**RESULT REPORT Q2 FY25** | Sector: Building Materials

# **Greenlam Industries Ltd**

### Healthy growth in H1; upgrade to ADD!

### **Result Synopsis**

Greenlam Industries Ltd (GRLM) reported healthy growth in Q2FY25, which was better than our estimates. Growth was driven by strong performance in laminates segment (88% revenue) wherein sales increased by 12%YoY (2-year CAGR stood at 13%) owing to 9%YoY growth in volumes & 3% improvement in realizations. Domestic sales (49% of laminates), increased by 15%YoY, backed by 16% growth in volumes (2year volume CAGR came in at 18%). Export sales (51% of laminates), grew by 10%YoY, driven by improvement in realizations as volumes increased by mere 2%YoY. Laminates capacity utilization improved to 92% during the quarter. Operating margins came in at 14.7% Vs 16.4%/13.6% in Q2FY24/Q1FY25 respectively. Veneer & allied segments revenue remained flattish on YoY basis at Rs579Mn while EBIT turned positive at Rs11Mn Vs loss of Rs9Mn/Rs26Mn in Q2FY24/Q1FY25 respectively. Deco veneer volumes declined by 10%YoY while Engineered wooden floor revenue increased by 6%YoY. In Plywood, the volume declined by 11%QoQ & revenue degrew by 6%QoQ. EBITDA loss for plywoods stood at Rs67Mn as compared to Rs83Mn/Rs61Mn in Q2FY24/Q1FY25 respectively. Total debt as on H1FY25 stood at Rs11.23Bn & Net Debt came in at Rs9.91Bn.

### **Management Guidance**

Management maintained their annual growth guidance of 18-20% for FY25. Particle boards plants should commence operations from Q3FY25 and is expected to operate at 40-50% utilization in FY26E. Company expects peak net debt to reach Rs10-10.5Bn in FY25E.

#### **Our view**

Going ahead we reckon laminates volumes to grow by 15%CAGR over FY24-FY27E & operating margins should improve gradually with softening of ocean freight and better product-mix hence, we expect margins to come in at ~15% for FY26-FY27E. With particle boards scheduled to commence operations from Q3FY25 onwards, we believe topline would accelerate and contribute meaningfully to profitability FY27 onwards. Plywood biz is also expected to ramp-up gradually. Hence, we expect overall Revenue/EBITDA/PAT growth of 20%/21%/22% respectively over FY24-FY27E. We have valued the company at P/E(x) of 30x (5-year average 1-year forward P/E is ~35x), on FY27E EPS of Rs20, arriving at a target price of Rs600. Hence, we upgrade the stock to ADD.

### **Result Highlights**

- Revenue stood at Rs6.81Bn, a growth of 13%YoY & QoQ.
- EBITDA margins came in at 12% (est 11%) as compared to 12.5%/10.6% in Q2FY24/Q1FY25 respectively. Absolute EBITDA grew by 7.7%YoY to Rs810Mn.
- Net profit stood at Rs344Mn, a decline of 12.6%YoY owing to higher finance and depreciation cost.

**Exhibit 1: Actual vs estimates** 

Rs mn	Astual	Estimate		% Va	Remarks	
	Actual	YES Sec	Consensus	YES Sec	Consensus	Kemarks
Sales	6,808	6,375	6,904	6.8	(1.4)	
EBITDA	814	683	860	19.3	(5.3)	
EBITDA Margin (%)	12.0	10.7	12.5	125 bps	(50 bps)	Overall beat on estimates.
Adjusted PAT	344	235	365	46.8	(5.7)	

Source: Company, YES Sec



Reco	:	ADD
СМР	:	Rs 533
Target Price	:	Rs 600
Potential Return	:	+12.6%

#### Stock data (as on Oct 30, 2024)

Nifty	24,341
52 Week h/I (Rs)	662 / 431
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	65,203 / 776
Outstanding Shares (mn)	128
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	36
Div yield (%):	0.3
Bloomberg code:	GRLM IN
NSE code:	GREENLAM

#### Stock performance



<b>Shareholding</b>	pattern	(As of Sep'24 end)
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Promoter	51.0%
FII+DII	17.3%
Others	31.7%

#### $\Delta$ in stance

(1-Yr)	New	Old
Rating	ADD	SELL
Target Price	600	508

### $\Delta$ in earnings estimates

	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
EPS (New)	10.4	15.8	19.9
EPS (Old)	10.6	16.9	-
% change	-1.7%	-6.3%	_

#### **Financial Summary**

(Rs mn)	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenue	27,568	33,867	39,512
YoY Growth	19.5	22.8	16.7
EBITDA	3,261	4,396	5,238
EBITDA (%)	11.8	13.0	13.3
PAT	1,330	2,021	2,533
YoY Growth	(4)	52	25
ROE	11.6	15.4	16.5
EPS	10.4	15.8	19.9
P/E	51.2	33.7	26.8
BV/Share	100	117	138
P/BV	5.3	4.6	3.9

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### **Segmental Highlights for Q2FY25**

- Laminates & Allied segment (88% of total revenue)- Revenue grew by 12%YoY to Rs5.97Bn. EBIT margins came in at 17.5% Vs 19.5%/16.4% in Q2FY24/Q1FY25 respectively.
- Veneers & Allied segment (9% of total revenue)- Revenue remained flattish YoY to Rs579Mn. EBIT stood at Rs11Mn Vs loss of Rs9Mn in Q2FY24 and Rs26Mn in previous quarter.
- Plywood (4% of total revenue)- Revenue declined by 6%QoQ to Rs260Mn. EBIT loss stood at Rs79Mn Vs Rs68Mn loss in previous quarter.

**Exhibit 2: Quarterly Snapshot:** 

Rs mn	Q1 FY24	Q2 FY24	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25	Q2 FY25	% yoy	% qoq	H1 FY24	H1 FY25	% yoy
Revenue	5,152	6,036	5,634	6,241	6,047	6,808	12.8	12.6	11,189	12,855	14.9
Expenditure	4,509	5,280	4,922	5,406	5,407	5,994	13.5	10.9	9,789	11,401	16.5
- RM	2,459	2,933	2,548	2,935	2,901	3,293	12.3	13.5	5,392	6,193	14.9
- Staff Cost	962	1,077	1,085	1,133	1,229	1,313	22.0	6.9	2,038	2,542	24.7
- Other cost	1,088	1,271	1,289	1,338	1,278	1,388	9.2	8.6	2,359	2,666	13.0
Operating Profit	644	756	711	835	640	814	7.7	27.2	1,400	1,454	3.9
OPM (%)	12.5	12.5	12.6	13.4	10.6	12.0	(57 bps)	138 bps	12.5	11.3	(120 bps)
Other Income	40	58	31	87	31	82	40.0	160.7	98	113	15.0
Depreciation	174	195	245	258	263	268	37.8	1.9	369	531	44.2
Interest	73	93	143	134	138	155	67.2	12.6	166	293	76.8
PBT	437	527	354	532	270	472	(10.4)	74.7	964	743	(22.9)
Tax	107	133	102	124	72	128	(3.8)	78.8	240	200	(16.8)
PAT	330	394	253	408	199	344	(12.6)	73.3	724	543	(25.0)

Source: Company, YES Sec

**Exhibit 3: Operational Numbers:** 

Particulars	Q1 FY24	Q2 FY24	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25	Q2 FY25	% уоу	% qoq	H1 FY24	H1 FY25	% yoy
Volume											
Laminates (Mn sheets)	4.2	4.9	4.7	5.2	4.7	5.4	9.4	15.4	9.1	10.1	10.6
Veneer (Mn sqm)	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	(10.3)	75.0	0.7	0.6	(16.7)
Plywood (Mn sqm)	0.0	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.0	61.9	(10.5)	0.7	2.2	226.6
Revenue (Rs mn)											
Laminates	4,720	5,312	4,998	5,368	5,343	5,969	12.4	11.7	10,032	11,313	12.8
Veneer	425	575	477	610	428	579	0.6	35.3	1,000	1,007	0.6
Plywood	8	149	160	263	276	260	73.9	(5.9)	157	536	241.1
Realization											
Laminates (Rs/sheet)	1,086	1,034	1,036	984	1,105	1,070	3.5	(3.2)	1,103	1,125	2.0
Veneer (Rs/sqm)	916	917	868	862	960	929	1.3	(3.2)	1,516	1,831	20.8
Plywood (Rs/sqm)	233	239	218	251	242	250	4.6	3.3	238	248	4.4



### **KEY CON-CALL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Management has maintained revenue growth guidance of 18-20% for FY25.
- Company took a price hike by 2.5-3% in mid-Sep in domestic market for laminates and a 3.5-4% price hike in Jul for plywood.
- Domestic laminates grew by 15.5%YoY & 17.3%QoQ in value terms and by 13.8%YoY in volume terms. International laminates grew by 9.6%YoY & 6.9%QoQ in value terms and 3.9%YoY in volume terms.
- Company's laminate plant has operated at 100-110% utilization (87% for H1FY25) in the past hence, there are no capacity constraints at the moment. However, both Gujarat & Naidupeta plant have enough available area for a brownfield expansion if required which would be faster than greenfield and could be completed in at most 3 quarters.
- Deco Veneers/Floor/Door revenue was Rs324Mn/Rs141Mn/Rs114Mn in Q2FY25 Vs Rs360Mn/Rs133Mn/Rs82Mn in Q2FY24 respectively.
- Veneers & allied segment turned EBITDA positive in Q2FY25.
- Plywood plant will not be able to operate at 40% utilization in FY25 and company expects it to operate at 40% by FY26. Company entered Maharashtra (presence in only 5 states in South India otherwise) in Q1FY25 and expect sales to pick up by Q4FY25. The plant would also achieve breakeven at 40% utilization.
- Particle Board AP plant is on track to start commercial production in Q3FY25. Company expects 40-50% utilization by FY26. Breakeven level is 45-50% utilization. Under stable timber prices and realizations, management expects margins to be 20-24% and ROCE to be 15-18% at optimum capacity utilization that is expected to be attained in the 4th year of operations.
- PB imports are not coming in as chip boards but as finished goods in the form of furniture.
   The PB market in India is 80% laminated and 20% plain PBs.
- WC days reduced by 1 day to 59 days from 60 days in Q2FY24.
- Company has a net debt of Rs9.92Bn for Q2FY25 including PB project debt of Rs4.77Bn.
   Management expects peak net debt in FY25 at Rs10-10.5Bn for which servicing would start FY26 onwards.



# **QUARTERLY TRENDS**

Exhibit 4: Revenue increased by 13%YoY...

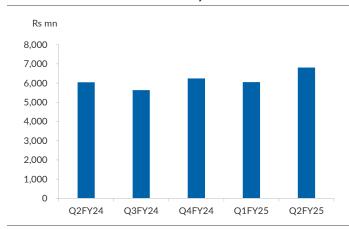
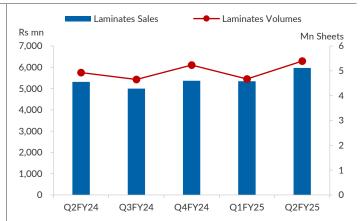


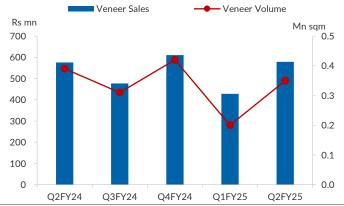
Exhibit 5: Laminates volume grew by 9%YoY...



Source: Company, YES Sec

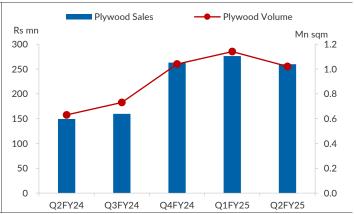
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Exhibit 6: Veneer revenue was flattish YoY...



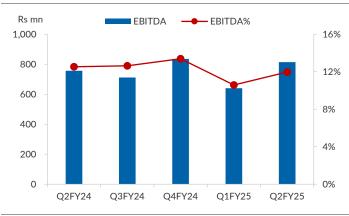
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Exhibit 7: Plywood revenue decreased by 6%QoQ...



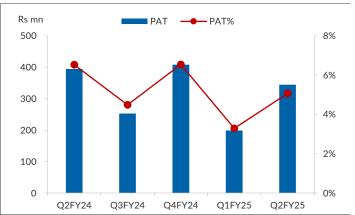
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Exhibit 8: Blended margin improved to 12%...



Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 9: Net profit stood at Rs344Mn...





# **FINANCIALS**

**Exhibit 10: Income Statement** 

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenues	20,260	23,063	27,568	33,867	39,512
Growth (%)	18.9	13.8	19.5	22.8	16.7
EBITDA	2,329	2,947	3,261	4,396	5,238
EBITDA margin (%)	11.5	12.8	11.8	13.0	13.3
Growth (%)	24.5	26.5	10.7	34.8	19.1
Depreciation & Amortization	632	871	1,202	1,373	1,581
Other income	180	217	292	300	350
EBIT	1,876	2,292	2,351	3,323	4,007
EBIT margin (%)	9.3	9.9	8.5	9.8	10.1
Interest	235	443	578	629	629
PBT	1,641	1,849	1,773	2,694	3,378
Tax	356	469	443	674	844
Net profit	1,285	1,380	1,330	2,021	2,533
Net profit margin (%)	6.3	6.0	4.8	6.0	6.4
EPS	10	11	10	16	20
Growth (%)	36.7	5.4	(3.7)	52.0	25.4

Source: Company, YES Sec

**Exhibit 11: Balance Sheet** 

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	H1FY25	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Equity Share Capital	127	128	128	128	128	128
Reserves	9,455	10,644	11,000	11,974	13,994	16,528
Total Shareholders' Funds	9,582	10,772	11,128	12,101	14,122	16,655
Non-current liabilities						
Long term borrowings	3,524	6,472	7,626	6,817	6,817	6,817
Deferred tax liabilities	155	160	155	160	160	160
Current liabilities						
Short term borrowings	2,175	3,516	3,464	3,671	3,671	3,671
Trade payables	2,753	3,479	4,263	4,377	5,519	6,469
Other financial liabilities	422	1,383	1,308	1,383	1,383	1,383
Total equity and liabilities	20,413	27,357	29,705	30,084	33,246	36,730
Non-current assets						
PPE	4,916	9,725	9,830	12,524	12,151	11,570
CWIP	3,801	6,110	7,193	3,110	3,110	3,110
Current assets						
Inventories	5,135	6,091	6,584	7,662	9,661	11,324
Trade receivables	1,427	1,515	2,067	1,811	2,224	2,595
Cash	160	329	241	1,391	2,514	4,544
Other current assets	947	1,418	1,968	1,418	1,418	1,418
Total assets	20,413	27,357	29,705	30,084	33,246	36,730



**Exhibit 12: Cash Flow** 

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	H1FY25	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
PBT	1,641	1,849	743	1,773	2,694	3,378
Depreciation & Amortization	632	871	2,021	1,202	1,373	1,581
Finance cost	235	443	293	578	629	629
(Incr)/Decr in Working Capital	(280)	(619)	(746)	(969)	(1,271)	(1,084)
Taxes	(354)	(471)	(278)	(443)	(674)	(844)
Cash from ops.	1,693	1,936	466	2,140	2,752	3,660
(Incr)/ Decr in PP&E	(4,664)	(6,353)	(1,540)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Cash Flow from Investing	(5,352)	(5,268)	(1,079)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
(Decr)/Incr in Borrowings	2,246	4,289	1,102	500	-	-
Finance cost	(232)	(417)	(286)	(578)	(629)	(629)
Cash Flow from Financing	3,661	3,500	527	(78)	(629)	(629)
Incr/(Decr) in cash	2	168	(86)	1,062	1,123	2,030
Cash and cash equivalents at beg of year	157	159	328	329	1,391	2,514
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	159	328	242	1,391	2,514	4,544

Source: Company, YES Sec

**Exhibit 13: Ratios** 

Key Ratios	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Growth Matrix (%)					
Revenue growth	18.9	13.8	19.5	22.8	16.7
EBITDA growth	24.5	26.5	10.7	34.8	19.1
EBIT growth	38.1	22.2	2.6	41.4	20.6
PAT growth	41.9	7.4	(3.7)	52.0	25.4
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	11.5	12.8	11.8	13.0	13.3
EBIT margin	9.3	9.9	8.5	9.8	10.1
PAT margin	6.3	6.0	4.8	6.0	6.4
RoCE	16.6	14.2	12.2	15.8	17.2
RoE	15.9	13.6	11.6	15.4	16.5
Per share values					
EPS	10.3	10.8	10.4	15.8	19.9
CEPS	15.1	17.6	19.8	26.6	32.2
BVPS	76	84	95	111	131
Valuation ratios (x)					
P/E	29.9	48.7	51.2	33.7	26.8
P/CEPS	20.3	29.9	26.9	20.0	16.5
P/B	4.1	6.2	5.6	4.8	4.1
EV/EBITDA	18.1	25.6	23.6	17.3	14.1
Leverage ratios (x)					
Debt/ Equity	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.4
Net debt/Equity	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.4
Net debt/EBITDA	1.3	2.8	2.8	1.8	1.1
Int coverage	8.0	5.2	4.1	5.3	6.4
NWC days					
Receivables	26	24	24	24	24
Inventory	174	204	204	204	204
Payables	93	117	117	117	117
Source: Company VFS Sec					

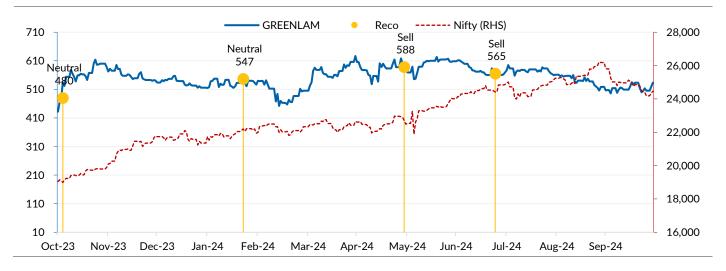


Exhibit 14: 1-year forward P/E (x) chart



Source: Company, YES Sec

### **Recommendation Tracker**





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