RATING BUY | CMP INR 470 | TP INR 665

JK Lakshmi Cement (JKLC IN)

Q2FY27 Result Update

November 06, 2026

☑ Estimate Change | ☑ Target | ■ Reco.

Change in Estimates

	Current		Previous	
	FY28E	FY29E	FY28E	FY29E
Rating	BUY		BUY	
Target Price	665		699	
Sales (INR mn)	86,130	97,991	85,568	98,128
% Chng.	*0.7*	*(0.1)*		
EBITDA (INR mn)	11,504	15,611	12,230	16,601
% Chng.	*(5.9)*	*(6.0)*		
EPS (INR)	28.0	38.2	31.2	41.9
% Chng.	*(10.3)*	*(8.8)*		

Key Data	JKLC.BO | JKLC IN
BSE Code	500380
NSE Code	JKLAKSHMI
52-W High / Low	INR 883 / INR 452
Face Value	5
Sensex / Nifty	79,310 / 24,537
Market Cap	INR 58 bn / $ 618 mn
Shares Outstanding	124.14 mn
3M Avg. Daily Value	INR 116.42 mn

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoters	45.12
FIIs	8.67
Mutual Funds	22.68
Domestic Institutions	2.70
Public & Others	20.83
Promoter's Pledge (INR bn)	-

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	3M	6M	12M
Absolute	0.7	(17.7)	(27.7)	(44.8)
Relative	(8.1)	(18.5)	(29.8)	(41.9)

Key Financials - Consolidated

Y/e Mar	FY26	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Sales (INR mn)	67,626	78,456	86,130	97,991
EBITDA (INR mn)	10,107	9,756	11,504	15,611
Margin (%)	*14.9*	*12.4*	*13.4*	*15.9*
PAT (INR mn)	4,473	3,511	3,480	4,739
EV (INR mn)	70,954	79,172	92,092	103,493
Total Debt (INR mn)	24,915	36,915	51,915	63,915
C&C Eq. (INR mn)	5,140	8,928	11,013	11,618
EPS (INR)	36.0	28.3	28.0	38.2
Gr. (%)	*40.6*	*(21.5)*	*(0.9)*	*36.2*
DPS (INR)	6.5	6.8	7.2	7.5
Yield (%)	*1.4*	*1.5*	*1.5*	*1.6*
RoE (%)	*12.0*	*8.7*	*8.1*	*10.3*
RoCE (%)	*11.0*	*8.7*	*8.2*	*9.8*
EV/Sales (x)	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.0	8.1	8.0	6.6
PE (x)	13.0	16.6	16.8	12.3
P/BV (x)	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2

Cost inflation clouds near term outlook

Quick Pointers

- Price hikes were implemented from Oct, with further increases of ~INR10/10-15bag expected in Nov/Dec.
- Capex for FY27/28/29E expected to be INR15/20/20bn.

JK Lakshmi Cement (JKLC) reported an inline operating performance in Q2FY27, with volume growth of 5% YoY and a 2.4% QoQ improvement in NSR, driven by price hikes taken since September and a higher premium product mix. However, volumes grew below the industry's 9-10% growth, with performance impacted by heavy monsoon in key markets and planned shutdowns. The improvement in NSR was insufficient to offset the sharp increase in input costs, particularly higher pet coke, raw material and packaging expenses. Consequently, EBITDA/t declined to INR517 (PLe: INR523), as higher fuel and packing costs more than offset benefits from lower lead distance and higher renewable energy usage. Mgmt. expects further fuel cost inflation in Q3FY27, with prices potentially rising to INR2/kcal, while additional cement price hikes will be critical to offset the cost pressures.

JKLC's volume growth is lagging the industry over last few quarters while capacity expansion plans also seem fragile in terms of planned timeline. While the company continues to focus on volume-led growth, sustaining market share gains will be important amid intensifying competition and elevated input cost pressures. While price increases were implemented in October, further hikes of ~INR10/bag in November and INR10-15/bag in December are expected, and their sustainability will be a key monitorable. Higher renewable energy usage and operational efficiencies should support cost savings, while timely execution of the East and Northeast expansion plans will be important to drive growth. This needs to be balanced with prudent capital allocation, with Mgmt. aiming to keep net debt/EBITDA below 3.5x. We cut our estimates for FY27/28E by 6% each on imminent cost inflation and expect JKLC to deliver EBITDA/volume CAGR of 16% & 10% over FY26-29E. The stock is trading at lucrative EV of 8x/6.6x FY28/29E EBITDA however lack triggers. Maintain 'BUY' with revised TP of INR665 (earlier INR699) valuing at same 9x EV of Sep'28E EBITDA.

Other Important points:

- Q2FY27 non-cement revenue stood at INR1.83bn, including INR860mn from RMC and ~INR700mn from AAC blocks. Blended margins stood at ~5%.
- Fuel cost is expected to increase to ~INR2/kcal in Q3FY27 and could rise further to INR2.15-2.20/kcal in Q4FY27 if the current situation persists.

Quarter Summary

Y/e Mar	Q2'27E	Q2'27A	% Var.	Q2'26A	YoY gr. (%)
Net Sales (INR mn)	16,104	16,169	*0.4*	15,318	*5.6*
EBITDA (INR mn)	1,592	1,541	*(3.2)*	2,083	*(26.0)*
Margin (%)	*9.9*	*9.5*	*(40) bps*	*13.6*	*(410) bps*
PAT (INR mn)	368	205	*(44.3)*	804	*(74.5)*

Source: Company, PL

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Revenue aided by improvement in pricing: Cons. revenue increased 5.6% YoY to INR16.16bn (-15% QoQ; PLe INR16.1bn) on better NSR, which improved 2.4% QoQ to INR5,420/t (+0.6% YoY; PLe INR5,294/t), led by price hikes in September and higher premium products share of 27% (24% QoQ; 26% YoY). Volumes grew 5% YoY to 2.98mt (-17% QoQ; PLe 3.04mt) despite industry growth of ~9-10% in Q2FY27. Cement capacity utilisation stood at 62% (76% QoQ; 65% YoY).

Cost pressures drag margins: EBITDA declined 26% YoY to INR1.54bn (-40% QoQ; PLe INR1.59bn) due to higher pet coke and packing bag prices. P&F expenses grew 11% YoY to INR1,444/t due to higher pet coke prices, leading to an increase in fuel cost to INR1.82/kcal (INR1.65/kcal QoQ; INR1.54/kcal YoY). Other expenses increased 10% YoY to INR800/t due to higher packing bag costs. RM costs/t increased 16% to INR1,095 due to higher input costs. Freight cost/t declined 7% YoY to INR1,154, led by a decline in lead distance to 363km (368km QoQ; 395km YoY). Resultant, EBITDA/t stood at INR517 (-29.5% YoY/-28% QoQ) vs PLe INR523/t. PAT declined 75% YoY to INR2.04bn (-81% QoQ; PLe INR3.55bn) due to higher depreciation.

Key Matrices and Capex: RE mix stood at 48% (49% QoQ; 46% YoY). Trade share stood at 58% (59% QoQ; 53% YoY), while blended cement share stood at 65% (64% QoQ; 62% YoY). JKLC is progressing with its INR32.5bn investment (funded through a mix of debt and internal accruals) at Durg, comprising a railway siding (Phase 1 completed) and capacity expansion of 2.3mtpa clinker and 4.6mtpa cement capacity, with completion expected by Mar'28.

Q2FY27 Concall Highlights

Demand & Realisations

- **Demand outlook:** Q2 performance was impacted by heavy monsoon in key markets, particularly Chhattisgarh and coastal Gujarat, along with planned shutdowns. Management expects demand to improve in H2FY27 and volumes to match industry growth of 7-8%, against 7% growth in H1FY27.

- **Pricing:** Price hikes have been implemented since September, with October seeing increases in both trade and non-trade segments. Management expects further hikes of ~INR10/bag post Diwali in November and INR10-15/bag in December, subject to demand, to recover part of the cost inflation.

- **Market strategy:** JKLC remains focused on trade sales, despite non-trade profitability improving to levels comparable with or better than trade in some markets. Premium product share is expected to remain at 27-28% in the near term, with an aspiration to reach 30%. The company is also using premiumisation to narrow the realisation gap with market leaders, particularly in North India.

- **Competitive positioning:** Management expects competition to intensify but remains focused on consolidating its position across existing North, East and West markets rather than expanding across new geographies indiscriminately.

Cost Outlook

- **Fuel costs:** Fuel cost is expected to increase to ~INR2/kcal in Q3FY27 and could rise further to INR2.15-2.20/kcal in Q4FY27 if the current situation persists. The company has modified its fuel mix at its northern plants, although the scope for further domestic coal substitution is limited.

- **Other costs:** Coal, pet coke and packing bag costs remain uncertain amid volatility in the petroleum sector. However, power costs are expected to improve after planned shutdowns, supported by higher WHRS generation and lower auxiliary consumption.

- **Renewable energy:** Solar generation is expected to improve post monsoon. Additional captive solar capacity of 40MW at Udaipur, 20-25MW at Durg and 40MW at other locations is expected to become

partially operational in Q4FY27. Management expects the green power share to improve from 48% in Q2FY27 towards 49%.

- **Operating efficiencies:** Lower specific power consumption, higher renewable energy share and improved operating leverage are expected to support cost reduction in Q3FY27.

- **Operating metrics:** CC ratio stood at 1.48x due to higher blended cement share, while lead distance declined to 363km. Clinker sales stood at 0.15mt in Q2FY27. Blended power cost increased to INR6.24/unit from INR5.52/unit in Q1FY27.

Capacity Expansion & Capex

- **Durg:** The 2.3mtpa clinker and 1.6mtpa cement expansion is progressing as planned, with over 50% of civil work and 20-25% of fabrication completed. Underground work has been completed, and the project remains on track for commissioning by March 2028.

- **Madhubani:** All clearances are in place, with 80% of piling work completed. Construction of the multi-compartment silo is progressing well.

- **Prayagraj:** All clearances, including environmental clearance, are in place. Boundary wall construction and equipment ordering are complete, with civil and mechanical contractors mobilised.

- **East expansion:** The 4.6mtpa cement capacity addition is planned across Durg (1.6mtpa), Madhubani (1.5mtpa) and Mejia (1.5mtpa), with completion targeted by March 2028.

- **Mejia:** The planned Patratu project in Jharkhand has been shifted to Mejia, West Bengal, due to land acquisition challenges under the Chotanagpur Tenancy Act and higher costs. Land and clearances are already available at Mejia, enabling faster execution and potential clinker sourcing synergies from the Northeast.

- **Northeast expansion:** The project is targeted for commissioning by March 2029, with estimated capex of ~INR18bn. Management has four limestone mines in the region and sees the plant as a future supply base for North Bengal and Bihar, where existing clinker supply sources are gradually getting exhausted. Equipment ordering is currently underway.

- **Capacity roadmap:** JKLC currently has 18mtpa capacity. The 4.6mtpa East expansion will take capacity to 22.6mtpa, followed by 1.5mtpa in the Northeast and 1mtpa at Mejia around FY29-FY30, taking capacity to 25.1mtpa.

- Capex guidance: FY27 capex is pegged at INR15bn, of which ~INR10bn is towards Durg, with the balance allocated to land acquisition at Kutch, Nagaur and the Northeast project, along with regular capex. Capex is expected at ~INR20bn annually over FY28-FY29. Cumulative spend on Durg has reached ~INR6-6.5bn.

- Balance sheet discipline: Management has moderated its earlier FY30 capacity ambition of 30mtpa to 25.1mtpa to maintain balance sheet discipline and ensure net debt/EBITDA does not exceed 3.5x.

Debt & Other Businesses

- **Leverage:** Net debt/EBITDA stood at 2.31x as of September 2026. Management expects leverage to peak at ~2.5x by FY27-end, supported by working capital release, and intends to keep it below 3.5x.

- **Non-cement business:** Q2FY27 non-cement revenue stood at INR1.83bn, including INR860mn from RMC and ~INR700mn from AAC blocks. Blended margins stood at ~5%.

- **Assam MDO recovery:** Management remains confident of recovering the INR1.3bn receivable under arbitration and has not made any provision, citing a strong legal case. The next hearing is scheduled for January 6, 2027.

Exhibit 1: Quarterly Estimates

(INR mn)	Q1FY27	YoY gr.	Q2FY27	YoY gr.	Q3FY27E	YoY gr.	Q4FY27E	YoY gr.
Net Sales	19,048	*9.4%*	16,169	*5.6%*	19,600	*23.4%*	23,638	*24.3%*
EBITDA	2,587	*-16.9%*	1,541	*-26.0%*	2,336	*13.8%*	3,292	*15.1%*
Margin (%)	*13.6%*	*-4 bps*	9.5%	*-4 bps*	11.9%	*-1 bps*	13.9%	*-1 bps*
Adjusted Profit After Tax	1,080	*-28.1%*	206	*-74.6%*	861	*20.5%*	1,259	*1.5%*

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 2: Q2FY27 Result Overview

Y/e March (INR mn)	Q2FY27	Q2FY26	YoY gr. (%)	Q2FY27E	% Var.	Q1FY27	QoQ gr. (%)	H1FY27	H1FY26	YoY gr. (%)
Net Sales	**16,169**	**15,318**	*5.6*	**16,104**	**0.4**	**19,048**	*(15.1)*	**35,217**	**32,727**	*7.6*
Total RM costs	3,267	2,679	*22.0*	3,415	(4.3)	3,999	*(18.3)*	7,266	5,744	*26.5*
% of Net Sales	*20.2*	*17.5*		*21.2*		*21.0*		*20.6*	*17.6*	
Employee Benefits Expense	1,224	1,300	*(5.9)*	1,378	(11.2)	1,277	*(4.2)*	2,501	2,543	*(1.6)*
% of Net Sales	*7.6*	*8.5*		*8.6*		*6.7*		*7.1*	*7.8*	
Power & Fuel	4,307	3,683	*16.9*	3,800	13.3	4,280	*0.6*	8,587	7,464	*15.0*
% of Net Sales	*26.6*	*24.0*		*23.6*		*22.5*		*24.4*	*22.8*	
Freight and Forwarding Expense	3,443	3,512	*(2.0)*	3,535	(2.6)	4,140	*(16.8)*	7,583	7,484	*1.3*
% of Net Sales	*21.3*	*22.9*		*22.0*		*21.7*		*21.5*	*22.9*	
Other Expenses	2,387	2,061	*15.8*	2,385	0.1	2,765	*(13.7)*	5,152	4,297	*19.9*
% of Net Sales	*14.8*	*13.5*		*14.8*		*14.5*		*14.6*	*13.1*	
Total Expenditure	14,628	13,235	*10.5*	14,513	0.8	16,461	*(11.1)*	31,089	27,533	*12.9*
EBITDA	**1,541**	**2,083**	*(26.0)*	**1,592**	**(3.2)**	**2,587**	*(40.4)*	**4,128**	**5,195**	*(20.5)*
Margin (%)	*9.5*	*13.6*		*9.9*		*13.6*		*11.7*	*15.9*	
Depreciation & Amortisation Expenses	843	777	*8.5*	808	4.3	828	*1.8*	1,671	1,550	*7.8*
EBIT	**698**	**1,306**	*(46.5)*	**784**	**(10.9)**	**1,759**	*(60.3)*	**2,457**	**3,645**	*(32.6)*
Other Income	100	227	*(56.1)*	236	(57.8)	154	*(35.5)*	254	449	*(43.4)*
Finance Costs	512	505	*1.3*	546	(6.2)	511	*0.2*	1,023	1,028	*(0.4)*
PBT	**286**	**1,027**	*(72.2)*	**474**	**(39.7)**	**1,402**	*(79.6)*	**1,688**	**3,066**	*(45.0)*
Extra-ordinary Items	0	0	*NA*	0	NA	0	*NA*	0	0	*NA*
PBT (After EO)	**286**	**1,027**	*(72.2)*	**474**	**(39.7)**	**1,402**	*(79.6)*	**1,688**	**3,066**	*(45.0)*
Tax	82	221	*(63.1)*	118	(31.0)	331	*(75.3)*	413	762	*(45.8)*
% PBT	*28.6*	*21.5*		*25.0*		*23.6*		*24.5*	*24.9*	
Reported PAT	**204**	**806**	*(74.7)*	**355**	**(42.5)**	**1,070**	*(80.9)*	**1,275**	**2,304**	*(44.7)*
Minority Interest	-1	-3	*NA*	-3	NA	1	*NA*	-1	-6	*NA*
Share of Profit / (Loss) of an Associate	0	1	*NA*	10	NA	10	*NA*	10	1	*NA*
Net Profit Attributable to shareholders	**206**	**809**	*(74.6)*	**368**	**(44.2)**	**1,080**	*(81.0)*	**1,286**	**2,311**	*(44.4)*

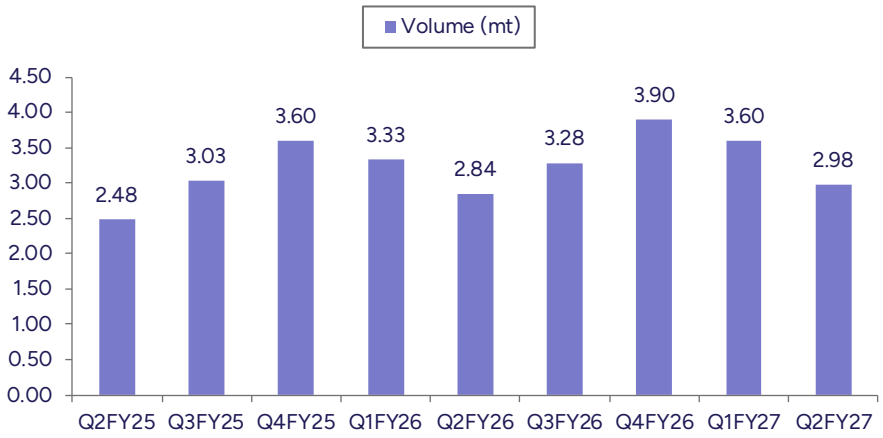
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Exhibit 3: Operating Parameters

Y/e March	Q2FY27	Q2FY26	YoY gr. (%)	Q2FY27E	% Var.	Q1FY27	QoQ gr. (%)	H1FY27	H1FY26	YoY gr. (%)
Volume (mt)	2.98	2.84	*4.9*	3.04	*(1.9)*	3.60	*(17.1)*	6.58	6.17	*6.7*
Net Realisations/t (INR)	5,420	5,388	*0.6*	5,294	*2.4*	5,294	*2.4*	5,351	5,305	*0.9*
EBITDA/t (INR)	517	733	*(29.5)*	523	*(1.3)*	719	*(28.1)*	627	842	*(25.5)*

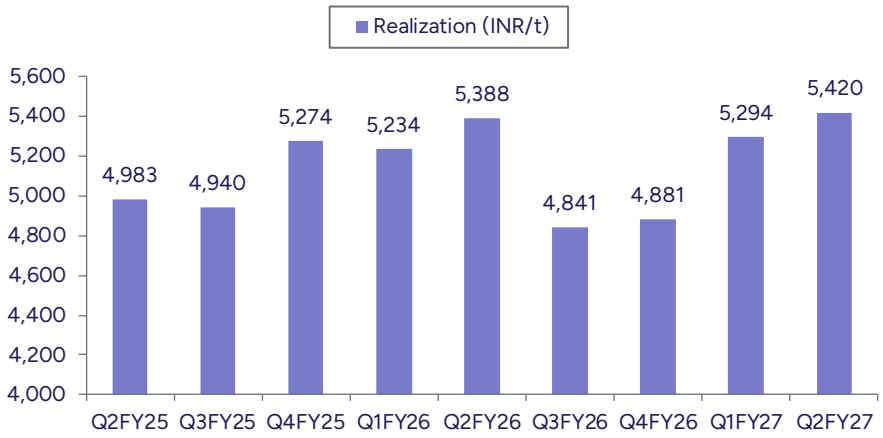
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Exhibit 4: Volumes grew just 5% despite higher industry growth



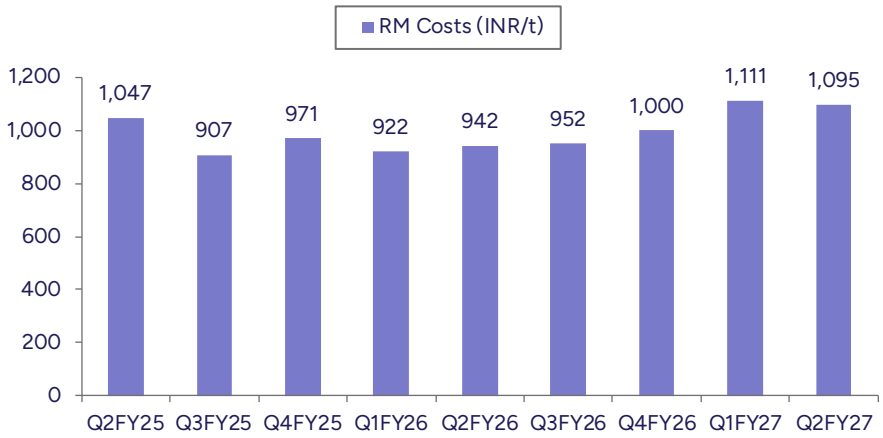
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Exhibit 5: Blended NSR improved 2% QoQ led by price hikes in September and higher premium products



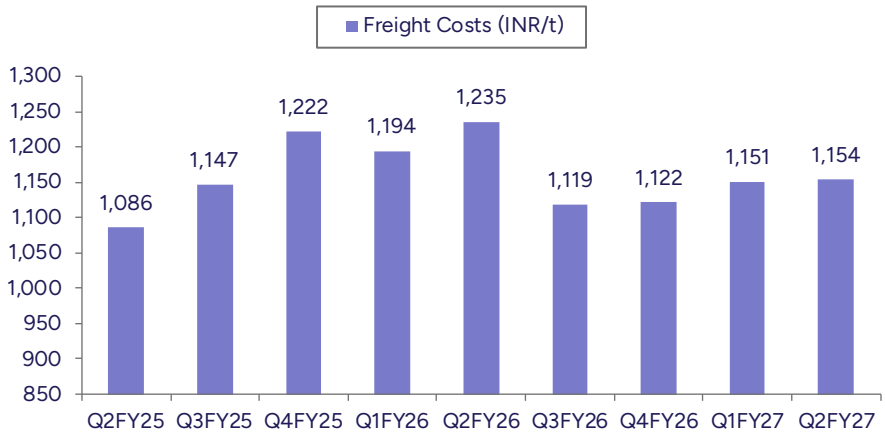
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Exhibit 6: RM cost/t increased 16% YoY on cost inflation due to ME crisis



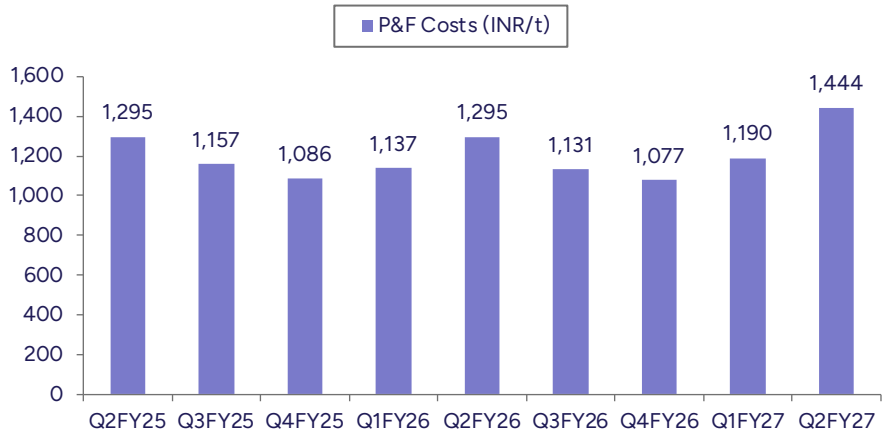
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Exhibit 7: Freight costs declined 7% YoY on lower lead distance



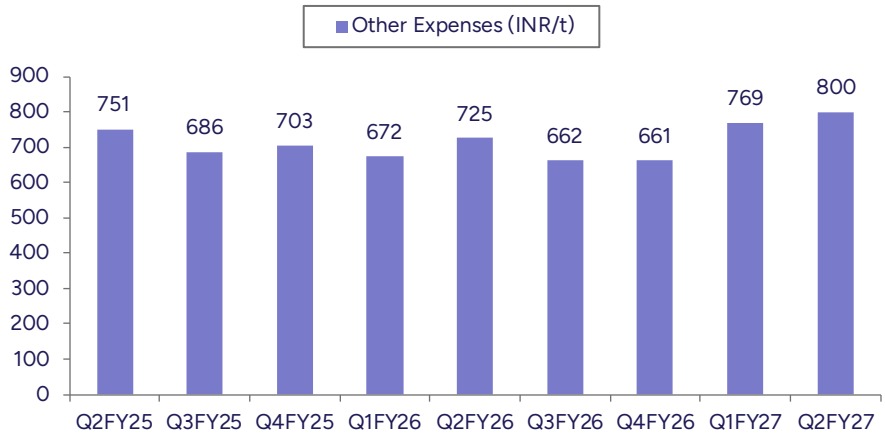
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Exhibit 8: P&F costs increased 5% YoY on higher costs despite increased RE share



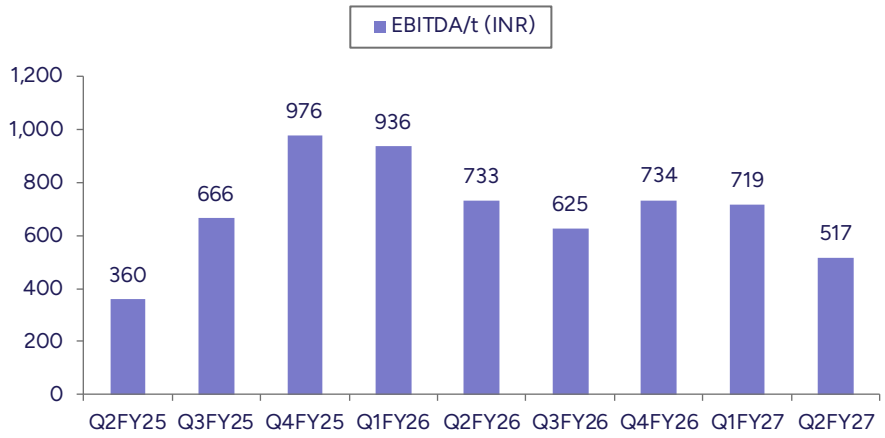
Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 9: Other expenses increased 10% YoY due to higher packaging costs



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 10: EBITDA/t declined 30% YoY due to higher P&F and other expenses



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 11: TP calculation

Consolidated Valuation Table	
EBITDA-Sep'28E (INR mn)	13,558
EV/EBITDA (x)	9
EV (INR mn)-(a)	1,22,018
Less: Net debt (INR mn)-(b)	39,439
Residual Value (INR mn)-(a-b)	82,579
Shares Outstanding (mn)	124
Fair Value/share (INR)	**665**

Source: Company, PL

Financials

Income Statement (INR mn)

Y/e Mar	FY26	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Net Revenues	**67,626**	**78,456**	**86,130**	**97,991**
YoY gr. (%)	*9.2*	*16.0*	*9.8*	*13.8*
Cost of Goods Sold	12,764	15,444	17,572	20,663
Gross Profit	54,863	63,011	68,558	77,328
Margin (%)	*81.1*	*80.3*	*79.6*	*78.9*
Employee Cost	4,815	5,201	5,617	6,066
Other Expenses	9,047	10,358	11,394	12,533
EBITDA	**10,107**	**9,756**	**11,504**	**15,611**
YoY gr. (%)	*16.9*	*(3.5)*	*17.9*	*35.7*
Margin (%)	*14.9*	*12.4*	*13.4*	*15.9*
Depreciation and Amortization	3,238	3,585	4,362	5,412
EBIT	**6,870**	**6,170**	**7,141**	**10,199**
Margin (%)	*10.2*	*7.9*	*8.3*	*10.4*
Net Interest	2,109	2,473	3,775	4,923
Other Income	1,123	984	1,287	1,454
Profit Before Tax	**5,692**	**4,681**	**4,653**	**6,730**
Margin (%)	*8.4*	*6.0*	*5.4*	*6.9*
Total Tax	1,460	1,217	1,210	2,019
Effective Tax Rate (%)	*25.7*	*26.0*	*26.0*	*30.0*
Profit After Tax	**4,232**	**3,464**	**3,443**	**4,711**
Minority Interest	6	6	6	6
Share Profit from Associate	106	53	42	34
Adjusted PAT	**4,473**	**3,511**	**3,480**	**4,739**
YoY gr. (%)	*48.3*	*(21.5)*	*-*	*36.2*
Margin (%)	*6.6*	*4.5*	*4.0*	*4.8*
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	(142)	-	-	-
Reported PAT	**4,332**	**3,511**	**3,480**	**4,739**
YoY gr. (%)	*56.5*	*(18.9)*	*-*	*36.2*
Margin (%)	*6.4*	*4.5*	*4.0*	*4.8*
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	4,332	3,511	3,480	4,739
Equity Shares O/s (mn)	**124**	**124**	**124**	**124**
EPS (INR)	**36.0**	**28.3**	**28.0**	**38.2**

Source: Company, PL

Balance Sheet (INR mn)

Y/e Mar	FY26	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	**77,869**	**92,869**	**114,869**	**142,869**
Tangibles	77,869	92,869	114,869	142,869
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Acc: Dep / Amortization	**24,263**	**27,849**	**32,211**	**37,624**
Tangibles	24,263	27,849	32,211	37,624
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Net Fixed Assets	**53,606**	**65,020**	**82,658**	**105,245**
Tangibles	53,606	65,020	82,658	105,245
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Capital Work In Progress	2,772	4,272	3,772	(2,728)
Goodwill	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Investments	1,027	1,027	1,027	1,027
Net Deferred Tax Assets	(4,893)	(4,893)	(4,893)	(4,893)
Other Non-Current Assets	4,747	4,747	4,747	4,747
Current Assets				
Investments	7,160	7,160	7,160	7,160
Inventories	6,449	8,598	9,439	10,739
Trade Receivables	1,108	1,505	1,652	1,879
Cash & Bank Balance	5,140	8,928	11,013	11,618
Other Current Assets	1,712	1,075	1,180	1,342
Total Assets	**85,481**	**104,092**	**124,408**	**142,790**
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	621	621	621	621
Other Equity	38,235	40,852	43,406	47,183
Total Networth	**38,856**	**41,473**	**44,027**	**47,804**
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term Borrowings	19,090	31,090	46,090	58,090
Provisions	224	224	224	224
Other Non Current Liabilities	4,410	4,410	4,410	4,410
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	5,824	5,824	5,824	5,824
Trade Payables	4,663	5,374	7,079	8,054
Other Current Liabilities	7,546	10,824	11,875	13,500
Total Equity & Liabilities	**85,481**	**104,092**	**124,408**	**142,790**

Source: Company, PL

Cash Flow (INR mn)

Y/e Mar	FY26	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
PBT	5,587	4,681	4,653	6,730
Add. Depreciation	3,238	3,585	4,362	5,412
Add. Interest	1,632	1,489	2,488	3,469
Less Financial Other Income	1,123	984	1,287	1,454
Add. Other	(518)	-	-	-
Op. Profit before WC Changes	9,938	9,756	11,504	15,611
Net Changes-WC	1,402	2,080	1,663	910
Direct Tax	(516)	(1,217)	(1,210)	(2,019)
Net Cash from Op. Activities	**10,824**	**10,619**	**11,957**	**14,502**
Capital Expenditures	(6,753)	(16,500)	(21,500)	(21,500)
Interest / Dividend Income	200	984	1,287	1,454
Others	(828)	6	6	6
Net Cash from Invt. Activities	**(7,382)**	**(15,510)**	**(20,207)**	**(20,041)**
Issue of Share Cap. / Premium	-	-	-	-
Debt Changes	(556)	12,000	15,000	12,000
Dividend Paid	(765)	(847)	(890)	(934)
Interest Paid	(2,222)	(2,473)	(3,775)	(4,923)
Others	-	-	-	-
Net Cash from Fin. Activities	**(3,543)**	**8,680**	**10,335**	**6,143**
Net Change in Cash	**(101)**	**3,788**	**2,085**	**605**
Free Cash Flow	3,736	(5,881)	(9,543)	(6,998)

Source: Company, PL

Quarterly Financials (INR mn)

Y/e Mar	Q3FY26	Q4FY26	Q1FY27	Q2FY27
Net Revenues	**15,884**	**19,015**	**19,048**	**16,169**
YoY gr. (%)	*6.1*	*0.2*	*9.4*	*5.6*
Raw Material Expenses	3,123	3,896	3,999	3,267
Gross Profit	12,761	15,119	15,049	12,902
Margin (%)	*80.3*	*79.5*	*79.0*	*79.8*
EBITDA	**2,052**	**2,861**	**2,587**	**1,541**
YoY gr. (%)	*1.7*	*(18.5)*	*(16.9)*	*(26.0)*
Margin (%)	*12.9*	*15.0*	*13.6*	*9.5*
Depreciation / Depletion	851	837	828	843
EBIT	**1,201**	**2,024**	**1,759**	**698**
Margin (%)	*7.6*	*10.6*	*9.2*	*4.3*
Net Interest	550	532	511	512
Other Income	291	382	154	100
Profit before Tax	**752**	**1,875**	**1,402**	**286**
Margin (%)	*4.7*	*9.9*	*7.4*	*1.8*
Total Tax	182	517	331	82
Effective Tax Rate (%)	*24.2*	*27.6*	*23.6*	*28.6*
Profit After Tax	**570**	**1,358**	**1,070**	**204**
Minority Interest	1	10	1	(1)
Share Profit from Associate	1	(107)	10	-
Adjusted PAT	**714**	**1,241**	**1,080**	**205**
YoY gr. (%)	*16.0*	*(29.1)*	*(27.8)*	*(74.4)*
Margin (%)	*4.5*	*6.5*	*5.7*	*1.3*
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	(145)	-	-	-
Reported PAT	**569**	**1,241**	**1,080**	**205**
YoY gr. (%)	*(7.5)*	*(29.1)*	*(27.8)*	*(74.4)*
Margin (%)	*3.6*	*6.5*	*5.7*	*1.3*
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	**569**	**1,241**	**1,080**	**205**
Avg. Shares O/s (mn)	124	124	124	124
EPS (INR)	**5.8**	**10.0**	**8.7**	**1.7**

Source: Company, PL

Key Financial Metrics

Y/e Mar	FY26	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Per Share (INR)				
EPS	36.0	28.3	28.0	38.2
CEPS	62.1	57.1	63.2	81.7
BVPS	312.9	334.0	354.5	385.0
FCF	30.1	(47.4)	(76.8)	(56.4)
DPS	6.5	6.8	7.2	7.5
Return Ratio (%)				
RoCE	11.0	8.7	8.2	9.8
ROIC	10.2	8.3	7.7	8.4
RoE	12.0	8.7	8.1	10.3
Balance Sheet				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.9
Net Working Capital (Days)	16	22	17	17
Valuation (x)				
PER	13.0	16.6	16.8	12.3
P/B	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2
P/CEPS	7.6	8.2	7.4	5.7
EV/EBITDA	7.0	8.1	8.0	6.6
EV/Sales	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
Dividend Yield (%)	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6
FCFF Yield (%)	6.4	(10.1)	(16.3)	(12.0)
PEG Ratio	0.3	-	(18.7)	0.3

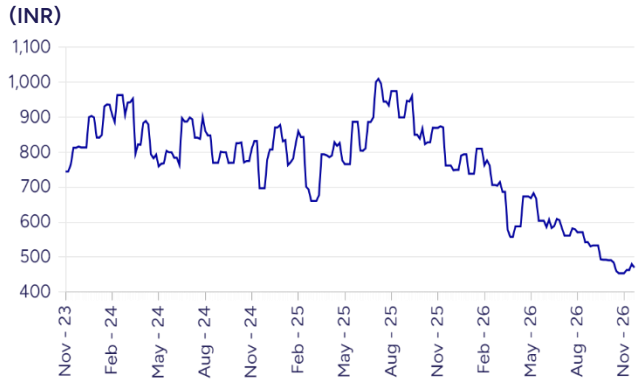
Source: Company, PL

Key Operating Metrics

Y/e Mar	FY26	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Volume (mt)	13	14	16	18
Blended Realization (INR/t)	5,079	5,482	5,511	5,558
EBITDA (INR/t)	759	682	736	885

Source: Company, PL

Price Chart



Recommendation History

No.	Date	Rating	TP (INR)	Share Price (INR)
1	08-Oct-26	BUY	699	472
2	06-Aug-26	BUY	714	571
3	07-Jul-26	BUY	765	573
4	22-May-26	BUY	765	620
5	09-Apr-26	BUY	751	625
6	04-Feb-26	BUY	881	761
7	08-Jan-26	BUY	891	775
8	31-Dec-25	BUY	891	770
9	29-Jul-22	Accumulate	555	437
10	08-Jul-22	Accumulate	570	434

Analyst Coverage Universe

Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (INR)	Share Price (INR)
1	Adani Port & SEZ	BUY	2248	1761
2	Aegis Vopak Terminals	BUY	323	240
3	Ambuja Cement	BUY	474	355
4	Dalmia Bharat	BUY	1970	1625
5	Hindalco Industries	BUY	1113	911
6	Jindal Stainless	BUY	829	687
7	Jindal Steel	BUY	1245	1016
8	JK Cement	BUY	6064	4889
9	JK Lakshmi Cement	BUY	699	472
10	JSW Cement	BUY	133	115
11	JSW Infrastructure	BUY	380	317
12	JSW Steel	BUY	1377	1186
13	National Aluminium Co.	BUY	385	318
14	NMDC	HOLD	83	73
15	Nuvoco Vistas Corporation	BUY	560	331
16	Shree Cement	BUY	28379	22375
17	Steel Authority of India	Accumulate	180	162
18	Tata Steel	Accumulate	209	176
19	Ultratech Cement	BUY	14623	10650
20	Usha Martin	BUY	596	518

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BUY	:	> 15%
Accumulate	:	5% to 15%
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Reduce	:	-5% to -15%
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