Orient Cement

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Open offer provides near-term floor

24 January 2025

Orient Cement (ORCMNT IN) delivered mixed results, with largely in-line net sales, but EBITDA below our/Consensus estimates, due to miss on realization and cost front. Net sales fell ~14% YoY but rose ~18% QoQ to ~INR 6.4bn, largely-in-line with our/Consensus estimates of ~INR 6bn each. EBITDA declined ~50% YoY but increased ~31% QoQ to INR 581mn, below our/Consensus estimates of INR 760mn/738mn, respectively. PAT was down ~78% YoY but surged ~335% QoQ to INR 101mn. While a busy construction season and lack of elections-led disturbance in the core market of Maharashtra bode well for ORCMNT's Q4FY25 volume growth, we believe its sizeable exposure to oversupplied South India will limit any meaningful improvement in its overall performance, going ahead. Therefore, we reiterate Sell. We cut our EBITDA by ~14% for FY25E, ~24% for FY26E and ~27% for FY27E, to reflect weak Q3FY25 performance and thus, lower our TP to INR 225 from INR 314.

No arbitrage opportunity in open offer: Currently, ORCMNT is trading at 13.8x FY27E EV/EBITDA. We expect the stock to settle at 9x FY27E EV/EBITDA following the open offer. The share price could decline to our one-year TP of INR 225. Assuming full participation in the open offer, the estimated rejection ratio stands at ~51%, while the acceptance ratio would likely to be ~49%. In the near term, the stock is expected to hover around a weighted average price, calculated based on the acceptance ratio multiplied by the open offer price and the rejection ratio multiplied by the fair value. This suggests that in the near-term, the stock may hover around INR 308. We do not expect any open offer price upgrade as the Ambuja Cements will have a majority stake post open offer. Overall, we believe not much arbitrage opportunities exist. As the CMP is above the weighted average price discussed above, we recommend investors to sell shares in the open market to avoid the rejected share even from short-term perspective.

EBITDA/tonne down ~46% YoY but up ~11% QoQ: Sales volume declined ~7% YoY but rose ~18% QoQ to ~1.3mn tonnes, ~3% above our estimates. However, this benefit was offset by weak realization and higher operating cost. Realization was down ~8% YoY and flat QoQ at INR 4,983/tonne, ~2% below our estimates. Operating cost declined ~1% YoY/QoQ to INR 4,534/tonne, ~1% above our estimates. Consequently, EBITDA/tonne fell ~46% YoY but increased ~11% QoQ to INR 450, below our estimate of INR 605.

Reiterate Sell; TP pared down to INR 225: While a busy construction season and lack of elections-led disturbance in the core market of Maharashtra bode well for ORCMNT's Q4FY25 volume growth, we believe its sizeable exposure to oversupplied South India will limit any meaningful improvement in its overall performance going ahead. Therefore, we reiterate Sell. We cut our EBITDA by ~14% for FY25E, ~24% for FY26E and ~27% for FY27E, to reflect weak Q3FY25 performance. We switch our valuation methodology from EV/tonne to EV/EBITDA. We roll over to March 2027E from September 2026E and lower our TP to INR 225 from INR 314, based on 9x FY27E EV/EBITDA. Strong demand, recovery in cement price and further correction in fuel price are key risks to our call.

Key	Fina	ncials
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YE March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue (INR mn)	29,343	31,765	26,585	28,999	31,476
YoY (%)	8.0	8.3	(16.3)	9.1	8.5
EBITDA (INR mn)	3,645	4,492	2,967	3,785	4,599
EBITDA margin (%)	12.4	14.1	11.2	13.1	14.6
Adj PAT (INR mn)	1,228	1,749	881	1,448	2,088
YoY (%)	(53.3)	42.4	(49.6)	64.4	44.2
Adj EPS (INR)	6.0	8.5	4.3	7.1	10.2
ROE (%)	7.8	10.4	5.0	7.8	10.6
P/E (x)	55.4	38.9	77.2	47.0	32.6
EV/tonne (USD)	99	95	92	90	88
EV/EBITDA (x)	19.5	15.3	22.4	17.2	13.8

Note: Pricing as on 24 January 2025; Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

Rating: Sell

Target Price: INR 225

Downside: 32% CMP: INR 332

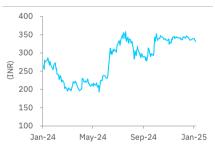
As on 24 January 2025

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Bloomberg	ORCMNT IN
Reuters Code	ORCE.NS
Shares outstanding (mn)	205
Market cap (INR bn/USD mn)	68/790
Enterprise Value (INR bn/USD mn)	70/809
Avg daily volume 3M (INR mn/USD mn)	546/6
52 week high/low	379/182
Free float (%)	62

Note: as on 24 January 2025; Source: Bloomberg

Price chart



Source: Bloomberg

Shareholding (%)	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Siture rolating (78)	FY24	FY25	FY25	FY25
Promoter	37.9	37.9	37.9	37.9
% Pledged	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FII	10.1	8.8	8.6	6.8
DII	25.4	27.2	27.4	15.8
Others	26.6	26.1	26.1	39.5

Source: BSE

Price performance (%)	3M	6M	12M
Nifty	(5.4)	(5.4)	7.6
Orient Cement	(0.8)	2.1	18.6
NSE Mid-cap	(5.5)	(6.3)	12.3
NSE Small-cap	(7.1)	(9.4)	10.6

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Financials (YE March)

Income Statement (INR mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenue	29,343	31,765	26,585	28,999	31,476
Operating profit	3,612	4,407	2,914	3,722	4,525
Add:- Other operating Income	33	86	53	62	74
EBITDA	3,645	4,492	2,967	3,785	4,599
Add:- Other Income	120	155	163	165	166
Less :- Depreciation & Amortization	1,468	1,492	1,544	1,587	1,427
EBIT	2,297	3,156	1,585	2,363	3,338
Less:- Interest Expenses	378	342	230	135	125
РВТ	1,920	2,814	1,356	2,228	3,213
Less :- Taxes	691	1,066	474	780	1,124
Reported PAT	1,228	1,749	881	1,448	2,088
Adjusted PAT	1,228	1,749	881	1,448	2,088
Balance Sheet (INR mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Share Capital	205	205	205	205	205
Reserves	15,832	17,228	17,801	18,738	20,211
Borrowings	3,914	1,295	1,255	1,190	1,090
Deferred Tax (Net)	2,869	3,378	3,411	3,446	3,480
Other liabilities	844	1,134	1,146	1,157	1,169
Total Liabilities	23,664	23,240	23,819	24,735	26,155
Gross Block	30,273	31,717	32,467	33,467	34,467
Less:- Accumulated Depreciation	10,173	11,507	13,051	14,637	16,064
Net Block	20,100	20,210	19,416	18,829	18,402
Add:- Capital work in progress	1,397	889	894	904	904
Non current investments	42	115	115	115	115
Net Working Capital	887	765	124	207	462
Cash & current investments	701	771	2,767	4,162	5,744
Other assets	536	491	504	519	529
Total Assets	23,664	23,240	23,819	24,735	26,155
Cash Flow Statement (INR mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Cash profit adjusted for non cash items	3,378	4,080	2,526	3,039	3,509
Add/Less : Working Capital Changes	(2,268)	179	641	(83)	(254)
Operating Cash Flow	1,110	4,259	3,167	2,956	3,254
Less:- Capex	(1,294)	(783)	(755)	(1,010)	(1,000)
Free Cash Flow	(184)	3,476	2,412	1,946	2,254
Financing Cash Flow	352	(3,336)	(566)	(700)	(828)
Investing Cash Flow	96	(70)	150	150	156
Net change in Cash	264	70	1,996	1,395	1,582
Ratio Analysis	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Income Statement Ratios (%)					
Revenue Growth	8.0	8.3	(16.3)	9.1	8.5
EBITDA Growth	(38.3)	23.2	(34.0)	27.6	21.5
Adj. PAT Growth	(53.3)	42.4	(49.6)	64.4	44.2
EBITDA Margin	12.4	14.1	11.2	13.1	14.6
Adj. Net Margin	4.2	5.5	3.3	5.0	6.6
Return & Liquidity Ratios					
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.2	0.0	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.2)
ROE (%)	7.8	10.4	5.0	7.8	10.6
ROCE (%)	10.2	13.5	6.7	9.7	13.1
Per Share data & Valuation Ratios					
Adjusted EPS (INR)	6.0	8.5	4.3	7.1	10.2
EPS Growth (%)	(53.3)	42.4	(49.6)	64.4	44.2
DPS (INR)	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.0	3.0
BVPS (INR)	76	82	86	90	96
P/E Ratio (x)	55.4	38.9	77.2	47.0	32.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	19.5	15.3	22.4	17.2	13.8
EV/Sales (x)	2.4	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.0
P/BV (x)	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.5
EV per tonne (USD)	99	95	92	90	88
Dividend Yield (%)	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.9

Double whammy of volume contraction and weak realization to drag FY25E revenue

Trading at premium valuation versus peers

Note: Pricing as on 24 January 2025; Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate



Weak prices hurt margin

Volume declines YoY due to Maharashtra elections

Expect the stock price to fall post the open offer

Quarterly financials

YE March (INR mn)	Q3FY25	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)	Q3FY25E	Variance (%)
Net sale	6,434	7,513	(14.4)	5,440	18.3	6,381	0.8
Operating expenses	5,853	6,359	(8.0)	4,998	17.1	5,621	4.1
% of sales	91.0	84.6		91.9		88.1	
EBITDA	581	1,154	(49.7)	442	31.3	760	(23.6)
EBITDA margins (%)	9.0	15.4		8.1		11.9	
Other income	25	19	31.5	36	(29.7)	19	31.5
Interest	58	79	(25.8)	56	5.0	56	4.0
Depreciation	382	377	1.4	391	(2.3)	386	(1.0)
PBT	165	718	(77.0)	31	429.7	337	(51.0)
Tax	64	268	(76.0)	8	707.6	125	(48.5)
Effective tax rate (%)	38.9	37.3		25.5		37.0	
Adjusted PAT	101	450	(77.5)	23	334.5	213	(52.5)
Reported PAT	101	450	(77.5)	23	334.5	213	(52.5)
NPM (%)	1.6	6.0		0.4		3.3	

Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

Exhibit 1: Variable cost of production down ~6% YoY but up ~1% QoQ

Per tonne analysis (INR)	Q3FY25	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)
Sales volume (mn tonnes)	1.3	1.4	(7.3)	1.1	18.2
Realization	4,983	5,397	(7.7)	4,982	0.0
Raw material consumed	770	814	(5.4)	802	(4.0)
Power, oil & fuel	1,305	1,398	(6.6)	1,248	4.6
Employee expenses	392	339	15.8	465	(15.7)
Packing, freight & forwarding	1,409	1,401	0.6	1,411	(0.2)
Other expenses	658	617	6.5	651	1.0
Total cost	4,534	4,568	(0.8)	4,577	(0.9)
EBITDA	450	829	(45.8)	405	11.1
% sale analysis	Q3FY25	Q3FY24	YoY (bp)	Q2FY25	QoQ (bp)
Raw material consumed	15.4	15.1	37.0	16.1	(64.9)
Power, oil & fuel	26.2	25.9	30.2	25.1	113.6
Employee expenses	7.9	6.3	159.3	9.3	(146.7)
Packing, freight & forwarding	28.3	26.0	231.7	28.3	(5.1)
Other expenses	13.2	11.4	175.4	13.1	13.3
Total cost	91.0	84.6	633.6	91.9	(89.8)
EBITDA	9.0	15.4	(633.6)	8.1	89.8

Source: Company, Elara Securities Research

Exhibit 2: Valuation summary

(INR mn)	March-27E
EBITDA	4,599
Target multiple - EV/EBITDA (x)	9.0
Target EV	41,387
Less: net debt	(4,653)
Target market cap	46,041
Shares (mn)	205
TP (INR)	225
CMP (INR)	332
Downside (%)	(32)

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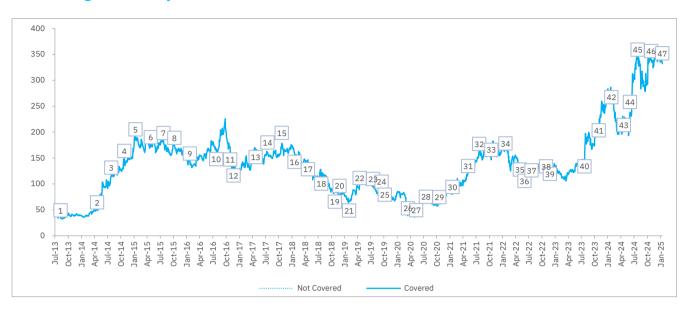
Exhibit 3: Change in estimates

(INR mn)	Earlier			Revised			% Change		
	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net revenues	27,674	32,143	35,201	26,585	28,999	31,476	(3.9)	(9.8)	(10.6)
EBITDA	3,441	5,007	6,284	2,967	3,785	4,599	(13.8)	(24.4)	(26.8)
PAT	1,189	2,079	2,813	881	1,448	2,088	(25.9)	(30.3)	(25.8)
TP (INR)			314			225			(28)

Source: Elara Securities Estimate



Coverage History



	Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
40	3-Aug-2023	Accumulate	INR 155	INR 144
41	10-Nov-2023	Accumulate	INR 232	INR 213
42	6-Feb-2024	Accumulate	INR 303	INR 277
43	2-May-2024	Accumulate	INR 261	INR 224
44	14-Jun-2024	Accumulate	INR 268	INR 239
45	6-Aug-2024	Accumulate	INR 370	INR 339
46	8-Nov-2024	Sell	INR 314	INR 337
47	24-Jan-2025	Sell	INR 225	INR 332

Guide to Research Rating

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