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In-line results; growth projects to drive earnings

Hindustan Zinc reported 1Q consol. EBITDA of INR39bn, in-line with JMfe. EBITDA declined by ~20% QoQ driven by lower LME and lower scale. Zinc CoP for the quarter stood at USD1,010 vs USD994/t in 4QFY25 – expected to be towards the lower-end of the guidance for FY26. Key takeaways from the call are a) volume guidance for FY26 maintained at 1,090-1,110kt refined metal / 700-710 tons for silver b) Zinc CoP guidance for FY26 also maintained at USD1,025 -1,250 c) 160ktpa roaster at Debari to be commissioned in mid-2QFY26 d) 510ktpa fertilizer plant to be commissioned by 1QFY27 – to be fully ramped-up by 2HFY27 with a revenue potential of ~INR20-25bn and EBITDA potential of ~INR4-4.5bn on a steady state basis. The company's net debt position as on 30th Jun'25 stood at INR42bn vs INR12bn as of 31st Mar'25. Company expects pre-growth capex free cash flow to be ~INR450-500bn over the next 5 years and capex to be ~INR320-350bn during the same period – leading to stable leverage levels. We remain positive on HZL given its presence in the lower end of the global cost curve facilitated by high grade captive mines sufficient to meet requirements for decades, 100% captive power plants, sizeable scale, diversified revenue stream with increasing contribution from silver sales. Maintain BUY.

- Margins contract given lower scale and lower LME: The Company registered net sales of INR77bn, down ~15% QoQ, driven by lower LME and lower scale in 1Q. Zinc CoP for 1Q stood at USD1,010 lowest 1Q CoP since underground transition. The company expects Zinc CoP for FY26 to be towards the lower end of the guidance. Consequently, EBITDA for the quarter came in at INR39bn (down ~20% QoQ) given lower scale and lower realizations. Mined metal production for 1Q stood at 250kt, down 15% QoQ given seasonally higher base in 4QFY25. Volumes were also impacted during the quarter due to some shutdowns undertaken by the company production to restore to normalcy post August. Adj. PAT came in at INR22.3bn, down 25% QoQ.
- Capacity expansion on track; focus on renewable energy: The expansion to 2mn tons of capacity is expected to be done in phases with Phase-I adding 250ktpa of refined metal capacity at a capex of ~INR120bn − to be funded through internal accruals and debt. Company expects pre-growth Capex FCF to be ~INR450-500bn over the next 5 years and capex to be ~INR320-350bn during the same period − leading to stable leverage levels. Company has also guided for the 160ktpa roaster at Debari to be commissioned by mid-2QFY26. 510 ktpa fertilizer plant to be commissioned by 1QFY27 − to be fully ramped-up by 2HFY27 with a revenue potential of ~INR20-25bn and EBITDA potential of ~INR4-4.5bn on a steady state basis. Share of renewable energy increased to ~19% in 1Q, up from ~13% in FY25.
- FY26 guidance intact: Volume guidance for FY26 maintained at 1,090-1,110kt refined metal / 700-710 tons for silver. The CoP guidance for Zinc maintained at USD1,025 to USD1,050 for FY26. Post the 250ktpa expansion, company expects revenue to reach ~INR400bn with EBITDA to be in the range of ~INR210bn.

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Recommendation and Price Target				
Current Reco.	BUY			
Previous Reco.	BUY			
Current Price Target (12M)	550			
Upside/(Downside)	25.9%			
Previous Price Target	550			
Change	0.0%			

Key Data – HZ IN	
Current Market Price	INR437
Market cap (bn)	INR1,846.9/US\$21.5
Free Float	9%
Shares in issue (mn)	4,225.0
Diluted share (mn)	4,225.0
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR3,072.0/US\$35.7
52-week range	673/378
Sensex/Nifty	82,259/25,111
INR/US\$	86.1

Price Performa	nce		
%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	-10.1	-4.3	-34.0
Relative*	-11.0	-10.9	-34.7

* To the BSE Sensex

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	289,320	340,830	362,669	392,607	405,259
Sales Growth (%)	-15.2	17.8	6.4	8.3	3.2
EBITDA	136,560	173,880	183,300	203,399	214,064
EBITDA Margin (%)	47.2	51.0	50.5	51.8	52.8
Adjusted Net Profit	77,590	104,360	110,465	122,129	127,959
Diluted EPS (INR)	18.4	24.7	26.1	28.9	30.3
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	-26.2	34.5	5.9	10.6	4.8
ROIC (%)	57.7	75.3	69.2	63.5	54.2
ROE (%)	55.2	73.2	76.8	70.6	59.9
P/E (x)	23.8	17.7	16.7	15.1	14.4
P/B (x)	12.2	13.9	12.0	9.6	7.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.4	10.7	10.2	9.2	8.7
Dividend Yield (%)	3.0	6.6	4.6	4.6	4.6

JM Financial Research is also available on: Bloomberg - JMFR <GO>, Thomson Publisher & Reuters, S&P Capital IQ, FactSet and Visible Alpha

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Key Conference Call takeaways:

FY26 guidance maintained at:

Mined metal: 1,125 (+/-10) ktpaRefined Metals: 1,100 (+/-10) ktpa

Silver: 700-710 metric tonnesZinc CoP: USD1,025- 1,050

- Growth Capex: USD550 mn

Phase-I of expansion to 2 mtpa remains on track with orders for Phase-II expansion to be placed by September.

Project updates:

- 160 ktpa Roaster at Debari to be commissioned in mid 2QFY26
- 510 ktpa fertilizer plant to be commissioned by 1QFY27 to be fully ramped-up by 2HFY27 with a revenue potential of ~INR20-25bn and EBITDA potential of ~INR4-4.5bn on a steady state basis.
- Debottlenecking at Dariba and Chanderiya to be completed by 2QFY26.
- Hot Acid leaching plant to be completed by 4QFY26.
- Volumes were also impacted during the quarter due to some shutdowns undertaken by the company – production to restore to normalcy post August.
- Zinc CoP for 1Q stood at USD1,010 lowest 1Q CoP since underground transition.
 Company expects CoP for FY26 to be towards the lower-end of guidance.
- Company expects pre-growth Capex FCF to be ~INR450-500bn over the next 5 years and capex to be ~INR320-350bn during the same period leading to stable leverage levels.
- Coal mix in 1Q Domestic: 55% and Imported: 45%.

Exhibit 1. Operational Performance							
Operational parameters	1QFY26	1QFY26E	% Var	1QFY25	YoY %	4QFY25	QoQ %
Volumes (tons)							
Zinc	2,02,000	2,02,000	0.0	2,11,000	-4.3	2,18,000	-7.3
Lead	48,000	48,000	0.0	51,000	-5.9	56,000	-14.3
Silver (kgs)	1,49,000	1,49,000	0.0	1,67,000	-10.8	1,77,000	-15.8
Actual realization (USD/ton)							
Zinc	2,854	2,898	-1.5	3,026	-5.7	3,098	-7.9
Lead	2,122	2,121	0.1	2,346	-9.6	2,115	0.3
Silver (USD/kg)	1,119	1,148	-2.5	1,025	9.2	1,100	1.7
LME Spot Prices							
Zinc	2,659	2,659		2,876	-7.5	2,865	-7.2
Lead	1,964	1,964		2,212	-11.2	1,990	-1.3

Exhibit 2. Quarterly Performan	nce				(11)	NR mn)	
Y/E March (INR mn)	1QFY26	1QFY26E	% Var	1QFY25	YoY %	4QFY25	QoQ %
Net Sales	77,710	77,051	0.9	81,300	-4.4	90,870	-14.5
Refined metals volume (k tons)	250	250	0%	262	-4.6	274	-8.8
Refined metals realization (US\$/ton)	2,714	2,749	-1%	2,894	-6.2	2,897	-6.3
Mining, manf. and power exp. (Incl. Change in Invent.)	28,110	27,553	2.0	29,930	-6.1	28,790	-2.4
Mining, manf. and power/t	1,12,440	1,10,210		1,14,237		1,05,073	
Change in inventory	-120	0		660		-2,570	
Change in inventory per ton	-480	0		2,519		-9,380	
Gross profit	49,600	49,498		51,370		62,080	
Gross margin (%)	63.8%	64.2%		63.2%		68.3%	
Gross margin/t	1,98,400	1,97,992		1,96,069		2,26,569	
Royalty expense	9,090	9,631	-5.6	9,620	-5.5	11,610	-21.7
Royalty/t	36,360	38,525		36,718		42,372	
Royalty as a % of sales	12%	13%		12%		13%	
Staff Cost	1,920	2,300	-16.5	2,290	-16.2	2,270	-15.4
Staff Cost/t	7,680	9,200		8,740		8,285	
Total expenditure	39,120	39,484	-0.9	41,840	-6.5	42,670	-8.3
Reported COP w/o royalty (USD/t)	1,010	1,030		1,107	-8.8	994	1.6
EBITDA	38,590	37,567	2.7	39,460	-2.2	48,200	-19.9
EBITDA (%)	49.7	48.8		48.5		53.0	
EBITDA /ton	1,54,360	1,50,267		1,50,611	2.5	1,75,912	-12.3
Other income	2,790	2,458	13.5	2,680	4.1	2,270	22.9
Depreciation	9,130	10,200	-10.5	8,440	8.2	10,140	-10.0
EBIT	32,250	29,824		33,700	-4.3	40,330	-20.0
Interest	2,400	2,600	-7.7	2,560		2,510	
PBT	29,850	27,224		31,140	-4.1	37,820	-21.1
XO items	0	0		0		0	
Tax	7,510	6,806		7,690		7,790	
Eff. Tax rate (%)	25.2	25.0		24.7		20.6	
Reported PAT	22,340	20,418	9.4	23,450	-4.7	30,030	-25.6
Adjusted PAT	22,340	20,418	9.4	23,450	-4.7	30,030	-25.6
Net debt/ cash	42	-		3		12	

Exhibit 3. Fair Value	(INR bn) FY28E
EPS	30
P/E Target multiple (x)	18.0
Target price (INR/share)	550
Source: JM Financial	

Exhibit 4. Key Assumptions Table FY24 FY25 FY26E FY27E FY28E Zinc (USD/ton) 2,489 2,910 2,850 2,850 2,900 Lead (USD/ton) 2,117 2,081 2,000 2,150 2,150 INR/USD 83.4 84.0 86.0 87.0 87.0

Sales volume assumptions

	FY24	FY25	FYZ6E	FYZ/E	FY28E
Zinc (ktpa)	817	826	864	912	912
Lead (ktpa)	216	223	228	228	228
Silver (ktpa)	746	674	706	713	721

Financial assumptions

	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	2,89,320	3,40,830	3,62,669	3,92,607	4,05,259
EBITDA	1,36,560	1,73,880	1,83,300	2,03,399	2,14,064
PAT	77,590	1,04,360	1,10,465	1,22,129	1,27,959
EPS	18.4	24.7	26.1	28.9	30.3

Source: Company, JM Financial

EXHIBIT 5. C	hange in est	linates			1					
			OLD			NEW			% Change	
	Unit	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	INR mn	3,64,119	3,98,310	4,05,531	3,62,669	3,92,607	4,05,259	-0.4%	-1.4%	-0.1%
EBITDA	INR mn	1,84,739	2,08,504	2,14,182	1,83,300	2,03,399	2,14,064	-0.8%	-2.4%	-0.1%
PAT	INR mn	1,09,206	1,25,400	1,28,366	1,10,465	1,22,129	1,27,959	1.2%	-2.6%	-0.3%
EPS		25.8	29.7	30	26.1	28.9	30.3	1.3%	-2.7%	-0.4%
Target Price	INR			550			550			0.0%
Rating				BUY			BUY			

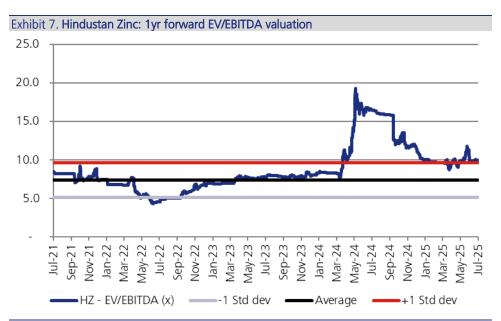
Source: JM Financial

Exhibit 6. EBITDA sensitivity with commodity, currency and CoP

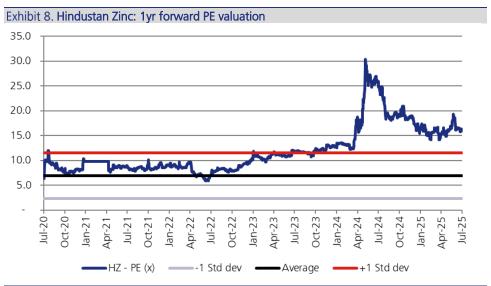
Impact of change in Commodity Prices on annual EBITDA							
Commodity	Change Impact on EBITDA (₹ Cr)						
Zinc	\$100/MT	660-690					
Lead	\$100/MT	130-150					
Silver	\$1/toz	170-190					

Impact of exchange rate change on annual EBITDA					
Currency	Change	Impact on EBITDA (₹ Cr)			
INR/USD	₹1	190-210			

Impact of change in zinc COP on annual EBITDA					
Particular	Change	Impact on EBITDA (₹ Cr)			
Zinc COP	\$25/MT	210-230			



Source: Bloomberg, JM Financial



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Financial Tables (Consolidated)

Income Statement					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	289,320	340,830	362,669	392,607	405,259
Sales Growth	-15.2%	17.8%	6.4%	8.3%	3.2%
Other Operating Income	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	289,320	340,830	362,669	392,607	405,259
Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp	18,230	30,265	32,873	35,418	36,870
Personnel Cost	8,280	8,390	8,736	9,120	9,120
Other Expenses	126,250	128,295	137,759	144,669	145,205
EBITDA	136,560	173,880	183,300	203,399	214,064
EBITDA Margin	47.2%	51.0%	50.5%	51.8%	52.8%
EBITDA Growth	-22.0%	27.3%	5.4%	11.0%	5.2%
Depn. & Amort.	34,680	36,400	36,042	40,942	45,842
EBIT	101,880	137,480	147,259	162,458	168,223
Other Income	10,740	9,830	10,028	10,682	12,889
Finance Cost	9,550	10,950	10,000	10,300	10,500
PBT before Excep. & Forex	103,070	136,360	147,287	162,839	170,612
Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	0
PBT	103,070	136,360	147,287	162,839	170,612
Taxes	25,480	32,000	36,822	40,710	42,653
Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-)	0	-830	0	0	0
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Net Profit	77,590	103,530	110,465	122,129	127,959
Adjusted Net Profit	77,590	104,360	110,465	122,129	127,959
Net Margin	26.8%	30.6%	30.5%	31.1%	31.6%
Diluted Share Cap. (mn)	4,225.0	4,225.0	4,225.0	4,225.0	4,225.0
Diluted EPS (INR)	18.4	24.7	26.1	28.9	30.3
Diluted EPS Growth	-26.2%	34.5%	5.9%	10.6%	4.8%
Total Dividend + Tax	54,925	122,525	84,500	84,500	84,500
Dividend Per Share (INR)	13.0	29.0	20.0	20.0	20.0

Balance Sheet (INR mn)					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Shareholders' Fund	151,950	133,260	154,257	191,887	235,346
Share Capital	8,450	8,450	8,450	8,450	8,450
Reserves & Surplus	143,500	124,810	145,807	183,437	226,896
Preference Share Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loans	87,220	106,510	147,220	157,220	167,220
Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-)	23,110	22,920	23,110	23,110	23,110
Total - Equity & Liab.	262,280	262,690	324,587	372,217	425,676
Net Fixed Assets	198,490	212,140	219,581	248,640	272,798
Gross Fixed Assets	419,880	460,830	514,880	584,880	654,880
Intangible Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Less: Depn. & Amort.	238,350	274,750	312,259	353,200	399,042
Capital WIP	16,960	26,060	16,960	16,960	16,960
Investments	104,520	91,490	104,520	104,520	104,520
Current Assets	35,940	41,270	88,941	112,365	126,931
Inventories	19,260	18,890	30,683	34,855	37,753
Sundry Debtors	1,550	1,170	9,664	12,555	12,959
Cash & Bank Balances	1,750	1,770	24,433	33,568	43,820
Loans & Advances	13,380	19,440	24,161	31,387	32,398
Other Current Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Current Liab. & Prov.	76,670	82,210	88,455	93,308	78,573
Current Liabilities	74,470	66,970	86,255	91,108	76,373
Provisions & Others	2,200	15,240	2,200	2,200	2,200
Net Current Assets	-40,730	-40,940	486	19,057	48,358
Total – Assets	262,280	262,690	324,587	372,217	425,676

Source: Company, JM Financial

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Cash Flow Statement					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Profit before Tax	103,070	136,360	147,287	162,839	170,612
Depn. & Amort.	34,680	36,400	36,042	40,942	45,842
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	0	0	0	0	0
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	14,070	230	-18,763	-9,435	-19,049
Others	0	-830	0	0	0
Taxes Paid	-25,480	-32,000	-36,822	-40,710	-42,653
Operating Cash Flow	126,340	140,160	127,744	153,636	154,752
Capex	-32,580	-50,050	-44,950	-70,000	-70,000
Free Cash Flow	93,760	90,110	82,794	83,636	84,752
Inc (-) / Dec in Investments	-3,450	13,030	-13,030	0	0
Others	-16,165	115	-3,311	0	0
Investing Cash Flow	-52,195	-36,905	-61,291	-70,000	-70,000
Inc / Dec (-) in Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Dividend + Tax thereon	-54,925	-122,525	-84,500	-84,500	-84,500
Inc / Dec (-) in Loans	-31,590	19,290	40,710	10,000	10,000
Others	0	0	0	0	0
Financing Cash Flow	-86,515	-103,235	-43,790	-74,500	-74,500
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	-12,370	20	22,663	9,136	10,252
Opening Cash Balance	14,120	1,750	1,770	24,433	33,568
Closing Cash Balance	1,750	1,770	24,433	33,568	43,820

Dupont Analysis						
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	
Net Margin	26.8%	30.6%	30.5%	31.1%	31.6%	
Asset Turnover (x)	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	
Leverage Factor (x)	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.9	
RoE	55.2%	73.2%	76.8%	70.6%	59.9%	

Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
BV/Share (INR)	36.0	31.5	36.5	45.4	55.7
ROIC	57.7%	75.3%	69.2%	63.5%	54.2%
ROE	55.2%	73.2%	76.8%	70.6%	59.9%
Net Debt/Equity (x)	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
P/E (x)	23.8	17.7	16.7	15.1	14.4
P/B (x)	12.2	13.9	12.0	9.6	7.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.4	10.7	10.2	9.2	8.7
EV/Sales (x)	6.3	5.5	5.1	4.8	4.6
Debtor days	2	1	10	12	12
Inventory days	24	20	31	32	34
Creditor days	178	146	176	176	146

Source: Company, JM Financial

Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.
20-Oct-20	Buy	233	
20-Jan-21	Buy	308	32.2
27-Apr-21	Buy	340	10.4
22-Jul-21	Buy	340	0.0
22-Oct-21	Buy	340	0.0
21-Jan-22	Buy	327	-3.8
22-Apr-22	Buy	355	8.6
21-Jul-22	Buy	310	-12.6
21-Oct-22	Buy	315	1.5
19-Jan-23	Buy	350	11.2
23-Apr-23	Buy	335	-4.3
22-Jul-23	Buy	310	-7.5
20-Oct-23	Buy	325	4.8
19-Jan-24	Buy	315	-3.1
19-Apr-24	Buy	385	22.1
2-Aug-24	Buy	540	40.4
18-Oct-24	Buy	540	0.0
28-Jan-25	Buy	540	-0.1
25-Apr-25	Buy	530	-1.8
17-Jun-25	Buy	550	3.7



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