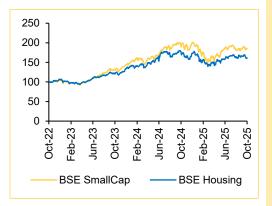


Basic Materials – Building Materials Q2FY26 Quarterly Results Preview

	Positive	

Recommendation								
Company	CMP (INR)	TP (INR)	Rated					
Hindware Home	336	375	Buy					
Apollo Pipes	336	475	Buy					
Greenply Industries	293	425	Buy					
Man Industries	372	480	Buy					
Somany Ceramics	455	635	Buy					
Sirca Paints	476	625	Buy					

*CMP as on October 8, 2025



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Building Materials Sector: Growth across Segments, but Margins **Under Strain**

In Q2FY26, we expect mixed volume growth trends for the Building Materials sector across segments, but, at the same time, margin would be under pressure. Pipes volume is expected to grow 11% YoY, driven by Real Estate, Infra and Home Improvement demand. EBITDA/kg is set to decline by 12% YoY due to increase in mix of lower margin products for our coverage companies. Bathware segment revenue is anticipated to increase 7% YoY. Tiles segment is projected to see 5% volume growth YoY. In Wood Panels segment, Plywood/MDF volume would remain flat while MDF segment would report volume growth of 9% YoY, with overall margin expected to improve by 65.2bps due to price hike in the plywood segment and better product mix.

Overall, the Building Materials sector would witness mixed volume growth trends, lead by pipes and wood panels followed by bathware and tiles segments. Overall, profitability is expected to remain under pressure due to higher raw material prices and dealer incentives, amongst other.

Any disappointment on the volume growth front in this quarter would be pardoned by the market if management commentary indicates a sharp recovery in H2FY26.

Sector View

We maintain our Positive Stance on the Building Materials sector backed by Healthy Home improvement and Infra demand. The volume growth, better product and Strong order book will be the key catalyst. going forward. Our preferred ideas are: HINDWARE & MAN.

Coverage Universe

	HINDWARE										
INR Mn	Q2FY26E	Q2FY25	YoY %	Q1FY26	QoQ %		Comments				
Bathware Revenue	3,849	3,602	6.9	3,410	12.9						
Bathware EBITDA margin (%)	13.0	9.5	353.3bps	12.6	39.0bps		We expect Hindware's pipe segment to report 9% volume growth YoY, backed by home improvement and infra				
Pipe Revenue	1,735	1,871	-7.2	1,190	45.8		demand. However, realisation is expected to increase by 3% on the back of increase in PVC prices by 5% on QoQ.				
Pipe EBITDA margin (%)	7.0	6.8	21.2bps	5.9	110.0bps		Meanwhile, the bathware segment is projected to report 6.9% revenue growth. Overall margin is likely improve by				
Sales	6,509	6,298	3.3	5,312	22.5		682.5bps on the back of lower base and better contribution from premium bathware products and higher CPVC pipe				
EBITDA	751	297	152.9	488	54.1	;	sales.				
EBITDA margin (%)	11.5	4.7	682.5bps	9.2	236.4bps		Watch out for: Execution updates on the turnaround plan for bathware business.				
Adjusted PAT	128	-145	NA	-292	NA						



Coverage Universe

SOMC											
INR Mn	Q2FY26E	Q2FY25	YoY %	Q1FY26	QoQ %	Comments					
Tiles Volume (MSM)	19	18	5.0	16	16.8						
Tiles Realisation (INR/sqm)	315	319	-1.2	319	-1.4	We expect Somany's tiles' segment to report a 5% Yo\					
Sales	6,952	6,663	4.3	6,044	15.0						
EBITDA	599	560	6.9	482	24.3	, ,					
EBITDA margin (%)	8.6	8.4	21.1bps	8.0	64.1bps						
Adjusted PAT	193	171	12.7	104	86.4						

MTLM										
INR Mn	Q2FY26E	Q2FY25	YoY %	Q1FY26	QoQ %	Comments				
Sales	6,504	6,405	1.5	6,008	8.3					
EBITDA	628	576	8.9	616	1.9					
EBITDA margin (%)	9.6	9.0	65.2bps	10.3	-60.5bps					
Adjusted PAT	261	176	48.8	284	-8.0	We expect Greenply's plywood volume to remain flat and				
Volumes						MDF volume to increase by 9% YoY. EBITDA is expected				
Plywood (MN sqm)	20	20	-1.0	17	17.0	to grow by 1.9% and margin is anticipated to decline by 60.5bps due to lower volume in plywood segment and				
MDF (CBM)	44,203	40,553	9.0	46,350	-4.6	higher timber cost.				
EBITDA margin (%)						riigilei tiiribei cost.				
Plywood	8	8	-40.0bps	8	-					
MDF	16	12	420.0bps	17	-140.0bps					

					APOLP	
INR Mn	Q2FY26E	Q2FY25	YoY %	Q1FY26	QoQ %	Comments
Pipe Volume (MT)	22,500	20,152	11.7	25,315	-11.1 •	We anticipate 11.7% volume growth in 2QFY26 driven by
Pipe Realisation (INR/kg)	1,11,891	1,24,273	-10.0	1,08,632	3.0	volume addition in Kisan business, capacity addition and uptick in government infrastructure initiatives. However,
Pipe EBITDA (INR/kg)	8,500	9,627	-11.7	8,167	4.1	realisation is likely to increase by 3% QoQ owing to increase
Sales	2,518	2,504	0.5	2,750	-8.5	in PVC prices. EBITDA is anticipated to remain flat by 3% due to higher cost, but margin is projected to dip by 15bps to 7.6%
EBITDA	191	194	-1.4	207	-7.5	due to a higher mix of lower- margin Agri /Kisan pipes.
EBITDA margin (%)	7.6	7.7	-15.0bps	7.5	7.8bps •	Watch out for: Ramp-up at Kisan asset and commentary on
Adjusted PAT	70	41	68.2	81	-14.1	pricing outlook for the rest of FY26

					MAN	
INR Mn	Q2FY26E	Q2FY25	YoY %	Q1FY26	QoQ %	Comments
Sales	9,272	8,062	15.0	7,421	24.9	
EBITDA	738	637	15.8	491	50.2 •	We anticipate revenue to increase by 15% YoY owing to strong
EBITDA margin (%)	8.0	7.9	5.3bps	6.6	134.0bps	order book. Margin is expected to remain flat YoY.
Adjusted PAT	454	319	42.5	276	64.4	

SIRCA										
INR Mn	Q2FY26E	Q2FY25	YoY %	Q1FY26	QoQ %	Comments				
Sales (INR Mn)	1,234	1,055	17.0	1,142	8.0 •	We anticipate Sirca to report a revenue growth of 17% YoY,				
EBITDA (INR Mn)	243	190	28.3	226	7.8	backed by higher contribution from newly-acquired				
EBITDA margin (%)	19.7	18.0	173.0bps	19.7	-4.3bps	companies and strong home improvement demand. Meanwhile, margin is expected to improve by 173bps YoY to				
Adjusted PAT (INR Mn)	158	133	19.2	142	11.5	19.7% due to better product mix.				



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