

Shree Cement

Estimate change
TP change
Rating change

Bloomberg	SRCM IN
Equity Shares (m)	36
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	968.1 / 11.2
52-Week Range (INR)	30738 / 23500
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	6/5/-12
12M Avg Val (INR M)	1076

Financial Snapshot (INR b)

Y/E Mar	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Sales	177.7	198.3	219.7
EBITDA	36.7	43.4	51.3
Adj. PAT	10.4	10.9	14.0
EBITDA Margin (%)	20.6	21.9	23.3
Cons. Adj. EPS (INR)	289	301	389
EPS Gr. (%)	-57.8	4.2	29.2
BV/Sh. (INR)	5,838	6,029	6,298
Ratios			
Net D:E	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2
RoE (%)	5.0	5.1	6.3
RoCE (%)	5.5	5.5	6.6
Payout (%)	34.6	36.5	30.9
Valuations			
P/E (x)	92.9	89.1	69.0
P/BV (x)	4.6	4.4	4.3
EV/EBITDA(x)	24.4	20.9	17.9
EV/ton (USD)	188	164	145
Div. Yield (%)	0.4	0.4	0.4
FCF Yield (%)	-0.9	-0.6	0.2

Shareholding Pattern (%)

As On	Dec-24	Sep-24	Dec-23
Promoter	62.6	62.6	62.6
DII	15.0	14.5	12.6
FII	9.9	10.4	12.3
Others	12.5	12.6	12.6

FII includes depository receipts

CMP: INR26,831 TP: INR26,640 (-1%) Neut

Better cost savings drive higher-than-estimated EBITDA/t

Capacity utilization stands at ~58% for 3QFY25 vs. 68% for 3QFY24

- Shree Cement (SRCM)'s 3QFY25 EBITDA declined ~23% YoY to INR9.5b (~5% above our estimates, led by better cost control). EBITDA/t declined 22% YoY to INR1,079 (+8% vs. our estimate). OPM contracted 2.8pp YoY to ~22% (est. ~20%). PAT declined ~69% YoY to INR2.3b (in line).
- Management indicated that cement demand is expected to improve, led by anticipated growth in rural consumption, sustained healthy demand for urban housing, and an expected increase in government spending on infrastructure projects. The company's 15.4mtpa cement capacity expansion projects are nearing completion, with all projects likely to be commissioned in 1QFY26. Its green power capacity has been increased to 522MW vs. 480MW at the beginning of FY25.
- We have largely maintained our EBITDA estimates for FY25-27. However, our EPS estimates for FY26/27 have been reduced by ~6-8% due to higher depreciation from new capacities, which are likely to be commissioned in 1QFY26. The stock trades fairly at 21x/18x FY26E/FY27E EV/EBITDA.

Reiterate Neutral rating with a TP of INR26,640.

Volumes decline 1% YoY; opex/t down 9% YoY

- Standalone revenue/EBITDA/PAT stood at INR42.4b/INR9.5b/INR2.3b (down 14%/23%/69% YoY and down 8%/up 5%/down 3% vs. our estimates) in 3QFY25. Sales volumes declined 1% YoY to 8.77mt. Blended realization declined 12% YoY (-2% QoQ) to INR4,830/t (5% below our estimate), while cement realization improved 3% QoQ to INR4,580/t.
- Opex/t declined 9% YoY (8% below our estimate), led by a 12%/21% YoY decline in variable cost/other expenses, while freight cost per ton was up ~3%. OPM contracted 2.8pp YoY to ~22% and EBITDA/t declined 22% YoY to INR1,079. Depreciation was up 116% YoY, while interest/other income declined 6%/15%.
- In 9MFY25, revenue/EBITDA/PAT stood at INR128b/INR24.6b/INR6.4b (down 11%/19%/65% YoY). Volumes were flat YoY, while blended realization declined ~11% YoY. EBITDA/t declined 19% YoY to INR944. We expect revenue/EBITDA/PAT to decline 2%/9%/39% YoY in 4QFY25. We estimate 6% YoY volume growth in 4QFY25 and EBITDA/t of INR1,204 vs. INR1,392/INR1,079 in 4QFY25/3QFY25.

Highlights from the management commentary

- Avg. fuel cost declined to INR1.55/Kcal vs. INR1.71/kcal in 2QFY25. The fuel consumption cost is currently at the same level. The share of green power in the total electricity consumption stood at 55.1% vs. 54.8% in 2QFY25. Further, improved cost control was driven by a reduction in other expenses.
- The company has started operations of its state-of-the-art, end-to-end solid waste feeding system for municipal solid waste consumption at one of its locations, and this system is being replicated at other plants too. This initiative will help increase the share of alternative fuel and improve the TSR level.
- Capex is pegged at INR38-40b for FY25; it stood at INR32b in 9MFY25. The full-year FY25 depreciation is estimated at INR28b.

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Valuation and view

SRCM's reported EBITDA/t in 3QFY25 was higher than estimates, led by better cost control (reduction in other expenses and lower fuel consumption cost). The company's strategy of prioritizing premium, high-value products, coupled with a sharp focus on brand enhancement, strengthening the dealer network, and optimizing the geo-mix, has enabled it to improve sale volumes QoQ. Additionally, its premium product share stood at 15% (+10bp QoQ). SRCM continues to be one of the least cost producers in the industry.

We believe the company's capacity expansions at existing locations/markets (North, East, and part of South) will keep capacity utilization at the lower end (~66-69%). We estimate a revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 11%/18%/16% over FY25-27. The stock trades fairly at 21x/18x FY26E/FY27E EV/EBITDA. Reiterate Neutral rating with a TP of INR26,640.

Standalone quarterly performa		FY2	24			FY2	25		FY24	FY25E	FY25	(INR b) Var.
Y/E March	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE			3QE	(%)
Net Sales	49.7	45.6	49.0	50.7	48.3	37.3	42.4	49.7	195.0	177.7	46.1	-8
YoY Change (%)	18.3	20.6	20.4	6.0	-2.7	-18.3	-13.6	-2.0	15.8	-8.9	-6.0	
Total Expenditure	40.4	36.9	36.7	37.5	39.2	31.3	32.9	37.6	151.4	141.0	37.1	-11
EBITDA	9.3	8.7	12.3	13.3	9.2	5.9	9.5	12.1	43.6	36.7	9.0	5
YoY Change (%)	13.9	66.3	74.3	48.7	-1.7	-31.9	-23.3	-8.7	48.3	-16.0		
Margin (%)	18.8	19.1	25.2	26.2	19.0	15.9	22.3	24.4	22.4	20.6	19.6	
Depreciation	3.1	3.3	3.5	6.3	6.4	6.7	7.5	7.8	16.1	28.4	6.7	12
Interest	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	2.6	2.2	0.6	-8
Other Income	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.1	1.3	5.6	5.6	1.4	-18
PBT before EO Exp.	7.1	6.0	9.7	7.7	3.5	0.4	2.6	5.0	30.5	11.6	3.2	-18
Extra-Ord. Expense	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
PBT	7.1	6.0	9.7	7.7	3.5	0.4	2.6	5.0	30.5	11.6	3.2	-18
Tax	1.3	1.1	2.3	1.1	0.3	-0.5	0.3	1.0	5.8	1.2	0.8	
Rate (%)	18.2	17.6	24.0	14.3	9.4	-108.1	11.4	20.2	19.0	10.0	25.0	
Reported PAT	5.8	4.9	7.3	6.6	3.2	0.9	2.3	4.0	24.7	10.4	2.4	-3
Tax adjustment prior period	0.0	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	2.3	4.0	24.7	10.4	2.4	-3
YoY Change (%)	84.2	159.1	165.3	68.8	-45.3	-81.0	-68.8	-39.3	110.3	-57.8	-67.8	
Quarterly performance												
Sales Dispat. (mt)	8.92	8.20	8.89	9.54	9.64	7.60	8.77	10.06	35.54	36.07	9.08	-3
YoY Change (%)	18.8	9.9	10.7	8.0	8.1	-7.3	-1.4	5.5	11.7	1.5	2.1	
Realization	5,575	5,564	5,510	5,320	5,015	4,904	4,830	4,939	5,488	4,925	5,075	-5
YoY Change (%)	-0.5	9.7	8.8	-1.9	-10.0	-11.9	-12.4	-7.2	3.7	-10.3	-7.9	
Expenditure												
RM Cost	638	671	494	371	530	539	616	488	538	541	500	23
Staff Cost	263	285	264	247	254	328	270	245	264	271	280	-4
Power and Fuel	1,700	1,673	1,392	1,497	1,458	1,317	1,042	1,192	1,562	1,253	1,325	-21
Freight	1,192	1,160	1,094	1,096	1,157	1,173	1,131	1,152	1,135	1,153	1,160	-3
Other Expenses	735	714	879	717	667	766	691	657	762	691	815	-15
Total Op. cost	4,529	4,503	4,123	3,928	4,065	4,124	3,750	3,735	4,260	3,909	4,080	-8
EBITDA	1,046	1,062	1,387	1,392	951	780	1,079	1,204	1,228	1,017	995	8

Source: Company, MOFSL Estimates

Story in charts

Exhibit 1: Sales volume declined 1% YoY

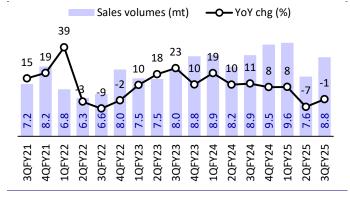


Exhibit 2: Blended realization was down 12% YoY

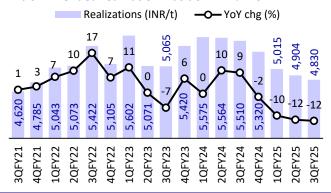
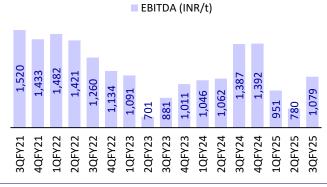


Exhibit 3: Blended opex/t was down 9% YoY/QoQ



Exhibit 4: EBITDA/t was down 22% YoY



Source: Company, MOFSL

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Exhibit 5: Key performance indicators – per ton analysis

INR/t	3QFY25	3QFY24	YoY (%)	2QFY25	QoQ(%)
Blended realization	4,830	5,510	-12	4,904	-2
RM Cost	616	494	25	539	14
Employee Expenses	270	264	2	328	-18
Power, Oil, and Fuel	1,042	1,392	-25	1,317	-21
Freight and Handling	1,131	1,094	3	1,173	-4
Other Expenses	691	879	-21	766	-10
Total Expenses	3,750	4,123	-9	4,124	-9
EBITDA	1,079	1,387	-22	780	38

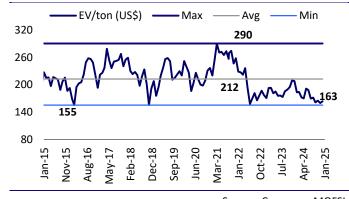
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 6: One-year forward EV/EBITDA ratio chart



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 7: One-year forward EV/t chart



Source: Company, MOFSL

Standalone financials and valuations

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Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Sales	1,19,301	1,26,037	1,43,297	1,68,375	1,95,855	1,77,673	1,98,251	2,19,740
Change (%)	1.4	5.6	13.7	17.5	16.3	-9.3	11.6	10.8
EBITDA	36,745	39,547	36,478	29,423	43,635	36,674	43,387	51,263
Margin (%)	30.8	31.4	25.5	17.5	22.3	20.6	21.9	23.3
Depreciation	16,994	11,399	10,365	15,462	16,147	28,441	33,022	37,070
EBIT	19,751	28,148	26,114	13,961	27,489	8,233	10,365	14,193
Int. and Finance Charges	2,865	2,471	2,178	2,689	2,643	2,240	2,243	2,124
Other Income – Rec.	2,716	4,580	5,373	4,315	5,611	5,582	5,285	5,247
PBT before EO Expense	19,602	30,257	29,309	15,586	30,456	11,574	13,407	17,315
EO Expense/(Income)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PBT after EO Expense	19,602	30,257	29,309	15,586	30,456	11,574	13,407	17,315
Tax	5,248	7,536	4,382	937	5,098	1,157	2,547	3,290
Deferred Tax	-1,348	-398	1,161	1,368	674	0	0	0
Tax Rate (%)	19.9	23.6	18.9	14.8	19.0	10.0	19.0	19.0
Reported PAT	15,702	23,119	23,766	13,281	24,684	10,417	10,860	14,026
Tax adjustment prior period	0	-103	-1,045	-1,543	0	0	0	0
Adj. PAT for EO items	15,702	23,017	22,721	11,739	24,684	10,417	10,860	14,026
Change (%)	46.0	46.6	-1.3	-48.3	110.3	-57.8	4.2	29.2
Margin (%)	13.2	18.3	15.9	7.0	12.6	5.9	5.5	6.4

Balance Sheet								(INR m)
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Equity Share Capital	361	361	361	361	361	361	361	361
Other Reserves	1,29,003	1,52,140	1,72,348	1,82,524	2,03,484	2,10,293	2,17,184	2,26,880
Total Reserves	1,29,003	1,52,140	1,72,348	1,82,525	2,03,486	2,10,295	2,17,186	2,26,882
Net Worth	1,29,364	1,52,501	1,72,709	1,82,885	2,03,847	2,10,656	2,17,547	2,27,243
Deferred Liabilities	-7438	-7855	-6695	-6686	-5992	-5992	-5992	-5992
Secured Loan	31,042	21,332	20,142	25,392	14,737	19,508	17,161	16,016
Unsecured Loan	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loans	31,442	21,332	20,142	25,392	14,737	19,508	17,161	16,016
Capital Employed	1,53,368	1,65,978	1,86,155	2,01,592	2,12,591	2,24,172	2,28,715	2,37,267
Gross Block	1,03,634	1,13,644	1,35,229	1,50,803	1,84,610	2,24,610	2,64,610	3,14,610
Less: Accum. Deprn.	60,445	71,729	82,014	97,476	1,13,623	1,42,064	1,75,086	2,12,156
Net Fixed Assets	43,189	41,916	53,215	53,327	70,987	82,546	89,524	1,02,454
Capital WIP	12,576	12,836	9,729	23,203	18,328	18,328	18,328	8,328
Financial investments	63,575	83,712	86,014	87,060	77,307	67,307	55,307	50,307
Strategic Investment	25,579	26,794	29,445	29,445	29,445	29,445	29,445	29,445
Curr. Assets	41,022	37,275	49,056	58,467	72,131	76,574	85,282	95,152
Inventory	14,279	14,772	21,614	24,226	31,462	29,206	32,589	36,122
Account Receivables	8,285	4,859	5,957	9,061	9,298	10,709	11,949	13,245
Cash and Bank Balance	1,082	2,098	1,183	1,193	2,971	5,418	5,755	7,298
Others	17,378	15,547	20,303	23,987	28,400	31,240	34,989	38,488
Curr. Liability and Prov.	32,574	36,555	41,304	49,911	55,610	50,030	49,173	48,421
Account Payables	32,470	36,430	41,160	49,756	55,454	49,874	49,017	48,265
Provisions	104	125	144	155	156	156	156	156
Net Current Assets	8,449	721	7,752	8,556	16,522	26,544	36,109	46,731
Appl. of Funds	1,53,368	1,65,978	1,86,155	2,01,592	2,12,591	2,24,172	2,28,715	2,37,267

Source: Company, MOFSL

Standalone financials and valuations

Ratios								
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Basic (INR)								
EPS	435	638	630	325	684	289	301	389
Cash EPS	471	316	287	429	448	788	915	1,027
BV/Share	3,585	4,227	4,787	5,069	5,650	5,838	6,029	6,298
DPS	110.0	60.0	90.0	100.0	105.0	100.0	110.0	120.0
Payout (%)	25.3	9.4	13.7	27.2	15.3	34.6	36.5	30.9
Valuation (x)		5	2017		20.0	00		00.5
P/E	61.6	42.0	42.6	82.4	39.2	92.9	89.1	69.0
Cash P/E	56.9	84.9	93.3	62.6	59.9	34.0	29.3	26.1
P/BV	7.5	6.3	5.6	5.3	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.3
EV/Sales	7.7	7.1	6.2	5.2	4.5	5.0	4.6	4.2
EV/EBITDA	25.1	22.5	24.4	30.0	20.2	24.4	20.9	17.9
EV/t (USD-Cap)	271	243	228	225	196	188	164	145
Dividend Yield (%)	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Return Ratios (%)	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
RoIC	25.8	39.2	33.4	15.6	26.9	6.7	7.3	8.9
RoE	13.9	16.3	14.0	6.6	12.8	5.0	5.1	6.3
RoCE	12.6	14.9	13.9	7.8	12.6	5.5	5.5	6.6
Working Capital Ratios	12.0	14.5	13.9	7.8	12.0	J.J	5.5	0.0
Inventory (Days)	44	43	55	53	59	60	60	60
Debtor (Days)	25	14	15	20	17	22	22	22
Creditor (Days)	99	106	105	108	103	102	90	80
Working Capital Turnover (Days)	26	2	20	108	31	55	66	78
Leverage Ratio (x)	20		20	19	31	33	00	76
Current Ratio	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.7	2.0
Net Debt/Equity ratio	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2
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Cash Flow Statement								(INR m)
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	19,602	30,257	29,309	15,586	30,456	11,574	13,407	17,315
Depreciation	16,994	11,399	10,365	15,462	16,147	28,441	33,022	37,070
Interest and Finance Charges	1,132	220	-849	-165	139	0	0	0
Direct Taxes Paid	-4,859	-7,439	-1,959	-3,287	-4,400	-1,157	-2,547	-3,290
(Inc.)/Dec. in WC	5,591	8,762	-7,321	967	-6,238	-7,575	-9,229	-9,078
CF from Operations	38,460	43,200	29,546	28,563	36,104	31,283	34,653	42,017
Others	-947	-2,264	-2,317	-1,520	-3,068	0	0	0
CF from Operations incl. EO	37,513	40,936	27,229	27,043	33,036	31,283	34,653	42,017
(Inc.)/Dec. in FA	-12,941	-9,984	-19,483	-27,619	-28,057	-40,000	-40,000	-40,000
Free Cash Flow	24,572	30,953	7,746	-576	4,979	-8,717	-5,347	2,017
(Pur.)/Sale of Investments	-42,478	-17,791	-77	3,737	14,555	10,000	12,000	5,000
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CF from Investments	-55,419	-27,774	-19,559	-23,882	-13,503	-30,000	-28,000	-35,000
Issue of Shares	23,833	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inc./(Dec.) in Debt	1,175	-9,610	-2,707	2,669	-11,961	4,772	-2,348	-1,145
Interest Paid	-2,868	-2,514	-2,088	-2,574	-2,186	0	0	0
Dividend Paid	-6,231	-22	-3,789	-3,245	-3,790	-3,608	-3,969	-4,330
CF from Fin. Activity	15,910	-12,146	-8,584	-3,151	-17,937	1,164	-6,316	-5,474
Inc./Dec. in Cash	-1,997	1,016	-915	11	1,597	2,447	337	1,543
Opening Balance	3,078	1,081	2,097	1,182	1,374	2,971	5,418	5,755
Closing Balance	1,081	2,097	1,183	1,193	2,971	5,418	5,755	7,298
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Investment Rating	Expected return (over 12-month)					
BUY	>=15%					
SELL	<-10%					
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