

Cement



Company

ACC Ambuja Cements Birla Corporation Dalmia Bharat **Grasim Industries India Cements** JK Cement JK Lakshmi Cement The Ramco Cements Shree Cement UltraTech Cement

Robust volume growth; weak cement prices led to earnings cut

Estimate volume growth of ~10% YoY for coverage universe in 4QFY24

- We estimate our coverage universe to report strong volume growth of 10% YoY (three-year CAGR at ~8%) in 4QFY24. Further, we estimate average capacity utilization of ~93% vs. ~91%/79% in 4QFY23/3QFY24. However, cement price corrected across regions in 4Q and the all-India average cement price was down ~7% (down INR25 per 50-kg bag) QoQ. We estimate blended realization for our coverage universe to decline ~3%/4% YoY/QoQ.
- Given the sharp price correction in 4QFY24, we estimate average EBITDA/t to decline ~12% QoQ to INR990 (vs. our earlier estimate of INR1,100), which would partly be offset by positive operating leverage and favorable fuel prices. Aggregate EBITDA is estimated to increase 24% YoY, while OPM is expected to improve by 2.6pp YoY to 18.2%.
- GRASIM's revenue is estimated to decline 3% YoY. VSF volume is estimated to increase 5% YoY, while realization is estimated to decline 6% YoY (up ~1% QoQ). Chemical segment volume is estimated to increase 6% YoY, while realization could decline by 20% YoY. We expect the company's EBITDA to increase 20% YoY and EBITDA margin to improve 1.6pp YoY to 8%. Adjusted PAT is estimated to grow 80% YoY.

Volume strong; however, weak pricing drive EBITDA/t reduction QoQ

- Following a moderate growth in 3QFY24, cement volumes experienced a significant surge in 4QFY24, driven by robust demand from infrastructure, realestate, and a pick-up in private capex. We estimate a ~15% YoY volume growth for JKCE, followed by ~11-12% for ACC, ACEM, BCORP, DALBHARA, and UTCEM, ~7-8% for SRCM, TRCL, and JKLC while, ICEM's volume is estimated to remain flat.
- However, cement prices have undergone a correction across regions in 4QFY24. The East and South regions witnessed the highest decline of ~8-9% QoQ, followed by the North and West regions with a ~7% and Central India with ~3% decline. We estimate the blended realization for our coverage universe to decline by ~3%/4% YoY/QoQ.
- Average Opex/t for our coverage universe is estimated to decline 6% YoY (down 3% QoQ), supported by reduction in input material cost. We estimate average variable cost/t to decline INR314/t YoY (a decline of INR67/t QoQ).
- ACC and JKCE are estimated to report strong YoY EBITDA growth at ~74-75%. EBITDA is estimated to grow 45% YoY for BCORP, 27-28% YoY for JKLC and SRCM, and 13-18% for ACEM, DALBHARA, and UTCEM. EBITDA is likely to decline 3% YoY for TRCL. ICEM is likely to report EBITDA of INR475m vs. operating loss of INR445m in 4QFY23.
- We expect EBITDA/t of INR1,218 for SRCM (the highest in our coverage universe), followed by INR1,133 for JKCE and INR1,069/INR1,038 for UTCEM/ ACEM. EBITDA/t is estimated to fall within the range of INR790-970 for ACC, BCORP, DALBHARA, JKLC, and TRCL, with INR171 for ICEM.

Sanjeev Kumar Singh - Research analyst (Sanjeev.Singh@MotilalOswal.com)

Mudit Agarwal - Research analyst (Mudit.Agarwal@MotilalOswal.com)

Reduce earnings estimates to factor in sharp price correction

- Despite higher capacity utilizations (over 90%) during the quarter, cement prices corrected sharply across regions. This has led to lower profitability in 4Q and risk to our FY25/FY26 earnings estimate.
- Demand in 1HFY25 is estimated to be moderate due to the general elections till May'24-end, followed by the monsoon season. Further, continuous capacity expansions by leading industry players (UTCEM commissioned cement capacity of 11.4mtpa and SRCM commissioned 6.3mtpa in CY24-till date), and rampingup of acquired assets are likely to keep prices under check.
- Given the lower exit prices of Mar'24 and increased competitive intensity, we do not foresee a sustainable price hike in the near term. Hence, we cut our aggregate EBITDA estimate by 3.7%/3.5% (including recent earnings cut for DALBHARA and SRCM in our company update notes) for FY25/FY26. This, in turn, led to 3.8%/5.0% reduction in aggregate profit for companies in our cement universe in FY25/FY26.

Earnings sensitivity to remain higher on price hikes

- We estimate cement demand to register a CAGR of ~7% over FY24-26, higher than our estimate for clinker capacity additions (~6% CAGR over FY24-26). Further, the industry's clinker utilization increased to ~79% in FY24 vs. ~76% in FY23. We estimate clinker utilization to further increase to 80%/81% in FY25/FY26.
- Fuel prices remain stable in the last few months, and we believe earnings sensitivity to remain higher, largely due to the pricing behaviors of industry players. **Key risk to our estimate are:** 1) substantial sustainable price hikes by the industry players to protect margins in an expected low demand environment till 1HFY25; and 2) increase in fuel prices.
- We continue to prefer UTCEM in the large-cap space. We prefer DALBHARA and JKCE in the mid-cap space.

Exhibit 1: Summary of 4QFY24 estimates

CMP			S	ales (INR n	n)	EE	BITDA (INR	m)	PAT (INR m)			
Companies	(INR)	Rating	Mar'24	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Mar'24	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Mar'24	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	
ACC	2544	Neutral	51,223	6.9	4.1	8,150	74.8	-9.8	4,736	65.8	-10.2	
Ambuja Cements	621	Neutral	47,121	10.7	6.1	9,330	18.4	9.6	6,348	12.8	23.6	
Birla Corporation	1478	Buy	26,487	7.6	14.6	3,981	45.1	5.2	1,442	102.5	32.1	
Dalmia Bharat	1997	Buy	41,676	6.5	15.8	8,007	13.2	3.3	2,560	-1.9	-4.8	
Grasim Industries	2291	Buy	64,301	-3.2	0.5	5,127	20.3	-1.9	1,683	80.0	-28.8	
India Cements	220	Sell	14,244	-2.5	31.7	475	LP	-3.1	-489	Loss	Loss	
JK Cement	4277	Buy	31,599	13.8	7.7	6,075	73.8	-2.8	2,442	117.5	-14.0	
JK Lakshmi Cem.	883	Buy	19,296	3.6	13.3	2,951	26.8	-2.3	1,408	22.6	-0.3	
Ramco Cements	845	Neutral	24,850	-3.3	18.0	4,003	-3.0	1.2	1,060	-30.4	13.6	
Shree Cement	26487	Neutral	49,755	4.0	1.5	11,463	28.4	-7.1	5,697	45.4	-22.4	
Ultratech Cement	9956	Buy	2,04,406	9.5	22.1	37,637	13.3	15.6	20,616	23.7	16.0	
Cement			5,74,959	6.1	12.4	97,198	24.2	4.6	47,502	32.1	2.1	

Exhibit 2: Comparative valuations

	CMP		ı	EPS (INR)			PE (x)			PB (x)			ROE (%)		
Company Name	INR	Reco	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	
Cement						36.5	31.7	27.3	3.7	3.3	3.0	10.2	10.4	11.1	
ACC	2,544	Neutral	98.4	120.3	132.4	25.3	21.1	19.2	3.0	2.7	2.4	12.4	13.5	13.2	
Ambuja Cements	621	Neutral	12.3	11.4	13.3	49.9	54.6	46.9	4.0	3.3	3.1	13.8	10.4	9.0	
Birla Corporation	1,478	Buy	48.3	70.0	86.8	29.5	21.1	17.0	1.7	1.7	1.6	6.1	8.3	9.5	
Dalmia Bharat	1,997	Buy	41.0	57.4	76.1	47.4	34.8	26.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	4.8	6.5	8.1	
Grasim Industries	2,291	Buy	94.2	96.1	105.7	24.3	23.8	21.7	3.1	3.0	2.9	4.6	3.0	3.9	
India Cements	220	Sell	-7.9	3.4	6.6	-26.9	64.5	33.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	-4.4	1.9	3.6	
JK Cement	4,277	Buy	108.1	139.2	174.7	37.7	30.7	24.5	5.9	5.3	4.5	16.7	18.5	19.8	
JK Lakshmi Cement	883	Buy	35.8	43.6	52.6	24.4	20.3	16.8	3.2	2.9	2.5	14.1	15.1	16.0	
Ramco Cements	845	Neutral	16.1	26.0	35.1	50.5	32.5	24.1	2.7	2.6	2.4	5.5	8.4	10.4	
Shree Cement	26,487	Neutral	658.6	625.4	671.4	39.0	42.4	39.4	4.6	4.3	4.0	12.3	10.6	10.5	
Ultratech Cement	9,956	Buy	235.6	290.5	344.6	41.4	34.3	28.9	4.7	4.3	3.8	11.9	13.2	14.0	

Exhibit 3: Relative performance – three-months (%)

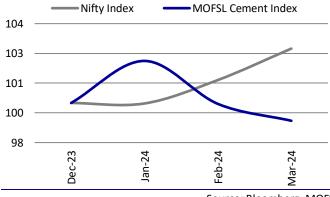
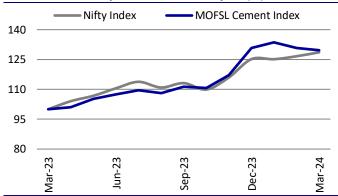
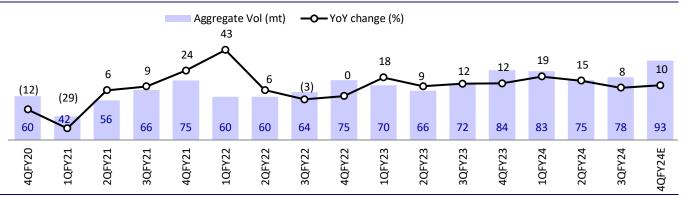


Exhibit 4: Relative performance – one-year (%)



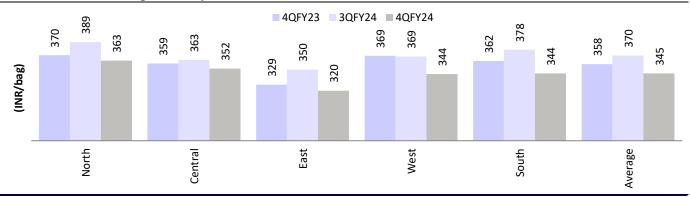
Source: Bloomberg, MOFSL Source: Bloomberg, MOFSL

Exhibit 5: Expect 10% YoY growth in aggregate sales volume for our coverage universe



Source: MOFSL, Company, E: MOFSL estimate

Exhibit 6: Pan-India average cement price down 4%/7% YoY/QoQ



Source: MOFSL, Industry

Exhibit 7: Expect realization to decline 3%/4% YoY/QoQ

 4QFY20
 4,930

 1QFY21
 5,163

 2QFY21
 5,093

 3QFY21
 5,093

 1QFY22
 5,383

 2QFY22
 5,388

 3QFY22
 5,446

 1QFY23
 5,670

 4QFY23
 5,670

 4QFY24
 5,677

 3QFY23
 5,637

 4QFY24
 5,627

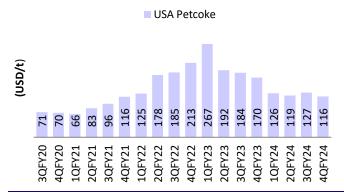
 3QFY24
 5,627

 3QFY24
 5,627

 3QFY24E
 5,485

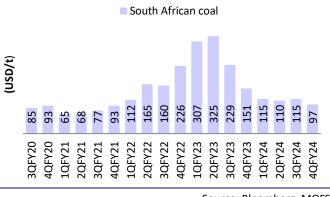
Source: MOFSL; E: MOFSL estimate

Exhibit 8: Average USA Petcoke price down 9% QoQ in 4Q



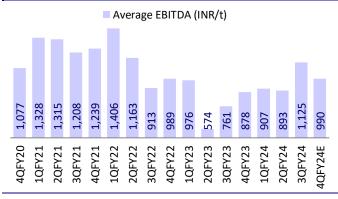
Source: MOFSL, Industry

Exhibit 9: Average South African coal price down 15% QoQ



Source: Bloomberg, MOFSL

Exhibit 10: Expect average EBITDA/t to increase 13% YoY



Source: Company, MOFSL; E: MOFSL estimate

Exhibit 11: Key operating parameters

Commonica	1	/olume (mt)		Rea	alization (INR	k/t)	EBITDA (INR/t)			
Companies	4QFY24E	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	4QFY24E	YoY (INR)	QoQ (INR)	4QFY24E	YoY (INR)	QoQ (INR)	
ACC	9.6	12.4	7.6	5,359	(277)	(179)	853	304	(164)	
Ambuja Cements	9.0	11.3	9.6	5,243	(30)	(171)	1,038	62	0	
Birla Corporation	5.0	11.9	18.3	5,329	(217)	(175)	801	183	(100)	
Dalmia Bharat	8.3	12.2	22.1	5,021	(265)	(273)	965	9	(175)	
India Cements	2.8	(0.4)	39.7	5,137	(107)	(314)	171	331	(76)	
JK Cement	5.4	14.8	13.9	5,894	(53)	(343)	1,133	385	(195)	
JK Lakshmi Cement	3.5	7.8	17.8	5,534	(223)	(218)	846	127	(174)	
The Ramco Cements	5.0	7.2	26.0	4,932	(536)	(334)	794	(84)	(194)	
Shree Cement	9.4	6.6	5.9	5,287	(133)	(226)	1,218	207	(170)	
UltraTech Cement	35.2	11.2	28.9	5,804	(88)	(323)	1,069	20	(123)	
Sector aggregate/avg.	93.1	10.4	19.5	5,485	(154)	(255)	990	111	(136)	

Exhibit 12: Summary of changes in our earnings estimates

			EBITDA (IN	IR b)			EPS (INR)						
	Rev	ised	Ear	lier	Chan	ge (%)	Rev	ised	Ear	lier	Chan	ge (%)	
	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	
UTCEM	149.7	172.8	154.7	180.8	-3.2	-4.5	290	345	305	366	-4.8	-6.0	
ACEM	44.2	51.2	45.8	52.4	-3.5	-2.2	11	13	12	14	-4.1	-2.5	
SRCM*	47.5	53.8	47.5	53.8	0.0	0.0	625	671	625	671	0.0	0.0	
ACC	36.4	39.9	36.5	39.9	-0.2	0.1	120	132	121	132	-0.2	0.2	
DALBHARA*	32.5	39.7	32.5	39.7	0.0	0.0	57	76	57	76	0.0	0.0	
JKCE	25.3	28.9	24.3	27.3	4.5	5.7	139	175	130	161	7.2	8.3	
TRCL	19.2	22.3	20.8	23.0	-7.3	-2.9	26	35	31	37	-15.5	-5.8	
BCORP	16.0	17.7	16.9	18.4	-5.4	-3.4	70	87	74	88	-5.4	-1.5	
ICEM	5.6	6.8	6.8	7.3	-17.3	-6.8	3	7	6	8	-45.3	-15.4	
JKLC	11.8	14.0	12.2	14.4	-3.2	-2.5	44	53	45	54	-4.1	-3.0	

^{*}Note: We cut earnings estimate for SRCM and DALBHARA in our recent company updates

Exhibit 13: Revision to our target prices

(INR)	New TP	Old TP	Change (%)
UTCEM	11,300	12,000	-6
ACEM	590	550	7
SRCM	27,700	27,700	0
ACC	2,550	2,550	0
DALBHARA*	2,500	2,500	0
JKCE	5,350	5,050	6
TRCL	940	970	-3
BCORP	1700	1800	-6
ICEM	160	185	-14
JKLC	1,000	1,030	-3

Note: *We cut TP for DALBHARA in our recent company update

Exhibit 14: Valuation summary

	M-cap	CMP (INR)	Rating			EV/t	(USD)	Net debt/ EBITDA (x)		
	(USD b)	(INK)		FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	
ACC	6.4	2,544	Neutral	11.3	9.8	149	133	(1.6)	(2.0)	
Ambuja Cements	16.5	621	Neutral	24.3	21.0	341	309	(4.6)	(3.9)	
Birla Corporation	1.5	1,478	Buy	8.9	7.5	95	83	2.0	1.6	
Dalmia Bharat	5.0	1,997	Buy	11.3	9.5	104	102	0.4	0.3	
Grasim Industries	20.9	2,291	Buy	10.1	7.7	N/A	N/A	2.4	1.7	
India Cements	0.9	220	Sell	17.0	13.6	80	78	5.0	3.9	
JK Cement	4.4	4,277	Buy	14.3	12.1	193	172	1.7	1.4	
JK Lakshmi Cement	1.4	883	Buy	8.4	6.8	67	57	1.2	1.5	
Ramco Cements	2.7	845	Neutral	12.8	11.0	142	135	2.8	2.2	
Shree Cement	12.8	26,487	Neutral	18.8	16.6	212	183	(0.9)	(0.7)	
UltraTech Cement	38.5	9,956	Buy	19.0	16.2	250	234	0.1	(0.3)	

Source: MOFSL, Company

The tables below provide a snapshot of actual and estimated numbers for companies under the MOFSL coverage universe. Highlighted columns indicate the quarter/financial year under review.

ACC Neutral

CMP: INR2,544 | TP: INR2,550 (+0.2%)

- EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: -0.2 | +0.2 Variable cost/t to decline 17% YoY (up 2% QoQ). Opex/t is
- We expect sales volume to grow 12% YoY, whereas cement realization could decline 5% YoY and 4% QoQ.
- estimated to decline 11% YoY (flat QoQ).

 Depreciation cost is estimated to increase 27% YoY. Adi
- We expect EBITDA/t at INR853 vs. INR549/INR1,017 in 4QFY23/3QFY24.

Depreciation cost is estimated to increase 37% YoY. Adj.
PAT is likely to increase 66% YoY.

Standalone quarterly p	erformanc	е									(INR b)
V/E March		FY23	3 *				FY24			FY23*	FY24E
Y/E March	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	5Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE		
Cement Sales (mt)	7.90	7.59	6.85	7.70	8.50	9.40	8.10	8.88	9.56	38.6	35.9
Change (YoY %)	(0.9)	11.0	4.3	2.8	7.6	23.8	18.2	15.3	12.4	31.3	16.4
Net Sales	44.3	44.7	39.9	45.4	47.9	52.0	44.3	49.2	51.2	222.1	196.8
Change (YoY %)	3.1	15.0	6.4	7.4	8.2	16.4	11.2	8.4	6.9	37.5	(11.4)
EBITDA	6.3	4.3	0.2	3.8	4.7	7.7	5.5	9.0	8.1	19.2	30.4
Margin (%)	14.3	9.5	0.4	8.3	9.7	14.8	12.4	18.4	15.9	8.6	15.4
Depreciation	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.4	8.4	8.8
Interest	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.2
Other Income	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.4	1.2	0.8	2.1	0.8	0.9	3.4	4.6
PBT before EO Item	5.3	3.0	-1.0	2.3	3.9	6.2	5.2	7.2	6.3	13.4	24.9
EO Income/(Expense)	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.8	-0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.6	0.0
PBT after EO Item	5.3	3.0	-1.2	1.5	3.3	6.2	5.2	7.2	6.3	11.8	24.9
Tax	1.4	0.8	-0.3	0.4	0.9	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.5	3.1	6.4
Rate (%)	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.1	27.8	25.5	25.5	26.6	24.6	26.4	25.6
Reported PAT	3.9	2.2	-0.9	1.1	2.4	4.6	3.8	5.3	4.7	8.7	18.5
Adjusted PAT	3.9	2.2	-0.8	1.7	2.9	4.6	3.8	5.3	4.7	9.9	18.5
Margin (%)	8.8	5.0	-1.9	3.7	6.0	8.9	8.7	10.7	9.2	4.5	9.4
Change (YoY %)	(30.1)	(60.5)	NM	(47.4)	(26.6)	108.8	NM	212.1	65.8	(47.6)	86.9

*Note: FY23 was 15-month period as the company changed its accounting year-end from December to March

Ambuja Cements

Neutral

CMP: INR621 | TP: INR590 (-5%)

- Sales volume to increase 11% YoY, while realization is estimated to decline 1% YoY and 3% QoQ.
- EBITDA/t is expected to be at INR1,038 vs. INR977/INR1,038 in 4QFY23/3QFY24.

- EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: -4.1 | -2.5
- We expect variable cost/t to decline 5% YoY and 7% QoQ.
 Opex/t is expected to decline 2% YoY and 4% QoQ.
- Other income to increase 7%/72% YoY/QoQ due to higher cash balance. Adjusted PAT is likely to increase 16% YoY.

Standalone quarterly performance

(INR b)

//E December/March		FY2	3*		FY24					FY23*	FY24E
T/E December/Warch	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	5Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE		
Sales Volume (mt)	7.49	7.39	7.04	7.71	8.07	9.08	7.58	8.20	8.99	37.78	33.85
Change (YoY %)	3	15	14	8	8	23	8	6	11	12	12
Realization (INR/t)	5,243	5,404	5,220	5,352	5,273	5,209	5,235	5,414	5,190	5,226	5,221
Change (YoY %)	5	3	(0)	3	1	(4)	0	1	(2)	2	(0)
Net Sales	39.3	39.9	36.8	41.3	42.6	47.3	39.7	44.4	47.1	199.9	178.5
Change (YoY %)	8.4	18.5	13.5	10.5	8.4	18.4	8.0	7.5	10.7	43.0	-10.7
EBITDA	7.9	6.8	3.1	6.3	7.9	9.5	7.7	8.5	9.3	32.2	35.1
Margin (%)	20.2	17.1	8.5	15.2	18.5	20.1	19.5	19.2	19.8	16.1	19.6
Depreciation	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	8.3	9.3
Interest	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	1.3	1.6
Other Income	0.3	6.3	0.4	0.9	1.7	1.9	3.8	1.1	1.9	9.5	8.6
PBT before EO Item	6.5	11.4	1.7	5.3	7.2	8.7	8.8	6.8	8.5	32.1	32.8
Extraordinary Inc./(Exp.)	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.6	-0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.6	0.0
PBT after EO Exp./(Inc.)	6.5	11.4	1.6	4.6	6.4	8.7	8.8	6.8	8.5	30.6	32.8
Tax	1.6	0.9	0.2	0.9	1.4	2.2	2.4	1.7	2.1	5.0	8.4
Prior period tax adj. and reversal	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0
Rate (%)	24.2	21.1	11.7	20.4	21.9	25.6	26.8	24.5	25.3	21.3	25.6
Reported Profit	4.9	10.5	1.4	3.7	5.0	6.4	6.4	5.1	6.3	25.5	24.4
Adj. PAT	4.9	9.0	1.5	4.1	5.6	6.4	6.4	5.1	6.3	25.2	24.4
Change (YoY %)	(25.6)	24.2	(65.9)	37.9	13.8	(28.2)	328.5	23.8	12.8	18.4	(3.3)

*Note: FY23 is 15-month period as the company changed its accounting year-end from December to March

Birla Corporation

CMP: INR1,478 | TP: INR1,700 (+15%)

- EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: -5.4 | -1.5 ■ We estimate a volume growth of 12% YoY. Realization is
- expected to decline 4% YoY/QoQ.
- We expect EBITDA/t at INR801 vs. INR618/INR901 in 4QFY23/3QFY24.
- Variable cost/t is estimated to decline 19% YoY and 2% QoQ. Opex/t is estimated to decline 8% YoY and 2% QoQ.
- Depreciation/interest is likely to increase 4%/10% YoY. Adj. PAT is estimated to increase 103% YoY.

Consolidated performance										(INR b)
Y/E March		FY23	3			FY24	ļ		FY23	FY24E
Y/E March	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE		
Sales volume (mt)	3.93	3.64	3.72	4.44	4.41	4.18	4.20	4.97	15.73	17.76
Change (YoY %)	17.3	11.3	11.0	4.7	12.2	14.8	12.9	11.9	10.6	12.9
Cement Realization (INR/t)	5,344	5,151	5,177	5,279	5,229	5,211	5,316	5,090	5,242	5,207
Change (YoY %)	8.1	5.6	4.9	4.1	(2.2)	1.2	2.7	(3.6)	5.7	(0.7)
Net Sales	22.0	20.0	20.2	24.6	24.1	22.9	23.1	26.5	86.8	96.5
Change (YoY %)	26.0	17.8	15.2	8.8	9.3	14.3	14.7	7.6	16.4	11.2
EBITDA	2.6	0.9	1.4	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.8	4.0	7.7	13.6
Margin (%)	11.8	4.7	7.2	11.1	12.4	12.6	16.4	15.0	8.9	14.1
Depreciation	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	5.1	5.7
Interest	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.4	3.9
Other Income	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	1.1	1.0
Profit before Tax	0.9	-0.8	-0.6	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.9	0.4	5.0
EO (Income)/Expense	0.1	-	-	(0.2)	-	0.0	-	-	(0.1)	0.0
Profit before Tax after EO	0.8	-0.8	-0.6	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.9	0.4	5.0
Tax	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.0	1.3
Rate (%)	19.7	31.5	22.6	24.8	21.7	24.3	28.9	24.8	6.1	25.5
Reported PAT	0.6	-0.6	-0.5	0.8	0.6	0.6	1.1	1.4	0.4	3.7
Adj. PAT	0.7	-0.6	-0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.1	1.4	0.4	3.7
Margin (%)	3.2	-2.8	-2.5	2.9	2.5	2.6	4.7	5.4	0.4	3.8
Change (YoY %)	(49.6)	NM	NM	(48.5)	(16.2)	NM	NM	102.5	(91.4)	929.7

Dalmia Bharat

Buy

CMP: INR1,997 | TP: INR2,500 (+25%)

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: -- | --

- We estimate sales volume to grow 12% YoY. Realization to decline 5% YoY and QoQ.
- We estimate EBITDA/t to be at INR965 vs. INR955/ INR1,140 in 4QFY23/3QFY24.
- We estimate variable cost/t to decline 9% YoY (flat QoQ). While opex/t is likely to decline 6% YoY and 2% QoQ.
- Depreciation/interest cost is estimated to increase 14%/ 70% YoY. Adj. PAT is estimated to decline 2% YoY.

Consolidated performance										(INR b)
V/E Manah		FY23	3			FY24	1		FY23	FY24E
Y/E March –	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE		
Sales volume (mt)	6.2	5.8	6.3	7.4	7.0	6.2	6.8	8.3	25.7	28.3
Change (YoY %)	26.8	13.7	10.5	12.1	12.4	6.9	7.9	12.2	15.3	10.0
Realization (INR/t)	5,326	5,122	5,325	5,286	5,199	5,079	5,294	5,021	5,268	5,143
Change (YoY %)	0.5	1.2	11.0	3.2	-2.4	-0.8	-0.6	-5.0	4.1	-2.4
Net Sales	33.0	29.7	33.6	39.1	36.2	31.5	36.0	41.7	135.4	145.4
Change (YoY %)	27.4	15.1	22.7	15.7	9.8	6.0	7.3	6.5	20.0	7.4
EBITDA	5.9	3.8	6.4	7.1	6.1	5.9	7.8	8.0	23.2	27.7
Margin (%)	17.7	12.8	19.2	18.1	16.8	18.7	21.5	19.2	17.1	19.1
Depreciation	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.4	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.8	13.1	15.5
Interest	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.1	2.3	4.0
Other Income	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.7	1.4	2.7
PBT before EO Expense	2.5	0.3	2.9	3.5	1.9	1.7	3.6	3.8	9.2	10.9
Extra-Ord. expense	0.0	0.0	0.0	-3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-3.9	0.0
PBT after EO Expense	2.5	0.3	2.9	7.3	1.9	1.7	3.6	3.8	13.0	10.9
Tax	0.6	-0.2	0.7	1.3	0.4	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.4	2.9
Prior period tax adj.	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.1
Rate (%)	25.5	23.3	25.5	36.5	22.2	27.9	24.7	27.1	29.6	26.7
Reported PAT (pre-minority)	1.9	0.5	2.1	6.1	1.4	1.2	2.7	2.7	10.6	8.1
Minority + associate	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4
PAT Adj. for EO items	2.0	0.3	2.0	2.6	1.3	1.2	2.7	2.6	6.9	7.7
Change (YoY %)	-30.4	-87.4	286.5	-1.9	-33.3	325.0	33.8	-1.9	-16.5	13.0

April 2024

Grasim Industries

CMP: INR2,291 | TP: INR2,650 (+16%)

- We expect revenue for the VSF segments to decline 1% YoY, while for the Chemical segment it is expected to drop 15% YoY.
- EBITDA for the VSF segment is expected to grow 166% YoY and OPM is expected to increase 6.5pp YoY to 10.3%.
- Chemical segment's EBITDA is expected to decline 19% YoY, and OPM should contract 80bp YoY to 14.6%.

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: -0.4 | +0.1

- We expect blended EBITDA/kg of INR17.9 for the VSF segment vs. INR13.6/INR18.7 in 4QFY23/3QFY24.
- Standalone EBITDA is expected to grow 20% YoY to INR5b and OPM is estimated to increase 1.6pp YoY to 8%.
- Adjusted profit to increase 80% YoY to INR1.7b (down 29% QoQ due to higher tax).

Standalone performance										(INR b)
V/E Moush		FY23	3			FY24	ļ		FY23	FY24E
Y/E March —	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE		
Net Sales	72.5	67.5	62.0	66.5	62.4	64.4	64.0	64.3	268.4	255.1
Change (YoY %)	92.8	36.7	7.1	4.2	(14.0)	(4.5)	3.3	(3.2)	28.7	(5.0)
EBITDA	13.2	9.6	4.8	4.3	6.7	5.9	5.2	5.1	31.8	23.0
Margin (%)	18.2	14.2	7.7	6.4	10.8	9.2	8.2	8.0	11.8	9.0
Depreciation	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1	11.0	11.9
Interest	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	3.7	4.3
Other Income	0.4	7.6	1.0	1.2	1.2	7.6	1.2	1.3	10.2	11.2
PBT before EO Items	10.2	13.6	2.2	1.4	4.0	9.6	2.4	2.2	27.3	18.1
Extraordinary Inc./(Exp.)	-	(0.9)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.9)	-
PBT after EO Items	10.2	12.7	2.2	1.4	4.0	9.6	2.4	2.2	26.5	18.1
Tax	2.1	3.1	-0.4	0.4	0.4	1.6	0.0	0.5	5.2	2.5
Rate (%)	20.9	24.2	(19.7)	30.9	10.2	16.8	1.2	22.7	19.7	14.0
Reported PAT	8.1	9.6	2.6	0.9	3.6	7.9	2.4	1.7	21.2	15.5
Prior period tax/DTL reversal	-	-	(1.0)	-	-	-	-	-	(1.0)	-
Adj. PAT	8.1	10.3	1.6	0.9	3.6	7.9	2.4	1.7	20.9	15.5
Margin (%)	11.1	15.3	2.6	1.4	5.7	12.3	3.7	2.6	7.8	6.1
Change (YoY %)	81.3	8.8	(67.1)	(73.2)	(56.1)	(22.9)	46.9	80.0	(6.2)	(25.7)

India Cements

CMP: INR220 | TP: INR160 (-27%)

- We expect volume to be flat YoY and blended realization to decline 2% YoY and 6% QoQ.
- We estimate blended EBITDA/t of INR171 vs. operating loss/t at INR160 in 4QFY23.

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: -45.3 | -15.4

/INID LA

- We expect variable cost/t to decline 14%/2% YoY/QoQ. Opex/t is estimated to decline 8%/5% YoY/QoQ.
- ICEM should report a net loss of INR489m vs. a loss of INR1.2b/INR345m in 4QFY23/3QFY24.

Standalone performance										(INR b)
V/E Mouch		FY23	3			FY24	ı		FY23	FY24E
Y/E March	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE		
Sales volume (mt)	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.0	2.8	9.9	9.8
Change (YoY %)	37.4	(4.5)	3.5	4.8	(0.2)	5.1	(9.0)	(0.4)	9.1	(1.0)
Realization (INR/t)	5,413	5,566	5,589	5,244	5,225	5,157	5,450	5,137	5,439	5,229
Change (YoY %)	3.0	10.4	6.3	0.1	(3.5)	(7.4)	(2.5)	(2.0)	4.7	(3.9)
Net Sales	14.5	12.5	12.2	14.6	13.9	12.2	10.8	14.2	53.8	51.2
Change (YoY %)	41.4	5.4	10.0	4.9	(3.7)	(2.6)	(11.3)	(2.5)	14.2	(4.8)
EBITDA	0.3	(0.9)	(0.7)	(0.4)	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.5	(1.7)	1.1
Margin (%)	2.1	(7.3)	(5.7)	(3.0)	0.4	0.7	4.5	3.3	(3.2)	2.1
Depreciation	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	2.1	2.2
Interest	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	2.3	2.4
Other Income	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4
PBT before EO expense	(0.7)	(2.1)	(1.8)	(1.3)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(0.5)	(0.6)	(5.9)	(3.0)
Extra-Ord. expense	-	-	(2.9)	1.1	-	-	(0.3)	-	(1.8)	(0.3)
PBT	(0.7)	(2.1)	1.1	(2.4)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(0.2)	(0.6)	(4.1)	(2.8)
Tax	(1.5)	(0.7)	0.2	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(2.2)	(0.6)
Rate (%)	205.7	33.5	20.5	10.1	23.9	17.6	31.3	12.4	53.7	20.0
Reported PAT	0.8	(1.4)	0.9	(2.2)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.2)	(0.5)	(1.9)	(2.2)
Tax	(1.5)	-	-	(0.2)	-	-	-	-	(1.7)	-
Adj. PAT	(0.7)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.2)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.3)	(0.5)	(4.7)	(2.4)
Change (YoY %)	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Margin (%)	(5.0)	(11.0)	(11.7)	(7.9)	(5.4)	(6.7)	(3.2)	(3.4)	(8.7)	(4.7)

Adj. PAT is estimated to increase 118% YoY.

4QFY23/3QFY24.

JK Cement

CMP: INR4,277 | TP: INR5,350 (+25%)

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: +7.2 | +8.3

- We estimate JKCE's volume to grow 15% YoY. Blended realization is estimated to decline 1% YoY/6% QoQ.
- Opex/t is estimated to decline 8% YoY/3% QoQ. Variable cost/t is likely to decline 17% YoY (decline by 1% QoQ). ■ We estimate EBITDA/t at INR1,133 vs. INR748/INR1,329 in Depreciation/interest cost should increase 13%/14% YoY.

Consolidated performance										(INR b)
V/E Bassels		FY23	3			FY24			FY23	FY24E
Y/E March	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE		
Sales volume (mt)	3.7	3.6	4.1	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.7	5.4	16.23	19.23
Change (YoY %)	22.0	9.4	24.8	15.8	25.4	24.5	13.5	14.8	16.4	18.5
Realization (INR/t)	6,149	6,138	5,879	5,947	5,968	6,068	6,238	5,894	5,988	6,037
Change (YoY %)	8.6	7.9	(3.8)	2.1	(2.9)	(1.1)	6.1	(0.9)	4.5	0.8
Net Sales	22.7	22.4	24.4	27.8	27.6	27.5	29.3	31.6	97.2	116.1
Change (YoY %)	32.4	18.0	20.0	18.1	21.7	23.1	20.5	13.8	21.6	19.4
EBITDA	4.0	3.1	2.5	3.5	4.1	4.7	6.3	6.1	13.1	21.1
Margin (%)	17.8	14.0	10.2	12.6	14.8	17.0	21.3	19.2	13.5	18.2
Depreciation	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	4.6	5.6
Interest	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	3.1	4.6
Other Income	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.9	1.4
PBT before EO expense	2.5	1.5	0.7	1.6	2.0	2.4	4.1	3.8	6.3	12.3
Extra-Ord. expense	-	-	-	-	0.2	-	-	-	-	0.2
PBT	2.5	1.5	0.7	1.6	1.8	2.4	4.1	3.8	6.3	12.1
Tax	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.3	1.3	2.1	3.9
Profit from associate and MI	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	-	(0.1)	(0.0)
Rate (%)	35.8	27.6	46.2	30.5	37.2	26.9	30.6	35.6	32.5	32.2
Reported PAT	1.6	1.1	0.4	1.1	1.1	1.8	2.8	2.4	4.3	8.2
Adj. PAT	1.6	1.1	0.4	1.1	1.2	1.8	2.8	2.4	4.3	8.3
Change (YoY %)	(15.3)	(26.1)	(73.2)	(43.1)	(23.7)	59.8	628.0	117.5	(37.9)	95.1

JK Lakshmi Buy

CMP: INR883 | TP: INR1,000 (+13%)

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: -4.1 | -3.0

- Sales volume is expected to increase 8% YoY. Realization is expected to decline 4% YoY/QoQ.
- EBITDA/t is estimated at INR846 vs. INR719/INR1,021 in 4QFY23/3QFY24.
- We expect Opex/t to decline 7%/1% YoY/QoQ. Variable cost is likely to decline 13% YoY (up 2% QoQ).
- Depreciation/interest cost should increase 20%/30% YoY/ QoQ. PAT is estimated to grow 28% YoY.

Consolidated performance										(INR b)
Y/E March		FY23	3			FY24				FY24E
T/E March	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE		
Sales volume (mt)	3.00	2.43	2.75	3.23	3.04	2.73	2.96	3.49	11.42	12.21
Change (YoY %)	8.3	1.2	7.8	(0.9)	1.2	12.3	7.6	7.8	4	7
Realization (INR/t)	5,514	5,645	5,677	5,758	5,699	5,763	5,753	5,534	5,650	5,679
Change (YoY %)	15.2	12.3	12.7	17.4	3.4	2.1	1.3	(3.9)	14.5	0.5
Net Sales	16.5	13.7	15.6	18.6	17.3	15.7	17.0	19.3	64.5	69.4
Change (YoY %)	24.8	13.6	21.5	16.4	4.6	14.6	9.0	3.6	19.0	7.5
EBITDA	2.6	1.6	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.2	3.0	3.0	8.4	10.1
Margin (%)	15.5	11.9	11.9	12.5	11.3	13.8	17.7	15.3	13.0	14.6
Depreciation	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	2.3	2.5
Interest	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.3	1.4
Other Income	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.6
PBT before EO expense	1.7	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.2	1.4	2.1	2.1	5.3	6.8
Extra-Ord. expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.1)	-	-	(0.1)
PBT	1.7	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.2	1.4	2.2	2.1	5.3	6.9
Tax	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.7	2.2
Prior period tax adj.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate (%)	33.1	33.8	27.9	29.0	32.7	32.0	32.7	31.7	30.9	32.2
Reported PAT	1.2	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.4	3.7	4.7
Adj. PAT	1.2	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.4	1.4	3.7	4.6
Change (YoY %)	(15.5)	(29.2)	17.7	(46.7)	(30.7)	55.2	82.3	22.6	(26.9)	24.0

April 2024

4QFY23/3QFY24.

The Ramco Cements

Neutral

CMP: INR845 | TP: INR940 (+11%)

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: -15.5 | -5.8

■ We expect volumes to rise 7% YoY. Realization to decline south regions.

EBITDA/t is estimated at INR794 vs. INR878/INR988 in

- 6% QoQ, due to significant price correction in the east and
- Depreciation/interest cost to increase 19%/34% YoY. PAT is estimated to decline 30% YoY.

to decline ~10% YoY.

Expect variable cost/t to decline 19% YoY. Opex/t is likely

Quarterly performance (INR b) FY24 Y/E March **FY23** FY23 FY24E **1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q 1Q 2Q 3Q** 4QE Sales Volume (mt) 3.31 3.35 3.64 4.70 4.30 4.61 4.00 5.04 15.02 17.95 29.9 Change (YoY %) 54.6 23.5 21.1 45.5 37.7 9.9 7.2 34.8 19.5 Cement Realization (INR/t) 5,265 5,298 5,253 5,515 5,464 5,212 5,053 4,932 5,384 5,104 (5.2)Change (YoY %) (6.2)(2.5)7.3 3.4 (1.6)(3.8)(4.5)(9.7)1.3 **Net Sales** 17.7 17.8 20.1 25.7 22.4 23.3 21.1 24.9 81.4 91.6 19.5 30.5 Change (YoY %) 44.3 29.7 50.3 26.4 4.8 (3.3)36.0 12.6 3.0 1.8 4.0 11.8 15.4 **EBITDA** 2.8 4.1 3.4 4.0 4.0 17.0 10.3 14.2 16.1 15.2 17.1 18.8 16.1 14.5 16.8 Margin (%) 1.4 1.2 1.4 1.7 1.7 6.4 Depreciation 1.1 1.5 1.6 5.0 Interest 0.5 0.6 0.6 0.8 0.9 1.2 1.0 1.0 2.4 4.2 Other Income 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.2 0.4 0.4 PBT before EO expense 1.5 0.2 1.0 2.1 1.1 1.4 1.3 1.5 4.7 5.3 **PBT** 1.5 0.2 1.0 2.1 1.1 1.4 1.3 1.5 4.7 5.3 0.5 0.0 Tax 0.4 0.3 0.3 0.4 0.4 0.4 1.3 1.5 Prior year tax adj. 27.0 28.4 30.7 26.3 27.0 26.7 30.8 27.4 27.5 28.0 Rate (%) **Reported PAT** 3.8 1.1 0.1 0.7 1.5 0.8 1.0 0.9 1.1 3.4 Adj. PAT 1.1 0.1 0.7 1.5 0.8 1.0 0.9 1.1 3.4 3.8 Change (YoY %) (33.6)(94.7)(18.4)23.7 (29.7)783.2 38.6 (30.4)(41.8)10.5

Shree Cement Neutral

5.9

3.5

4.3

3.4

CMP: INR26,487 | TP: INR27,700 (+5%)

Margin (%)

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25|26: --|--

4.2

4.1

4.3

We expect volume to increase 7% YoY. Blended realization to decline 2%/4% YoY/QoQ.

6.3

0.6

- We estimate EBITDA/t at INR1,218 vs. INR1,011/INR1,388 in 4QFY23/3QFY24.
- Variable cost/t is estimated to decline 19% YoY. Opex/t is likely to decline 8% YoY.

4.4

PAT is estimated to increase 45% YoY. Our EPS estimate increase was mainly due to lower depreciation charge vs. earlier guidance by the management.

Standalone quarterly performance								(INR b)		
		FY23				FY2	1		FY23	FY24E
Y/E March	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE		
Sales Volume (mt)	7.50	7.46	8.03	8.83	8.92	8.20	8.89	9.41	31.82	35.26
Change (YoY %)	9.7	18.0	22.6	10.0	18.8	9.9	10.7	6.6	14.7	10.8
Blended Realization (INR/t)	5,602	5,071	5,065	5,420	5,607	5,594	5,513	5,287	5,292	5,519
Change (YoY %)	11.1	0.0	-6.6	6.2	0.1	10.3	8.8	-2.5	2.4	4.3
Net Sales	42.0	37.8	40.7	47.9	50.0	45.8	49.0	49.8	168.4	194.6
Change (YoY %)	21.8	17.9	14.6	16.7	18.9	21.3	20.4	4.0	17.5	15.6
EBITDA	8.2	5.2	7.1	8.9	9.3	8.7	12.3	11.5	29.4	41.8
Margin (%)	19.5	13.8	17.4	18.7	18.7	19.0	25.2	23.0	17.5	21.5
Depreciation	3.3	3.6	4.1	4.4	3.1	3.3	3.5	4.4	15.5	14.3
Interest	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8	2.7	2.7
Other Income	-0.2	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.5	4.3	5.7
PBT before EO Exp.	4.1	2.5	3.8	5.1	7.1	6.0	9.7	7.7	15.6	30.5
Extra-Ord. Expense	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PBT	4.1	2.5	3.8	5.1	7.1	6.0	9.7	7.7	15.6	30.5
Tax	1.0	0.6	1.1	-0.3	1.3	1.1	2.3	2.0	2.3	6.7
Rate (%)	23.4	23.9	28.0	23.6	18.2	17.6	24.0	26.3	14.8	22.0
Reported PAT	3.2	1.9	2.8	5.5	5.8	4.9	7.3	5.7	13.3	23.8
Prior period Tax adjustment	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.5	0.0
Adj. PAT	3.2	1.9	2.8	3.9	5.8	4.9	7.3	5.7	11.7	23.8
Change (YoY %)	-52.3	-66.9	-43.7	-28.1	84.2	159.1	165.3	45.4	-48.3	102.4

April 2024 10

UltraTech Cement Buy

CMP: INR9,956 | TP: INR11,300 (+13%)

EPS CHANGE (%): FY25 | 26: -4.8 | -6.0

- Estimate sales volumes (consolidated) to increase 11% YoY and blended realization to decline ~2%/5% YoY/QoQ.
- RMC revenue is expected to increase 22% YoY. White cement revenue is expected to be flat YoY.
- We expect EBITDA/t at INR1,069 vs. INR1,049/INR1,191 in 4QFY23/3QFY24.
- Variable cost per tonne is estimated to decline 8%/2% YoY/QoQ. Expect Opex/t to decline 2%/4% YoY/QoQ.
- EBITDA is estimated to grow 13% YoY and OPM to surge 60bp YoY to 18.4%.
- Interest expense is estimated to increase 46% YoY. Adj. PAT should surge 24% YoY.

Consolidated performance										(INR b)
		FY23	3			FY24	FY23	FY24E		
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE		
Sales Volume (mt)	25.0	23.1	25.9	31.7	30.0	26.7	27.3	35.2	106.2	119.2
Change (YoY %)	16.3	6.7	11.8	14.4	19.6	15.5	5.6	11.2	12.9	12.3
Blended Realn. (INR/t)	6,056	6,014	6,002	5,893	5,920	5,999	6,127	5,804	5,957	5,951
Change (YoY %)	10.2	8.3	6.9	3.5	-2.2	-0.2	2.1	-1.5	6.5	-0.1
Change (QoQ %)	6.4	-0.7	-0.2	-1.8	0.5	1.3	2.1	-5.3		
Net Sales	151.6	138.9	155.2	186.6	177.4	160.1	167.4	204.4	632.4	709.3
Change (YoY %)	28.2	15.6	19.5	18.4	17.0	15.3	7.9	9.5	20.2	12.2
Total Expenditure	120.7	120.3	131.9	153.4	146.9	134.6	134.9	166.8	526.2	583.1
EBITDA	30.9	18.7	23.4	33.2	30.5	25.5	32.5	37.6	106.2	126.2
Margin (%)	20.4	13.4	15.0	17.8	17.2	15.9	19.4	18.4	16.8	17.8
Depreciation	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.6	7.5	8.0	7.8	7.9	28.9	31.2
Interest	2.2	2.0	2.2	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.8	8.2	9.9
Other Income	1.1	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.2	5.0	6.0
PBT before EO expense	22.9	11.0	15.2	24.9	22.6	16.9	23.5	28.1	74.1	91.1
Extra-Ord. expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PBT after EO Expense	22.9	11.0	15.2	24.9	22.6	16.9	23.5	28.1	74.1	91.1
Tax	7.1	3.4	4.6	8.2	5.8	4.1	5.8	7.3	23.4	22.9
Prior period tax adjustment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rate (%)	31.0	31.2	30.5	33.0	25.5	24.3	24.7	25.9	31.6	25.2
Reported PAT	15.8	7.6	10.6	16.7	16.9	12.8	17.7	20.8	50.7	68.2
Minority Interest	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1
Adj. PAT	15.9	7.6	10.6	16.7	16.9	12.8	17.8	20.6	50.7	68.1
Change (YoY %)	-6.7	-42.5	-9.7	12.7	6.3	69.6	67.9	23.7	-10.6	34.3

NOTES

Explanation of Investment Rating							
Investment Rating	Expected return (over 12-month)						
BUY	>=15%						
SELL	< - 10%						
NEUTRAL	< - 10 % to 15%						
UNDER REVIEW	Rating may undergo a change						
NOT RATED	We have forward looking estimates for the stock but we refrain from assigning recommendation						

^{*}In case the recommendation given by the Research Analyst is inconsistent with the investment rating legend for a continuous period of 30 days, the Research Analyst shall be within following 30 days take appropriate measures to make the recommendation consistent with the investment rating legend.

Disclosures

The following Disclosures are being made in compliance with the SEBI Research Analyst Regulations 2014 (herein after referred to as the Regulations).

Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd. (MOFSL) is a SEBI Registered Research Analyst having registration no. INH000000412. MOFSL, the Research Entity (RE) as defined in the Regulations, is engaged in the business of providing Stock broking services, Depository participant services & distribution of various financial products. MOFSL is a listed public company, the details in respect of which are available on www.motilaloswal.com. MOFSL (erstwhile Motilal Oswal Securities Limited - MOSL) is registered with the Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and is a registered Trading Member with National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange Limited (BSE), Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (MCX) and National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) For its stock proking activities & is Depository participant with Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL) National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), NERL, COMRIS and CCRL and is member of Association of Mutual Funds of India (AMFI) for distribution of financial products and Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (IRDA) as Corporate Agent for insurance products. Details of associate entities of Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited are available on the website at http://onlinereports.motilaloswal.com/Dormant/documents/List%20of%20Associate%20companies.pdf

MOFSL and its associate company(ies), their directors and Research Analyst and their relatives may; (a) from time to time, have a long or short position in, act as principal in, and buy or sell the securities or derivatives thereof of companies mentioned herein. (b) be engaged in any other transaction involving such securities and earn brokerage or other compensation or act as a market maker in the financial instruments of the company(ies) discussed herein or act as an advisor or lender/borroot or such company(ies) or may have any other potential conflict of interests with respect to any recommendation and other related information and opinions.; however the same shall have no bearing whatsoever on the specific recommendations made by the analyst(s), as the recommendations made by the analyst(s) are completely independent of the views of the associates of MOFSL even though there might exist an inherent conflict of interest in some of the stocks mentioned in the research report.

MOFSL and / or its affiliates do and seek to do business including investment banking with companies covered in its research reports. As a result, the recipients of this report should be aware that MOFSL may have a potential conflict of interest that may affect the objectivity of this report. Compensation of Research Analysts is not based on any specific merchant banking, investment banking or brokerage service transactions. Details of pending Enquiry Proceedings of Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited are available on the website at https://galaxy.motilaloswal.com/ResearchAnalyst/PublishViewLitigation.aspx

A graph of daily closing prices of securities is available at www.nseindia.com. www.bseindia.com. Research Analyst views on Subject Company may vary based on Fundamental research and Technical Research. Proprietary trading desk of MOFSL or its associates maintains arm's length distance with Research Team as all the activities are segregated from MOFSL research activity and therefore it can have an independent view with regards to Subject Company for which Research Team have expressed their views.

Regional Disclosures (outside India)

This report is not directed or intended for distribution to or use by any person or entity resident in a state, country or any jurisdiction, where such distribution, publication, availability or use would be contrary to law, regulation or which would subject MOFSL & its group companies to registration or licensing requirements within such jurisdictions.

For Hong Kong:

This report is distributed in Hong Kong by Motilal Oswal capital Markets (Hong Kong) Private Limited, a licensed corporation (CE AYY-301) licensed and regulated by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) "SFO". As per SEBI (Research Analyst Regulations) 2014 Motilal Oswal Securities (SEBI Reg. No. INH00000412) has an agreement with Motilal Oswal capital Markets (Hong Kong) Private Limited for distribution of research report in Hong Kong. This report is intended for distribution only to "Professional Investors" as defined in Part I of Schedule 1 to SFO. Any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is only available to professional investor and will be engaged only with professional investors." Nothing here is an offer or solicitation of these securities, products and services in any jurisdiction where their offer or sale is not qualified or exempt from registration. The Indian Analyst(s) who compile this report is/are not located in Hong Kong & are not conducting Research Analysis in Hong Kong.

For U.S.

Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited (MOFSL) is not a registered broker - dealer under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 act") and under applicable state laws in the United States. In addition MOFSL is not a registered investment adviser under the U.S. Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act" and together with the 1934 Act, the "Acts), and under applicable state laws in the United States. Accordingly, in the absence of specific exemption under the Acts, any brokerage and investment services provided by MOFSL, including the products and services described herein are not available to or intended for U.S. persons. This report is intended for distribution only to "Major Institutional Investors" as defined by Rule 15a-6(b)(4) of the Exchange Act and interpretations thereof by SEC (henceforth referred to as "major institutional investors"). This document must not be acted on or relied on by persons who are not major institutional investors. Any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is only available to major institutional investors and will be engaged in only with major institutional investors. In reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Rule 15a-6 of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and interpretations thereof by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") in order to conduct business with Institutional Investors based in the U.S., MOFSL has entered into a chaperoning agreement with a U.S. registered broker-dealer, Motilal Oswal Securities International Private Limited. ("MOSIPL"). Any business interaction pursuant to this report will have to be executed within the provisions of this chaperoning agreement.

The Research Analysts contributing to the report may not be registered /qualified as research analyst with FINRA. Such research analyst may not be associated persons of the U.S. registered broker-dealer, MOSIPL, and therefore, may not be subject to NASD rule 2711 and NYSE Rule 472 restrictions on communication with a subject company, public appearances and trading securities held by a research analyst account.

For Singapore

In Singapore, This report is being distributed by Motilal Oswal Capital Markets (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. ("MOCMSPL") (UEN 201129401Z), which is a holder of a capital markets services license and an exempt financial adviser in Singapore. This report is distributed solely to persons who (a) qualify as "institutional investors" as defined in section 4A(1)(c) of the Securities and Futures Act of Singapore ("SFA") or (b) are considered "accredited investors" as defined in section 2(1) of the Financial Advisers Regulations of Singapore read with section 4A(1)(a) of the SFA. Accordingly, if a recipient is neither an "institutional investor" nor an "accredited investor", they must immediately discontinue any use of this Report and inform MOCMSPL.

In respect of any matter arising from or in connection with the research you could contact the following representatives of MOCMSPL. In case of grievances for any of the services rendered by MOCMSPL write to grievances@motilaloswal.com.

Nainesh Rajani

Email: nainesh.rajani@motilaloswal.com

Contact: (+65) 8328 0276

Specific Disclosures

- 1 MOFSL, Research Analyst and/or his relatives does not have financial interest in the subject company, as they do not have equity holdings in the subject company.
- 2 MOFSL, Research Analyst and/or his relatives do not have actual/beneficial ownership of 1% or more securities in the subject company
- 3 MOFSL, Research Analyst and/or his relatives have not received compensation/other benefits from the subject company in the past 12 months
- 4 MOFSL, Research Analyst and/or his relatives do not have material conflict of interest in the subject company at the time of publication of research report
- Research Analyst has not served as director/officer/employee in the subject company
- 6 MOFSL has not acted as a manager or co-manager of public offering of securities of the subject company in past 12 months
- 7 MOFSL has not received compensation for investment banking/ merchant banking/brokerage services from the subject company in the past 12 months
- 8 MOFSL has not received compensation for other than investment banking/merchant banking/brokerage services from the subject company in the past 12 months
- 9 MOFSL has not received any compensation or other benefits from third party in connection with the research report
- 10 MOFSL has not engaged in market making activity for the subject company

The associates of MOFSL may have:

- financial interest in the subject company
 - actual/beneficial ownership of 1% or more securities in the subject company at the end of the month immediately preceding the date of publication of the Research Report or date of the public appearance.
- received compensation/other benefits from the subject company in the past 12 months
- any other potential conflict of interests with respect to any recommendation and other related information and opinions.; however the same shall have no bearing whatsoever on the specific recommendations made by the analyst(s), as the recommendations made by the analyst(s) are completely independent of the views of the associates of MOFSL even though there might exist an inherent conflict of interest in some of the stocks mentioned in the research report.
- acted as a manager or co-manager of public offering of securities of the subject company in past 12 months
- be engaged in any other transaction involving such securities and earn brokerage or other compensation or act as a market maker in the financial instruments of the company(ies) discussed herein or act as an advisor or lender/borrower to such company(ies)
- received compensation from the subject company in the past 12 months for investment banking / merchant banking / brokerage services or from other than said services.
- Served subject company as its clients during twelve months preceding the date of distribution of the research report.

The associates of MOFSL has not received any compensation or other benefits from third party in connection with the research report

Above disclosures include beneficial holdings lying in demat account of MOFSL which are opened for proprietary investments only. While calculating beneficial holdings, It does not consider demat accounts which are opened in name of MOFSL for other purposes (i.e holding client securities, collaterals, error trades etc.). MOFSL also earns DP income from clients which are not considered in above disclosures.

Analyst Certification

The views expressed in this research report accurately reflect the personal views of the analyst(s) about the subject securities or issues, and no part of the compensation of the research analyst(s) was, is, or will be directly or indirectly related to the specific recommendations and views expressed by research analyst(s) in this report.

Terms & Conditions

This report has been prepared by MOFSL and is meant for sole use by the recipient and not for circulation. The report and information contained herein is strictly confidential and may not be altered in any way, transmitted to, copied or distributed, in part or in whole, to any other person or to the media or reproduced in any form, without prior written consent of MOFSL. The report is based on the facts, figures and information that are considered true, correct, reliable and accurate. The intent of this report is not recommendatory in nature. The information is obtained from publicly available media or other sources believed to be reliable. Such information has not been independently verified and no guaranty, representation of warranty, express or implied, is made as to its accuracy, completeness or correctness. All such information and opinions are subject to change without notice. The report is prepared solely for informational purpose and does not constitute an offer document or solicitation of offer to buy or sell or subscribe for securities or other financial instruments for the clients. Though disseminated to all the customers simultaneously, not all customers may receive this report at the same time. MOFSL will not treat recipients as customers by virtue of their receiving this report.

Disclaimer:

The report and information contained herein is strictly confidential and meant solely for the selected recipient and may not be altered in any way, transmitted to, copied or distributed, in part or in whole, to any other person or to the media or reproduced in any form, without prior written consent. This report and information herein is solely for informational purpose and may not be used or considered as an offer document or solicitation of offer to buy or sell or subscribe for securities or other financial instruments. Nothing in this report constitutes investment, legal, accounting and tax advice or a representation that any investment or strategy is suitable or appropriate to your specific circumstances. The securities discussed and opinions expressed in this report may not be suitable for all investors, who must make their own investment decisions, based on their own investment objectives, financial positions and needs of specific recipient. This may not be taken in substitution for the exercise of independent judgment by any recipient. Each recipient of this document should make such investigations as it deems necessary to arrive at an independent evaluation of an investment in the securities of companies referred to in this document (including the merits and risks involved), and should consult its own advisors to determine the merits and risks of such an investment. The investment discussed or views expressed may not be suitable for all investors. Certain transactions -including those involving futures, options, another derivative products as well as non-investment grade securities - involve substantial risk and are not suitable for all investors. No representation or warranty, express or implied, is made as to the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the information and opinions contained in this document. The Disclosures of Interest Statement incorporated in this document is provided solely to enhance the transparency and should not be treated as endorsement of the views expressed in the report. This information is subject to change without any prior notice. The Company reserves the right to make modifications and alternations to this statement as may be required from time to time without any prior approval. MOFSL, its associates, their directors and the employees may from time to time, effect or have effected an own account transaction in, or deal as principal or agent in or for the securities men tioned in this document. They may perform or seek to perform investment banking or other services for, or solicit investment banking or other business from, any company referred to in this report. Each of these entities functions as a separate, distinct and independent of each other. The recipient should take this into account before interpreting the document. This report has been prepared on the basis of information that is already available in publicly accessible media or developed through analysis of MOFSL. The views expressed are those of the analyst, and the Company may or may not subscribe to all the views expressed therein. This document is being supplied to you solely for your information and may not be reproduced, redistributed or passed on, directly or indirectly, to any other person or published, copied, in whole or in part, for any purpose. This report is not directed or intended for distribution to, or use by, any person or entity who is a citizen or resident of or located in any locality, state, country or other jurisdiction, where such distribution, publication, availability or use would be contrary to law, regulation or which would subject MOFSL to any registration or licensing requirement within such jurisdiction. The securities described herein may or may not be eligible for sale in all jurisdictions or to certain category of investors. Persons in whose possession this document may come are required to inform themselves of and to observe such restriction. Neither the Firm, not its directors, employees, agents or representatives shall be liable for any damages whether direct or indirect, incidental, special or consequential including lost revenue or lost profits that may arise from or in connection with the use of the information. The person accessing this information specifically agrees to exempt MOFSL or any of its affiliates or employees from, any and all responsibility/liability arising from such misuse and agrees not to hold MOFSL or any of its affiliates or employees responsible for any such misuse and further agrees to hold MOFSL or any of its affiliates or employees free and harmless from all losses, costs, damages, expenses that may be suffered by the person accessing this information due to any errors and delays.

This report is meant for the clients of Motilal Oswal only.

Investment in securities market are subject to market risks. Read all the related documents carefully before investing.

Registration granted by SEBI and certification from NISM in no way guarantee performance of the intermediary or provide any assurance of returns to investors.

Registered Office Address: Motilal Oswal Tower, Rahimtullah Sayani Road, Opposite Parel ST Depot, Prabhadevi, Mumbai-400025; Tel No.: 022 - 71934200 / 71934263; www.motilaloswal.com. Correspondence Address: Palm Spring Centre, 2nd Floor, Palm Court Complex, New Link Road, Malad (West), Mumbai- 400 064. Tel No: 022 71881000. Details of Compliance Officer: Neeraj Agarwal, Email Id: na@motilaloswal.com. Contact No: 022-40548085.

Grievance Redressal Cell:

Contact Person	Contact No.	Email ID
Ms. Hemangi Date	022 40548000 / 022 67490600	query@motilaloswal.com
Ms. Kumud Upadhyay	022 40548082	servicehead@motilaloswal.com
Mr. Ajay Menon	022 40548083	am@motilaloswal.com

Registration details of group entities.: Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd. (MOFSL): INZ000158836 (BSE/NSE/MCX/NCDEX); CD SL and NSDL: IN-DP-16-2015; Research Analyst: INH000000412 . AMFI: ARN .: 146822. IRDA Corporate Agent – CA0579. Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd. is a distributor of Mutual Funds, PMS, Fixed Deposit, Insurance, Bond, NCDs and IPO products. Customer having any query/feedback/ clarification may write to query@motilaloswal.com. In case of grievances for any of the services rendered by Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited (MOFSL) write to grievances@motilaloswal.com, for DP to dpgrievances@motilaloswal.com.