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ADD (no change)

Sell 2 Consensus ratings*: Buy 21 Hold 0 Current price: Rs753 Rs855 Target price: Previous target: Rs870 Up/downside: 13.5% InCred Research / Consensus: 8.6% JKLC.BO Reuters: Bloomberg: JKLC IN Market cap: US\$1,071m Rs88,564m US\$5.1m Average daily turnover: Rs422.1m Current shares o/s: 117.7m Free float: 51.9%

Key changes in this note

*Source: Bloomberg

- Net sales increased by 2% for FY24F-25F.
- ➤ EBITDA cut by 2% for FY24F-25F.
- Rollover target price to Mar 2024F.



		Source: B	loomberg
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	(1.7)	16.9	45.0
Relative (%)	(1.9)	19.2	35.3

Major shareholders	% held
Promoter & Promoter Group	46.3
Axis Mutual Fund	6.2
HSBC Midcap Fund	4.5

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JK Lakshmi Cement

Marginal 3Q miss; growth projects on track

- 3Q standalone EBITDA at Rs1.6bn (our estimate: Rs1.7bn) was up 9% yoy & 15% qoq due to lower volume. Consolidated EBITDA was Rs1.86bn, up 7% yoy.
- We slash our FY24F-25F EBITDA estimates by ~2% to factor in the weak performance. JKLC's new capacity (at UCWL) to come in by FY24F-end.
- We retain our ADD rating on the stock with a lower target price of Rs855.

Weak volume in 3QFY23; outlook on volume front is positive

JK Lakshmi Cement or JKLC's 3QFY23 standalone sales volume (including clinker) increased by 6% yoy (up 13% qoq) to 2.6mt, 3% below our estimate. Overall, consolidated volume grew 10% yoy to 2.88mt. Blended realization remained flat qoq on low price improvement. Management highlighted that demand is strong in the current quarter and expects the cement prices to improve. JKLC's focus is on improving the realization by optimizing geo mix, product mix, and increasing the share of trade sales & premium products. Revenue from non-cement division stood at Rs1.16bn (flat qoq and up 17% yoy). JKLC's subsidiary Udaipur Cement Works' (UCWL) expansion project of 2.5mtpa in cement capacity with a 1.5mtpa clinker unit is progressing well but may spill over to 1QFY25F (vs.Mar 2024F earlier). All this is expected to aid volume growth from FY25F.

Cost/t broadly in line with expectations; margins to recover gradually

On a standalone basis, blended cost/t stood at Rs5,103, up 20% yoy and flat qoq, because of higher power and fuel, freight, and fixed costs. P&F cost/t was up 40% yoy and 15% qoq (on Kcal basis, fuel cost was at Rs2.57 in 3Q vs. Rs2.3 qoq and JKCL expects the cost to be flattish in 4QFY23F). Further, it can come down slightly in 1QFY24F. Freight cost/t inched up by ~12% yoy and 4% qoq; lead distance increased marginally by 2km qoq to~397km). All this led to EBITDA/t being flat qoq at Rs613. Management continues to target EBITDA/t of Rs1,000 in the medium term through 1) Rs200/t (via top-line improvement) from geo-mix optimization, product mix change, premiumization, etc. 2) Rs50/t through manufacturing efficiency, and 3) Rs75/t through supply chain efficiency but, in our view, seems difficult to achieve in FY24F.

Leverage to remain under control despite higher capex intensity

JKCL's consolidated gross and net debt stood at Rs18.75bn and Rs12.2bn, respectively. It expects to complete the UCWL project by Mar 2024F/1QFY25F with an outlay of Rs16.5bn (Rs7bn incurred till now, Rs1.5-2bn in 4QFY23F and the rest in FY24F). On a consolidated basis, targeted capex for FY24F is Rs7bn. As regards its long-term vision, JKLC maintained its guidance of ~30mtpa capacity by 2030F on the back of expansion at Durg in Chhattisgarh, Nagaur in Rajasthan, and Kutch in Gujarat.

Maintain ADD rating with a slightly lower target price of Rs855

JKLC trades at FY24F/25F EV/EBITDA of 9x/7.5x, respectively. We retain ADD rating on it. Our new target price of Rs855 (Rs870 earlier) is based on 8.5x (unchanged) EV/EBITDA and rollover to Mar 2024F. Weak demand, pricing pressure, delay in expansion and a rise in input cost are key downside risks.

Financial Summary	Mar-21A	Mar-22A	Mar-23F	Mar-24F	Mar-25F
Revenue (Rsm)	47,274	54,199	64,858	69,575	78,000
Operating EBITDA (Rsm)	9,386	9,507	9,137	11,238	13,318
Net Profit (Rsm)	4,432	4,906	4,303	5,523	6,798
Core EPS (Rs)	37.7	41.7	36.6	46.9	57.8
Core EPS Growth	59.3%	10.7%	(12.3%)	28.4%	23.1%
FD Core P/E (x)	19.99	18.06	20.59	16.04	13.03
DPS (Rs)	3.8	5.0	3.7	4.7	5.8
Dividend Yield	0.50%	0.66%	0.49%	0.62%	0.77%
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.51	10.03	11.07	9.03	7.46
P/FCFE (x)	34.09	40.26	(23.40)	77.56	15.55
Net Gearing	47.1%	25.5%	42.1%	36.8%	26.0%
P/BV (x)	4.23	3.54	3.06	2.61	2.21
ROE	23.4%	21.3%	15.9%	17.6%	18.4%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates			(0.35%)	(0.31%)	(0.29%)
InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x)					

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



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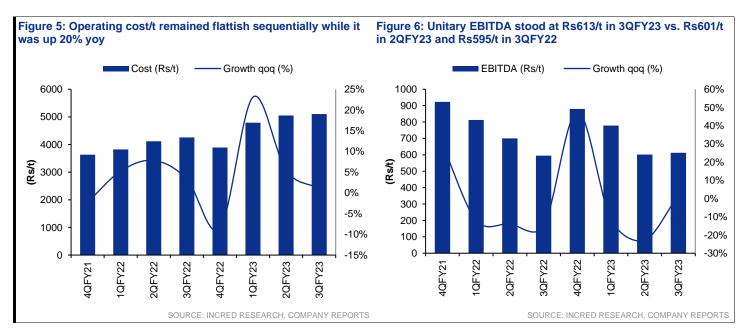
Particulars (Rs m)	3QFY23	3QFY23F	2QFY23	3QFY22 -	% Change		
					3QFY23F	2QFY23	3QFY22
Net Sales	14,885	15,316	13,027	11,934	-3%	14%	25%
Raw Materials Consumed	3,323	3,995	3,531	2,706	-17%	-6%	23%
Freight and Forwarding Expenses	2,942	2,970	2,494	2,486	-1%	18%	18%
Power and Fuel Cost	4,345	3,864	3,332	2,932	12%	30%	48%
Employee Cost	877	1,025	833	868	-14%	5%	1%
Other Expenses	1,802	1,778	1,451	1,479	1%	24%	22%
Total Expenditure	13,289	13,632	11,640	10,470	-3%	14%	27%
EBITDA	1,596	1,684	1,386	1,464	-5%	15%	9%
Depreciation	480	508	481	468	-5%	0%	3%
EBIT	1,116	1,176	905	996	-5%	23%	12%
Interest	247	251	226	251	-1%	9%	-1%
Other Income	156	148	214	164	5%	-27%	-5%
PBT	1,025	1,073	894	910	-5%	15%	13%
Tax	289	279	304	318	3%	-5%	-9%
PAT before MI & Associates	736	794	590	592	-7%	25%	24%
Minority Interest	0	35	0	0			
Profit from Assoc.	0	0	0	0			
Recurring PAT	736	759	590	592	-3%	25%	24%
Extraordinary Items	0	0	0	0			
Reported PAT	736	759	590	592	-3%	25%	24%
EPS (Rs)	6.3	6.5	5.0	5.0	-3%	25%	24%
Gross Margin	29%	29%	28%	32%	-58 bp	55 bp	-321 bp
EBITDA Margin	10.7%	11.0%	10.6%	12.3%	-27 bp	8 bp	-155 bp
EBIT Margin	7%	8%	7%	8%	-18 bp	54 bp	-85 bp
PBT Margin	7%	7%	7%	8%	-12 bp	2 bp	-74 bp
PAT Margin	5%	5%	5%	5%	-1 bp	42 bp	-2 bp
Tax Rate	28%	26%	34%	35%	218 bp	-584 bp	-671 br
Cost items as % of Sales							
RM Cost	22%	26%	27%	23%	-376 bp	-478 bp	-35 bp
Freight Cost	20%	19%	19%	21%	38 bp	62 bp	-107 bp
P&F Cost	29%	25%	26%	25%	396 bp	361 bp	462 bp

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Per tonne analysis	3QFY23	3QF123F		3QF122	3QFY23F	2QFY23	3QFY22
Sales volume (Cement + Clinker)	2.60	2.70	2.31	2.46	-3%	13%	5.9%
Realization	5,716	5,680	5,651	4,851	0.6%	1.1%	17.8%
EBITDA/t	613	624	601	595	-2%	2%	3%
RM cost/t	1,276	1,482	1,532	1,100	-14%	-17%	16%
P&F costs/t	1,668	1,433	1,446	1,192	16%	15%	40%
Freight cost/t	1,130	1,101	1,082	1,011	3%	4%	12%
Employee cost/t	337	380	361	353	-11%	-7%	-5%
Other expenses/t	692	659	629	601	5%	10%	15%
Cost/t	5,103	5,055	5,050	4,256	1%	1%	20%



Key quarterly charts ➤

Figure 3: Cement sales volume (Including clinker) increased by Figure 4: Cement realization increased by 1.1% qoq while it was ~6% yoy and 13% qoq in 3QFY23 up by ~18% yoy in 3QFY23 Volume (Cement + Clinker) - mnt Growth yoy (%) Realization (Rs/t) Growth gog (%) 50% 3.5 7000 20% 2.79 3 40% 6000 2.60 15% 2.46 2.5 2.31 30% 5000 2 **(Lu ul)** 1.5 10% 20% 3000 10% 5% 0% 2000 0% 0.5 -10% 1000 0 -20% 0 -5% 1QFY22 1QFY23 3QFY23 2QFY22 1QFY22 4QFY21 3QFY22 IQFY23 3QFY23 2QFY22 4QFY22 3QFY22 2QFY23 4QFY21 SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



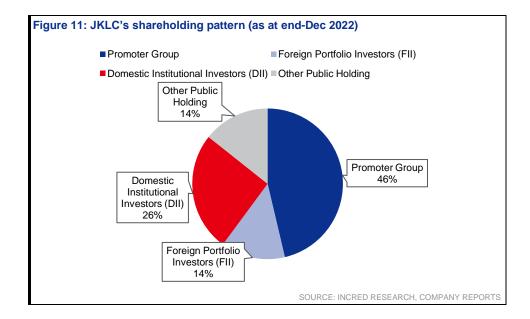
D		Old			Change (%)				
Rs. m	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F
Sales	64,858	69,575	78,000	64,567	67,926	76,195	0%	2%	2%
EBITDA	9,137	11,238	13,318	9,309	11,503	13,594	-2%	-2%	-2%
PAT	4,303	5,523	6,798	4,424	5,648	6,918	-3%	-2%	-2%
EPS (Rs.)	36.6	46.9	57.8	38	48	59	-3%	-2%	-2%

Figure 8:	Figure 8: Change in our estimates vs. Bloomberg consensus estimates										
Rs. m		Incred		C	onsensus		CI	nange (%)			
	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F		
Sales	64,858	69,575	78,000	64,720	69,291	76,540	0%	0%	2%		
EBITDA	9,137	11,238	13,318	9,763	11,489	13,488	-6%	-2%	-1%		
PAT	4,303	5,523	6,798	4,472	5,402	6,756	-4%	2%	1%		
			SOURCE: I	NCRED RESE	ARCH ESTIM	IATES, COMI	PANY REPO	ORTS, BLOC	OMBERG		



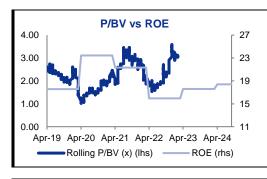
FY21A	FY22A	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F
10	11	12	13	14
4%	7%	6%	6%	11%
4523	4839	5468	5534	5589
4%	7%	13%	1%	1%
3625	3990	4698	4640	4635
2%	10%	18%	-1%	0%
898	849	770	894	954
13%	-5%	-9%	16%	7%
9,386	9,507	9,137	11,238	13,318
18%	1%	-4%	23%	19%
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Figure 10: Our target price of F	Rs855 is based on 8.5x Mar 2024F EV/EBITDA
Valuation	ТР
Target EV/EBITDA (x)	8.5
Target EV (Rs m)	1,13,202
Net debt / (cash) (Rs m)	12,589
No. of shares (m)	118
Fair value per share (Rs)	855
	SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH ESTIMATES, COMPANY REPORTS





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Profit & Loss					
(Rs mn)	Mar-21A	Mar-22A	Mar-23F	Mar-24F	Mar-25F
Total Net Revenues	47,274	54,199	64,858	69,575	78,000
Gross Profit	47,274	54,199	64,858	69,575	78,000
Operating EBITDA	9,386	9,507	9,137	11,238	13,318
Depreciation And Amortisation	(2,253)	(2,235)	(2,295)	(2,479)	(2,776)
Operating EBIT	7,133	7,272	6,842	8,759	10,542
Financial Income/(Expense)	(1,920)	(1,422)	(1,398)	(1,649)	(1,715)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	726	683	560	543	549
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	5,939	6,534	6,004	7,654	9,375
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	5,939	6,533	6,004	7,654	9,375
Taxation	(1,349)	(1,488)	(1,561)	(1,990)	(2,438)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	4,590	5,046	4,443	5,664	6,938
Minority Interests	(157)	(140)	(140)	(140)	(140)
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	4,432	4,906	4,303	5,523	6,798
Recurring Net Profit	4,432	4,906	4,303	5,523	6,798
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	4,432	4,906	4,303	5,523	6,798

Cash Flow					
(Rs mn)	Mar-21A	Mar-22A	Mar-23F	Mar-24F	Mar-25F
EBITDA	9,386	9,507	9,137	11,238	13,318
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	(1,380)	562	(130)	242	(276)
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense	726	683	560	543	549
Other Operating Cashflow	4,855	(942)	958	258	1,758
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(1,920)	(1,422)	(1,398)	(1,649)	(1,715)
Tax Paid	(1,349)	(1,488)	(1,561)	(1,990)	(2,438)
Cashflow From Operations	10,319	6,900	7,566	8,642	11,196
Capex	(1,677)	(3,661)	(7,500)	(8,000)	(7,500)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments					
Other Investing Cashflow	(2,678)	(2,990)	(4,352)		1,000
Cash Flow From Investing	(4,356)	(6,651)	(11,852)	(8,000)	(6,500)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	(3,364)	1,952	500	500	1,000
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares					
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(441)	(589)	(430)	(552)	(680)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	(1,704)	(1,255)	(1,098)	(398)	(1,898)
Cash Flow From Financing	(5,510)	108	(1,028)	(450)	(1,578)
Total Cash Generated	453	357	(5,314)	192	3,118
Free Cashflow To Equity	2,599	2,201	(3,786)	1,142	5,696
Free Cashflow To Firm	7,883	1,671	(2,888)	2,291	6,411

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Balance Sheet					
(Rs mn)	Mar-21A	Mar-22A	Mar-23F	Mar-24F	Mar-25F
Total Cash And Equivalents	8,331	12,099	6,785	6,977	10,094
Total Debtors	545	352	409	419	513
Inventories	3,662	5,810	8,529	9,340	10,685
Total Other Current Assets	2,282	1,220	1,946	2,226	2,886
Total Current Assets	14,820	19,481	17,668	18,962	24,178
Fixed Assets	33,548	34,634	39,839	44,860	48,584
Total Investments	152	151	151	151	151
Intangible Assets	3,461	3,149	7,500	7,500	6,500
Total Other Non-Current Assets	883	1,847	1,847	2,347	3,347
Total Non-current Assets	38,043	39,781	49,337	54,859	58,583
Short-term Debt	5,690	5,914	5,914	5,914	5,914
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	4,368	3,660	5,489	5,825	6,425
Other Current Liabilities	6,497	7,537	9,080	10,088	11,310
Total Current Liabilities	16,555	17,112	20,483	21,827	23,649
Total Long-term Debt	12,560	12,651	13,151	13,651	14,651
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	2,674	4,180	4,180	4,180	4,180
Total Non-current Liabilities	15,234	16,831	17,331	17,831	18,831
Total Provisions					
Total Liabilities	31,789	33,943	37,814	39,658	42,480
Shareholders Equity	20,946	25,052	28,924	33,895	40,013
Minority Interests	128	267	267	267	267
Total Equity	21,074	25,319	29,192	34,163	40,280

Key Ratios					
	Mar-21A	Mar-22A	Mar-23F	Mar-24F	Mar-25F
Revenue Growth	8.3%	14.6%	19.7%	7.3%	12.1%
Operating EBITDA Growth	17.6%	1.3%	(3.9%)	23.0%	18.5%
Operating EBITDA Margin	19.9%	17.5%	14.1%	16.2%	17.1%
Net Cash Per Share (Rs)	(84.27)	(54.94)	(104.34)	(106.96)	(88.96)
BVPS (Rs)	177.96	212.84	245.74	287.98	339.96
Gross Interest Cover	3.72	5.11	4.89	5.31	6.15
Effective Tax Rate	22.7%	22.8%	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	10.0%	12.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
Accounts Receivables Days	5.81	3.02	2.14	2.17	2.18
Inventory Days	32.69	31.89	40.35	46.87	46.85
Accounts Payables Days	45.62	32.78	29.96	35.39	34.56
ROIC (%)	21.3%	20.3%	15.0%	17.2%	19.2%
ROCE (%)	18.4%	17.5%	14.9%	17.2%	18.4%
Return On Average Assets	12.5%	11.5%	9.3%	10.4%	11.1%

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