ACC

Lower fixed costs lead to margin surprise

In-line revenue, EBITDA above expectations

ACC's (ACC IN) EBITDA surged ~139% YoY and ~65% QoQ to ~INR 9bn, above our and Consensus estimates of ~INR 7.2bn each, primarily led by lower-than-expected operating cost. Net sales grew ~8% YoY and ~11% QoQ to ~INR 49bn, whereas adjusted PAT jumped ~211% YoY and ~37% QoQ to ~INR 5.3bn. <u>Cash and cash equivalent stood at ~INR</u> 42.8bn as of December 2023 versus ~NR 36.3bn as of September 2023.

EBITDA per tonne up ~105% YoY and ~50% QoQ

Cement realization fell ~6% YoY but grew ~2% QoQ to INR 5,227/tonne. Sales volume rose ~16% YoY and ~10% QoQ to 8.9mn tonnes. Further, operating cost fell ~17% YoY and ~6% QoQ to INR 4,513/tonne, led by a sharp drop in employee cost, freight cost and other expenses. Despite higher volume, QoQ fall in employee cost, other expenses was ~8% and ~7% respectively in absolute terms. Thus, EBITDA/tonne rose ~105% YoY and ~50% QoQ to INR 1,015.

Cement capacity reaches ~38.6mn tonnes

ACC started a 1.0mn tonne grinding capacity at Ametha (Madhya Pradesh) in Q3FY24. Further, in January 2024, ACC raised its stake from 45% to 100% in Asian Concretes and Cements Private (ACCPL) for ~INR 3.1bn. Thus, ACC's current cement capacity is ~38.6mn tonnes. Further, in Q3FY24, ACC added 16.3MW waste heat recovery system (WHRS) capacity at Ametha. Further, expansions at Maharashtra-based Chanda unit (18MW) and Karnataka-based Wadi unit (21.5MW) are likely to be completed in FY25, increasing WHRS capacity to 85.8MW.

Valuation: Revise to Accumulate, TP raised to INR 2,813

We expect ACC to continue to accrue benefit from the master supply agreement (MSA) with Ambuja Cements and Sanghi Industries. Also, current international thermal coal prices are down ~31% versus recent peak of mid-October, which will enable ACC to check cost. We raise FY24E/25E/26E EBITDA by ~7%/11%/16%. Also, we roll over to December 2025E from September 2025E and up our TP to INR 2,813 from INR 2,421 on 12x (unchanged) December 2025E EV/EBITDA. As ACC is up ~30% since the release of our report, 'Higher other income drives PAT' dated 26 October 2023, we revise our rating to **Accumulate** from Buy.

Rating: Accumulate

Target Price: INR 2,813 Upside: 14%

CMP: INR 2,468 (as on 25 January 2024)

Key data*	
Bloomberg /Reuters Code	ACC IN/ACC.BO
Current /Dil. Shares O/S (mn)	188/188
Mkt Cap (INR bn/USD mn)	463/5,576
Daily Volume (3M NSE Avg)	499,508
Face Value (INR)	10
1 USD = INR 83.1	

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Note: *as on 25 January 2024; Source: Bloomberg

Price & Volume



Source: Bloomberg

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Shareholding (%)	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23
Promoter	56.7	56.7	56.7	56.7
Institutional Investors	30.6	29.6	29.4	29.9
Other Investors	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.6
General Public	9.2	10.0	10.3	9.8
Source: BSE				
Price performance (%)	3M	6M	12M
Nifty		11.7	8.5	19.3
ACC		30.5	30.4	13.9
Ambuja Cement		34.0	27.3	21.7
UltraTech Cement		20.7	18.8	48.7
Source: Bloomberg				

Y/E Mar (INR mn)	Dec'23	Dec'22	YoY (%)	Sep'23	QoQ (%)	Dec'23E	Variance (%)
Net Sale	49,183	45,370	8.4	44,347	10.9	47,248	4.1
Operating Expenses	40,152	41,587	(3.5)	38,863	3.3	40,032	0.3
% of Sales	81.6	91.7		87.6		84.7	
EBITDA	9,032	3,783	138.7	5,484	64.7	7,216	25.2
EBITDA Margins (%)	18.4	8.3		12.4		15.3	
Other Income	839	407	106.2	2,079	(59.6)	1,345	(37.6)
Interest	339	188	79.9	288	17.5	231	47.0
Depreciation	2,343	1,716	36.6	2,118	10.6	2,171	7.9
PBT	7,189	1,495	380.9	5,156	39.4	6,159	16.7
Тах	1,914	390	390.3	1,313	45.8	1,540	24.3
Effective Tax Rate (%)	26.6	26.1		25.5		25.0	
Adjusted PAT	5,275	1,698	210.7	3,843	37.3	4,619	14.2
Reported PAT	5,275	1,105	377.6	3,843	37.3	4,619	14.2
NPM (%)	10.7	3.7		8.7		9.8	

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YE	Revenue	YoY	EBITDA	EBITDA	Adj PAT	YoY	Fully DEPS	RoE	P/E	EV/ton	EV/EBITDA
March	(INR mn)	(%)	(INR mn)	margin (%)	(INR mn)	(%)	(INR)	(%)	(X)	(USD)	(X)
FY23*	217,673	10.1	19,190	8.8	9,912	(58.0)	52.7	5.6	58.5	150	28.2
FY24E	196,071	12.6	31,394	16.0	19,055	140.3	101.4	12.8	24.3	140	13.8
FY25E	212,694	8.5	36,001	16.9	21,731	14.0	115.6	13.0	21.4	135	12.0
FY26E	225,761	6.1	39,409	17.5	24,133	11.1	128.4	12.8	19.2	125	10.8

Note: *Financial year for 15 months; pricing as on 25 January 2024; Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

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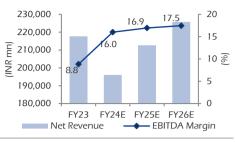
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Financials (YE March)

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Income Statement (INR mn)	FY23*	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Revenue	217,673	196,071	212,694	225,761
Operating profit	14,763	28,139	32,589	35,932
Add:- Other operating Income	4,427	3,255	3,411	3,477
EBITDA	19,190	31,394	36,001	39,409
Add:- Other Income	3,372	4,383	4,515	4,741
Less :- Depreciation & Amortization	8,351	8,851	10,086	10,476
EBIT	14,211	26,926	30,429	33,674
Less:- Interest Expenses	772	1,176	1,063	1,061
Exceptionals	(1,618)	-	-	-
PBT	11,821	25,750	29,366	32,613
Less - Taxes	3,122	6,695	7,635	8,479
Reported PAT	8,699	19,055	21,731	24,133
Add/Less: - Extra-ordinaries	1,213	10.000	-	-
Adjusted PAT	9,912	19,055	21,731	24,133
Balance Sheet (INR mn)	FY23*	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Share Capital	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880
Reserves	138,550	155,866	175,341	196,842
Deferred Tax (Net)	4,331	4,375	4,418	4,463
Other liabilities	3,019	3,075	3,131	3,189
Total Liabilities Gross Block	147,781	165,195	184,770	206,374
	120,171	152,171	158,171	164,171
Less:- Accumulated Depreciation	45,308	54,159	64,245	74,721
Net Block Add:- Capital work in progress	74,863 16,831	98,012 12,831	93,926 22,831	89,450 30,831
Non-current investments	1,927	12,831	1,966	1,986
Net Working Capital	(6,478)	(8,598)	5,215	14,293
Cash & current investments	31,440	31,515	31,048	39,297
Other assets	29,198	29,490	29,785	30,518
Total Assets	147,781	165,195	184,770	206,374
Cash Flow Statement (INR mn)	FY23*	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Cash profit adjusted for non-cash items	14,309	24,742	28,409	30,974
Add/Less : Working Capital Changes	(26,697)	2,120	(13,813)	(9,078)
Operating Cash Flow	(12,388)	26,863	14,596	21,896
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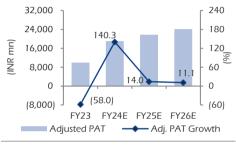
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Revenue & margin trend



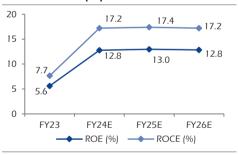
Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

Adjusted profit growth trend



Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

Return ratios (%)



Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

Exhibit 1: Fixed cost falls ~18% YoY and ~16% QoQ

Per tonne analysis (INR)	Dec'23	Dec'22	YoY (%)	Sep'23	QoQ (%)
Sales volume (mn tonnes)	8.9	7.6	16.4	8.1	9.8
Cement realization	5,227	5,537	(5.6)	5,125	2.0
Blended realization	5,529	5,935	(6.9)	5,475	1.0
Raw material cost	773	951	(18.7)	967	(20.1)
Purchase of stock in trade	736	734	0.3	631	16.7
Employee cost	200	268	(25.2)	240	(16.6)
Power & fuel cost	1,139	1,477	(22.9)	1,093	4.2
Freight cost	1,082	1,318	(17.9)	1,177	(8.0)
Other expenses	582	692	(15.9)	689	(15.5)
Total blended cost	4,513	5,440	(17.0)	4,798	(5.9)
EBITDA	1,015	495	105.1	677	50.0

Source: Company, Elara Securities Research

Exhibit 2: Volume up ~16% YoY and ~10% QoQ



Source: Company, Elara Securities Research

Exhibit 3: Change in estimates

	Old			Revised			Change (%)		
(INR mn)	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net revenue	196,619	213,320	222,315	196,071	212,694	225,761	(0.3)	(0.3)	1.5
EBITDA	29,220	32,498	33,995	31,394	36,001	39,409	7.4	10.8	15.9
Adjusted PAT	17,636	19,130	20,127	19,055	21,731	24,133	8.0	13.6	19.9
TP (INR)			2,421			2,813			16.2

Source: Elara Securities Estimate

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	Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
44	11-Feb-2022	Accumulate	INR 2,410	INR 2,249
45	19-Apr-2022	Accumulate	INR 2,297	INR 2,057
46	16-Jun-2022	Accumulate	INR 2,195	INR 2,084
47	14-Jul-2022	Reduce	INR 2,195	INR 2,160
48	17-Oct-2022	Accumulate	INR 2,404	INR 2,270
49	6-Dec-2022	Accumulate	INR 2,795	INR 2,621
50	31-Jan-2023	Buy	INR 2,501	INR 1,968
51	28-Apr-2023	Buy	INR 2,262	INR 1,763
52	27-July-2023	Buy	INR 2,356	INR 1,941
53	26-Oct-2023	Buy	INR 2,421	INR 1,900
54	25-Jan-2024	Accumulate	INR 2,813	INR 2,468

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