

Shree Cement Ltd.: Strong Fundamentals, Priced In!

October 29, 2025 CMP: INR 28,594 | Target Price: INR 26,900

Expected Share Price Return: -5.9% | Dividend Yield: 0.4% | Potential Upside: -5.5%

Sector View: Positive

Change in Estimates	✗
Target Price Change	✓
Recommendation	✗

Company Info

BB Code	SRCM IN EQUITY
Face Value (INR)	10.0
52 W High/Low (INR)	32,508.2/23,500.2
Mkt Cap (Bn)	INR 1,028.3/ USD 11.6
Shares o/s (Mn)	36.1
3M Avg. Daily Volume	29,926

Change in Estimates

INR Bn	FY26E			FY27E		
	New	Old	Dev. (%)	New	Old	Dev. (%)
Revenue	202.7	202.7	-	216.9	216.9	-
EBITDA	48.7	48.7	-	53.1	53.1	-
EBITDAM %	24.0	24.0	-	24.5	24.5	-
PAT	15.2	15.2	-	16.4	16.4	-
EPS	420.7	420.7	-	455.6	455.6	-

Actual vs CIE Estimates

INR Bn	Q2FY26A	CIE Estimates	Dev. %
Revenue	43.0	42.4	1.5
EBITDA	8.5	8.9	(4.2)
EBITDAM %	19.8	21.0	(119) bps
PAT	2.8	3.1	(11.1)

Key Financials

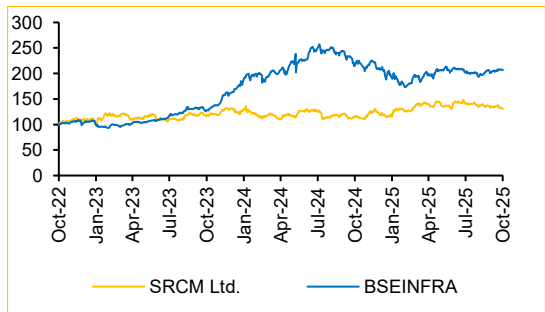
INR Bn	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	194.8	180.4	202.7	217.0	232.3
YoY (%)	15.7	(7.4)	12.4	7.1	7.1
EBITDA	43.6	38.4	48.7	53.1	58.8
EBITDAM %	22.4	21.3	24.0	24.5	25.3
Adj PAT	24.7	12.0	15.2	16.4	19.4
EPS	684.2	331.5	420.7	455.6	536.5
ROE %	12.1	5.6	6.7	6.7	7.4
ROCE %	15.5	7.2	9.3	9.4	10.2
PE(x)	37.5	93.1	67.8	62.6	53.2
EV/EBITDA	19.1	26.2	18.8	17.2	15.5
EV/IC	4.5	5.5	4.8	4.5	4.2

Shareholding Pattern (%)

	Sep-25	Jun-25	Mar-25
Promoters	62.56	62.56	62.56
FIIIs	10.34	10.07	9.70
DIIIs	14.40	14.65	15.07
Public	12.70	12.72	12.67

Relative Performance (%)

YTD	3Y	2Y	1Y
BSE Infra	106.7	61.6	(4.2)
SRCM Ltd.	31.4	12.0	14.0

**No scope for share price performance**

We **maintain** our SELL rating on Shree Cement Ltd (SRCM) with a TP of INR 26,900 (INR 27,600/sh earlier). SRCM trades at FY28E EV/EBITDA & EV/CE multiples of 15.5x/3.3x, making it amongst the **richest valued** cement stocks under our coverage. At 6.7%/9.3% (FY26E), SRCM's ROE/ROCE does not cover its cost of equity and cost of capital at ~12.5%, even under optimistic assumptions. SRCM's capital structure is sub-optimal with **cash & equivalents on books at ~INR 118 Bn** (forming ~11.5% of current market cap); we believe this high level of **cash is an overhang**.

That apart, there is limited scope for SRCM's best-in-class management to improve its ROCE by **cost take-out initiatives**, which its other **less-efficient peers** are implementing. SRCM's cost structure is already amongst the most efficient in the industry. This is owing to high levels of renewable/green power penetration (~60%) and limited scope to save on logistics, raw materials and other aspects. In our view, there is hardly any **low-hanging fruit** that the management can capitalise on so as to improve its return profile.

Despite such **high levels of cash** on books, SRCM does not have a commensurate capacity growth pipeline. Also, SRCM does not intend to grow its **capacity beyond 80 Mnt by FY28/29E**. Cash will continue to remain elevated at INR 127 Bn by FY28E. SRCM is amongst the best-in-class companies in terms of governance, management quality, brand equity, cost excellence and EBITDA/t. It is just that things are too good to get better, at a time when its valuation is demanding.

We forecast SRCM's **EBITDA** to expand at a **CAGR of 15.3%** over FY25–28E based on our volume growth assumptions of 6%/6%/6% and realisation growth of 6.0%/1.0%/1.0% in FY26E/27E/28E, respectively.

We incorporate a robust EV to CE (Enterprise Value to Capital Employed) - based valuation framework (Exhibit 3), which allows us a rational basis to assign the right valuation multiple to value SRCM. We arrive at a 1-year forward TP of INR 26,900/share for SRCM. We value SRCM on our EV/CE framework, generously assign an **EV/CE multiple of 3.3x/3.3x for FY27E/28E**. Although SRCM's ROCE is expected to expand from 7.2% in FY25 to 10.2% in FY28E, it does not cover capital cost even in FY28E. We do a sanity check of our EV/CE TP using the implied EV/EBITDA multiple. On our **TP of INR 26,900, FY28E implied EV/EBITDA multiple is 15.1x**, which is quite high given its return profile. Risk to our **SELL** rating includes stronger-than-expected sector tailwinds and investor apathy towards its valuation multiple.

Q2FY26 Results: Overall result weaker than expectations

SRCM reported Q2FY26 revenue and EBITDA of INR 43,032 Mn (+15.5% YoY, -13.0% QoQ) and INR 8,513 Mn (+43.7% YoY, -30.7% QoQ) vs Choice Institutional Equities (CIE) estimate of INR 42,400 Mn and INR 8,891 Mn, respectively. Total volume for Q2 stood at 8.1 Mnt (vs CIE est. 7.9 Mnt), (+6.8% YoY/-9.3% QoQ.)

Realisation/t, which came in at INR 5,300/t (+8.1% YoY and -4.1% QoQ), is weaker than CIE's est. of INR 5,390/t. Total cost/t came in at INR 4,251/t (+3.1% YoY and +2.3% QoQ). As a result, EBITDA/t came in at INR 1,048/t, (+34.5% YoY and -23.7% QoQ), which is strong but lower than CIE est. of INR 1,130/t.

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Management Call – Highlights

SRCM is continuously exploring opportunities to achieve its target of +80 MTPA cement capacity.

At Present, rail accounts for 11% of its outbound logistics, with a target to increase this to 20%. This is expected to yield cost savings of around INR 100 per tonne as compared to road transport.

- **Premiumisation:** Sales of premium products jumped significantly, accounting for **21.1% of total trade volume** as compared to 14.9% in the corresponding previous quarter.
- **Commissioning:** SRCM commissioned a clinkerisation line of **3.65 MTPA capacity** at its integrated project plant in Jaitaran, Rajasthan.
- **Near-term Completion:** The cement mill of **3.0 MTPA** at the Jaitaran site is expected to be commissioned shortly. The integrated project at Kodla, Karnataka (3.0 MTPA cement capacity) is also in the final stage of completion.
- **Strategic Goal:** SRCM is continuously exploring opportunities to achieve its target of **+80 MTPA cement capacity**.
- **Green Electricity:** SRCM share of **green electricity** in total electricity consumption stood at **63.15% in H1FY26** on a standalone basis, positioning it as one of the highest in India's cement industry.
- **Green Power Capacity:** SRCM is consistently ramping up its green power generation capacity, which reached **592.4 MW** at the end of H1FY26. Following the commissioning of a **20-MW solar plant** at Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh, the group's total green power generation capacity in India now stands at **612.5 MW**.
- **Expansion:** The RMC portfolio has expanded to **24 operational plants**. During the quarter, SRCM entered the Eastern India market by establishing an RMC plant in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- **GST Rationalisation:** SRCM passed on the **full benefit of the GST rate rationalisation** to its customers, effective September 22, 2025.
- SRCM aims to enhance rail transportation to lower its logistics cost and is expanding rail connectivity through new sidings at Purulia, Kodla and ITA.
- At Present, rail accounts for 11% of its outbound logistics, with a target to increase this to 20%. This is expected to yield cost savings of around INR 100 per tonne as compared to road transport.
- Average lead distance declined from 451 km in Q1 to 441 km in Q2.
- **Economic Forecast:** High-frequency indicators suggest a pickup in real GDP growth in the second half of FY26, supported by strong consumption, sustained investment activity, above-normal monsoon and steady employment. These factors are expected to accelerate infrastructure development and housing sector growth, benefiting near-term cement demand.

Exhibit 1: Overall result weaker than expectations

SRCM	Q2FY26	Q2FY25	YoY (%)	Q1FY26	QoQ (%)
Volumes	8.1	7.6	6.8	9.0	(9.3)
Revenues (INR Mn)	43,032	37,270	15.5	49,480	(13.0)
COGS	5,398	4,100	31.7	5,599	(3.6)
Power and Fuel Cost	10,397	10,012	3.8	11,461	(9.3)
Freight Exp.	9,424	8,918	5.7	10,840	(13.1)
Employee Cost	2,570	2,495	3.0	2,545	1.0
Other Expenses	6,730	5,820	15.6	6,744	(0.2)
EBITDA (INR Mn)	8,513	5,925	43.7	12,291	(30.7)
EBITDA Margin (%)	19.8	15.9	389bps	24.8	(506)bps
Depreciation	5,549	6,687	(17.0)	5,524	0.4
EBIT (INR Mn)	2,965	(762)	NA	6,767	(56.2)
EBIT Margin (%)	6.9	(2.0)	NA	13.7	(679)bps
Other Income	1,570	1,776	(11.6)	2,011	(21.9)
Interest	507	567	(10.5)	446	13.8
PBT	4,027	447	801.2	8,331	(51.7)
Tax	1,256	(484)	NA	2,146	(41.5)
PAT (INR Mn)	2,771	931	197.8	6,185	(55.2)
Basic EPS (INR)	76.8	25.8	197.8	171.4	(55.2)

Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

Exhibit 2: Volume & Realisation Growth to drive EBITDA higher (Standalone in INR/t)

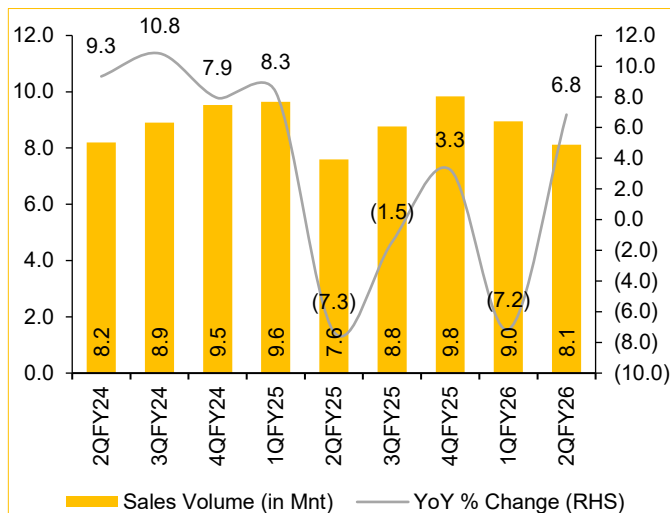
Particular	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Volume (in Mnt)	31.9	35.5	35.9	38.1	40.3	42.8
YoY (%)	15.1	11.5	1.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Realisation/t	5,285	5,482	5,024	5,326	5,379	5,433
YoY (%)	2.3	3.7	(8.3)	6.0	1.0	1.0
COGS/t	380	619	563	596	602	608
Employee Cost/t	272	264	276	293	296	299
Power & Fuel Cost/t	1,740	1,569	1,246	1,196	1,148	1,102
Freight Expenses/t	1,299	1,135	1,157	1,204	1,252	1,277
Other Expenses/t	672	667	714	756	764	771
Total Cost/t	4,363	4,254	3,956	4,045	4,062	4,058
EBITDA/t	922	1,228	1,069	1,280	1,317	1,375
YoY (%)	(30.0)	33.2	(13.0)	19.8	2.9	4.4
Revenue (in INR Mn)	1,68,375	1,94,767	1,80,373	2,02,667	2,16,976	2,32,294
YoY (%)	17.7	15.7	(7.4)	12.4	7.1	7.1
EBITDA (in INR Mn)	29,366	43,636	38,368	48,727	53,123	58,793
YoY (%)	(19.4)	48.6	(12.1)	27.0	9.0	10.7
PAT (IN INR Mn)	13,281	24,685	11,962	15,179	16,438	19,356
YoY (%)	(44.1)	85.9	(51.5)	26.9	8.3	17.8

Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

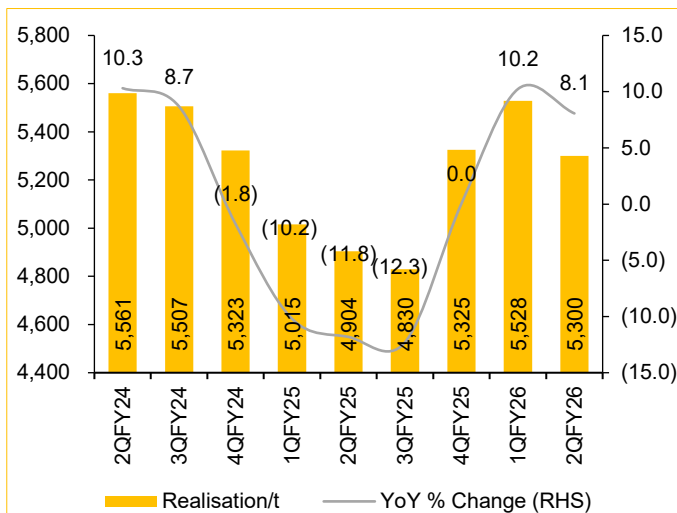
Exhibit 3: EV/CE Valuation Framework

Particulars (INR Mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
ROCE	17.3	9.9	15.5	7.2	9.3	9.4	10.2
WACC	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
ROCE less WACC %	4.8	(2.6)	3.0	(5.3)	(3.2)	(3.1)	(2.3)
EV	7,87,578	8,42,645	8,31,619	10,03,537	7,65,850	8,20,898	8,87,054
Capital Employed	1,81,872	1,85,534	2,14,069	2,22,504	2,35,683	2,52,621	2,72,977
EV/CE	4.3	4.5	3.9	4.5	3.2	3.2	3.2
Target EV/CE					3.3	3.3	3.3
Target EV					7,65,971	8,21,019	8,87,176
Gross Debt					6,164	6,664	7,664
Cash & Equivalents					1,20,959	1,23,709	1,27,653
Net Debt					(1,14,794)	(1,17,045)	(1,19,989)
LT Provision					122	122	122
Equity value					8,80,644	9,37,943	10,07,043
Equity value per share					24,408	25,996	27,911
1-yr forward TP (INR/sh)							26,900
Implied Multiples							
EV/EBITDA					15.7	15.5	15.1
P/BV					3.9	3.8	3.8
P/E					58.0	57.1	52.0

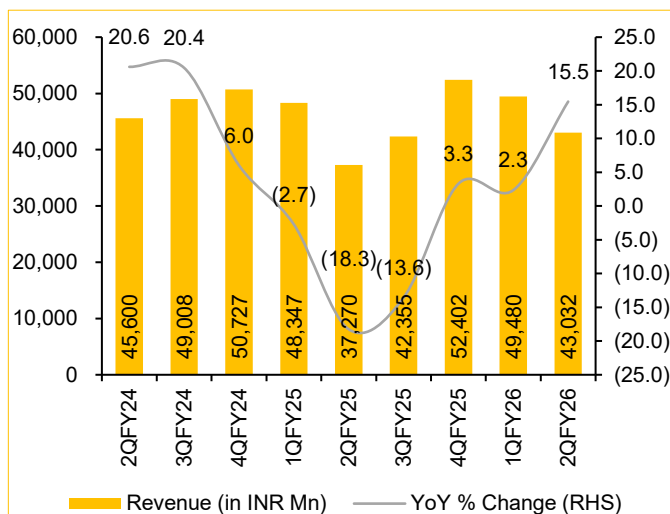
Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

Sales Volume came in better than expectations

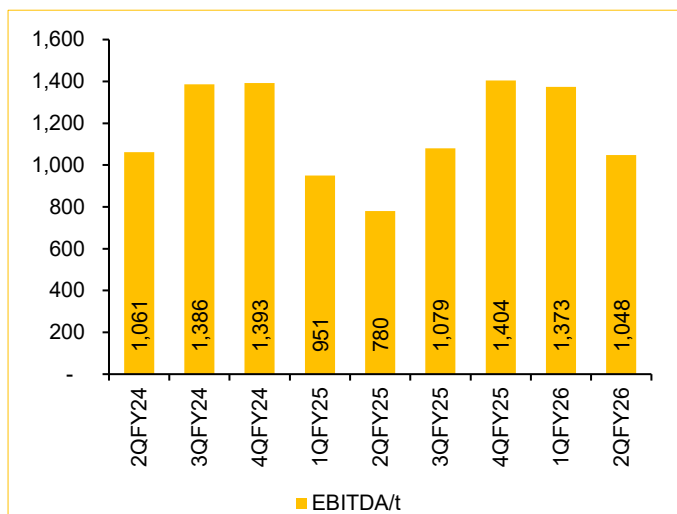
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Realisation softens on QoQ basis

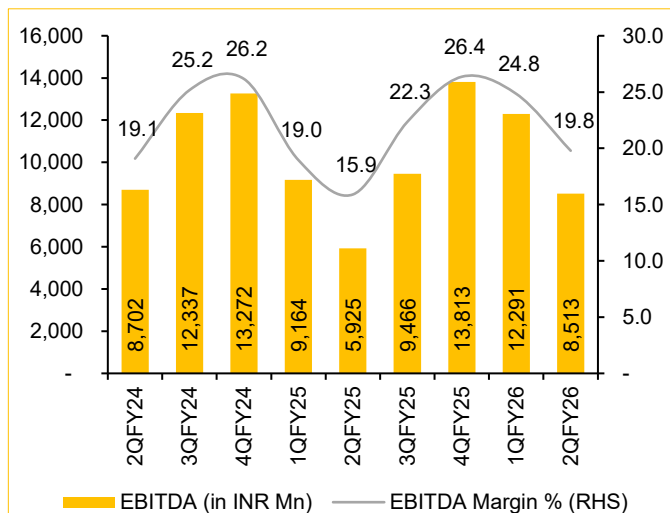
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Robust revenue growth in Q2 on a YoY basis

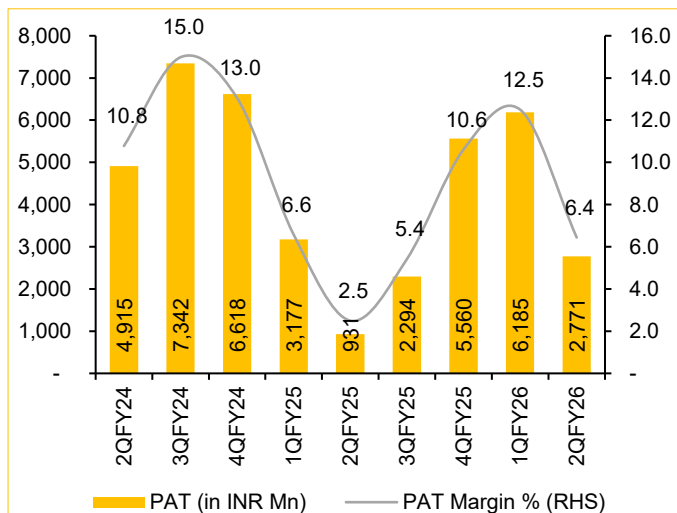
Source: SRGM, Choice Institutional Equities

Weak realisation drags EBITDA/t by 325/t on QoQ basis

Source: SRGM, Choice Institutional Equities

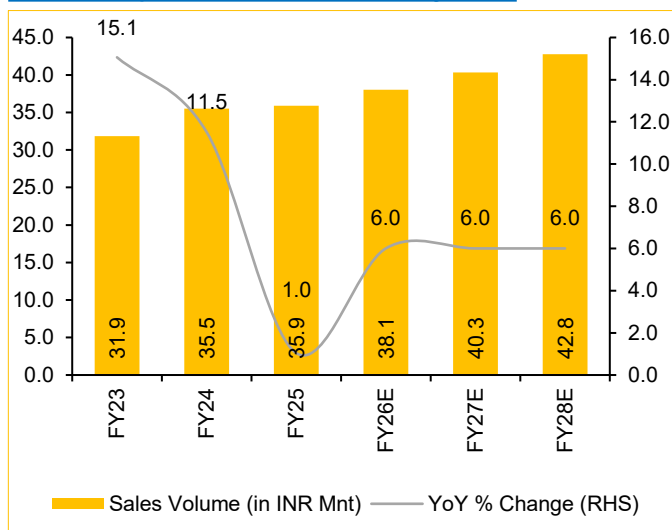
EBITDA margin expanded by 389 bps on a YoY basis

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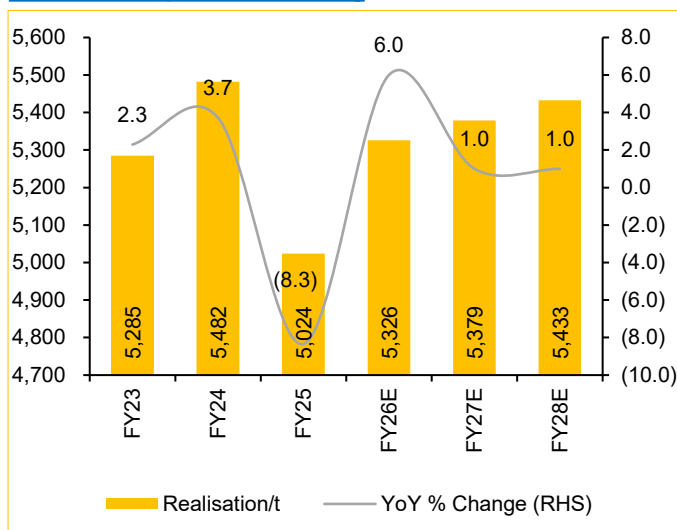
Robust PAT growth on a YoY basis

Source: SRGM, Choice Institutional Equities

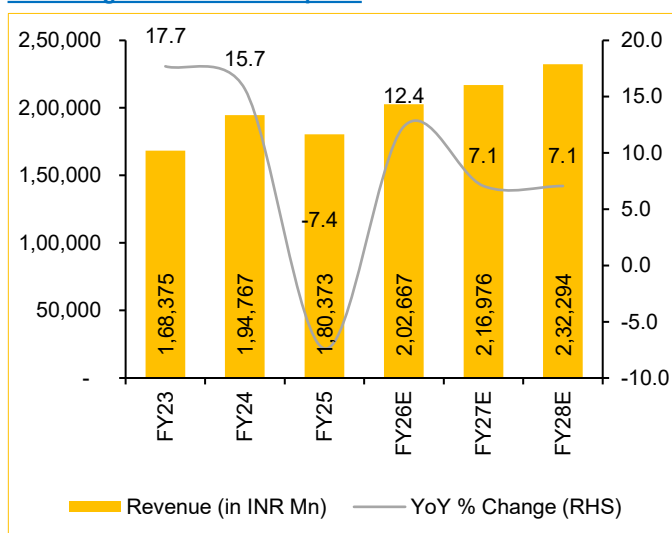
*All figures are in INR Million

Volume is expected to reach at 42.8 Mnt by FY28E

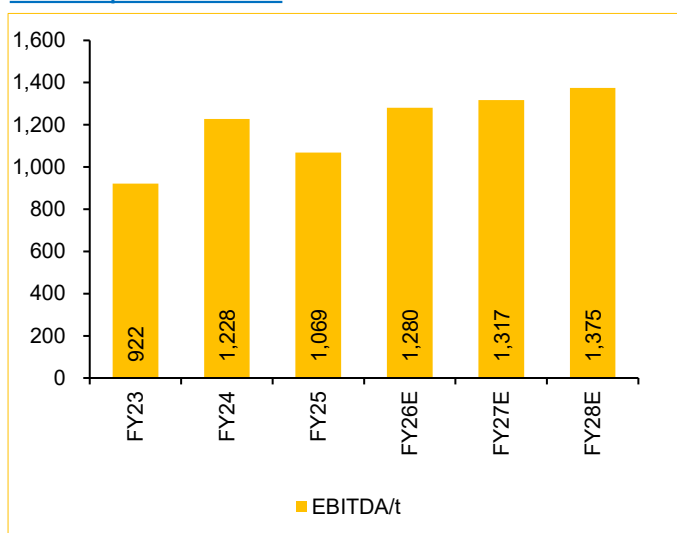
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Realisation/t expected to be strong

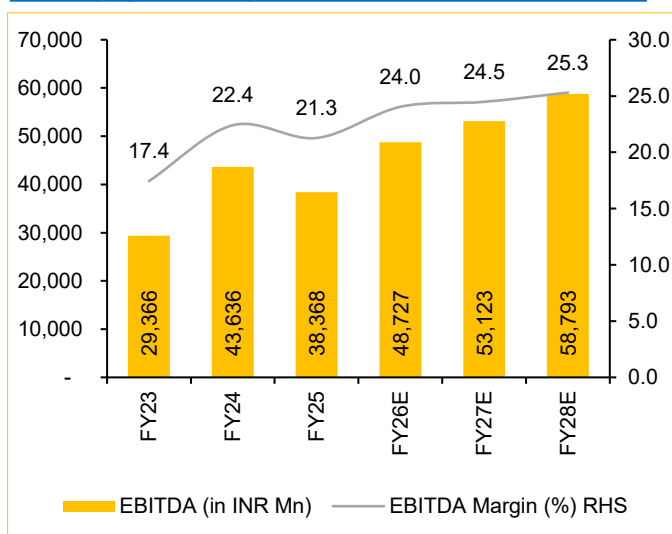
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Revenue growth slower than peers

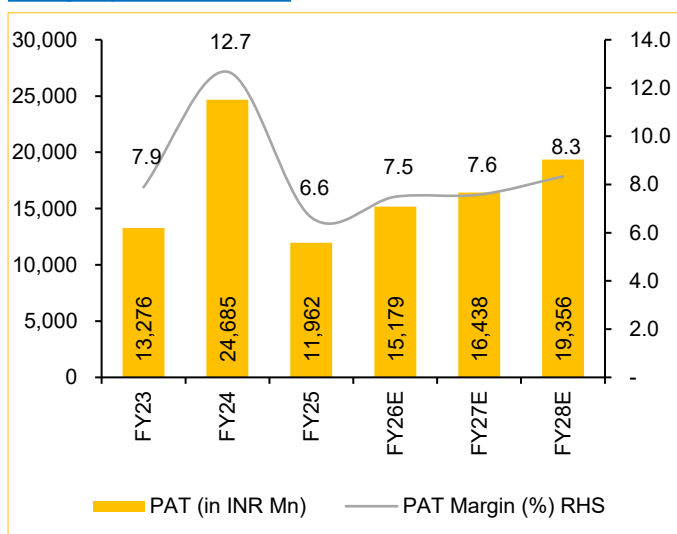
Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

Gradual uptick in EBITDA/t

Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

EBITDA projected to expand at a CAGR of 15.3% over FY25–28

Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

Steady improvement in PAT

Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

Income Statement (Standalone in INR Mn)

Particulars	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	1,94,767	1,80,373	2,02,667	2,16,976	2,32,294
Gross Profit	1,72,774	1,60,166	1,79,969	1,92,674	2,06,277
EBITDA	43,636	38,368	48,727	53,123	58,793
Depreciation	16,147	28,080	31,932	34,876	37,470
EBIT	27,490	10,288	16,794	18,247	21,323
Other Income	5,611	5,772	5,067	5,424	6,504
Interest Expense	2,643	2,086	1,541	1,666	1,916
PBT	30,457	13,974	20,320	22,005	25,912
Reported PAT	24,685	11,962	15,179	16,438	19,356
EPS	684.2	331.5	420.7	455.6	536.5

Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

Ratio Analysis	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Growth Ratios					
Revenues	15.7	(7.4)	12.4	7.1	7.1
EBITDA	48.6	(12.1)	27.0	9.0	10.7
PAT	85.9	(51.5)	26.9	8.3	17.8
Margins					
Gross Profit Margin	88.7	88.8	88.8	88.8	88.8
EBITDA Margin	22.4	21.3	24.0	24.5	25.3
Tax Rate	19.0	14.4	25.3	25.3	25.3
PAT Margin	12.7	6.6	7.5	7.6	8.3
Profitability					
Return on Equity (ROE)	12.1	5.6	6.7	6.7	7.4
Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	11.6	4.5	6.1	6.2	6.8
Return on Capital Employed (ROCE)	15.5	7.2	9.3	9.4	10.2
Financial Leverage					
OCF/EBITDA (x)	0.8	1.3	0.8	0.9	0.9
OCF / IC (%)	17.7	27.7	21.7	24.1	25.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	19.1	26.2	18.8	17.2	15.5
Earnings					
EPS	684.2	331.5	420.7	455.6	536.5
Shares Outstanding	36	36	36	36	36
Working Capital					
Inventory Days (x)	59	42	45	48	50
Receivable Days (x)	17	16	18	19	20
Creditor Days (x)	20	25	20	20	20
Working Capital Days	56	33	43	47	50

Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

Balance Sheet (Standalone in INR Mn)

Particulars	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Worth	2,03,845	2,12,114	2,27,293	2,43,731	2,63,087
Borrowings	14,737	8,164	6,164	6,664	7,664
Deferred Tax	1,359	1,274	1,274	1,274	1,274
Other Liabilities & Provisions	43,611	43,899	43,899	43,899	43,899
Total Net Worth & Liabilities	2,63,551	2,65,451	2,78,630	2,95,568	3,15,924
Net Block	70,987	68,980	72,047	82,171	94,701
Capital WIP	18,328	31,115	31,115	31,115	31,115
Goodwill & Intangible Assets					
Investments	1,06,753	1,15,962	1,15,962	1,15,962	1,15,962
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,971	2,310	4,996	7,747	11,691
Loans & Other Assets	34,392	30,633	30,633	30,633	30,633
Net Working Capital	30,120	16,451	23,876	27,939	31,821
Total Assets	2,63,551	2,65,451	2,78,630	2,95,568	3,15,924

Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

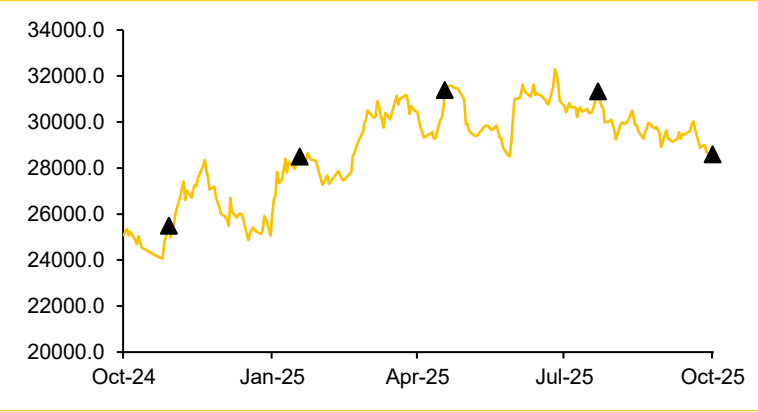
Cash Flows (INR Mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Cash Flows from Operations	33,036	50,630	41,227	48,917	54,860
Cash Flows from Investing	(13,503)	(36,379)	(35,000)	(45,000)	(50,000)
Cash Flows from Financing	(17,937)	(14,632)	(3,541)	(1,166)	(916)

Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

DuPont Analysis	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Tax Burden (%)	81.0	85.6	74.7	74.7	74.7
Interest Burden (%)	110.8	135.8	121.0	120.6	121.5
EBIT Margin (%)	14.1	5.7	8.3	8.4	9.2
Asset Turnover (x)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Equity Multiplier (x)	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
ROE (%)	12.1	5.6	6.7	6.7	7.4

Source: SRCM, Choice Institutional Equities

Historical share price chart: Shree Cement Limited



Date	Rating	Target Price
February 01, 2024	ADD	30,920
May 15, 2024	REDUCE	27,055
August 08, 2024	SELL	24,765
November 12, 2024	HOLD	26,186
February 01, 2025	HOLD	29,760
May 15, 2025	SELL	27,000
August 05, 2025	SELL	27,600
October 29, 2025	SELL	26,900

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