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ADD (no change)

Consensus ratings*: Buy 15	Hold 2 Sell 0
Current price:	Rs880
Target price:	Rs1,461
Previous target:	Rs1,543
Up/downside:	66.0%
InCred Research / Consensus:	66.1%
Reuters:	
Bloomberg:	KPIL IN
Market cap:	US\$1,730m
	Rs150,203m
Average daily turnover:	US\$4.9m
	Rs421.2m
Current shares o/s:	162.4m
Free float: *Source: Bloomberg	8.1%

Key changes in this note

We cut FY25F/26F/27F EPS by 10%/3%/3%, respectively.



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Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	(24.6)	(26.6)	(11.3)
Relative (%)	(24.0)	(25.1)	(16.1)
Major shareholders			% held
ICICI Pru Equity & De	ebt		9.5
SBI Small Cap			9.4
Kotak MF			6.5

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Strong execution in T&D; margin challenges

- 3Q EBITDA stood at Rs4.8bn, up 13% YoY, but margin contracted 30bp YoY to 8.4%, impacted by weak water segment execution and FX losses in Brazil.
- YTD order inflow touched Rs201.9bn, led by strong T&D and B&F orders, while the order book hit Rs614bn (+19% YoY), ensuring strong execution visibility.
- We cut FY25F/26F/27F EPS by 10%/3%/3%, respectively. We maintain our ADD rating on the stock with a lower target price of Rs1,461 (Rs1,543 earlier).

Robust revenue growth led by T&D and oil & gas sectors

Kalpataru Projects International or KPIL reported a 17% YoY revenue growth in 3QFY25, with standalone revenue rising by 16% YoY. The growth was driven by T&D (+42% YoY), B&F (+26% YoY), and oil & gas (+123% YoY) segments. However, the water segment remained sluggish, impacted by delayed payments from Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) projects. Margins were affected by lower water segment revenue and currency fluctuations in Brazil.

Order inflow at an all-time high; strong execution pipeline

KPIL reported record-high YTD order inflow of Rs201.9bn, including a recent Rs8.24bn contract. The order book touched Rs614bn (+19% YoY), with 80%-90% of new orders concentrated in T&D and B&F segments, ensuring healthy execution visibility. The company expanded its global presence in Sweden through major HVDC project wins and strengthened its metro rail footprint with Nagpur metro and Kanpur metro orders, with the latter using the tunnel boring machine (TBM) technology.

Strong balance sheet post QIP; debt reduction continues

KPIL successfully raised capital via a qualified institutional placement or QIP in Dec 2024, The proceeds were used to strengthen the balance sheet, leading to a 27% QoQ reduction in net debt to Rs26.9bn (consolidated) and a 35% QoQ decline to Rs18.2bn (standalone). Net working capital days improved to 112 days (standalone) and 94 days (consolidated), reflecting higher efficiency. KPIL's Linjemontage Sweden subsidiary doubled its revenue YoY, securing a record Rs31.4bn of orders, while Fasttel Brazil faced profitability challenges due to currency devaluation affecting US dollar-denominated loans.

Maintain positive outlook with a focus on execution

KPIL remains well-positioned for future growth, with strong execution momentum in T&D, B&F and oil & gas segments. We cut FY25F/26F/27F EPS by 10%/3%/3%, respectively, factoring in lower execution in railway and water segments. We value the standalone business at 20x FY27F EPS (22x Sep 2026F earlier) and investments at Rs40/share. We retain our ADD rating on KPIL with a lower target price of Rs1,461 (Rs1,543 earlier). Downside risks: Higher commodity prices, and also higher working capital & debt levels, coupled with order inflow slowdown.

Financial Summary	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Revenue (Rsm)	143,370	167,600	187,573	226,240	259,689
Operating EBITDA (Rsm)	11,600	13,660	15,899	19,808	22,376
Net Profit (Rsm)	5,300	5,330	6,747	9,930	11,525
Core EPS (Rs)	29.3	35.0	41.6	61.2	71.0
Core EPS Growth	66.1%	19.3%	18.8%	47.2%	16.1%
FD Core P/E (x)	29.99	25.13	21.16	14.38	12.39
DPS (Rs)	6.3	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.5
Dividend Yield	0.72%	0.80%	0.85%	0.91%	0.97%
EV/EBITDA (x)	14.11	12.23	10.50	8.65	7.75
P/FCFE (x)	39.83	85.55	19.41	57.85	56.08
Net Gearing	39.0%	42.0%	38.1%	39.8%	37.3%
P/BV (x)	2.69	2.48	2.27	1.99	1.75
ROE	9.3%	10.3%	11.2%	14.7%	15.0%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates			(17.97%)	(5.59%)	
InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x)					

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS

3QFY25 conference-call highlights

- **Overview**: KPIL reported strong 3QFY25 performance, with consolidated revenue growth at 17% YoY. Standalone revenue grew by 16% YoY, driven by strong execution in transmission & distribution (T&D), buildings & factories (B&F), and oil & gas segments. The T&D business posted a 42% YoY growth, while the B&F business increased by 26%, and the oil & gas business surged 123%. However, the water segment remained sluggish due to delayed collections from Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) projects. Margins were impacted by lower water segment revenue and currency fluctuations in Brazil.
- Guidance: KPIL aims at 15%-20% revenue growth in 4QFY25F, with the PBT margin ~5% at a standalone level. The company remains confident of its long-term growth, despite short-term challenges in the water segment. The domestic and international T&D markets remain robust, driven by rising power demand, grid modernization, renewable energy integration, and electrification in developing countries. KPIL sees strong opportunities in this space. KPIL aims to reduce interest costs below 2% of sales from 4QFY25F. The overall T&D market is estimated at Rs350-400bn, with KPIL maintaining a 20%-25% market share.
- Orders: KPIL secured orders worth Rs201.9bn, including a recent Rs8,240m contract. The order backlog touched a record Rs614bn, with 80%-90% of new orders in T&D and B&F segments, ensuring strong execution visibility. KPIL secured major orders in Sweden for high-voltage direct current (HVDC) projects and expanded its footprint in the metro rail business by winning contracts from Nagpur metro. The company also achieved a breakthrough in the Kanpur metro rail project using TBM (tunnel boring machine) technology.
- Water business challenges: The water business has grown significantly over the last five years, but delayed payments from utilities hit working capital. KPIL infused Rs10bn into this segment, with collections expected to improve post-budget allocation. A sum of Rs7,000m in certified bills is pending clearance.
- **QIP fund raising**: KPIL successfully raised funds through a qualified institutional placement (QIP) in Dec 2024, which witnessed strong participation from domestic and international investors. This has strengthened the balance sheet and will support growth.
- Road assets & divestment plans: Toll revenue in the road segment improved to Rs6.43m per day in 3QFY25 (from Rs5.6m YoY). KPIL is focused on reducing losses from road special purpose vehicles or SPVs and is in the process of divesting some assets.
- **Debt & working capital**: KPIL significantly reduced its net debt, which declined by 27% QoQ to Rs26.94bn at the consolidated level and 35% QoQ to Rs18.20bn at the standalone level. Working capital efficiency improved, with net working capital days reducing to 112 days at the standalone level and 94 days at the consolidated level.
- International subsidiary: Linjemontage Sweden doubled its revenue YoY in 3Q and has an order book worth a record Rs31.4bn. Fasttel Brazil, however, faced profitability challenges due to currency devaluation affecting US dollar-denominated loans.
- **Positive industry trends**: KPIL expects continued strength in execution across T&D, B&F, oil & gas, and urban infrastructure segments. With a diversified business model, disciplined capital management, and operational efficiency, the company remains well-positioned for future growth.

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Figure 1: Quarterly results	s snapshot							
Consolidated (Rs m)	3QFY25	3QFY24	YoY (%)	2QFY25	QoQ (%)	9MFY25	9MFY24	YoY (%)
Total Revenue	57,325	48,960	17.1%	49,299	16.3%	1,52,494	1,36,550	11.7%
Raw Material Costs	42,902	37,150	15.5%	37,282	15.1%	1,14,884	1,03,240	11.3%
Employee Expenses	5,544	4,480	23.8%	5,019	10.5%	14,983	12,710	17.9%
Other Expenses	4,086	3,090	32.2%	2,615	56.3%	9,671	8,840	9.4%
Total Expenditure	52,533	44,720	17.5%	44,916	17.0%	1,39,539	1,24,790	11.8%
EBITDA	4,792	4,240	13.0%	4,384	9.3%	12,956	11,760	10.2%
Depreciation	1,231	1,210	1.7%	1,172	5.0%	3,593	3,540	1.5%
EBIT	3,561	3,030	17.5%	3,211	10.9%	9,362	8,220	13.9%
Interest	1,644	1,240	32.6%	1,501	9.5%	4,585	3,760	21.9%
Other Income	103	140	(26.6%)	171	(39.7%)	493	440	12.1%
PBT	2,020	1,930	4.7%	1,880	7.4%	5,270	4,900	7.6%
Total Tax	624	490	27.4%	625	(0.0%)	1,779	1,430	24.4%
Tax Rate	31%	25%		33%		34%	29%	
PAT	1,396	1,440	(3.1%)	1,256	11.2%	3,492	3,470	0.6%
Adj. PAT	1,396	1,440	(3.1%)	1,256	11.2%	3,492	3,470	0.6%
EPS (Rs)	8.6	8.9	(3.1%)	7.7	11.2%	21.5	21.4	0.6%
						SOURCE: INCRED	RESEARCH, COMP	ANY REPORTS

Figure 2: Margin and cost	analysis							
Margin Analysis	3QFY25	3QFY24	YoY bp chg	2QFY25	QoQ bp chg	9MFY25	9MFY24	YoY bp chg
Raw Material Costs	74.8%	75.9%	-104	75.6%	-78	75.3%	75.6%	-27
Employee Expenses	9.7%	9.2%	52	10.2%	-51	9.8%	9.3%	52
Other Expenses	7.1%	6.3%	82	5.3%	182	6.3%	6.5%	-13
EBIDTA Margin	8.4%	8.7%	-30	8.9%	-53	8.5%	8.6%	-12
EBIT Margin	6.2%	6.2%	2	6.5%	-30	6.1%	6.0%	12
PBT Margin (%)	3.5%	3.9%	-42	3.8%	-29	3.5%	3.6%	-13
NPM	2.4%	2.9%	-51	2.5%	-11	2.3%	2.5%	-25
Effective Tax Rate (%)	30.9%	25.4%	551	33.2%	-232	33.8%	29.2%	457
Gross Margin	25.2%	24.1%	104	24.4%	78	24.7%	24.4%	27
						SOURCE: COMPAN	NY REPORTS, INC	RED RESEARCH

Vs. InCred	3QFY25	3QFY25F	Diff.
Revenue	57,325	55,650	3.0%
EBITDA	4,792	4,897	-2.1%
Margin (%)	8.4%	8.8%	-44 bps
PAT	1,396	1,823	-23.4%
Vs. Consensus	3QFY25	3QFY25C	Diff.
Revenue	57,325	58,365	-1.8%
EBITDA	4,792	5,100	-6.0%
Margin (%)	8.4%	8.7%	-38 bps
PAT	1,396	1,722	-18.9%
	SOURCE: I	NCRED RESEARCH, CON	PANY REPORTS

Figure 4: Segment-wise order book (Rs m)								
Order Book	3QFY25	3QFY24	YoY (%)	2QFY25	QoQ (%)			
T&D	2,30,590	1,93,670	19.1%	2,22,690	3.5%			
B&F	1,33,050	1,20,650	10.3%	1,31,560	1.1%			
Water	1,00,000	1,14,080	-12.3%	1,05,190	-4.9%			
Oil & Gas	80,400	15,860	406.9%	84,740	-5.1%			
Railways	37,130	37,500	-1.0%	35,690	4.0%			
Urban Infrastructure	33,120	35,770	-7.4%	26,440	25.3%			
Total	6,14,290	5,17,530	18.7%	6,06,310	1.3%			
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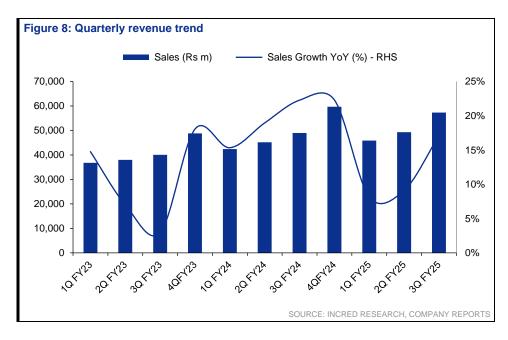
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(Rs m) 3QFY25 3QFY24 YoY (%)	2QFY25 QoQ (%	b) 9MFY25 9MFY24	YoY (%)
27,050 19,160 41.2%	20,110 34.5%	65,590 49,190	33.3%
15,280 12,080 26.5%	14,170 7.89	6 41,710 34,030	22.6%
5,210 8,970 -41.9%	5,470 -4.8%	6 17,720 27,630	-35.9%
4,440 1,990 123.1%	4,630 -4.19	6 11,610 5,850	98.5%
2,300 2,810 -18.1%	1,930 19.2%	6,650 10,410	-36.1%
e 1,680 2,680 -37.3%	1,720 -2.3%	6 5,210 5,520	-5.6%
ss 55,960 47,690 17.3%	48,030 16.5%	6 1,48,490 1,32,630	12.0%
1,360 1,270 7.1%	1,330 2.39	⁶ 4,060 3,650	11.2%
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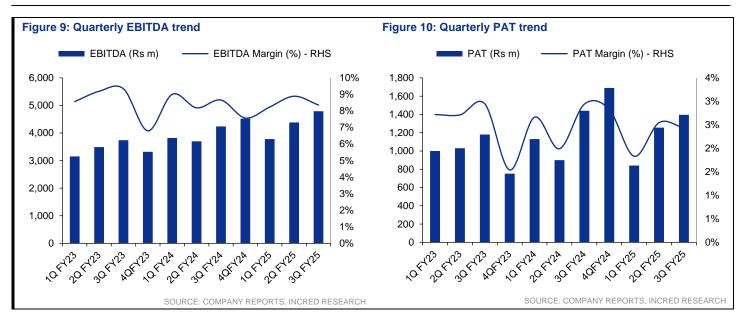
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Standalone (Rs m)	3QFY25	3QFY24	YoY (%)	2QFY25	QoQ (%)	9MFY25	9MFY24	YoY (%)
Total Revenue	48,257	41,470	16.4%	41,361	16.7%	1,26,838	1,16,130	9.2%
Raw Material Costs	37,466	32,410	15.6%	32,544	15.1%	98,540	90,620	8.7%
Employee Expenses	3,481	2,990	16.4%	3,270	6.4%	9,872	8,790	12.3%
Other Expenses	3,291	2,630	25.1%	2,063	59.6%	7,784	7,060	10.3%
Total Expenditure	44,239	38,030	16.3%	37,877	16.8%	1,16,195	1,06,470	9.1%
EBIDTA	4,019	3,440	16.8%	3,485	15.3%	10,643	9,660	10.2%
Depreciation	956	940	1.7%	914	4.6%	2,801	2,750	1.8%
EBIT	3,062	2,500	22.5%	2,570	19.1%	7,842	6,910	13.5%
Interest	1,071	830	29.0%	998	7.2%	2,929	2,430	20.5%
Other Income	185	270	(31.3%)	264	(29.8%)	740	810	(8.7%)
PBT	2,177	1,940	12.2%	1,836	18.6%	5,653	5,290	6.9%
Total Tax	604	500	20.7%	513	17.7%	1,587	1,460	8.7%
PAT	1,574	1,440	9.3%	1,323	18.9%	4,067	3,830	6.2%
Adj. PAT	1,574	1,440	9.3%	1,323	18.9%	4,067	3,830	6.2%
EPS (Rs)	9.7	8.9	9.3%	8.1	18.9%	25.0	23.6	6.2%
Margin Analysis	3QFY25	3QFY24	YoY bp chg	2QFY25	QoQ bp chg	9MFY25	9MFY24	YoY bp chg
Raw Material Costs	77.6%	78.2%	-51	78.7%	-104	77.7%	78.0%	-34
Employee Expenses	7.2%	7.2%	0	7.9%	-69	7.8%	7.6%	21
Other Expenses	6.8%	6.3%	48	5.0%	183	6.1%	6.1%	6
EBIDTA Margin	8.3%	8.3%	3	8.4%	-10	8.4%	8.3%	7
EBIT Margin	6.3%	6.0%	32	6.2%	13	6.2%	6.0%	23
PBT Margin (%)	4.5%	4.7%	-17	4.4%	7	4.5%	4.6%	-10
NPM	3.3%	3.5%	-21	3.2%	6	3.2%	3.3%	-9
Effective Tax Rate (%)	27.7%	25.8%	196	27.9%	-21	28.1%	27.6%	47

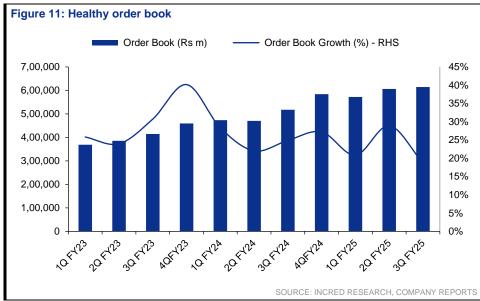
	Ne	w Estimates		d Estimates		C	Change		
(Rsm)	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F
Revenue	1,87,573	2,26,240	2,59,689	1,88,250	2,26,240	2,59,689	-0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
EBITDA	15,899	19,808	22,376	16,523	20,137	22,745	-3.8%	-1.6%	-1.6%
Core PAT	6,752	9,936	11,531	7,502	10,266	11,900	-10.0%	-3.2%	-3.1%



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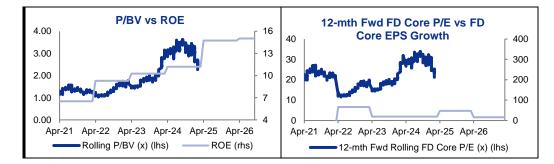


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Profit & Loss					
(Rs mn)	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Total Net Revenues	143,370	167,600	187,573	226,240	259,689
Gross Profit	78,610	95,410	109,773	128,504	146,724
Operating EBITDA	11,600	13,660	15,899	19,808	22,376
Depreciation And Amortisation	(2,950)	(3,680)	(3,767)	(4,083)	(4,450)
Operating EBIT	8,650	9,980	12,132	15,725	17,926
Financial Income/(Expense)	(2,940)	(3,370)	(4,021)	(3,597)	(3,777)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	1,120	1,130	1,092	1,201	1,321
Profit Before Tax (pre-El)	6,830	7,740	9,203	13,329	15,469
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	6,830	7,740	9,203	13,329	15,469
Taxation	(2,070)	(2,060)	(2,456)	(3,399)	(3,945)
Exceptional Income - post-tax	540	(350)			
Profit After Tax	5,300	5,330	6,747	9,930	11,525
Minority Interests					
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	5,300	5,330	6,747	9,930	11,525
Recurring Net Profit	4,760	5,680	6,747	9,930	11,525
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	4,760	5,680	6,747	9,930	11,525

Cash Flow					
(Rs mn)	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
EBITDA	6,830	7,740	9,203	13,329	15,469
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	(4,512)	(5,800)	(2,806)	(11,727)	(14,236)
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense	2,950	3,680	3,767	4,083	4,450
Other Operating Cashflow	427	1,160			
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	2,433	2,390	4,021	3,597	3,777
Tax Paid	(2,534)	(2,030)	(2,456)	(3,399)	(3,945)
Cashflow From Operations	5,594	7,140	11,728	5,882	5,516
Capex	(7,078)	(2,890)	(4,968)	(3,971)	(3,474)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments	(269)	(190)	(1,031)	(1,154)	(1,293)
Other Investing Cashflow	2,880	(1,590)			
Cash Flow From Investing	(4,467)	(4,670)	(5,999)	(5,126)	(4,767)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	2,460	(800)	1,632	1,713	1,799
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares					
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(1,022)	(1,140)	(1,221)	(1,302)	(1,384)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	(3,669)	180	(4,021)	(3,597)	(3,777)
Cash Flow From Financing	(2,231)	(1,760)	(3,610)	(3,187)	(3,362)
Total Cash Generated	(1,104)	710	2,119	(2,430)	(2,613)
Free Cashflow To Equity	3,587	1,670	7,361	2,470	2,548
Free Cashflow To Firm	(1,306)	80	1,709	(2,841)	(3,028)

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(Rs mn)	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Total Cash And Equivalents	8,581	8,490	10,264	7,477	7,272
Total Debtors	49,439	53,930	64,237	77,479	92,492
Inventories	10,874	12,400	14,389	17,355	19,921
Total Other Current Assets	69,637	89,530	88,904	108,471	124,508
Total Current Assets	138,530	164,350	177,795	210,783	244,193
Fixed Assets	17,251	16,678	17,879	17,768	16,792
Total Investments	8.741	8,590	9.621	10.775	12,068
Intangible Assets	201	200	200	200	200
Total Other Non-Current Assets	12.656	10.080	10.584	11.113	8.891
Total Non-current Assets	38,849	35,548	38,284	39,856	37,951
Short-term Debt	20,101	21,190	22,250	23,362	24,530
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	20,101	2.,.00	22,200	20,002	2.,000
Total Creditors	45,825	52,360	60,126	72,521	81,820
Other Current Liabilities	39,687	50,950	51,390	61,984	71,148
Total Current Liabilities	105,613	124,500	133,766	157,866	177,498
Total Long-term Debt	9.245	11,440	12,012	12.613	13.243
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component	0,210	11,110	12,012	12,010	10,210
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	5,484	1,978	2,132	2,298	2,478
Total Non-current Liabilities	14,729	13,418	14,144	14,911	15,721
Total Provisions	3,840	4,480	5,139	6,198	7,115
Total Liabilities	124,182	142,398	153,049	178,976	200,333
Shareholders Equity	53,197	57,500	63,031	71,664	81,811
Minority Interests		01,000	00,001	,	01,011
Total Equity	53,197	57,500	63,031	71,664	81,811
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Key Ratios					
	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Revenue Growth	15.6%	16.9%	11.9%	20.6%	14.8%
Operating EBITDA Growth	36.0%	17.8%	16.4%	24.6%	13.0%
Operating EBITDA Margin	8.1%	8.2%	8.5%	8.8%	8.6%
Net Cash Per Share (Rs)	127.84	148.61	147.73	175.43	187.77
BVPS (Rs)	327.48	353.97	388.02	441.17	503.63
Gross Interest Cover	2.94	2.96	3.02	4.37	4.75
Effective Tax Rate	30.3%	26.6%	26.7%	25.5%	25.5%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	21.5%	20.1%	18.1%	13.1%	12.0%
Accounts Receivables Days	115.23	112.56	114.97	114.32	119.45
Inventory Days	56.55	58.84	62.84	59.28	60.22
Accounts Payables Days	235.00	248.22	263.86	247.69	249.34
ROIC (%)	8.7%	9.4%	10.7%	12.0%	12.2%
ROCE (%)	10.9%	11.6%	12.9%	15.3%	15.8%
Return On Average Assets	4.2%	4.3%	4.7%	5.4%	5.4%

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS

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Neutral	A Neutral rating means stocks in the sector have, on a market cap-weighted basis, a neutral absolute recommendation.
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