



## India

## ADD (rating no change)

Consensus ratings\*: Buy 26 Hold 3 Sell 1

Current price: Rs1,128

Target price: Rs1,331

Previous target: Rs1,346

Up/downside: 18.0%

InCred Research / Consensus: 6.2%

Reuters: Bloomberg:

Bloomberg: KJC IN
Market cap: US\$2,473m
Rs179,598m
Average daily turnover: US\$3.4m

Rs248.9m

159.2m

52.5%

Current shares o/s:

Free float:
\*Source: Bloomberg

#### Key changes in this note

- > FY23F/24F revenue raised by ~2.5%.
- > FY23F/24F revenue cut by 2.2%/0.6%.
- > FY23F/24F revenue cut by 3%/1.1%.



		Source: Bloomberg		
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M	
Absolute (%)	22.6	7.3	15.5	
Relative (%)	15.3	8.3	9.1	

Major shareholders	% held
Promoters	47.5
Government Pension Fund Global	4.7
Kotak Small Cap Fund	3.8



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# **Kajaria Ceramics**

# Holding ground in a volatile environment

- EBITDA/PAT beat our/consensus estimates by 5-10% in 1QFY23. On a three-year CAGR basis, tile revenue/sales volume grew 12.1%/5.9%, respectively.
- Market share gains continue as Morbi players are not able to compete at current gas prices. Maintains sales volume guidance at 15%+ over FY23F-24F.
- Timely capacity expansion funded internally is aiding growth. Retain Add rating with a new TP of Rs1,331. Downside risks: Covid resurgence, high gas prices.

#### Decent performance in a tough quarter

Kajaria Ceramics (KCL) reported 1QFY23 revenue/EBITDA/PAT of Rs10bn/Rs1.5bn/Rs923m, +80%/+91%/+114% yoy, respectively, beating our/Bloomberg consensus EBITDA/PAT estimates by 5-10%. Within segments, tiles, sanitaryware/faucet and plywood revenues stood at Rs9.2bn/Rs714m/Rs203m, +76.5%/+93%/+279% yoy, respectively. EBITDA margin stood at 15.2%, +90bp yoy and +15bp qoq. Average gas price in 1Q was Rs55/scm for overall operations (North India: Rs52/scm; South: Rs60/scm; West: Rs67/scm). Gas cost accounted for 38% of total cost of production in 1QFY23. Segment EBIT margin stayed flat qoq for tiles while it declined to 4.4%, down 120bp qoq for 'Others' segment that largely includes the sanitaryware, faucet and plywood business.

### Sales volume growth guidance maintained at 15%+ for FY23F

Gas supply to KCL's North India plants (70% of total capacity) remains abrupt from gas supplier - GAIL. During 1Q, KCL expanded capacity by 12.4msm (Ceramic: 4.2msm; PVT: 4.4msm; GVT: 3.8msm) at Gailpur, Srikalahasthi and Morbi plants, respectively. The total own manufacturing and joint venture capacity stood at 82.8msm at the end of Jun 2022. In Jul 2022, the BOD approved the acquisition of a 51% equity stake in South Asian Ceramics Tiles Pvt. Ltd. (SAC) for Rs285m (100% EV: Rs1.2bn). SAC is based in Hyderabad and has a manufacturing capacity of 4.79msm of ceramic tiles. It will help gain market share in South India and improve regional product availability. SAC's FY22 revenue and total debt stood at Rs309m and ~Rs600m, respectively. Management reiterated its revenue growth guidance of 15-20% for FY23F while it refrained from EBITDA margin guidance. Morbi tile manufacturers will shut production for one month, starting 10 Aug 2022, given their higher unsold inventory due to lower exports. This is positive for national tile players who continue to gain market share in the domestic market.

#### Change in our earnings estimates

We increase FY23F/24F revenue estimates by  $\sim$ 2.5% to account for the increase in realization. FY23F/24F EBITDA and PAT estimates have been cut by 2.2%/0.6% and 3%/1%, respectively, to account for elevated gas cost and higher ASP spending.

#### Valuation and risks

Timely capacity expansion to help in capturing more market share in the domestic market. Retain Add rating with a new TP of Rs1,331 or 38x FY24F EPS. Downside risks: High gas prices, Covid-19 resurgence..

Financial Summary	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Revenue (Rsm)	28,080	27,809	37,052	45,397	52,328
Operating EBITDA (Rsm)	4,159	5,088	6,107	7,150	8,739
Net Profit (Rsm)	2,553	3,081	3,770	4,465	5,647
Core EPS (Rs)	16.1	19.4	23.7	28.0	35.5
Core EPS Growth	11.2%	20.6%	22.3%	18.4%	26.5%
FD Core P/E (x)	70.25	58.25	47.63	40.22	31.81
DPS (Rs)	6.0	10.0	11.0	13.0	16.5
Dividend Yield	0.64%	0.89%	0.98%	1.15%	1.46%
EV/EBITDA (x)	43.00	34.70	29.02	24.77	20.17
P/FCFE (x)	125.97	98.03	(194.96)	82.85	63.96
Net Gearing	(6.6%)	(18.1%)	(13.6%)	(13.0%)	(14.9%)
P/BV (x)	10.46	9.60	8.46	7.60	6.74
ROE	15.5%	17.2%	18.9%	19.9%	22.5%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates					
InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x)					

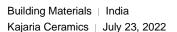
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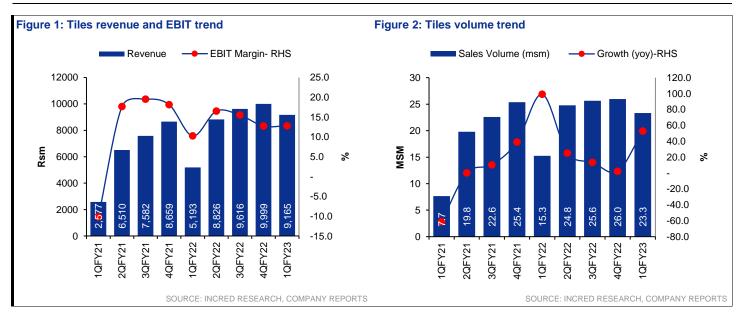
# 1QFY23 earnings-call highlights

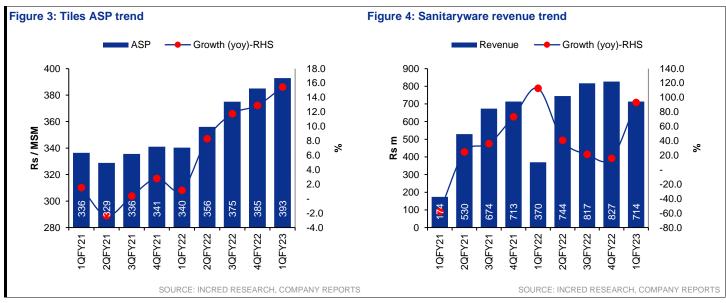
- Tile industry update: KCL stated that the tile industry clocked a revenue of Rs210bn in FY22 and will grow around 6%-7% yoy to Rs220bn in FY23F. Exports should see a steady recovery and are expected to clock a revenue of Rs170bn, +25% yoy (Rs127bn in FY22). Around 85%-90% of tile plants situated in the Morbi region will remain shut between 15 Aug to 15 Sep 2022 for dispatches owing to the higher unsold inventory situation.
- KCL's distribution network: KCL is seeing more store addition in Tier-2 and beyond Tier-2 cities. The company added 50+ dealer showrooms in FY22 and has around 1,700+ strong dealer network pan-India.
- Growth guidance: KCL refrained from giving margin guidance, given the high volatility in gas prices. However, it expects 15-20% volume growth in FY23F (vs. expected industry average growth of 6-7%), on the back of demand from Tier-2 cities and below, distribution network expansion, capacity expansion, etc.
- Price hikes: The company took a 2% price hike during the quarter, but it was
  not able to completely pass on the high input cost to consumers. It didn't take
  any price hikes in sanitaryware and plywood segments during the quarter.
- Acquisition of South Asian Ceramics: The board of directors of KCL approved the acquisition of a 51% equity stake in South Asian Ceramics Tiles Pvt Ltd by making an investment of Rs285m. The production capacity of the plant is 4.8 msm ceramic floor tiles. The plant started commercial production of tiles in Oct 2021. SAC manufacturers tiles in sizes of 600\*600mm and 600\*1200mm. KCL expects revenue of Rs1.3bn and Rs1.8bn in FY23F and FY24F, respectively.
- Gas prices: The industry has been impacted by the volatility in gas prices. The
  average gas price for North India was Rs52/scm, South- Rs60/scm and WestRs67/scm in 1QFY23 for KCL. The overall average gas price for the company
  during the quarter was Rs55/scm.
- Advertisement spending: KCL plans to spend Rs1bn+ on advertisement and sales promotion or ASP in FY23F, +25% yoy (Rs800m in FY22).
- Capex: KCL has commissioned three additional capacities during the quarter.
  The Srikalahasti plant is the most advanced plant in terms of technology and
  the company recently commissioned a capacity of 3.8 msm of value-added
  glazed vertified tiles at this location. KCL has also commissioned a 4.2 msm
  ceramic floor tiles capacity in Gailpur and a 4.4 msm polished vertified tiles
  capacity in Morbi. Management gave capex guidance of Rs2-2.5bn for FY23F.
- Working capital and net cash: Working capital days stood at 57 days in 1QFY23 (vs. 52 days in 4QFY22) mainly due to inventory pile-up. The inventory increased to Rs5.7bn in 1QFY23 (vs. Rs4.7 bn in 4QFY22). Net cash stood at Rs3.4bn at the end of Jun 2022.





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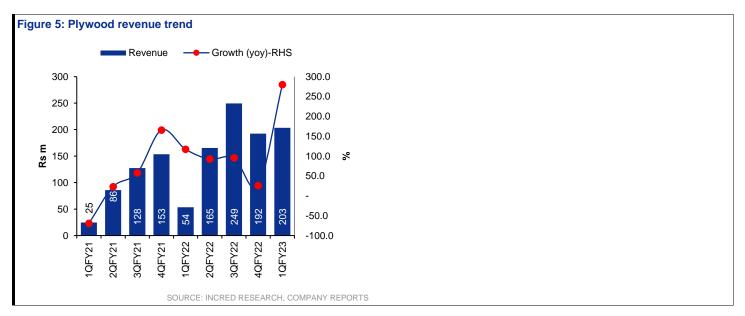






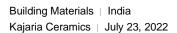
Figure 6: 1QFY23 results snapshot					
YE Mar (Rs m)	1QFY23	1QFY22	yoy (%)	4QFY22	qoq (%)
Revenue	10,082	5,617	79.5	11,018	(8.5)
EBITDA	1,536	804	91.0	1,659	(7.4)
EBITDA margin (%)	15.2	14.3	92 bp	15.1	17 bp
Adj. PAT	923	431	114.4	958	(3.6)
Diluted EPS (Rs)	5.8	2.7		6.0	
		SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS			

YE Mar (Rs m)	1QFY23	1QFY22	yoy (%)	4QFY22	qoq (%)
Revenue					
Tiles	9,165	5,193	76.5	9,999	(8.3)
Others	917	423	116.7	1,019	(10.0)
Total	10,082	5,617		11,018	
EBIT					
Tiles	1,172	532	120.4	1,276	(8.1)
Others	40	7	464.8	57	(30.0)
Total	1,212	539		1,333	
EBIT margin (%)					
Tiles	12.8	10.2	255 bp	12.8	3 bp
Others	4.4	1.7	270 bp	5.6	-125 bp
		SOURCE:	INCRED RESEA	ARCH, COMPAN	Y REPORTS

Figure 8: Actuals	vs. our estimates			Figure 9: Actuals vs. Bloomberg consensus estimates			
Rs m	1QFY23A	1QFY23F	Var (%)	Rs m	1QFY23A	1QFY23C	Var(%)
Revenue	10,082	10,009	0.7	Revenue	10,082	9,921	1.6
EBITDA	1,536	1,454	5.6	EBITDA	1,536	1,401	9.6
EBITDA margin (%)	15.2	14.5	70 bps	EBITDA margin (%)	15.2	14.1	111 bps
Adj. PAT	923	856	7.8	Adj. PAT	923	846	9.2
	SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH ES	STIMATES, COMP	PANY REPORTS		SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS, BLOOME		

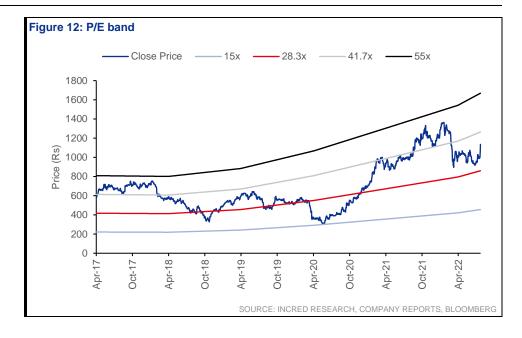
New estim	ates	Old estima	ates	Change (%	o)
FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F
45,397	52,328	44,298	51,089	2.5	2.4
7,150	8,739	7,309	8,787	-2.2	-0.6
4,465	5,647	4,602	5,710	-3.0	-1.1
28.0	35.5	28.9	35.9	-3.0	-1.1
15.8	16.7	16.5	17.2	-75 bp	-50 bp
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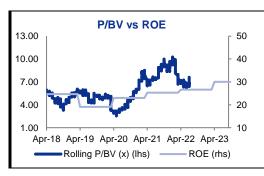
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Profit & Loss					
(Rs mn)	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Total Net Revenues	28,080	27,809	37,052	45,397	52,328
Gross Profit	17,069	15,340	21,501	28,373	31,240
Operating EBITDA	4,159	5,088	6,107	7,150	8,739
Depreciation And Amortisation	(1,081)	(1,067)	(1,154)	(1,316)	(1,393)
Operating EBIT	3,078	4,022	4,953	5,834	7,346
Financial Income/(Expense)	1	69	88	88	154
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	46	37	61	64	67
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	3,125	4,127	5,102	5,986	7,567
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	3,125	4,127	5,102	5,986	7,567
Taxation	(589)	(1,038)	(1,274)	(1,496)	(1,893)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	2,535	3,089	3,827	4,490	5,674
Minority Interests	18	(9)	(58)	(25)	(28)
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	2,553	3,081	3,770	4,465	5,647
Recurring Net Profit	2,553	3,081	3,770	4,465	5,647
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	2,553	3,081	3,770	4,465	5,647

Cash Flow					
(Rs mn)	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
EBITDA	4,159	5,088	6,107	7,150	8,739
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	(993)	868	(621)	(1,092)	(907)
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense					
Other Operating Cashflow	77	179	165	152	221
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	6	(67)	(111)	(88)	(154)
Tax Paid	(1,005)	(980)	(1,285)	(1,496)	(1,893)
Cashflow From Operations	2,244	5,088	4,255	4,626	6,006
Capex	(1,240)	(1,127)	(2,687)	(2,460)	(2,616)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries	27	115	53		
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments	134	(2,119)	(491)	300	
Other Investing Cashflow	186	176	215	201	197
Cash Flow From Investing	(893)	(2,955)	(2,910)	(1,959)	(2,419)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	73	(302)	(2,266)	(500)	(779)
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares	3	53	52		
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(1,150)	(1,591)	1,273	(2,070)	(2,627)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	(153)	(68)	(92)	(113)	(43)
Cash Flow From Financing	(1,227)	(1,908)	(1,032)	(2,683)	(3,449)
Total Cash Generated	124	224	313	(15)	138
Free Cashflow To Equity	1,424	1,830	(921)	2,167	2,808
Free Cashflow To Firm	1,156	2,025	1,218	2,554	3,544

SOURCES: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS





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Balance Sheet					
(Rs mn)	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Total Cash And Equivalents	2,350	4,477	4,244	3,928	4,067
Total Debtors	3,967	4,317	5,133	6,289	7,249
Inventories	5,127	3,731	4,659	5,708	6,580
Total Other Current Assets	432	402	478	585	675
Total Current Assets	11,876	12,927	14,513	16,511	18,570
Fixed Assets	11,443	11,552	11,022	12,166	13,390
Total Investments	3				
Intangible Assets	85	85	85	85	85
Total Other Non-Current Assets	979	703	4,245	4,245	4,245
Total Non-current Assets	12,510	12,339	15,352	16,496	17,719
Short-term Debt	956	658	1,041	521	
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	2,393	2,072	2,981	3,653	4,211
Other Current Liabilities	1,674	1,748	2,441	2,991	3,447
Total Current Liabilities	5,023	4,478	6,464	7,165	7,658
Total Long-term Debt	215	313	238	258	
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	637	454	559	559	559
Total Non-current Liabilities	853	767	797	817	559
Total Provisions	731	687	733	733	733
Total Liabilities	6,606	5,931	7,994	8,715	8,950
Shareholders Equity	17,143	18,689	21,224	23,619	26,639
Minority Interests	637	646	648	673	700
Total Equity	17,780	19,335	21,872	24,292	27,340

Key Ratios					
	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Revenue Growth	(5.0%)	(1.0%)	33.2%	22.5%	15.3%
Operating EBITDA Growth	(7.5%)	22.3%	20.0%	17.1%	22.2%
Operating EBITDA Margin	14.8%	18.3%	16.5%	15.7%	16.7%
Net Cash Per Share (Rs)	7.41	22.05	18.63	19.78	25.54
BVPS (Rs)	107.81	117.50	133.36	148.36	167.33
Gross Interest Cover	15.78	37.55	38.91	51.53	171.41
Effective Tax Rate	18.9%	25.2%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	36.6%	38.6%	34.7%	34.7%	34.8%
Accounts Receivables Days	56.66	54.36	46.54	45.92	47.22
Inventory Days	152.24	129.64	98.45	111.14	106.34
Accounts Payables Days	90.89	65.36	59.31	71.12	68.05
ROIC (%)	19.3%	22.4%	29.2%	28.9%	32.7%
ROCE (%)	17.2%	20.6%	23.0%	24.3%	28.0%
Return On Average Assets	13.0%	16.3%	18.2%	18.8%	21.4%

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