Best in Class, But Fully Priced In! : Shree Cement Ltd

SELL

Sector View: Positive

August 05, 2025 | CMP: INR 30,300| Target Price: INR 27,600

Expected Share Price Return: -8.9% I Dividend Yield: 0.3% I Expected Total Return: -8.6%

Change in Estimates	×
Target Price Change	/
Recommendation	X
Company Info	
BB Code	SRCM IN EQUITY
Face Value (INR)	10.0
52 W High/Low (INR)	32,508.2/23,500.2
Mkt Cap (Bn)	INR 1,102.6/ \$12.5
Shares o/s (Mn)	36.1
3M Avg. Daily Volume	41,181

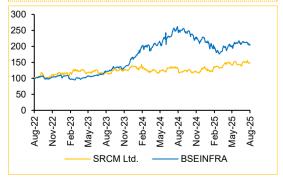
	FY26E			FY27E		
INR Bn	New	Old	Dev. (%)	New	Old	Dev. (%)
Revenue	202.7	202.7	-	216.9	216.9	-
EBITDA	48.7	48.7	-	53.1	53.1	-
EBITDAM %	24.0	24.0	-	24.5	24.5	-
PAT	15.2	15.2	-	16.4	16.4	-
EPS	420.7	420.7	-	455.6	455.6	-

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Dev.%	Consensus Est.	Q1FY26A	INR Bn
(5.2)	52.2	49.5	Revenue
(10.9)	13.8	12.3	EBITDA
159 bps	26.2	24.8	EBITDAM %
16.7	5.3	6.2	PAT
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Key Financials					
INR Bn	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	194.8	180.4	202.7	217.0	232.3
YoY (%)	15.7	(7.4)	12.4	7.1	7.1
EBITDA	43.6	38.4	48.7	53.1	58.8
EBITDAM %	22.4	21.3	24.0	24.5	25.3
Adj PAT	24.7	12.0	15.2	16.4	19.4
EPS	684.2	331.5	420.7	455.6	536.5
RoE %	12.1%	5.6%	6.7%	6.7%	7.4%
RoCE %	15.5%	7.2%	9.3%	9.4%	10.2%
PE(x)	37.5	93.1	73.4	67.7	57.5
EV/EBITDA	19.1	26.2	16.4	16.1	15.7
EV/IC	4.5	5.5	4.2	4.1	4.0

Shareholding Pattern (%)						
	Jun-25	Mar-25	Dec-24			
Promoters	62.56	62.56	62.56			
Flls	10.07	9.70	9.88			
DIIs	14.65	15.07	14.78			
Public	12.72	12.67	12.78			

Relative Performance (%)							
YTD	3Y	2Y	1Y				
BSE Infra	105.0	69.6	(16.4)				
SRCM Ltd	43.2	25.8	13.9				



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Q1FY26 Cement Result Preview

Underperformance to Continue

We maintain our SELL rating on Shree Cement Ltd (SRCM). We downgraded SRCM to SELL in our Q4FY25 result update on May 15, 2025. Ever since, SRCM declined by 3.3%, underperforming the peers which moved in the range of 3.0%-20.0%. Even after the underperformance, SRCM trades at FY27E EV/EBITDA & EV/CE multiples of 16.1x /3.4x, making it amongst the richest valued cement stocks under our coverage. At 6.7%/9.3% (FY26E), SRCM's RoE/RoCE don't cover its cost of equity and cost of capital at ~12.5%, even under optimistic assumptions. SRCM's capital structure is sub-optimal with cash & equivalents on books at ~INR118 Bn (forming ~10.6% of current market cap). We believe this high level of cash is an overhang.

That apart, there is limited scope for SRCM's best-in-class management to improve its RoCE by cost take-out initiatives, which its other less efficient peers are implementing. SRCM's cost structure is already amongst the most efficient in the industry, with high levels of renewable/green power penetration (~60%) and limited scope to save on logistics, raw materials, and other aspects. In our view, there are hardly any low-hanging fruits that the management can capitalise on, to improve its return profile.

Despite such high levels of cash on books, SRCM doesn't have a commensurate capacity growth pipeline. SRCM doesn't intend to grow capacity beyond 80 Mnt by FY28E. Cash will continue to remain elevated at INR 117Bn by FY28E. SRCM is amongst the Best in Class in terms of governance, management quality, brand equity, cost excellence, EBITDA/t etc, it's just that things are too good to get better, at a time when its valuation is demanding.

We forecast SRCM's EBITDA to grow at a CAGR of 15.3% over FY25-28E based on our volume growth assumptions of 6%/6%/6%, and realisation growth of 6.0%/1.0%/1.0% in FY26E/27E/28E, respectively.

We incorporate a robust EV to CE (Enterprise Value to Capital Employed) based valuation framework (Exhibit 3), which allows us a rational basis to assign the right valuation multiple to value SRCM. We arrive at a 1-year forward TP of INR 27,600/share for SRCM. We now value SRCM on our EV/CE framework - we generously assign an EV/CE multiple of 3.4x/3.4x for FY27E/28E. Although SRCM's ROCE is expected to expand from 7.2% in FY25 to 10.2% in FY28E, it doesn't cover capital cost even in FY28E. We do a sanity check of our EV/CE TP using the implied EV/EBITDA multiple. On our TP of INR 27,600, FY27E implied EV/EBITDA multiple is 16.1x, which is quite high given its return profile. Risk to our Sell rating includes stronger-than-expected sector tailwinds, lack of investor apathy towards its valuation multiple.

Q1FY26 Results: Healthy Realization Dragged Down by Higher Costs

SRCM reported Q1FY26 Revenue and EBITDA of INR 49,480Mn (+2.3% YoY, -5.6% QoQ) and INR 12,291Mn (+34.1% YoY, -11.0% QoQ) vs Choice Institutional Equities (CIE) estimates of INR 48.622Mn and INR 12.658Mn. respectively. Total volume for Q1 stood at 9.0 Mnt (vs CIE est. 9.3 Mnt), down 7.2% YoY and 9.0% QoQ.

Realization/t came in at INR 5,528/t (+10.2% YoY and +3.8% QoQ), which is better than CIE's est. of INR 5,245/t. Total cost/t came at INR 4,155/t (+2.2% YoY and +6.0% QoQ). As a result, EBITDA/t came in at INR 1,373/t, (+44.5% YoY and -2.2% QoQ), which is strong but in-line with CIE expectations of INR 1,366/t.

Management Call - Highlights

- Capacity Expansion on Track; Targeting 80 MTPA by 2028: SRCM integrated cement unit projects at Jaitaran, Rajasthan (3.0 MTPA) and Kodla, Karnataka (3.0 MTPA) are progressing as planned. Upon their commissioning, the total cement production capacity will rise to 68.8 MTPA. SRCM remains actively focused on exploring opportunities to expand its capacity further, aiming to reach 80 MTPA by 2028.
- Industry-Leading Green Power Share at 65.65%: SRCM share of green electricity in total power consumption stood at 65.65% in Q1FY26 — one of the highest in the Indian cement industry. It continues to scale up its green power generation capacity, which reached 586 MW by the end of Q1FY26.
- Aggressive Expansion in RMC Business: SRCM is rapidly expanding its Ready-Mix Concrete (RMC) footprint. Starting the year with 15 operational plants, it has added 6 more, bringing the total to 21. The Company aims to scale up further and reach 50 RMC plants by the end of the current financial year.
- Cement Industry Outlook Remains Robust for FY26: The Indian cement industry is expected to grow by 6–7% in FY26, supported by strong government capital expenditure, rising rural housing demand aided by healthy monsoons, increasing urbanization, and accelerating industrial and infrastructure activity. Overall, the sector appears well-positioned for a stable and profitable growth phase.
- Steady Growth in Premium Product Sales: The share of premium products in trade sales increased to 17.7% in Q1FY26, up from 15.6% in Q4FY25, reflecting SRCM continued focus on value-driven offerings.

Exhibit 1: Healthy Realization Dragged Down by Higher Costs

INR Mn	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	YoY (%)	Q4FY25	QoQ (%)
Volumes (Mnt)	9.0	9.6	(7.2)	9.8	(9.0)
Revenues	49,480	48,347	2.3	52,402	(5.6)
COGS	5,599	5,106	9.7	5,598	0.0
Power and Fuel Cost	11,461	14,052	(18.4)	11,531	(0.6)
Freight Exp.	10,840	11,151	(2.8)	11,558	(6.2)
Employee Cost	2,545	2,446	4.0	2,594	(1.9)
Other Expenses	6,744	6,428	4.9	7,307	(7.7)
EBITDA	12,291	9,164	34.1	13,813	(11.0)
EBITDA Margins (%)	24.8	19.0	589 bps	26.4	(152)bps
Depreciation	5,524	6,428	(14.1)	7,470	(26.0)
EBIT	6,767	2,736	NA	6,343	NA
EBIT Margin (%)	13.7	5.7	NA	12.1	NA
Other Income	2011	1346	49.4	1501	33.9
Interest	446	573	(22.2)	417	6.9
PBT	8,331	3,508	137.5	7,428	12.2
Тах	2,146	331	547.8	1,868	14.9
PAT	6,185	3,177	94.7	5,560	11.2
Basic EPS (INR)	171.4	88.1	94.7	154.1	11.2

Exhibit 2: Gradual Uptick in EBITDA/t (INR/t)

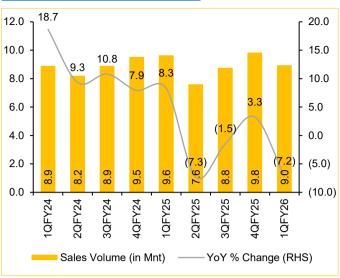
Particulars (INR)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Volume (Mnt)	31.9	35.5	35.9	38.1	40.3	42.8
Realisation/t	5,285	5,482	5,024	5,326	5,379	5,433
COGS/t	380	619	563	596	602	608
Employee Cost/t	272	264	276	293	296	299
Power & Fuel Cost/t	1,740	1,569	1,246	1,196	1,148	1,102
Freight Expenses/t	1,299	1,135	1,157	1,204	1,252	1,277
Other Expenses/t	672	667	714	756	764	771
Total Cost/t	4,363	4,254	3,956	4,045	4,062	4,058
EBITDA/t	922	1,228	1,069	1,280	1,317	1,375
Revenue (INR Mn)	1,68,375	1,94,767	1,80,373	2,02,667	2,16,976	2,32,294
EBITDA (INR Mn)	29,366	43,636	38,368	48,727	53,123	58,793
PAT (INR Mn)	13,276	24,685	11,962	15,179	16,438	19,356

Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

Exhibit 3: EV/CE Valuation Framework

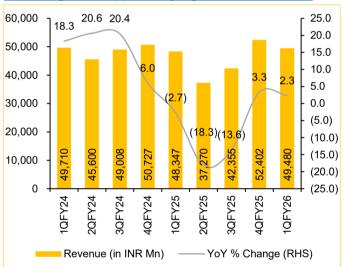
INR Mn	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
RoCE	17.3%	9.9%	15.5%	7.2%	9.3%	9.4%	10.2%
WACC	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%
RoCE less WACC %	4.8	(2.6)	3.0	(5.3)	(3.2)	(3.1)	(2.3)
EV	7,87,578	8,42,645	8,31,619	10,03,537	7,98,845	8,56,265	9,25,271
Capital Employed	1,81,872	1,85,534	2,14,069	2,22,504	2,35,683	2,52,621	2,72,977
EV/CE	4.33	4.54	3.88	4.51	3.39	3.39	3.39
Target EV/CE					3.4	3.4	3.4
Target EV					7,98,967	8,56,386	9,25,393
Gross Debt					6,164	6,664	7,664
Cash & Equivalents					1,18,738	1,17,765	1,16,834
Net Debt					(1,12,573)	(1,11,100)	(1,09,170)
LT Provision					122	122	122
EQUITY VALUE					9,11,419	9,67,365	10,34,441
EQUITY VALUE PER SHARE					25,261	26,812	28,671
1 yr forward TP (INR/sh)							27,600
Implied Multiples							
EV/EBITDA					16.4	16.1	15.7
P/BV					4.0	4.0	3.9
P/E					60.0	58.8	53.4

Dip in volume on YoY & QoQ basis



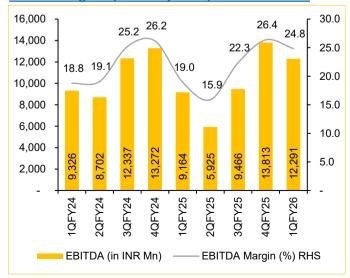
Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

Revenue growth supported by higher realization in Q1



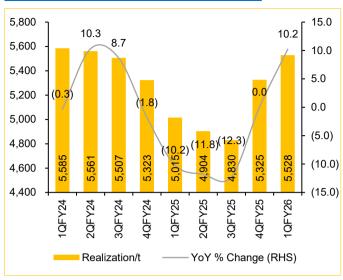
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EBITDA Margin expanded by 589 bps on a YoY basis



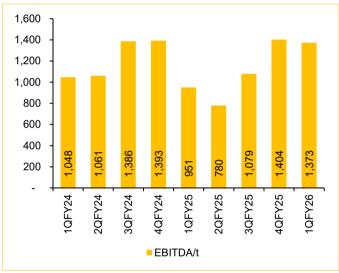
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Robust improvement in realization/t for Q1FY26



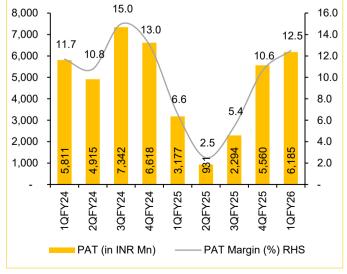
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Strong realization drives EBITDA/t



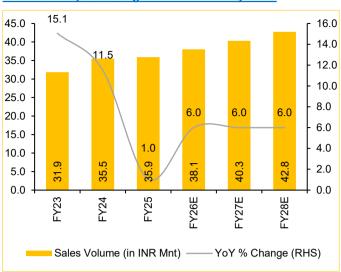
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Robust PAT growth



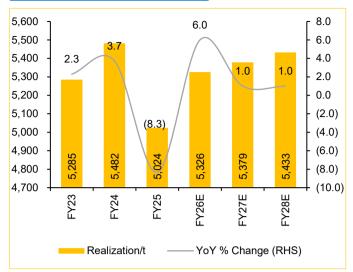
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Volume is expected to grow to 42.8 Mnt by FY28



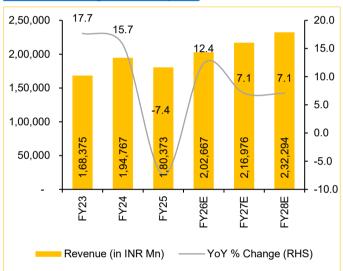
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Realization/t expected to be strong



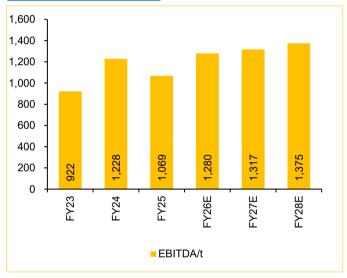
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Slower revenue growth than peers



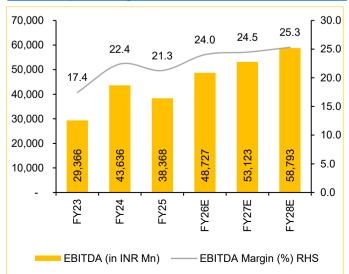
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Gradual uptick in EBITDA/t

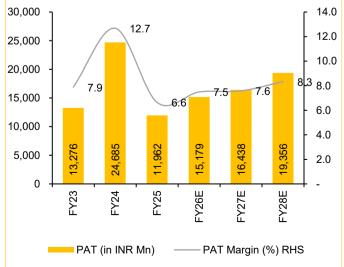


Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

EBITDA expected to grow at a CAGR of 15.3% over FY25-28 Steady improvement in PAT



Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities



Income Statement (Standalone in INR Mn)

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Particulars	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E				
Revenue	1,94,767	1,80,373	2,02,667	2,16,976	2,32,294				
Gross Profit	1,72,774	1,60,166	1,79,969	1,92,674	2,06,277				
EBITDA	43,636	38,368	48,727	53,123	58,793				
Depreciation	16,147	28,080	31,932	34,876	37,470				
EBIT	27,490	10,288	16,794	18,247	21,323				
Other Income	5,611	5,772	5,067	5,424	6,504				
Interest Expense	2,643	2,086	1,541	1,666	1,916				
PBT	30,457	13,974	20,320	22,005	25,912				
Reported PAT	24,685	11,962	15,179	16,438	19,356				
EPS	684.2	331.5	420.7	455.6	536.5				

Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

Ratio Analysis	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Growth Ratios					
Revenues	15.7	(7.4)	12.4	7.1	7.1
EBITDA	48.6	(12.1)	27.0	9.0	10.7
PAT	85.9	(51.5)	26.9	8.3	17.8
Margins					
Gross Profit Margin	88.7	88.8	88.8	88.8	88.8
EBITDA Margin	22.4	21.3	24.0	24.5	25.3
Tax Rate	19.0	14.4	25.3	25.3	25.3
PAT Margin	12.7	6.6	7.5	7.6	8.3
Profitability					
Return on Equity (RoE)	12.1	5.6	6.7	6.7	7.4
Return on Invested Capital (RoIC)	11.6	4.5	6.1	6.1	6.4
Return on Capital Employed (RoCE)	15.5	7.2	9.3	9.4	10.2
Financial leverage					
OCF/EBITDA (x)	0.8	1.3	0.8	0.9	0.9
OCF / IC (%)	17.7	27.7	20.3	21.6	21.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	19.1	26.2	16.4	16.1	15.7
Earnings					
EPS	684.2	331.5	420.7	455.6	536.5
Shares Outstanding	36	36	36	36	36
Working Capital					
Inventory Days (x)	59	42	47	52	57
Receivable Days (x)	17	16	20	25	30
Creditor Days (x)	20	25	20	20	20
Working Capital Days	56	33	47	57	67

Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

Balance Sheet (Standalone in INR Mn)

Particulars	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E		
Net Worth	2,03,845	2,12,114	2,27,293	2,43,731	2,63,087		
Borrowings	14,737	8,164	6,164	6,664	7,664		
Deferred Tax	1,359	1,274	1,274	1,274	1,274		
Other Liabilities & Provisions	43,611	43,899	43,899	43,899	43,899		
Total Net Worth & Liabilities	2,63,551	2,65,451	2,78,630	2,95,568	3,15,924		
Net Block	70,987	68,980	72,047	82,171	94,701		
Capital WIP	18,328	31,115	31,115	31,115	31,115		
Goodwill & Intangible Assets							
Investments	1,06,753	1,15,962	1,15,962	1,15,962	1,15,962		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,971	2,310	2,775	1,802	872		
Loans & Other Assets	34,392	30,633	30,633	30,633	30,633		
Net Working Capital	30,120	16,451	26,097	33,884	42,640		
Total Assets	2,63,551	2,65,451	2,78,630	2,95,568	3,15,924		

Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

Cash Flows (INR Mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Cash Flows From Operations	33,036	50,630	39,006	45,193	49,985
Cash Flows From Investing	(13,503)	(36,379)	(35,000)	(45,000)	(50,000)
Cash Flows From Financing	(17,937)	(14,632)	(3,541)	(1,166)	(916)

Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

DuPont Analysis	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Tax Burden	81.0%	85.6%	74.7%	74.7%	74.7%
Interest Burden	110.8%	135.8%	121.0%	120.6%	121.5%
EBIT Margin	14.1%	5.7%	8.3%	8.4%	9.2%
Asset Turnover	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Equity Multiplier	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
RoE	12.1%	5.6%	6.7%	6.7%	7.4%

Historical share price chart: Shree Cement Limited



Date	Rating	Target Price
February 01,2024	ADD	30,920
May 15, 2024	REDUCE	27,055
August 08, 2024	SELL	24,765
November 12, 2024	HOLD	26,186
February 01,2025	HOLD	29,760
May 15,2025	SELL	27,000
August 05, 2025	SELL	27,600

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

BUY 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

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

Mid & Small Cap*

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

BUY 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 in statis 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 20,000Cr Market Cap
*Mid & Small Cap: Less Than INR 20,000Cr Market Cap

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