Nuvoco Vistas Corp

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Targeting cost reduction of INR75/t in H2FY25E

Nuvoco Vistas Ltd Q2FY25 volumes came at INR4.2mnt, down 6.7% YoY and 12.5% QoQ, impacted due to extended monsoon season and less than expected govt spends. Revenue for quarter came at INR22,686mn, down 11.8% YoY and 14.0% QoQ. EBITDA/t for the quarter came at INR521/t, down 29.0% YoY and 27.2% QoQ. Company had reported loss of INR852mn vs profit of INR13mn in Q2FY24. EPS for Q2FY25 was INR (2.4). Share of premiumization reaching at 43% of trade volumes vs 40% in previous quarter.

- Capex Plan: In FY25E, the company has allocated a total Capex of INR4,000mn. Out of this, INR2,200mn was spent in H1FY25, with the remaining expenditure anticipated to be completed in H2FY25E. The railway siding projects are in advanced stages of completion, with the Odisha project expected to be finalized by Q4FY25E. Additionally, the company has commissioned a new clinker wagon loading system in Sanoidh. They have successfully completed clinker expansions at two states. The Risda expansion has increased capacity to 11,500 tons per day, while the Nimbol site in the North has reached 6,000 TPD, with a current throughput of 5,700 tons per day. The clinker operation is undergoing a shutdown, expected to conclude by January or February, with a target to achieve full capacity of 6,000 TPD by Q4FY25E. Overall, the company's clinker capacity will be total 28,000 tons per day, with 9,500 tons in the East and 4,500 tons in the North. Company planning to spend INR 9,000mn capex for FY26E.
- Targeting cost reduction of INR75/t in H2FY25E- During Q2FY25, the company's total cost/t was INR4,881/t, reflecting a decrease of 2.1% YoY. Regarding cost efficiency, Nuvoco reported that Project Bridge 2.0 is on track, achieving a reduction of INR50/t in operating costs for Q2FY25. Additionally, the company aims to reduce costs by another INR75/t in H2FY25E. Cost reduction remains a key priority, with further cuts planned in power, fuel, and freight expenses. Nuvoco has achieved its lowest fuel cost of INR1.54 per kcal in the past 12 quarters, supported by improved domestic coal supply. The lead distance has decreased by 2 km to 330 km, with additional reductions expected. Currently, the rail-to-road share stands at 40% and 60%, respectively, and with the railway siding project nearing completion, the company anticipates an increase in the rail share in the coming years.
- Realization/t came at INR5,401/t- During the quarter, realizations declined by 5.5% YoY and 1.7% QoQ primarily due to subdued demand in the industry. All-India cement prices dropped by 4% QoQ, with the North region experiencing a decrease of 3%, while the East region faced a more significant decline of 5%. Despite these challenges, the company managed to achieve revenue per ton that outperformed the industry, largely due to its continuous focus on premiumization and geo-optimization. Premiumization remains a critical strategy for the company, with the share of premium products in the trade segment reaching a record high of 43% in Q2FY25.

Outlook and Valuation: The recovery in demand is anticipated to rely on increased spending by govt on infrastructure and housing activities. Key drivers for this growth include a 57% increase in the PMAY budget for FY25E, the acceleration of the Purvodaya Mission for comprehensive development in the eastern region, and the implementation of INR260bn in highway development projects in Bihar. In addition to these factors, the company is prioritizing cost reduction initiatives aimed at enhancing EBITDA/t. Management is forecasting a volume growth of 4% for FY25E. As per our FY27E estimates we expect Volume/Revenue/ EBITDA to grow at a CAGR of 4.5/%3.7%/4.0% respectively over FY24-FY27E. Our target EV/EBITDA multiple is 9.0x on Sept FY27E EBITDA, hence we ascribe a target price of INR349, downgrading our rating to **REDUCE.**

Financial Snapshot

Quarter end: March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue (Rs. Mn.)	1,05,862	1,07,329	1,05,192	1,13,732	1,19,856
EBITDA (Rs. Mn.)	12,105	16,239	13,360	17,014	18,119
EBITDA Margins (%)	11.4	15.1	12.7	15.0	15.1
Reported PAT	159	1,471	(147)	1,973	2,593
PAT Margins (%)	0.2	1.4	(0.1)	1.7	2.2
EPS	0.4	4.1	(0.4)	5.5	7.3

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CMP (Rs.) 341

Target Price (Rs.) 349

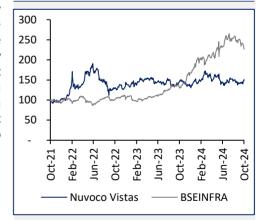
Potential Upside (%) 2.3

Company Info	
BB Code	NUVOCO IN EQUITY
ISIN	INE118D01016
Face Value (Rs.)	10
52 Week High (Rs.)	398.5
52 Week Low (Rs.)	292.0
Mkt Cap (Rs. bn.)	121.8
Mkt Cap (\$ bn.)	1.44
Shares o/s (Mn.)/F.Float	357.2/28
FY24 EPS (Rs.)	4.1
FY27E EPS (Rs.)	7.3

Snareholding Pattern (%)						
	Sep-24	Jun-24	Mar-24			
Promoters	72.02	72.02	72.02			
FII's	3.24	3.50	3.43			
DII's	18.86	18.46	18.59			
Public	5.88	6.02	5.96			

Relative Performance (%)						
YTD	3Y	2 Y	1Y			
BSE INFRA	127.3	124.4	72.9			
Nuvoco Vistas	(32.9)	(12.5)	(2.9)			

Rebased Price Performance



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Sequential Operating Performance

Operating Metrics Rs./t	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25
Blended Realisation	5,611	5,718	6,022	5,535	5,493	5,401
Raw Material Cost	974	980	921	836	1,004	989
Employee Cost	347	383	433	305	367	394
Power & Fuel Cost	1,245	1,194	1,118	1,002	1,072	1,078
Freight & Handling Expense	1,638	1,515	1,550	1,519	1,480	1,476
Other Expenses	687	847	799	677	764	812
Total Costs	4,825	4,985	5,002	4,609	4,777	4,881
EBITDA	786	733	1,021	926	715	521

Source: Company, CEBPL

CEBPL Estimates vs Actual for Q2FY25

Nuvoco (INR Mn.)	Q2FY25	Q2FY24	YoY(%)	Q1FY25	QoQ (%)	CEBPL Est.	Dev. (%)
Volumes	4.2	4.5	(6.7)	4.80	(12.5)	4.3	(2.2)
Revenues	22,686	25,730	(11.8)	26,365	(14.0)	22,936	(1.1)
COGS	4,708	4,702	0.1	5,249	(10.3)		
Power and Fuel Cost	4,527	5,372	(15.7)	5,148	(12.1)		
Freight Exp	6,198	6,818	(9.1)	7,104	(12.7)		
Employee Cost	1,655	1,725	(4.1)	1,762	(6.1)		
Other Expenses	3,410	3,812	(10.5)	3,670	(7.1)		
EBITDA (INR Mn.)	2,187	3,299	(33.7)	3,434	(36.3)	2,402	(8.9)
EBITDA Margin (%)	9.6	12.8	(318)bps	13.0	(338)bps	10.5	(83)bps
Depreciation	2,153	2,256	(4.6)	2,162	(0.4)		
EBIT (INR Mn.)	35	1,043	(96.7)	1,272	(97.3)	249	
EBIT Margin (%)	0.2	4.1	(390)bps	4.8	(467)bps	1.1	(93)bps
Other Income	104	60	75.3	45	130.8		
Interest	1,315	1,399	(6.0)	1,266	3.9		
PBT	(1,177)	(296.3)	NA	51	NA		
Tax	(325)	(309)	NA	23	NA		
PAT (INR Mn.)	(852)	13	NA	28	NA	(456)	NA
Basic EPS (INR)	(2.4)	0.0	NA	0.1	NA	(1.3)	NA

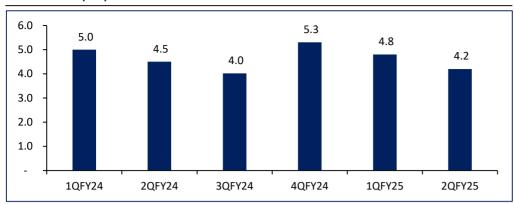
	Q2FY25	Q2FY24	YoY (%)	Q1FY25	QoQ (%)
NSR /t	5,401	5,718	(5.5)	5,493	(1.7)
Cement Cost /t	4,881	4,985	(2.1)	4,777	2.2
EBITDA/t	521	733	(29.0)	715	(27.2)

Source: Company, CEBPL

Change in estimates

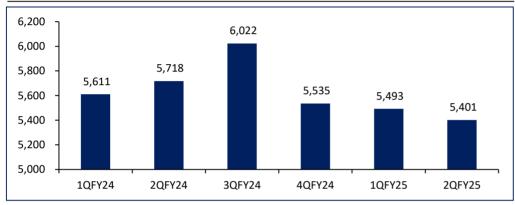
Income Statement	FY25E		FY26E			FY27E	
(INR Mn.)	Old	New	Dev. (%)	Old	New	Dev. (%)	New
Revenues	1,03,345	1,05,192	1.8	1,09,158	1,13,732	4.2	1,19,856
Gross Profit Margin (%)	79.7	81.0	134 bps	80.7	82.6 1	195 bps	82.6
EBIT	5,191	4,820	(7.2)	3,848	8,188	112.8	9,073
EBIT Margin (%)	5.0	4.6	(44)bps	3.5	7.2 3	367 bps	7.6
EPS	1.3	-0.4	NA	-1.3	5.5	NA	7.3

Sales Volume (MT)



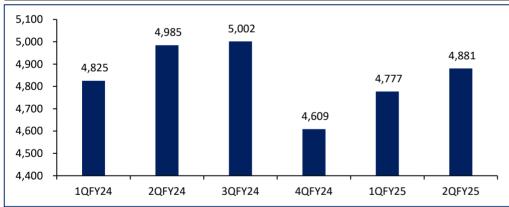
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Sales Realisation per Tonne



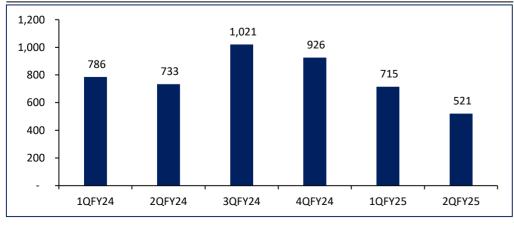
Source: Company, CEBPL

Total Cost per Tonne



Source: Company, CEBPL

EBITDA per Tonne



Management Call - Highlights

- As of September 30, 2024, the net debt is INR45,010mn, marking a YoY reduction of INR2,330mn. The company has consistently followed a declining trend in net debt, prioritizing debt reduction. Furthermore, in FY25E, the company aims to reduce net debt to between INR35,000mn and INR40,000mn.
- The company prioritizes promoting premium products in attractive markets to achieve higher contribution margins and EBITDA. The contribution margin for premium products such as Concreto, Duraguard Microfiber, and Concreto Uno is significantly higher than that of standard products available in the market.
- Nuvoco is in a strong position thanks to its long-term supply agreements for raw materials. As a result, the cost of materials consumed has decreased by 2%.
- The company is emphasizing premiumization, with the share of premium products in the trade segment reaching a record high of 43% in Q2FY25.
- The company's trade share stands at 71%, while the non-trade share accounts for 29%.
- The company anticipates an improvement in demand following the Puja season, as increased liquidity in the market and a pickup in construction activities are expected to drive higher cement demand.
- The East and North regions have encountered a challenging landscape characterized by demand contractions, impacting sales volumes across the industry and exerting significant pressure on prices.

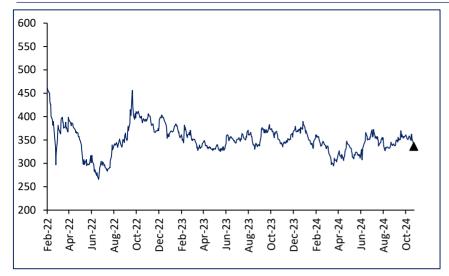
Financial Summary (Consolidated in Rs. Mn.)

Income Statement (Rs. Mn.)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	1,05,862	1,07,329	1,05,192	1,13,732	1,19,856
Gross profit	88,005	87,792	85,238	93,978	99,020
EBITDA	12,105	16,239	13,360	17,014	18,119
Depreciation	9,511	9,186	8,841	9,201	9,441
EBIT	2,726	7,387	4,820	8,188	9,073
Other income	132	335	301	375	396
Interest expense	5,119	5,328	5,044	5,369	5,369
PAT	159	1,471	(147)	1,973	2,593
EPS (Rs.)	0.4	4.1	(0.4)	5.5	7.3
Balance Sheet (Rs. Mn.)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Tangible fixed assets	1,49,618	1,50,272	1,45,430	1,45,229	1,41,788
Capital Work in Progress	5,941	4,708	4,237	2,966	2,966
Investments	1	8	8	8	8
Cash & Cash equivalents	2,032	1,070	2,861	2,381	4,808
Loans & Advances and Other Assets	15,774	15,668	17,063	17,695	18,307
Net Working Capital	(514)	(1,486)	(508)	49	45
Total Assets	1,72,851	1,70,240	1,69,092	1,68,329	1,67,922
Shareholder's funds	88,390	89,835	89,688	91,661	94,254
Borrowings	46,177	41,370	40,370	39,370	38,370
Deffered Tax	11,899	11,736	11,736	10,000	8,000
Other Liabilities & Provisions	26,385	27,298	27,298	27,298	27,298
Total Equity & Liabilities	1,72,851	1,70,240	1,69,092	1,68,329	1,67,922
Capital Employed	1,34,478	1,30,483	1,30,132	1,30,045	1,31,328
Invested Capital	1,26,506	1,24,706	1,23,034	1,24,698	1,23,554

Cash Flows (Rs. Mn.)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Cash flows from Operations	17,114	15,925	11,037	17,653	17,335
Cash flows from Investing	(2,604)	(5,734)	(5,094)	(10,993)	(8,216)
Cash flows from financing	(13,617)	(11,141)	(6,044)	(6,369)	(6,369)

Ratio Analysis	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Growth Ratios (%)					
Revenues	13.6	1.4	(1.9)	8.1	5.4
Gross Profit	10.8	(0.3)	(2.9)	10.3	5.4
EBITDA	(19.1)	34.2	(17.7)	27.4	6.5
EBIT	(56.1)	171.0	(34.8)	69.9	10.8
Margin Ratios (%)					
Gross Profit Margin	83.1	81.8	81.0	82.6	82.6
EBITDA Margin	11.4	15.1	12.7	15.0	15.1
EBIT Margin	2.6	6.9	4.6	7.2	7.6
Profitability (%)					
Return on equity	0.2	1.6	(0.2)	2.2	2.8
Return on invested capital	7.4	5.5	4.0	5.9	6.4
Return on capital employed	2.0	5.7	3.7	6.3	6.9
Valuation					
OCF / IC (%)	13.5	12.8	9.0	14.2	14.0
EV / EBITDA (x)	13.7	10.0	11.9	9.3	8.6
EV/IC(x)	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3

Historical recommendations and target price: NUVOCO VISTAS LTD.



Nuv	oco Vistas Corp	Ltd.	
1.	14-02-2022	OUTPERFORM,	Target Price, 529
2.	24-05-2022	ADD,	Target Price, 332
3.	09-08-2022	ADD,	Target Price, 393
4.	11-11-2022	ADD,	Target Price, 410
5.	07-02-2023	OUTPERFORM,	Target Price, 421
6.	11-05-2023	OUTPERFORM,	Target Price, 390
7.	13-08-2023	ADD,	Target Price, 380
8.	02-11-2023	ADD,	Target Price, 385
9.	31-01-2024	NEUTRAL	Target Price, 370
10.	03-05-2024	BUY,	Target Price, 375
11.	02-08-2024	BUY,	Target Price, 373
12.	25-10-2024	REDUCE,	Target Price, 349

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