Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (INR)	Share Price (INR)
1	ACC	BUY	2198	1384
2	Adani Port & SEZ	BUY	2122	1864
3	Ambuja Cement	BUY	520	436
4	Dalmia Bharat	BUY	2079	1811
5	Hindalco Industries	Accumulate	1050	972
6	Jindal Stainless	BUY	821	696
7	Jindal Steel	BUY	1298	1040
8	JK Cement	Accumulate	6205	5453
9	JK Lakshmi Cement	BUY	765	573
10	JSW Cement	Accumulate	141	136
11	JSW Infrastructure	Accumulate	361	345
12	JSW Steel	Accumulate	1351	1237
13	National Aluminium Co.	Accumulate	376	350
14	NMDC	Hold	86	84
15	Nuvoco Vistas Corporation	BUY	510	341
16	Shree Cement	Accumulate	28324	26710
17	Steel Authority of India	Accumulate	203	162
18	Tata Steel	Accumulate	226	188
19	Ultratech Cement	BUY	13832	11903

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