

# **Hindalco Industries (HNDL IN)**

Rating: ACCUMULATE | CMP: Rs790 | TP: Rs846

#### November 8, 2025

# **Q2FY26 Result Update**

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#### **Change in Estimates**

	Cur	rent	Pre	vious	
	FY27E	FY28E	FY27E	FY28E	
Rating	ACCU	MULATE	BUY		
Target Price	8	46	883		
Sales (Rs bn)	2,692	2,736	2,703	2,795	
% Chng.	(0.4)	(2.1)			
EBITDA (Rs bn)	376	386	371	386	
% Chng.	1.4	-			
EPS (Rs.)	85.7	86.9	86.5	90.3	
% Chng.	(1.0)	(3.7)			

#### **Key Financials - Consolidated**

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Sales (Rs. bn)	2,385	2,621	2,692	2,736
EBITDA (Rs. bn)	328	352	376	386
Margin (%)	13.8	13.4	14.0	14.1
PAT (Rs. bn)	160	180	190	193
EPS (Rs.)	72.1	81.0	85.7	86.9
Gr. (%)	57.6	12.4	5.7	1.5
DPS (Rs.)	5.0	5.5	6.1	6.7
Yield (%)	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8
RoE (%)	13.9	13.6	12.7	11.5
RoCE (%)	15.4	14.3	13.9	13.3
EV/Sales (x)	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.6	6.0	5.6	5.3
PE (x)	11.0	9.8	9.2	9.1
P/BV (x)	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0

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52-W High / Low	Rs.864 / Rs.546
Sensex / Nifty	83,216 / 25,492
Market Cap	Rs.1,776bn/ \$ 20,033m
Shares Outstanding	2,247m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.4261.43m

#### **Shareholding Pattern (%)**

Promoter's	34.64
Foreign	32.10
Domestic Institution	24.23
Public & Others	9.03
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	_

#### Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	2.9	24.2	22.0
Relative	1.3	20.5	16.6

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# India shines, but Novelis disappoints

#### **Quick Pointers:**

- Oswego plant to restart next month; fire incident to impact Q3 volumes by 75kt; Bay Minette project cost rises further by USD900m to USD5bn.
- FY27 India capex cut by Rs40bn to Rs110bn to accommodate Novelis project cost overrun.

Hindalco Industries (HNDL) delivered in-line cons operating performance, supported by strong India delivery on higher downstream volumes and higher LME prices. Q2 Aluminium cost of production inched up ~4% QoQ due to higher coal costs during monsoon. Mgmt. guided slight inch up in H2 CoP as other raw material prices have also firmed up. Going forward, consistent improvement in downstream volumes and coal supply from captive Chakla/Bandha mines over the next few quarters would drive HNDL earnings. Novelis reported an in-line quarter, however ~22% cost escalation at Bay Minette project would depress IRRs and require parent support in terms of equity infusion worth USD750m. Adverse impact of tariffs was USD54m in Q2 and going forward it is expected to get negated by higher MWP, better spot scrap spread and mgmt's efforts to mitigate costs & reducing dependency on Canada.

We incorporate higher Novelis capex, lower H2 volumes and maintain Novelis EBITDA/t assumption at USD480/USD500 for FY27/28E; which leads to ~Rs70 cut in our TP. We increase our FY26/27E cons EBITDA estimates by 4%/1% respectively as we factor in higher AL prices of USD2,633/USD2,719 and strong by-product prices in copper. At CMP, the stock is trading at EV of 5.6x/5.3x FY27/28E EBITDA. We downgrade the stock to 'Accumulate' with revised TP of Rs846 (earlier Rs883), valuing Novelis at 6.5x & India ops at 5.5x EV of Sep'27E EBITDA.

Strong India performance on higher volumes and LME: Standalone AL revenue grew 9% YoY while copper revenue grew 11% YoY. Upstream AL revenue is up 10% YoY on better realisation and EBITDA up 22% due to lower input cost. Downstream revenue is up 20% YoY on account of higher shipments (10% YoY to 113kt) and realisation. EBITDA is up 69% YoY on account of favourable product mix. Copper revenue is up 11% YoY, on account of higher realisation while EBITDA was aided by higher realisation from by-products. AL upstream sales volumes grew 4% YoY to 341kt, downstream sales volumes grew 10% YoY to 113kt. Copper volumes declined 3% YoY to 113kt. Blended realisation for AL business inched up 2% QoQ to Rs240k/t (up 4% YoY) while copper business realisation improved 7% QoQ to Rs1,288k/t (up 15% YoY).

Robust India negates weak Novelis performance: Standalone EBITDA grew 36% YoY to Rs37.4bn (+19% QoQ) on higher LME, lower costs in ally and strong downstream volumes growth. Cons. EBITDA grew 14% YoY at Rs89.7bn (+13% QoQ; PLe Rs90.5bn) on strong LME, higher ally volumes and largely in-line Novelis performance. Cons. reported PAT grew 21% YoY to Rs47.4bn. Exceptional expenses of Rs1.82bn during Q2FY26 w. r. t. fire incident at Novelis Oswego, New

York plant. Cons net debt increased by Rs71.6bn QoQ to Rs 414bn, while net debt to EBITDA increased to 1.23 vs (1.02 in Q1FY26).

**Novelis:** higher cost savings target; but rise in leverage: Increased guidance under global cost efficiency program to exit FY26 over USD125m run-rate (from USD100m earlier) and over USD300mn by end of FY28. Net debt increased by USD228mn QoQ to USD5.8bn in 2QFY26. The leverage ratio increased to 3.5x from 3.2x with total liquidity of USD 2.9bn.

Region wise volumes & EBITDA/t: Shipments of flat rolled products (FRP) was flat YoY to 941kt (-2% QoQ, PLe 964kt) on higher automotive and aerospace segment offsetting lower beverage packaging and specialty shipments. Novelis's adjusted EBITDA/t declined 8.4% YoY to USD 448/t (+4% up QoQ; PLe USD 460/t) driven by higher aluminum prices/ auto volumes, lower SG&A costs offsetting tariff impact of USD64m and higher scrap prices.

FRP Shipments declined 7% YoY in N.A. to 369kt (lower cans/specialties, higher auto/ higher metal benefit offsetting tariff impact); Europe volumes grew 12% YoY to 261kt on increased demand across segments. Asia volumes grew 12% YoY to 222kt (higher cans, lower Auto) and S.A de-grew 2 YoY to 159kt (lower cans). EBITDA/t declined 22% YoY in N. A. to USD363/t; improved 15% YoY to USD310/t in Europe. While in Asia EBITDA/t declined 3% YoY to USD 446/t and -10% YoY to USD 679/t in S.A..

# **HNDL Q2FY26 Concall Highlights:**

### **Cost of production & Hedging**

- The cost of production rose ~4% in the monsoon quarter due to higher coal costs and lower alumina pricing, which limited margin gains despite higher LME prices.
- For Q3, costs are expected to remain flat/ +1% QoQ, as coal costs are inching downwards but CP coke prices have firmed up.
- Hedging details: For Q3FY26, Hindalco has hedged 31% of its commodity exposure at USD2,700/t and 26% of its currency exposure at Rs87.5/USD. For Q4FY26, 49% of commodity exposure is hedged at USD2,760/t, and for FY27, 10% is hedged at USD2,800/t.

#### **Operations & Projects**

- Alumina external sales stood at 199kt in Q2FY26 and are estimated at 170kt in Q3 due to a planned shutdown in Utkal.
- Chakla mine: Box cut expected by Dec/Jan'26; Bandha box cut scheduled in the next few months.
- The copper tubes project has entered the commissioning phase, while construction of the copper recycling project is progressing as scheduled.

#### **Recycling & Renewable Energy**

- Recycling operations have begun with 50kt at Aditya, targeting 100kt in the next few years. A 50kt copper recycling plant will be commissioned next year.
- Current RE capacity stands at 292MW, with an additional 230MW expected in the next two quarters, taking total capacity to 522MW by FY26 exit.

#### Capex Guidance cut

- Rs85bn for FY26 and Rs110bn for FY27, reduced by Rs40bn from the earlier FY27 guidance of Rs150bn.
- Consolidated capex of Rs113.3bn was deployed during H1FY26. Hindalco has proposed Phase 2 of the Aditya smelter expansion in Odisha, adding 193ktpa to the existing 370ktpa capacity (Phase 1: 181ktpa announced earlier), with a total capex of Rs102.25bn to be completed by FY29, funded through internal accruals and debt.
- The Mahan smelter also has scope for doubling the capacity from its current 360ktpa capacity.

#### Debt inched up

- Cons net debt increased by Rs71.6bn QoQ to Rs 414bn, while net debt to EBITDA increased to 1.23x vs (1.02 in Q1FY26).
- Management guided that Net Debt to EBITDA is expected to remain below 2x over the next four years, factoring in planned capex and debt.
- They also highlighted that capex will be phased to maintain this level, and if the financial situation at Novelis does not improve, the 360ktpa Mahan smelter project could be delayed.
- To support Novelis cost escalation, HNDL plans to raise USD750mn debt at Hindalco AV Minerals, with a coupon rate lower than 6.375%.

## **Novelis Q2FY26 Concall Highlights:**

- Capex & Projects: FY26 capital expenditure expected at USD1.9-2.2bn, including USD300mn of maintenance capex.
- The Bay Minette project saw a USD900mn cost escalation from earlier guided USD4.1bn to USD5bn now- ~50% due to inflation (traditional and tariff-related) and the remainder due to higher US labour costs amid multiple mega projects of various other companies in the country.
- Parent will support Novelis through USD750mn equity infusion (possibly by Mar'26). No additional debt planned; total of USD1.25bn raised so far out of approved USD1.5bn.



- Cold mill commissioning to start in Q4FY26; full commissioning targeted for 2HCY26. Limited third-party sales expected in FY27 during qualification with customers and ramp up phase; full volumes expected in FY28.
- EBITDA/t > USD1,000/t from Bay Minette remains intact with expected high single-digit IRR in Phase 1 and much higher in Phase 2. ~2/3rd of Bay Minette volumes will cater to the North America beverage packaging market; the rest will serve autos and other FRP end markets.
- Shipments & Operations: Lower specialty and beverage packaging shipments during Logan ramp-up (post-expansion) and adverse weather in Brazil were offset by higher auto and aerospace sales. South America shipments were lower due to reduced availability in Brazil and plant maintenance shutdowns during the quarter; scrap availability in the region has now normalised.
- Temporary elevation in working capital needs this quarter (Q3) with some spillover expected into the next quarter.
- Oswego Fire Impact: Net leverage may temporarily rise to 4x for the next CY due to the Oswego fire incident but should return to 3.5x by FY26 end. The temporary EBITDA impact, estimated at USD100-150mn, will be felt between Q3-Q4, along with volume loss of ~75kt and some spillover into Q4.
- Associated costs include repairs, capex, restoration, and higher costs to serve due to material purchases from own or third-party facilities at elevated costs. These costs will not spill over into the next FY. ~70-80% of the losses are expected to be recovered through insurance in future periods.
- Market Outlook: FY2026-31 Auto sector CAGR projected at 3-5%.
- Scrap availability improving in North America. Actual tariff impact was higher than USD54mn but benefits from higher product pricing and cost savings offset most of this impact.
- One of the two automotive finishing lines in China has been shut due to lower aluminium adoption by domestic OEMs.
- Tariff impact: USD54mn in Q2 and USD28mn in Q1.

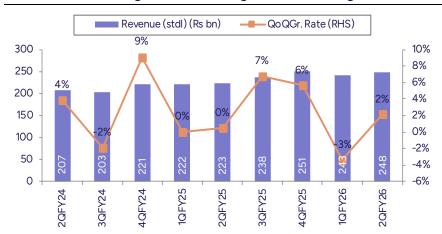


Exhibit 1: Q2FY26 Result Overview - Consolidated (Rs bn)

Y/e March	2QFY26	2QFY25	YoY gr. (%)	2QFY26E	% Var.	1QFY26	QoQ gr. (%)	H1FY26	H1FY25	YoY gr. (%)
Net Sales	660.6	582.0	13.5	690.5	-4.3	642.3	2.8	1302.9	1152.2	13.1
Raw material	415.9	357.9	16.2	436.2	-4.7	409.5	1.6	863.0	717.0	20.4
% of Net Sales	63.0%	61.5%		63.2%		63.8%		0.7	0.6	
Staff Cost	41.2	38.0	8.5	45.3	-9.0	42.5	-3.1	83.7	76.8	9.1
% of Net Sales	6.2%	6.5%		6.6%		6.6%		0.1	0.1	
Other expenses	113.8	107.3	6.1	118.5	-3.9	111.2	2.3	187.5	204.5	-8.3
% of Net Sales	17.2%	18.4%		17.2%		17.3%		0.1	0.2	
Total expenditure	570.9	503.2	13.5	600.0	-4.9	563.3	1.4	1134.2	998.3	13.6
EBITDA	89.7	78.8	13.7	90.5	-0.9	79.1	13.4	168.7	153.9	9.7
Margin (%)	13.6%	13.5%		13.1%		12.3%		0.1	0.1	
Depreciation	21.6	19.3	11.5	22.7	-4.9	20.8	3.6	42.4	38.2	10.7
EBIT	68.1	59.5	14.5	67.8	0.5	58.3	16.9	126.4	115.6	9.3
Other income	7.1	10.8	-33.7	12.1	-41.3	6.0	18.4	13.2	15.0	-12.3
Interest	8.0	8.7	-7.6	8.1	-0.8	7.5	6.5	15.6	17.3	-9.9
PBT	67.2	61.6	9.2	71.8	-6.5	56.7	18.5	124.0	113.3	9.4
Extraordinary income/(expense)	-1.8	-5.1		0.0		0.0	NA	-1.8	-8.4	NA
PBT (after EO)	65.4	56.4	15.9	71.8	-9.0	56.7	15.2	122.1	104.9	16.4
Tax	18.0	17.3	NA	19.1	-6.0	16.7	7.6	34.7	35.1	NA
Reported PAT	47.4	39.1	21.3	52.7	-10.1	40.0	18.4	87.4	69.8	25.2
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	NA	0.0	NA	0.0	NA	0.0	0.0	NA
Share of profit/(losses) in Associates	0.0	0.0	NA	0.0	NA	0.0	NA	0.0	0.0	NA
Net Profit attributable to shareholders	47.4	39.1	21.3	52.7	-10.0	40.0	18.4	87.5	69.8	25.2

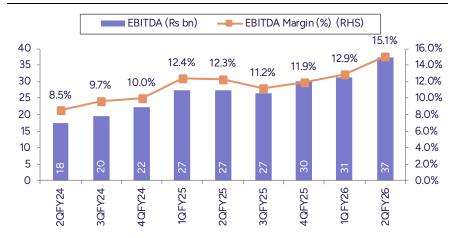
Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 2: Std. revenue grew 11% YoY on higher LME and strong volume



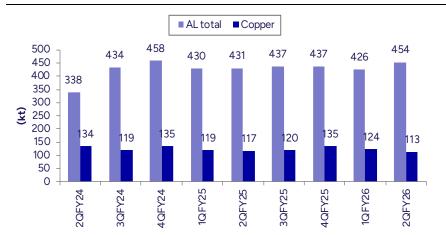
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Exhibit 3: Std. EBITDA margins up YoY on lower op costs and better product mix



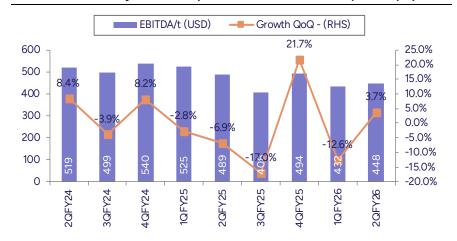
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Exhibit 4: AL volumes increased 5% YoY while CU volumes declined 3% YoY



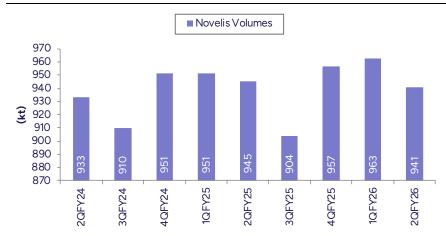
Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 5: Novelis adj. EBITDA/t up 4% QoQ on better MWP, spot scrap spread



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 6: Novelis volumes flat YoY on higher auto and aerospace



Source: Company, PL

**Exhibit 7: Target Price Calculation** 

(In Rs bn)	Sep'27 PLe	EV/EBITDA (x)	EV
Novelis EBITDA	220	6.5	1,431
HNDL Standalone EBITDA	161	5.5	886
Net debt			417
Equity value			1,900
Per share equity value			846

Source: PL



# **Financials**

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Revenues	2,385	2,621	2,692	2,736
YoY gr. (%)	10.4	9.9	2.7	1.7
Cost of Goods Sold	1,449	1,858	1,906	1,942
Gross Profit	935	764	785	794
Margin (%)	39.2	29.1	29.2	29.0
Employee Cost	154	155	159	163
Other Expenses	453	257	250	244
EBITDA	328	352	376	386
YoY gr. (%)	35.3	7.2	6.9	2.6
Margin (%)	13.8	13.4	14.0	14.1
Depreciation and Amortization	89	98	105	109
EBIT	239	254	271	277
Margin (%)	10.0	9.7	10.1	10.1
Net Interest	34	37	39	42
Other Income	27	23	23	23
Profit Before Tax	223	241	255	258
Margin (%)	9.4	9.2	9.5	9.4
Total Tax	63	61	65	65
Effective tax rate (%)	28.4	25.2	25.6	25.3
Profit after tax	160	180	190	193
Minority interest	0	0	0	0
Share Profit from Associate	0	0	0	0
Adjusted PAT	160	180	190	193
YoY gr. (%)	57.6	12.4	5.7	1.5
Margin (%)	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.1
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	0	-	-	-
Reported PAT	160	180	190	193
YoY gr. (%)	57.6	12.4	5.7	1.5
Margin (%)	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.1
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	160	180	190	193
Equity Shares O/s (bn)	2	2	2	2
EPS (Rs)	72.1	81.0	85.7	86.9

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs bn)

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	1,761	1,898	2,030	2,386
Tangibles	1,592	1,729	1,861	2,217
Intangibles	169	169	169	169
Acc: Dep / Amortization	862	960	1,065	1,174
Tangibles	749	846	952	1,061
Intangibles	113	113	113	113
Net fixed assets	899	939	965	1,212
Tangibles	843	883	909	1,156
Intangibles	56	56	56	56
Capital Work In Progress	274	411	565	419
Goodwill	267	267	267	267
Non-Current Investments	149	149	149	149
Net Deferred tax assets	(88)	(88)	(88)	(88)
Other Non-Current Assets	35	35	35	35
Current Assets				
Investments	105	105	105	105
Inventories	488	503	516	525
Trade receivables	198	180	184	187
Cash & Bank Balance	108	171	164	191
Other Current Assets	51	51	51	51
Total Assets	2,660	2,895	3,088	3,226
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	2	2	2	2
Other Equity	1,235	1,404	1,582	1,761
Total Networth	1,237	1,406	1,584	1,763
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	562	562	562	512
Provisions	7	7	7	7
Other non current liabilities	72	72	72	72
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	57	57	57	57
Trade payables	406	467	479	487
Other current liabilities	192	198	200	201
Total Equity & Liabilities	2,660	2,895	3,088	3,226

Source: Company Data, PL Research



Cash Flow (	

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
PBT	223	241	255	258
Add. Depreciation	79	98	105	109
Add. Interest	34	37	39	42
Less Financial Other Income	27	23	23	23
Add. Other	(14)	(23)	(23)	(23)
Op. profit before WC changes	322	352	376	386
Net Changes-WC	(23)	71	(4)	(2)
Direct tax	(55)	(61)	(65)	(65)
Net cash from Op. activities	244	362	307	318
Capital expenditures	(204)	(275)	(286)	(209)
Interest / Dividend Income	9	23	23	23
Others	(52)	-	-	-
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(247)	(252)	(263)	(186)
Issue of share cap. / premium	-	-	-	-
Debt changes	62	-	-	(50)
Dividend paid	(8)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Interest paid	(40)	(37)	(39)	(42)
Others	(31)	-	-	-
Net cash from Fin. activities	(17)	(48)	(51)	(106)
Net change in cash	(20)	62	(7)	27
Free Cash Flow	38	87	21	109

Source: Company Data, PL Research

# Quarterly Financials (Rs bn)

Y/e Mar	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26
Net Revenue	584	649	642	661
YoY gr. (%)	10.6	15.9	12.7	13.5
Raw Material Expenses	355	396	409	416
Gross Profit	229	253	233	245
Margin (%)	39.3	39.0	36.2	37.0
EBITDA	76	88	79	90
YoY gr. (%)	29.3	32.3	5.4	13.7
Margin (%)	13.0	13.6	12.3	13.6
Depreciation / Depletion	19	21	21	22
EBIT	56	67	58	68
Margin (%)	9.7	10.4	9.1	10.3
Net Interest	8	9	8	8
Other Income	5	7	6	7
Profit before Tax	54	65	57	69
Margin (%)	9.2	10.1	8.8	10.4
Total Tax	16	13	17	18
Effective tax rate (%)	29.0	19.4	29.5	26.1
Profit after Tax	38	53	40	51
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associates	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	38	53	40	51
YoY gr. (%)	63.8	66.0	7.2	3.4
Margin (%)	6.5	8.1	6.2	7.7
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	38	53	40	51
YoY gr. (%)	63.8	66.0	7.2	3.4
Margin (%)	6.5	8.1	6.2	7.7
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	38	53	40	51
Avg. Shares O/s (bn)	2	2	2	2
EPS (Rs)	17.0	23.5	17.8	22.7

Source: Company Data, PL Research

#### **Key Financial Metrics**

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Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Per Share(Rs)				
EPS	72.1	81.0	85.7	86.9
CEPS	112.2	125.0	133.1	135.9
BVPS	557.2	633.3	713.4	794.3
FCF	16.9	39.3	9.6	49.2
DPS	5.0	5.5	6.1	6.7
Return Ratio(%)				
RoCE	15.4	14.3	13.9	13.3
ROIC	11.3	11.4	10.9	10.5
RoE	13.9	13.6	12.7	11.5
Balance Sheet				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Net Working Capital (Days)	43	30	30	30
Valuation(x)				
PER	11.0	9.8	9.2	9.1
P/B	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0
P/CEPS	7.0	6.3	5.9	5.8
EV/EBITDA	6.6	6.0	5.6	5.3
EV/Sales	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
Dividend Yield (%)	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8

Source: Company Data, PL Research

### **Key Operating Metrics**

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Novelis volumes (mt)	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.8
Novelis EBITDA/t	501	450	480	500
Aluminium Price (USD/t)	2,523	2,633	2,719	2,643

Source: Company Data, PL Research





**Analyst Coverage Universe** 

1				Share Price (Rs)
	ACC	BUY	2,374	1,882
2	Adani Port & SEZ	BUY	1,777	1,444
3	Ambuja Cement	BUY	718	577
4	Dalmia Bharat	Accumulate	2,372	2,250
5	Hindalco Industries	BUY	883	768
6	Jindal Stainless	Hold	759	758
7	Jindal Steel	Accumulate	1,151	1,071
8	JSW Infrastructure	Accumulate	338	309
9	JSW Steel	Hold	1,118	1,166
10	National Aluminium Co.	BUY	280	217
11	NMDC	Accumulate	86	77
12	Nuvoco Vistas Corporation	Accumulate	459	412
13	Shree Cement	Accumulate	31,769	28,585
14	Steel Authority of India	Hold	143	137
15	Tata Steel	Accumulate	196	171
16	Ultratech Cement	Accumulate	13,425	12,370

### PL's Recommendation Nomenclature (Absolute Performance)

 Buy
 : > 15%

 Accumulate
 : 5% to 15%

 Hold
 : +5% to -5%

 Reduce
 : -5% to -15%

 Sell
 : < -15%</td>

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