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Astral Ltd.

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Sector: Plastic Products

LTP	Recommendation	Target	Stop Loss	Return
Rs.1,275	Buy between Rs.1,270-1,340	Rs.1,600	Rs.1,160	+26%
SENSEX	Market Cap	NSE Code	BSE Code	Time Frame
79,454	Rs.35,728cr	ASTRAL	532830	3-6 Months

Data as of: 09-05-2025

52W High	52W Low	F&O Listed	Div. Yield	D/E
Rs.2,454	Rs.1,232	Yes	0.3%	0.06
Consolidated	d (Rs.cr)	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue		5,641	5,931	6,866
Growth (%)		9	5	16
EBITDA		910	953	1,147
EBITDA Margi	n(%)	16	16	17
Adj. PAT		546	527	666
Growth (%)		19	-3	26
EPS		20.3	19.6	24.8
Growth (%)		19	-3	26
RoE (%)		18.5	15.5	17.3
Valuation		FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
P/E (x)		62.8	65.1	51.4
Price/Book Val	ue	10.4	10.4	9.0
EV/EBITDA		59.5	39.5	32.7
Price Perfor	mance	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year
Absolute Return (%)		-6.4	-23.4	-38.6
Absolute Sensex (%)		7.1	5.2	12.50
Shareholdin	g (%)	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25
Promoters		54.10	54.10	54.10
FII's		22.32	21.07	20.17
MFs/Institutions		12.48	13.76	14.60
Public		11.11	10.90	10.97
Others		-	-	-
Total		100.0	100.0	100.0
Promoter plede	ne	Nil	Nil	Nil

Fundamental View

Astral Ltd. (Astral), incorporated in 1996, is one of the fastest growing and leading companies in the category of building materials with presence across pipes & bathware (71%) and adhesives(25%) and Paints (4%) as of 9MFY25. It is among India's leading players in the high-margin CPVC pipes and fittings business.

- Revenue grew modestly by ~3%YoY to ₹4,151cr in 9MFY25, supported by aggregate volume growth in the plumbing business of ~4%, despite moderation in realisation.
- The lower realisation was because of polymer price volatility, weak construction and agricultural demand due to an extended monsoon, and a slowdown in government infrastructure spending.
- EBITDA grew just by ~3% YoY, while EBITDA margins contracted by ~10 bps YoY to ~16.3% in 9MFY25 on the back of higher employee costs and expansion-related expenses. Consequently, PAT declined by ~6.5%YoY to ₹341cr in 9MFY25.
- However, for Q3FY25, EBITDA grew by ~9%YoY while EBITDA margins expanded by ~110bps YoY to ~16.5%, signalling a potential margin improvement in coming quarters.
- The profitability is poised to recover in FY26E, led by stabilized raw material costs, healthy share of value-added products, strategic expansions, and enhanced operational efficiencies.
- As per market consensus, Astral Ltd. is currently trading at 1year fwd. P/E of 51x (which is at ~23% discount to 5 year Avg P/E. 67x). The long-term growth story of Astral is intact on the back of superior product mix, leadership within CVC pipes segment, new launches, an extensive distribution network and a healthy balance sheet. Astral is trading at comfortable valuation at current levels.

Technical View

- The stock has formed a triple bottom pattern on the daily chart following a sharp correction from July 2024 to March 2025. It has now reclaimed the 50-day moving average (50-DMA) and is trading firmly above it, supported by strong volume action.
- Momentum indicators also support the bullish outlook. The daily RSI shows improving momentum, consistently forming higher peaks and higher troughs, and is currently positioned around 52. Meanwhile, the MACD is hovering near its central line.
- Following a ~50% decline from its all-time high, the recent rebound and strong base formation suggest a potential trend reversal. The stock now appears poised to test the 200-DMA as well as the 38.2% Fibonacci retracement level in the near term.

Price Chart



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