

India

ADD (no change)

Sell 3 Consensus ratings*: Buy 26 Hold 3 Current price: Rs2.205 Rs2.700 Target price: Previous target: Rs2,570 22.4% Up/downside: InCred Research / Consensus: 6.0% DALB.NS Reuters: DALBHARA IN Bloombera: US\$4.976m Market cap: Rs413,552m US\$10.1m Average daily turnover: Rs838.6m 187.1m Current shares o/s: 43.5% Free float: *Source: Bloomberg

Key changes in this note

- Maintain EBITDA for FY25F-26F.
- Roll forward and revise the target price to Rs2,700 from Rs2,570 earlier.



		Source: B	loomberg
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	(1.5)	9.4	27.6
Relative (%)	(0.6)	(2.3)	8.6

Major shareholders	% held
Promoter & Promoter Group	55.9
Nippon Life India	1.2
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Strong volume results in EBITDA/t beat

- 3QFY24 consolidated EBITDA stood at Rs7.7bn, ~11% above our estimate (up 20% yoy and 32% qoq), mainly driven by better volume and realization.
- DBL to grow in line with the industry in FY24F whereas it targets mid-teen volume growth in FY25F and so on, mostly backed by JPA assets acquisition.
- We broadly maintain our FY24F-25F EBITDA estimates. Retain ADD rating on the stock with a higher TP of Rs2,700 as we roll forward the valuation.

Targets mid-teen volume growth & pricing discipline in medium term

Dalmia Bharat or DBL's cement sales volume in 3QFY24 grew by 7.8% yoy to 6.8mt (incl. tolling volume of 0.4mt related to JPA assets) while ex-JPA's tolling volume, the growth stood at 2% yoy. The company indicated that it has grown faster in key markets, given the subdued demand in the eastern region. It targets mid-teen volume growth over the medium term. Realization grew ~3.5% qoq led by a marginal price improvement in East/South India while the exit prices in Dec 2023 were closer to Sep 2023 level & further weakness is seen this month. On the industry pricing front, management stated that rising consolidation may lead to better pricing for the sector and could grow by ~1.5-2% CAGR over the long run.

Unit EBITDA improves to Rs1,140/t; marginal fall in costs likely

Total costs/t stood at Rs4,154, broadly flat qoq, due to lower P&F costs and operating leverage benefits. Fuel consumption costs stood at US\$115/t, in line with the spot level (vs. US\$127/t qoq). On a Kcal basis, they were at Rs1.5 vs. Rs1.58 qoq, and management expects a marginal reduction of 3% in 4QFY24F. Freight costs rose by 7% qoq on the back of a rise in the busy season rail surcharge and the lead distance at 283km (vs. 277km qoq and 303km yoy) while employee costs were impacted by salary increments and additional headcount. Thus, EBITDA/t stood at Rs1,140, up Rs119/Rs183 yoy/qoq. Management expects the industry/company to register EBITDA/t of Rs1,100-1,200 in FY25F.

Net debt/EBITDA to be <2x despite JPA assets & capacity expansion

Cement capacity should rise to 46.6mtpa by FY24F from 44.6mtpa currently. The medium-term plan of 75mtpa by FY27F is on track, with the details to be announced in the coming months. As regards the long-term perspective, DBL is committed to its earlier announced target capacity of 110-130mtpa by 2031F. On JPA assets acquisition, DBL highlighted that external lenders' approvals are taking longer than anticipated, but it will try to close the transaction in the next 2 months. DBL has retained its annual capex guidance of Rs30-35bn for FY24F-26F (incurred Rs21.3bn in 9M) including Rs35bn for JPA assets buyout.

Retain ADD rating with a higher TP of Rs2,700; remains our top pick

DBL trades at FY25F/26F EV/EBITDA multiple of 13x/11x, respectively. We retain ADD rating on it with a Mar 2025F target price of Rs2,700 (Rs2,570 earlier), set at a one-year forward EV/EBITDA of 13x (unchanged). Weak demand, pricing pressure, rise in input costs, delay in ramp-up of JPA assets, and any delay in expansion are key downside risks.

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Financial Summary	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue (Rsm)	112,860	135,400	145,930	171,085	198,797
Operating EBITDA (Rsm)	24,260	23,160	28,927	35,368	42,608
Net Profit (Rsm)	8,100	13,270	8,447	10,554	14,860
Core EPS (Rs)	43.3	64.4	45.1	56.4	79.4
Core EPS Growth	(31.9%)	48.7%	(29.9%)	24.9%	40.8%
FD Core P/E (x)	50.94	31.09	48.85	39.10	27.77
DPS (Rs)	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.5	5.6
Dividend Yield	0.23%	0.23%	0.20%	0.20%	0.25%
EV/EBITDA (x)	16.44	18.09	15.78	13.08	10.95
P/FCFE (x)	137.53	69.58	(8.75)	16.59	(54.84)
Net Gearing	(8.9%)	3.3%	25.9%	27.9%	28.0%
P/BV (x)	2.57	2.64	2.52	2.38	2.20
ROE	5.6%	7.6%	5.3%	6.3%	8.2%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates			(0.65%)	(0.63%)	(0.56%)
InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x)					

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



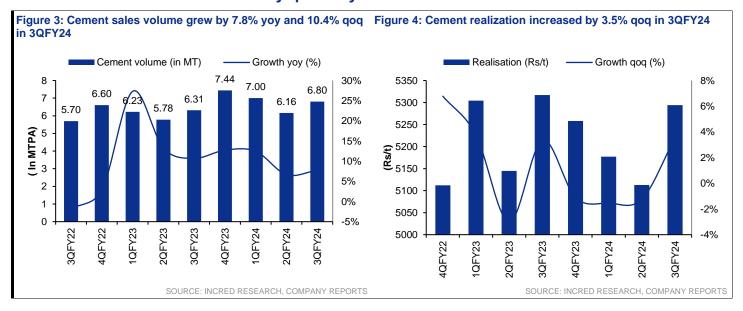
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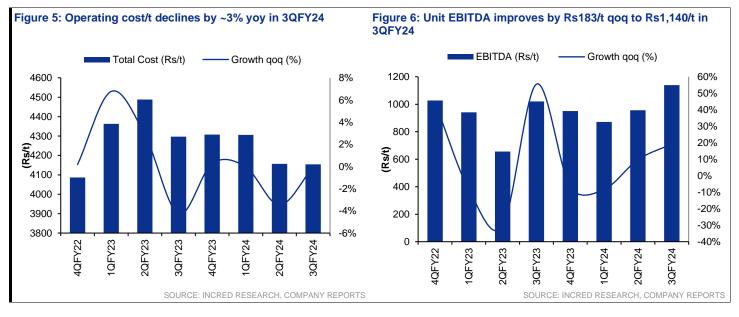
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Farticulars (RS III)	3QF124	3QF124F	2QF124	3QF123	3QFY24F	2QFY24	3QFY23
Net Sales	36,000	34,009	31,490	33,550	6%	14%	7%
Raw Materials Consumed	6,260	5,602	5,330	3,700	12%	17%	69%
Freight and Forwarding Expenses	7,430	7,030	6,310	7,020	6%	18%	6%
Power and Fuel Costs	7,260	7,321	6,980	9,640	-1%	4%	-25%
Employee Costs	2,210	2,317	2,260	1,930	-5%	-2%	15%
Other Expenses	5,090	4,786	4,720	4,820	6%	8%	6%
Total Expenditure	28,250	27,055	25,600	27,110	4%	10%	4%
EBITDA	7,750	6,954	5,890	6,440	11%	32%	20%
Depreciation	3,700	3,998	4,010	3,250	-7%	-8%	14%
EBIT	4,050	2,955	1,880	3,190	37%	115%	27%
Interest	1,080	1,123	1,010	680	-4%	7%	59%
Other Income	640	729	850	350	-12%	-25%	83%
PBT	3,610	2,561	1,720	2,860	41%	110%	26%
Tax	960	666	480	740	44%	100%	30%
PAT before MI & Associates	2,650	1,895	1,240	2,120	40%	114%	25%
Minority Interest	30	110	50	140			
Profit from Associates	0	0	0	20			
Recurring PAT	2,620	1,785	1,190	2,000	47%	120%	31%
Extraordinary Items	0	0	0	0			
Reported PAT	2,620	1,785	1,190	2,000	47%	120%	31%
EPS (Rs)	14.0	9.6	6.4	10.7	47%	120%	31%
Gross Margin	42%	41%	41%	39%	47 bps	94 bps	249 bps
EBITDA Margin	21.5%	20.4%	18.7%	19.2%	108 bps	282 bps	233 bps
EBIT Margin	11%	9%	6%	10%	256 bps	528 bps	174 bps
PBT Margin	10%	8%	5%	9%	250 bps	457 bps	150 bps
PAT Margin	7%	5%	4%	6%	203 bps	350 bps	132 bps
Tax Rate	27%	26%	28%	26%	59 bps	-131 bps	72 bps
Cost items as % of Sales							
RM Costs	17%	16%	17%	11%	92 bps	46 bps	636 bps
Freight Costs	21%	21%	20%	21%	-3 bps	60 bps	-29 bps
P&F Costs	20%	22%	22%	29%	-136 bps	-200 bps	-857 bps

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Per tonne analysis	3QF124		2QFY24	3QFY23 —	3QFY24F	2QFY24	3QFY23
Sales Volume (Cement + Clinker)	6.80	6.53	6.16	6.31	4.1%	10.4%	7.8%
Realization	5,294	5,205	5,113	5,317	2%	3.5%	-0.4%
EBITDA/t	1,140	1,064	956	1,021	7%	19%	12%
RM Costs/t	921	857	865	586	7%	6%	57%
P&F Costs/t	1,068	1,120	1,133	1,528	-5%	-6%	-30%
Freight Costs/t	1,093	1,076	1,025	1,113	2%	7%	-2%
Employee Costs/t	325	355	367	306	-8%	-11%	6%
Other Expenses/t	749	732	766	764	2%	-2%	-2%
Costs/t	4,154	4.141	4,157	4.296	0.3%	-0.1%	-3.3%



Key quarterly charts ➤







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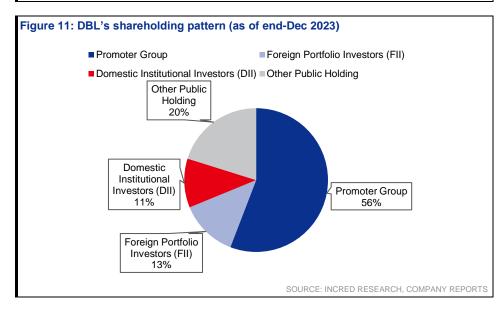
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Rs. m		New			Old		Chan	ge (%)	
	FY24F	FY25F	FY26F	FY24F	FY25F	FY26F	FY24F	FY25F	FY26F
Sales	1,45,930	1,71,085	1,98,797	1,48,462	1,76,606	2,04,706	-2%	-3%	-3%
EBITDA	28,927	35,368	42,608	29,723	35,531	42,598	-3%	0%	0%
PAT	8,447	10,554	14,860	8,977	10,691	14,775	-6%	-1%	1%
EPS (Rs.)	47.5	58.8	81.8	50	59	81	-6%	-1%	1%

Rs. m		Incred			Consensus		(Change (%)	
	FY24F	FY25F	FY26F	FY24F	FY25F	FY26F	FY24F	FY25F	FY26F
Sales	1,45,930	1,71,085	1,98,797	1,48,774	1,70,060	1,91,043	-2%	1%	4%
EBITDA	28,927	35,368	42,608	30,009	37,571	44,039	-4%	-6%	-3%
PAT	8,447	10,554	14,860	9,600	13,103	16,654	-12%	-19%	-11%

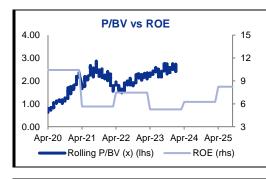
	FY22A	FY23A	FY24F	FY25F	FY26F
Volume (in mtpa)	22	24	28	32	37
yoy	7%	10%	13%	17%	14%
Realisation (per tonne)	5,073	5,225	5,330	5,166	5,254
yoy	4%	3%	2%	-3%	2%
Cost (per tonne)	3,991	4,372	4,335	4,195	4,220
yoy	12%	10%	-1%	-3%	1%
EBITDA (per tonne)	1,085	940	1,079	1,093	1,151
yoy	-18%	-13%	15%	1%	5%
EBITDA (Rs m)	22	24	28	32	37
yoy	7%	10%	13%	17%	14%

Figure 10: Maintain ADD rating year forward EV/EBITDA of 13:	g with a Mar 2025F target price of Rs2,700, set at a one- x (unchanged)
Valuation	TP
Target EV/EBITDA (x)	13.0
Target EV (Rs m)	5,53,903
Net debt / (cash) (Rs m)	48,707
No. of shares (m)	187
Fair value per share (Rs)	2,700
	SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH ESTIMATES, COMPANY REPORTS





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Profit & Loss					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Total Net Revenues	112,860	135,400	145,930	171,085	198,797
Gross Profit	112,860	135,400	145,930	171,085	198,797
Operating EBITDA	24,260	23,160	28,927	35,368	42,608
Depreciation And Amortisation	(12,350)	(13,050)	(15,451)	(17,645)	(19,145)
Operating EBIT	11,910	10,110	13,476	17,723	23,463
Financial Income/(Expense)	(2,020)	(2,340)	(3,978)	(4,575)	(4,529)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.	50	5,540			
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	1,600	1,380	2,512	1,708	1,742
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	11,540	14,690	12,009	14,856	20,676
Exceptional Items		1,440			
Pre-tax Profit	11,540	16,130	12,009	14,856	20,676
Taxation	(3,150)	(2,420)	(3,122)	(3,863)	(5,376)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	8,390	13,710	8,887	10,994	15,300
Minority Interests	(290)	(440)	(440)	(440)	(440)
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	8,100	13,270	8,447	10,554	14,860
Recurring Net Profit	8,100	12,046	8,447	10,554	14,860
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	8,100	12,046	8,447	10,554	14,860

Cash Flow					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
EBITDA	24,260	23,160	28,927	35,368	42,608
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	(1,180)	7,180	7,224	172	(629)
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense	1,600	1,380	2,512	1,708	1,742
Other Operating Cashflow	(230)	(4,440)	(4,440)	(4,440)	(4,440)
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(2,020)	(2,340)	(3,978)	(4,575)	(4,529)
Tax Paid	(3,150)	(2,420)	(3,122)	(3,863)	(5,376)
Cashflow From Operations	19,280	22,520	27,122	24,370	29,376
Capex	(17,560)	(27,010)	(63,500)	(32,500)	(33,500)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments					
Other Investing Cashflow	7,080	3,750	(44,290)	31,000	(1,000)
Cash Flow From Investing	(10,480)	(23,260)	(107,790)	(1,500)	(34,500)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	(5,800)	6,670	33,500	2,000	(2,400)
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares	50				
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(936)	(936)	(845)	(844)	(1,040)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	(2,734)	(4,054)	44,000	(28,000)	2,000
Cash Flow From Financing	(9,420)	1,680	76,655	(26,844)	(1,440)
Total Cash Generated	(620)	940	(4,013)	(3,974)	(6,564)
Free Cashflow To Equity	3,000	5,930	(47,168)	24,870	(7,524)
Free Cashflow To Firm	10,820	1,600	(76,690)	27,445	(595)

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Balance Sheet					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Total Cash And Equivalents	45,590	32,200	28,187	24,213	17,650
Total Debtors	6,730	7,000	7,596	9,843	11,438
Inventories	9,450	13,160	12,794	14,999	17,429
Total Other Current Assets	13,350	21,140	14,739	17,451	20,277
Total Current Assets	75,120	73,500	63,316	66,506	66,793
Fixed Assets	132,030	140,540	188,089	202,444	216,298
Total Investments	13,050	5,890	5,890	5,890	5,890
Intangible Assets	19,780	26,010	70,300	39,300	40,300
Total Other Non-Current Assets	6,930	9,490	9,990	10,490	10,990
Total Non-current Assets	171,790	181,930	274,269	258,124	273,478
Short-term Debt	11,970	5,320	6,820	7,320	6,920
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	8,500	11,350	12,606	14,307	16,119
Other Current Liabilities	26,190	27,930	27,727	33,362	37,771
Total Current Liabilities	46,660	44,600	47,153	54,988	60,810
Total Long-term Debt	19,220	32,100	64,100	65,600	63,600
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	19,700	21,290	61,290	29,290	27,290
Total Non-current Liabilities	38,920	53,390	125,390	94,890	90,890
Total Provisions					
Total Liabilities	85,580	97,990	172,543	149,879	151,700
Shareholders Equity	160,610	156,280	163,882	173,591	187,411
Minority Interests	720	1,160	1,160	1,160	1,160
Total Equity	161,330	157,440	165,042	174,751	188,571

Key Ratios					
	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue Growth	11.6%	20.0%	7.8%	17.2%	16.2%
Operating EBITDA Growth	(12.2%)	(4.5%)	24.9%	22.3%	20.5%
Operating EBITDA Margin	21.5%	17.1%	19.8%	20.7%	21.4%
Net Cash Per Share (Rs)	76.96	(27.90)	(228.37)	(260.30)	(282.55)
BVPS (Rs)	858.34	835.20	875.83	927.71	1,001.57
Gross Interest Cover	5.90	4.32	3.39	3.87	5.18
Effective Tax Rate	27.3%	15.0%	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	11.6%	7.9%	10.0%	8.0%	7.0%
Accounts Receivables Days	22.01	18.51	18.25	18.60	19.54
Inventory Days	30.22	30.48	32.46	29.65	29.77
Accounts Payables Days	39.16	32.28	37.37	36.19	35.55
ROIC (%)	7.8%	5.7%	5.1%	7.2%	8.9%
ROCE (%)	6.7%	5.2%	6.3%	7.3%	9.3%
Return On Average Assets	4.5%	5.8%	4.3%	4.7%	6.0%

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