Worst Behind Us!: Somany Ceramics Ltd

May 08, 2025 | CMP: INR 420 | Target Price: INR 540

Expected Share Price Return: 28.6% I Dividend Yield: 0.71% I Expected Total Return: 29.3%



Sector View: Positive

Change in Estimates	~
Target Price Change	~
Recommendation	X
Company Info	
BB Code	SOMC IN EQUITY
Face Value (INR)	2.0
52 W High/Low (INR)	872/473
Mkt Cap (Bn)	INR 17 / \$0.20
Shares o/s (Mn)	41.0
3M Avg. Daily Volume	41,029

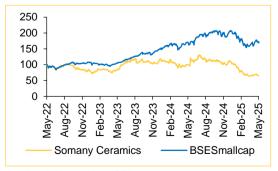
Change in Estimates						
FY26E				FY27E		
New	Old	Dev. (%)	New	Old	Dev. (%)	
28.9	31.1	-7.0	31.5	35.1	-10.3	
2.8	2.7	1.1	3.3	3.3	-1.0	
9.6	8.8	77.3 bps	10.3	9.4	97.0 bps	
23.7	25.3	(6.2)	33.8	35.4	(4.3)	
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Actual vs Conse	nsus		
INR Bn	Q4FY25A	Consensus Est.	Dev.%
Revenue	7.7	7.4	(3.8)
EBITDA	0.6	0.7	(9.3
EBITDAM %	8.2	9.3	-117 bps
PAT	0.2	0.3	(16.2)

Key Financials					
INR Bn	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	25.9	26.6	28.9	31.5	34.7
YoY (%)	4.6	2.6	8.8	8.9	10.2
EBITDA	2.5	2.2	2.8	3.3	3.8
EBITDAM %	9.8	8.3	9.6	10.3	10.9
Adj PAT	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.4	1.8
EPS	23.6	14.6	23.7	33.8	43.0
ROE %	12.9	8.1	11.9	14.9	16.2
ROCE %	14.2	11.3	15.4	17.6	19.4
PE(x)	21.4	34.5	17.8	16.0	12.6
EV/EBITDA	9.3	10.4	6.9	7.0	5.7

Shareholding Pattern (%)							
	Mar-25	Dec-24	Sep-24				
Promoters	55.01	55.01	55.01				
FII	1.49	1.56	1.78				
DII	23.63	23.61	23.52				
Public	19.86	19.80	19.68				

Relative Performance	e (%)		
YTD	3Y	2Y	1Y
BSE Small Cap	72.9	59.9	0.3
SOMC IN	-34.6	-21.0	-34.1



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Q4FY25_Building Material Result Preview

Positive Management Outlook Is Conservative In Our View

We **maintain BUY** rating on Somany Ceramics (SOMC) with a revised target price of INR 540/share as we factor in 1) volume CAGR of 9% over FY25-28E driven by market share gains from unorganized players in the Tiles segment, 2) Bathware segment revenue CAGR of 12% over FY25-28E, 3) higher revenue contribution of 25% from projects segment (vs. 20% in FY25) which is a higher margin business. The strong launches and sales of Real Estate sector between FY22 to FY25 would help drive volume for SOMC during FY26-28E as these projects near completion, 4) EBITDA margin expansion of ~150 bps over FY25-28E, and 5) incorporate a PEG ratio based valuation framework that allows us a rational basis to assign a valuation multiple that better captures earnings growth.

We forecast SOMC EPS to grow at a CAGR of 43% over FY25-28E, basis our volume CAGR of 9%, and realization CAGR of 0.4% over the same period.

We arrive at a 1-year forward TP of INR 540/share for SOMC. We now value SOMC on our PEG ratio based framework – we assign a PEG ratio of 0.85x on FY25-28E core EPS CAGR of 43%, which we believe is a conservative multiple. This valuation framework gives us the flexibility to assign a commensurate valuation multiple based on quantifiable earnings growth.

We do a sanity check of our PEG ratio based TP using implied EV/EBITDA, P/BV, and P/E multiples. On our TP of INR 540, FY27E implied EVEBITDA/PB/PE multiples are 6.5x/2.2x/16x all of which are reasonable in our view. Increased dumping from Morbi into the domestic market, slowdown in Real Estate execution and home improvement activities are risks to our BUY rating.

Q4FY25: Sequential Uptick

Tiles: Q4FY25 volume came in at 20.3 MSM (up by 3.1%/20.2% on YoY/QoQ), realization was down by 1.2%/1.9% on YoY/QoQ to INR 314 per SQM due to higher discounts, while revenue was up by 1.9/17.9% YoY/QoQ to INR 6,439Mn in line with CEBPL estimates of INR 6,336Mn.

Bathware: Q4FY25 Bathware segment revenue grew by 32.4/18.2% YoY/QoQ to INR 941Mn well ahead of CEBPL estimates of INR 844Mn.

SOMC reported Q4FY25 consolidated Revenue/EBITDA of INR 7,659Mn (+4.7% YoY, 19.7% QoQ) / INR 625Mn (-21.4% YoY, +16.8% QoQ) vs CEBPL estimates of INR 7,380Mn and INR 688Mn, respectively. Core PAT for Q4FY25 came in at INR 213Mn, (vs CEBPL est. INR 231Mn), down 30.7 on YoY, while it is up by 129% QoQ. EPS for the quarter came in at INR 5.2 vs CEBPS estimates of 5.6. SOMC announced a dividend of INR 3/sh which is on the expected lines.

Tiles segment - guidance for FY26 is conservative in our view: Management is targeting high single-digit volume growth and a 100–150 bps EBITDA margin improvement in FY26, supported by a strategic shift towards higher-margin project sales. Project sales are expected to increase to 25% of the revenue mix in FY26, up from 20% in FY25, with a corresponding decline in channel sales. This shift is driven by Real Estate sector projects entering into finishing stage over FY26E-28E from the strong launches and bookings witnessed between FY22-25, encouraging SOMC to adopt a more aggressive approach in the project segment, which generally has higher margins compared to select channel sales.

Bathware segment – guidance for FY26 is optimistic, but achievable in our view: Management is now targeting double digit growth for FY26 (on a low base though) backed by Real Estate demand and a differentiated product portfolio, which is achievable in our view.

Management Call - Highlights

Tiles

- Tiles revenue came in at INR 6,439Mn backed by volume of 20.5MSM which grew 3.1/20.2% YoY/QoQ.
- The product mix for the quarter was: Ceramic at 33%, PVT at 28%, and GVT at 39%
- · Gas Prices were INR 47 CBM in Q4FY25, increasing by 5% YoY.
- Higher discounts and lower capacity utilization at Tiles plant led to Gross margin compression of 595bps to 45.8%.
- FY25, sales mix: 81% channel, 11% private projects, and 8.5% government projects.
- Guidance: SOMC targets higher single-digit to lower double-digit volume growth for Tiles business in FY26.
- Reaching 75% to 80% capacity utilization in the Max plant is expected in a couple of quarters, most likely by H2 of FY26 which would make the plant break even.

Bathware

- Bathware Revenue saw a growth of 32.4/18.2% YoY/QoQ to INR 941Mn for Q4FY25, and FY25 growth came in at 11% to INR 2,958Mn.
- Sanitary plant had a high capacity utilization of 96% and faucet plant is currently running at optimum capacity.
- Outlook: SOMC targets double-digit revenue growth for FY26 for this segment.

Outlook

 SOMC is targeting higher single digit to lower double digit volume growth for tiles segment and double-digit volume growth for Bathware segment, and expects 100 to 150bps EBITDA margin improvement backed by higher capacity utilization levels.

Others

SOMC Ltd

- Industry wide exports were significantly impacted, down 20% in FY25 from a high of INR 200Bn in FY24.
- Brand spend will increase to about 2.5% in FY26 (up from 2% in FY25).
- SOMC added 181 net dealers and 40 net exclusive showrooms in FY25.

Q4FY25 Q4FY24

Exhibit 1: Sharp Uptick in Key Parameters QoQ

Q4F1ZJ	Q4F1Z4	101 (70)	WOLI TO	QUQ (70)
7,690	7,375	4.3	6,449	19.2
4,171	3,561	17.1	2,921	42.8
3,519	3,815	(7.7)	3,528	(0.2)
1,206	1,399	(13.8)	1,307	(7.7)
894	867	3.1	894	(0.0)
795	754	5.4	792	0.3
625	795	(21.4)	535	16.8
291	193	50.8	228	27.6
334	602	(44.6)	306	8.8
38	16	138.4	18	108.2
122	134	(9.3)	133	(8.2)
(26)	(2)		24	
276	485	(43.1)	168	64.1
63	177	(64.7)	75	(16.9)
213	308	(30.7)	93	129.7
5.2	7.5	(30.7)	2.3	129.7
Q4FY25	Q4FY24	YoY (bps)	Q3FY25	QoQ (bps)
45.8	51.7	(595.8)	54.7	(894.4)
11.6	11.8	(12.9)	13.9	(224.0)
10.3	10.2	10.7	12.3	(195.3)
8.1	10.8	(265.3)	8.3	(16.8)
22.7	36.5	(1,386.0)	44.7	(2,208.2)
2.8	4.2	(140.2)	1.4	133.4
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Exhibit 2: Impressive Volume Growth Ahead

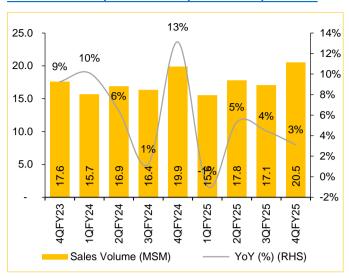
Assumption Table	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Tiles Revenue (INR Mn)	21,483	22,344	22,551	24,555	26,724	29,482
YoY %	17%	4%	1%	9%	9%	10%
Tiles Volumes (MSM)	63.9	68.9	70.9	77.4	83.6	91.4
YoY %	10%	8%	3%	9%	8%	9%
Tiles Realization (INR/SQM)	336	324	318	317	320	322
YoY %	6%	-3%	-2%	-0.3%	0.8%	0.8%
Sanitaryware & Faucets (INR Mn)	3,430	2,671	2,958	3,283	3,677	4,118
YoY %	69%	-22%	11%	11%	12%	12%
Others Revenue (INR Mn)	734	759	925	925	925	925
YoY %	65%	3%	22%	0%	0%	0%
Net Consolidated Revenues (INR Mn)	25,646	25,773	26,433	28,763	31,325	34,524
YoY %	23%	0%	3%	9%	9%	10%

Source: Company, CEBPL

Exhibit 3: Introducing PEG Valuation Framework

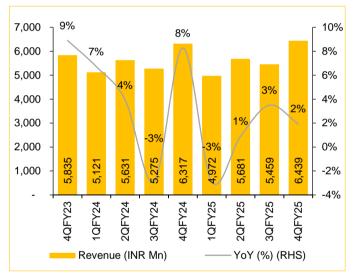
FY25 Core EPS (INR/sh)	14.6
3Yr EPS CAGR (FY25-28E) → (A)	43.2%
PEG RATIO → (B)	0.9
$PE(x) \rightarrow (AxB)$	37
Target Price (INR/sh)	540
CMP (INR/sh)	420
Upside	28.6%

Q4FY25 Volume up 3.1% YoY despite muted expectations



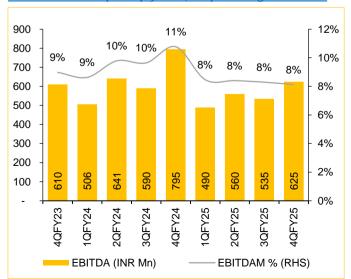
Source: Company, CEBPL

Q4FY25 Revenue grew by 2% YoY due to better volumes



Source: Company, CEBPL

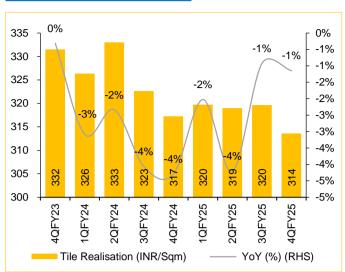
Q4FY25 EBITDA up sharply QoQ, despite being muted YoY



Source: Company, CEBPL

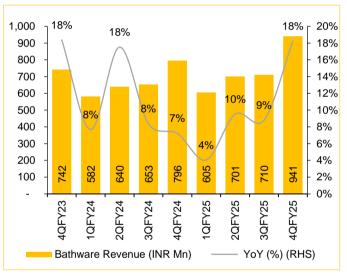
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Q4FY25 Realizations remained flat



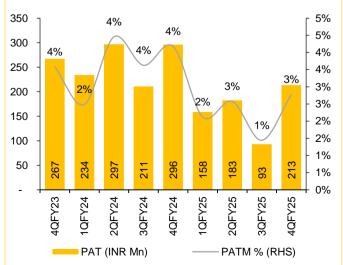
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Q4FY25 Bathware Revenue up by 18% due to better demand

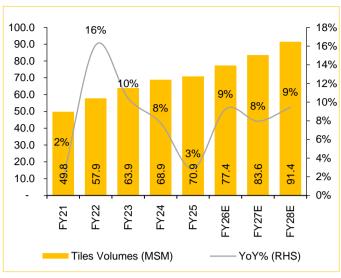


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Q4FY25 PAT growth is sharp QoQ

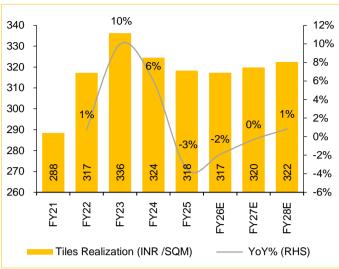


Better housing and real estate demand to aid volumes



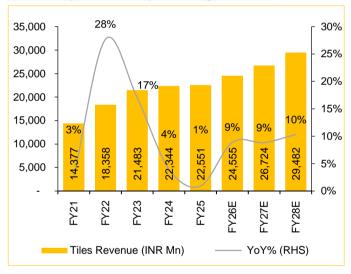
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Realizations expected to be muted



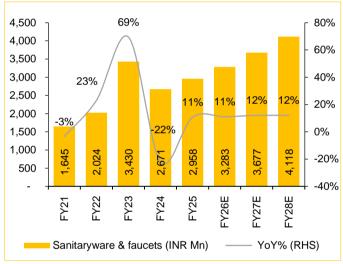
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Revenue expected to be up due to higher volume



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Bathware Segment Revenue to grow in low teens



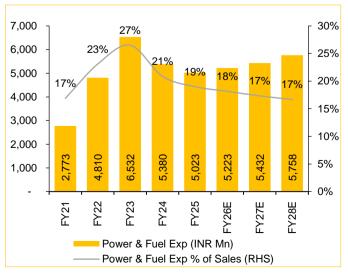
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Total Revenue to grow by 9% CAGR

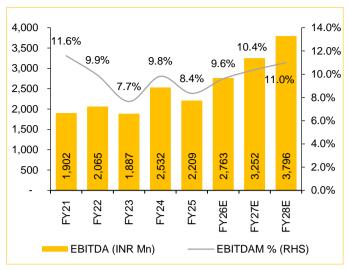


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Power and fuel cost to remain stable

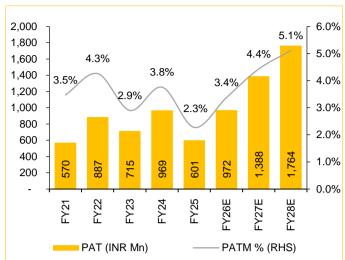


EBITDA to grow by 20% CAGR between FY25-28E



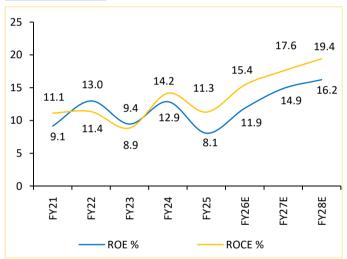
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PAT to grow by 43% CAGR between FY25-28E



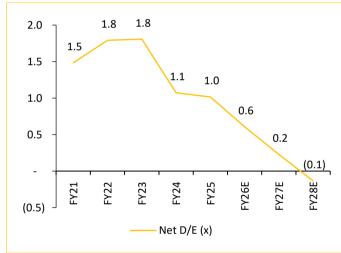
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ROE/ROCE Trends



Source: Company, CEBPL

Net Debt to Equity to improve



Source: Company, CEBPL



Income statement (Consolidated in INR Mn)

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Particular	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E			
Revenue	25,914	26,588	28,923	31,485	34,684			
Gross Profit	13,934	13,784	15,117	16,449	18,113			
EBITDA	2,532	2,209	2,763	3,252	3,796			
Depreciation	725	903	922	981	1,043			
EBIT	1,807	1,306	1,842	2,271	2,753			
Other Income	106	90	100	110	120			
Interest Expense	465	524	524	408	363			
Exceptional items	21	20	20	20	20			
PBT	1,428	852	1,397	1,953	2,490			
Reported PAT	969	601	972	1,388	1,764			
EPS	24	15	24	34	43			

Source: Company, CEBPL

Ratio Analysis	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Growth Ratios					
Revenues	7	2.6	8.8	8.9	10.2
EBITDA	34.2	(12.8)	25.1	17.7	16.7
PAT	35.5	(38.0)	61.8	42.8	27.1
Margins					
Gross Profit Margin	53.8	51.8	52.3	52.2	52.2
EBITDA Margin	9.8	8.3	9.6	10.3	10.9
PAT Margin	3.7	2.3	3.4	4.4	5.1
Profitability					
Return On Equity (ROE)	12.9	8.1	11.9	14.9	16.2
Return On Invested Capital (ROIC)	16.5	12.4	16.9	20.1	23.3
Return On Capital Employed (ROCE)	14.2	11.3	15.4	17.6	19.4
Financial leverage					
OCF/EBITDA (x)	1.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
OCF / IC (%)	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.3	10.4	6.9	7.0	5.7
Earnings					
EPS	24	15	24	34	43
Shares Outstanding	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0
Working Capital					
Inventory Days (x)	49	47	47	47	47
Receivable Days (x)	48	51	51	51	51
Creditor Days (x)	79	46	46	46	46
Working Capital Days	18	51	51	51	51

Source: Company, CEBPL

Balance sheet (Consolidated in INR Mn)

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Particular	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E		
Net Worth	7,201	7,717	8,658	10,015	11,748		
Minority Interest	1,128	726	726	726	726		
Borrowings	3,351	3,019	3,019	2,719	2,419		
Other Liabilities & Provisions	1,229	1,396	1,458	1,525	1,595		
Total Net Worth & Liabilities	12,910	12,857	13,861	14,984	16,488		
Net Fixed Assets	11,136	10,574	10,615	10,647	10,667		
Capital Work in Progress	96	163	163	163	163		
Goodwill	73	60	60	60	60		
Cash & Bank balance	635	777	1,342	1,977	2,928		
Loans & Advances & Other assets	319	415	387	398	409		
Net Working Capital	1,286	1,646	2,636	3,716	5,189		
Total Assets	12,910	12,857	13,861	14,984	16,488		

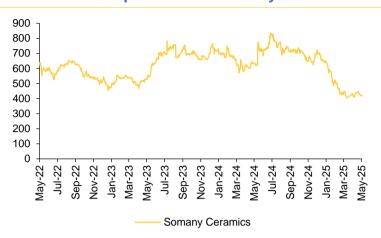
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Cash Flows (INR Mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Cash Flows From					
Operations	3,934	1,412	2,345	2,687	3,007
Cash Flows From Investing	(1,229)	(718)	(1,225)	(1,313)	(1,363)
Cash Flows From Financing	(3,559)	(676)	(555)		(694)

Source: Company, CEBPL

DuPont Analysis (INR Mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Tax Burden	69.6%	68.0%	68.0%	70.0%	70.0%
Interest Burden	79%	65%	76%	86%	90%
EBIT Margin	7%	5%	6%	7%	8%
Asset Turnover	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Equity Multiplier	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4
ROE	14.3	7.8	11.2	14.1	15.3

Historical share price chart: Somany Ceramics Limited



Date	Rating	Target Price
September 29, 2024	BUY	965
February 07, 2025	BUY	778
May 08, 2025	BUY	540

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Large Cap*

BUY The security is expected to generate upside of 15% or more over the next 12 months

ADD The security is expected to show upside returns from 5% to less than 15% over the next 12 months REDUCE The security is expected to show upside or downside returns by 5% to -5% over the next 12 months

SELL The security is expected to show downside of 5% or more over the next 12 months

Mid & Small Cap*

BUY The security is expected to generate upside of 20% or more over the next 12 months

ADD The security is expected to show upside returns from 5% to less than 20% over the next 12 months REDUCE The security is expected to show upside or downside returns by 5% to -10% over the next 12 months

SELL The security is expected to show downside of 10% or more over the next 12 months

Other Ratings NOT RATED (NR)

The stock has no recommendation from the Analyst

UNDER REVIEW (UR) The stock is under review by the Analyst and rating may change

Sector View

POSITIVE (P) Fundamentals of the sector look attractive over the next 12 months

NEUTRAL (N) Fundamentals of the sector are expected to be stable over the next 12 months CAUTIOUS (C) Fundamentals of the sector are expected to be challenging over the next 12 months

*Large Cap: More Than INR 20,000 Cr Market Cap *Mid & Small Cap: Less Than INR 20,000 Cr Market Cap

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