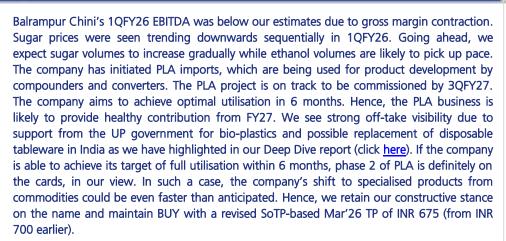
Balrampur Chini Mills | BUY

Weak 1Q; PLA outlook promising



- 1QFY26 EBITDA below our expectation: Balrampur's 1QFY26 gross profit came in 23% below JMFe at ~INR 3.2bn (down 10% YoY) as gross margin was lower than expected at 20.7% (vs. JMFe of 27.5%, ~25% in 1QFY25) while sales was 3% above JMFe at ~INR 15.4bn (up 8% YoY). Other expenses were lower at ~INR 915mn (vs. JMFe of ~INR 1.1bn, ~INR 979mn in 1QFY25). Hence, EBITDA was 35% below JMFe at ~INR 1.3bn (down 19% YoYQ). EBITDA margin was lower at 8.7% (vs. JMFe of 13.8%, ~11.7% in 1QFY25). PAT stood at INR 431mn (down 33% YoY), which was 55% below JMFe.
- Sugar/distillery sales 13%/2% below/above our estimates: Sugar sales was 13% below JMFe at ~INR 11.7bn (up 3% YoY). Sugar volume stood at 254.5KT (vs. JMFe of ~250.4KT, up 4% YoY). Realisation stood at INR 40.6kg (vs. JMFe of INR 40.8/kg and INR 38.8/kg in 1QFY25). Sugar EBIT margin was lower at 4.1% (vs. JMFe: 10% and 6.6% in 1QFY25). As a result, sugar EBIT stood at ~INR 481mn in 1QFY26 (vs. ~INR 747mn in 1QFY25). Distillery sales was 2% above JMFe at ~INR 4.6bn (up 9% YoY). Distillery volume stood at 71.4KL (vs. JMFe of 75KL, up 4% YoY). Realisation stood at INR 58.6/litre (vs. JMFe of INR 60.2/litre and INR 57 in 1QFY25). EBIT margin was higher than expected at 16.8% (vs. JMFe of 15% and 19.1% in 1QFY25). As a result, distillery EBIT stood at ~INR 777mn in 1QFY26 (vs. JMFe of 677mn and INR 811mn in 1QFY25).
- Estimates lowered by ~4%; maintain BUY: The management has reiterated that the PLA project remains on track to be commissioned by 3QFY27 with optimal utilisation likely to be reached in 6 months. We build in slightly lower sugar prices, considering that prices have been trending downwards in 1QFY26. Based on 1QFY26 results and management commentary, we have revised downwards our FY26-28 EBITDA and EPS estimates by ~4%. We now expect 11%/28%/41% sales/EBITDA/EPS CAGR over FY25-28E. We maintain BUY with a revised SoTP-based Sep'26 TP of INR 675/share (from INR 700 earlier).

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Recommendation and Price Target	
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Current Price Target (12M)	675
Upside/(Downside)	22.7%
Previous Price Target	700
Change	-3.6%

Key Data – BRCM IN	
Current Market Price	INR550
Market cap (bn)	INR113.2/US\$1.3
Free Float	57%
Shares in issue (mn)	201.7
Diluted share (mn)	201.7
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR203.8/US\$2.3
52-week range	693/419
Sensex/Nifty	80,236/24,487
INR/US\$	87.7

Price Performance			
%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	-9.0	27.4	13.3
Relative*	-6.4	20.9	11.5

* To the BSE Sensex

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	55,937	54,154	59,876	67,330	74,095
Sales Growth (%)	19.9	-3.2	10.6	12.4	10.0
EBITDA	7,862	7,042	8,164	10,855	14,682
EBITDA Margin (%)	14.1	13.0	13.6	16.1	19.8
Adjusted Net Profit	4,332	3,439	4,540	6,648	9,604
Diluted EPS (INR)	21.5	17.0	22.5	33.0	47.6
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	57.4	-20.6	32.0	46.4	44.5
ROIC (%)	9.1	7.0	7.5	9.9	13.4
ROE (%)	14.1	10.0	12.0	15.3	18.7
P/E (x)	26.1	32.9	24.9	17.0	11.8
P/B (x)	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.0	19.8	17.5	12.9	8.9
Dividend Yield (%)	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 12/Aug/2025

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1QFY26 Result Review

Key takeaways from post-results conference call

Cane output flattish, better yields and recovery expected: The management expects a flattish to slight decline in terms of cane output. However, due to favourable monsoon with better rain distribution, it expects improved yield and recovery, going ahead. The likelihood of winter showers and increased crop health are also expected to increase yields. Despite 10% lower cane area, the company's crushing has only decreased by 1.5%-1.75%.

- Sugar diversion expected at ~4.5MMT, exports expected at ~2MMT: The management expects a diversion of ~4.5MMT of sugar into ethanol due to an anticipated surplus in production. In addition, ~2MMT of exports is expected, in order to balance the inventories and control pricing pressure on sugar owing to the surplus.
- PLA project on track to be commissioned by 3QFY27: The company has targeted to commission its in-house PLA production capacity by Oct'26 or 3QFY27. As of Jul'25, it has spent ~INR 9.3bn on the project, comprising ~INR 4.6bn in debt and the balance from internal accruals; the total expected capex of the project is ~INR 28.5bn. The company aims to reach optimal utilisation in 6 months. Further, it is already importing and selling PLA volumes under its brand name and has 30+ trials going on with companies, in order to create awareness and collect feedback for the product.
- PLA debt to reach INR 16.5bn by FY27, repayment to commence from 3QFY29: Total debt for the PLA project will be INR 16.5bn; INR 15bn is expected within FY27 and ~INR 1.5bn is expected to be borrowed by 1QFY28. Post the commercialisation of the project, the company will have 5% interest subvention for the project. The repayment of the loan is expected to commence from 3QFY29.
- Ethanol pricing and production expected to increase, uptick in MSP, SAP and export prices expected: The management is optimistic with respect to ethanol pricing and production for FY26, as the Gol sees it as a beneficial programme. Further, the company is actively lobbying for increase in both MSP and export prices. The management expects State Advised Pricing (SAP) to increase in the next 2 years and have a positive impact with respect to increased availability of raw materials for ethanol.
- R&D efforts ongoing for new products: The R&D team is working on leveraging the company's expertise in fermentation and polymerisation processes and is currently in the process of exploring new compounds like propylene glycol for future use.

Exhibit 1. Balrampur Chini	quarterly	/ financia	l snapsho	ot									
Standalone (INR mn)	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25	4QFY25	1QFY26	1QFY26E	% QoQ	% YoY %	6 difference
Revenue	13,896	15,395	12,304	14,343	14,216	12,979	11,921	15,037	15,423	15,012	3%	8%	3%
RM Cost (Incl. Change in Stock)	10,342	11,701	8,962	8,164	10,656	10,757	8,480	8,686	12,235	10,884	41%	15%	
Gross Profit	3,554	3,694	3,342	6,178	3,560	2,222	3,442	6,351	3,187	4,128	-50%	-10%	-23%
Gross Margin	25.6%	24.0%	27.2%	43.1%	25.0%	17.1%	28.9%	42.2%	20.7%	27.5%	-2157 bps	-437 bps	
Employee Costs	889	929	1,090	1,077	919	935	1,062	1,133	930	1,000	-18%	1%	
Employee cost % of Sales	6.4%	6.0%	8.9%	7.5%	6.5%	7.2%	8.9%	7.5%	6.0%	6.7%	-151 bps	-44 bps	
Other Expenses	1,033	1,116	1,118	1,654	979	796	1,142	1,565	915	1,050	-42%	-7%	
Other expenses as % of Sales	7.4%	7.2%	9.1%	11.5%	6.9%	6.1%	9.6%	10.4%	5.9%	7.0%	-447 bps	-95 bps	
Total Expenditure	12,264	13,746	11,170	10,895	12,555	12,489	10,684	11,384	14,080	12,934	24%	12%	
EBITDA	1,632	1,649	1,134	3,447	1,661	491	1,238	3,652	1,342	2,078	-63%	-19%	-35%
EBITDA Margin (%)	11.7%	10.7%	9.2%	24.0%	11.7%	3.8%	10.4%	24.3%	8.7%	13.8%	-1559 bps	-298 bps	-514 bps
Depreciation	406	412	420	426	426	432	436	431	437	440	1%	3%	
EBIT	1,226	1,236	714	3,021	1,235	59	802	3,221	905	1,638	-72%	-27%	-45%
Other Income	122	382	193	43	77	83	68	94	63	70	-33%	-18%	
Finance Costs	335	172	79	250	360	200	69	305	337	300	11%	-7%	
Extra-ordinary exp./-inc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	
Profit Before Tax	1,013	1,446	828	2,815	952	-58	800	3,011	632	1,408	-79%	-34%	-55%
Tax Expense	319	384	225	841	305	-23	173	811	201	452	-75%	-34%	
Tax Rate (%)	31.5%	26.5%	27.2%	29.9%	32.1%	40.1%	21.6%	26.9%	31.8%	32.1%	488 bps	-29 bps	-29 bps
Reported Net Profit	693	1,062	603	1,973	646	-35	627	2,200	431	956	-80%	-33%	-55%
PAT margin	5.0%	6.9%	4.9%	13.8%	4.5%	-0.3%	5.3%	14.6%	2.8%	6.4%	-1184 bps	-175 bps	-358 bps
Reported EPS	3.4	5.3	3.0	9.8	3.2	-0.2	3.1	10.9	2.1	4.7	-80%	-33%	-55%

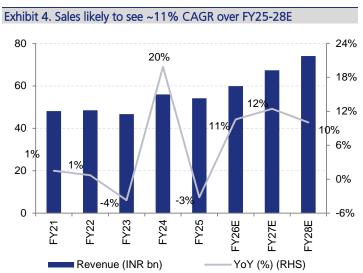
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INR mn	10FY24	20FY24	30FY24	40FY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25	4QFY25	10FY26	1QFY26E	%QoQ	%YoY	% difference
Revenues				• • • • • •	•		•		• • • • • •				
Sugar	11,161	11,094	11,610	13,109	11,316	10,486	12,699	14,473	11,676	13,497	-19%	3%	-13%
Distillery	4,660	5,997	2,505	4,129	4,241	2,645	2,114	5,301	4,615	4,515		9%	2%
% of overall revenues	4,000	5,551	2,303	7,123	7,271	2,043	۷,۱۱٦	3,301	7,015	7,515	1570	370	2 /0
Sugar	70%	65%	82%	76%	73%	80%	85%	73%	72%	75%	-140 bps	-108 bps	-338 bps
Distillery	29%	35%	18%	24%	27%	20%	14%	75% 27%		75% 25%			
,											156 bps	106 bps	321 bps
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%			
Volume													
Sugar volume (tonnes)	238,000	256,100	228,200	224,900	245,500	264,000	233,300	199,500	254,500	250,410	28%	4%	2%
Distillery (KL)	73,900	88,300	41,900	66,600	68,500	46,000	35,000	85,200	71,400	75,000	-16%	4%	-5%
Co gen (mn units)	69	69	105	206	70	28	100	182	64	70	-65%	-9%	-9%
Realisation													
Sugar (INR / kg)	36.9	37.7	39.4	38.2	38.8	38.5	38.6	40.5	40.6	40.8	0%	5%	0%
Distillery (INR/ ltr)	58.3	57.2	56.5	57.7	57.0	54.6	58.0	60.2	58.6	60.2	-3%	3%	-3%
Co gen (INR/ units)	3.8	4.6	3.9	4.0	5.5	6.8	3.7	4.0	5.2	4.0	31%	-7%	29%
EBIT													
Sugar	714	391	761	2,331	747	15	1,204	2,710	481	1,350	-82%	-36%	-64%
Distillery	846	1,093	351	972	811	330	-85	868	777	677	-11%	-4%	15%
Total	1,591	1,520	1,136	3,342	1,568	359	1,137	3,598	1,262	2,027	-65%	-20%	-38%
EBIT Margin													
Sugar	6.4%	3.5%	6.6%	17.8%	6.6%	0.1%	9.5%	18.7%	4.1%	10.0%	-1460 bps	-249 bps	-588 bps
Distillery	18.2%	18.2%	14.0%	23.5%	19.1%	12.5%	-4.0%	16.4%	16.8%	15.0%	45 bps	-229 bps	183 bps
Total	10.0%	8.9%	8.0%	19.3%	10.1%	2.7%	7.6%	18.1%	7.7%	11.3%	-1040 bps	-233 bps	-352 bps

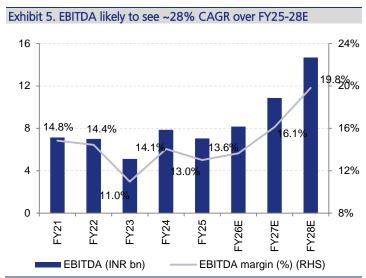
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Exhibit 3. Change in estimates			
	New	Old	Difference
EBITDA (INR Mn)			
FY26	8,164	8,579	-4.8%
FY27	10,855	11,386	-4.7%
FY28	14,682	15,288	-4.0%
PAT (INR Mn)			
FY26	4,540	4,771	-4.8%
FY27	6,648	6,968	-4.6%
FY28	9,604	10,088	-4.8%
EPS (INR)			
FY26	22.5	23.6	-4.8%
FY27	33.0	34.5	-4.6%
FY28	47.6	50	-4.8%

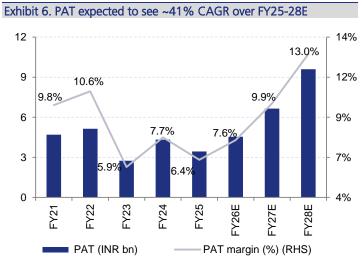
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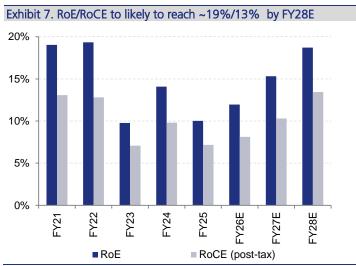
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Valuations

Exhibit 8. Our SOTP-based Sep'26 TP stands at INR 675/share										
		EBITDA (INR mn)	Multiple (x)	Valuation (INR mn)	Value per share (INR)					
Segments	Valuation methodology									
Sugar and distillery business (A)	8x FY27E EBITDA	10,601	8	82,687	410					
PLA business (B)	15x FY30E EBITDA discounted to Sep'27	5,250	15	58,925	292					
Enterprise value (A) + (B)				141,612	702					
Less: Net Debt/(cash)	Mar'30E net debt discounted to Sep'26			-5,605	-28					
Equity value				136,007	675					
Sep'27E consolidated EPS		_	_		40					
Implied P/E multiple (x)		-	_		17					

Source: JM Financial



Source: Bloomberg, JM Financial



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Financial Tables (Standalone)

Income Statement				(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	55,937	54,154	59,876	67,330	74,095
Sales Growth	19.9%	-3.2%	10.6%	12.4%	10.0%
Other Operating Income	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	55,937	54,154	59,876	67,330	74,095
Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp	39,169	38,580	42,811	45,986	48,162
Personnel Cost	3,986	4,049	4,171	4,629	4,953
Other Expenses	4,921	4,482	4,730	5,859	6,298
EBITDA	7,862	7,042	8,164	10,855	14,682
EBITDA Margin	14.1%	13.0%	13.6%	16.1%	19.8%
EBITDA Growth	53.5%	-10.4%	15.9%	33.0%	35.3%
Depn. & Amort.	1,664	1,725	1,807	2,024	2,311
EBIT	6,198	5,317	6,357	8,831	12,371
Other Income	740	322	821	902	992
Finance Cost	836	935	1,140	1,210	1,050
PBT before Excep. & Forex	6,102	4,704	6,038	8,523	12,313
Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	0
PBT	6,102	4,704	6,038	8,523	12,313
Taxes	1,770	1,265	1,498	1,875	2,709
Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Net Profit	4,332	3,439	4,540	6,648	9,604
Adjusted Net Profit	4,332	3,439	4,540	6,648	9,604
Net Margin	7.7%	6.4%	7.6%	9.9%	13.0%
Diluted Share Cap. (mn)	201.7	201.7	201.7	201.7	201.7
Diluted EPS (INR)	21.5	17.0	22.5	33.0	47.6
Diluted EPS Growth	57.4%	-20.6%	32.0%	46.4%	44.5%
Total Dividend + Tax	605	202	202	202	202
Dividend Per Share (INR)	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

Balance Sheet					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Shareholders' Fund	32,796	35,812	40,149	46,595	55,997
Share Capital	202	202	202	202	202
Reserves & Surplus	32,594	35,610	39,948	46,394	55,796
Preference Share Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loans	20,083	26,262	30,762	29,762	22,762
Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-)	1,899	2,396	2,566	2,566	2,566
Total - Equity & Liab.	54,777	64,469	73,477	78,923	81,325
Net Fixed Assets	26,849	27,506	33,799	35,875	33,664
Gross Fixed Assets	36,080	37,859	39,017	47,117	51,217
Intangible Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Less: Depn. & Amort.	9,686	11,411	13,218	15,242	17,553
Capital WIP	455	1,058	8,000	4,000	0
Investments	1,838	1,842	1,842	1,842	1,842
Current Assets	30,582	39,436	42,449	46,209	51,175
Inventories	28,688	31,187	32,809	35,048	37,555
Sundry Debtors	1,256	1,430	1,581	1,777	1,956
Cash & Bank Balances	3	4	1,244	2,567	4,848
Loans & Advances	635	6,815	6,815	6,815	6,815
Other Current Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Current Liab. & Prov.	4,491	4,314	4,613	5,003	5,356
Current Liabilities	2,951	2,830	3,129	3,518	3,872
Provisions & Others	1,541	1,485	1,485	1,485	1,485
Net Current Assets	26,090	35,121	37,836	41,206	45,819
Total – Assets	54,777	64,469	73,477	78,923	81,325

Source: Company, JM Financial

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Cash Flow Statement				(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Profit before Tax	6,102	4,704	6,038	8,523	12,313
Depn. & Amort.	1,664	1,725	1,807	2,024	2,311
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	815	933	319	308	59
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	-5,831	-2,567	-1,304	-2,047	-2,332
Others	25	215	0	0	0
Taxes Paid	-995	-759	-1,498	-1,875	-2,709
Operating Cash Flow	1,778	4,252	5,362	6,933	9,641
Capex	-2,688	-8,924	-8,100	-4,100	-100
Free Cash Flow	-909	-4,673	-2,738	2,833	9,541
Inc (-) / Dec in Investments	-60	0	0	0	0
Others	500	120	821	902	992
Investing Cash Flow	-2,248	-8,804	-7,279	-3,198	892
Inc / Dec (-) in Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Dividend + Tax thereon	-605	-202	-202	-202	-202
Inc / Dec (-) in Loans	973	6,206	4,500	-1,000	-7,000
Others	102	-1,451	-1,140	-1,210	-1,050
Financing Cash Flow	470	4,553	3,158	-2,412	-8,252
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	0	0	1,241	1,323	2,281
Opening Cash Balance	3	3	4	1,244	2,567
Closing Cash Balance	3	4	1,244	2,567	4,848

Dupont Analysis						
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	
Net Margin	7.7%	6.4%	7.6%	9.9%	13.0%	
Asset Turnover (x)	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	
Leverage Factor (x)	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.6	
RoE	14.1%	10.0%	12.0%	15.3%	18.7%	

Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
BV/Share (INR)	162.6	177.5	199.0	231.0	277.6
ROIC	9.1%	7.0%	7.5%	9.9%	13.4%
ROE	14.1%	10.0%	12.0%	15.3%	18.7%
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.3
P/E (x)	26.1	32.9	24.9	17.0	11.8
P/B (x)	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.0	19.8	17.5	12.9	8.9
EV/Sales (x)	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.1	1.8
Debtor days	8	10	10	10	10
Inventory days	187	210	200	190	185
Creditor days	22	22	22	23	24

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Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.
24-Mar-22	Buy	530	
25-May-22	Buy	510	-3.8
12-Nov-22	Buy	465	-8.8
15-Dec-22	Buy	465	0.0
13-Feb-23	Buy	480	3.2
15-May-23	Buy	470	-2.1
3-Aug-23	Buy	490	4.3
3-Dec-23	Buy	500	2.0
9-Feb-24	Buy	500	0.0
22-Feb-24	Buy	500	0.0
13-Mar-24	Buy	500	0.0
23-May-24	Buy	470	-6.0
18-Jul-24	Buy	515	9.6
13-Aug-24	Buy	640	24.2
19-Aug-24	Buy	640	0.0
9-Oct-24	Buy	730	14.1
12-Nov-24	Buy	700	-4.1
10-Feb-25	Buy	575	-17.9
18-May-25	Buy	635	10.4
12-Jun-25	Buy	700	10.2



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