

India

ADD (no change)

Consensus ratings*:	Buy 2	Hold 0	Sell 0
Current price:			Rs403
Target price:			Rs500
Previous target:			Rs435
Up/downside:			24.1%
InCred Research / Cor	nsensus	:	14.9%
Reuters:		9	SKIP.BO
Bloomberg:		SKII	PPER IN
Market cap:		U	S\$604m
		Rs	43,840m
Average daily turnover	r:	ι	JS\$5.1m
		R	s372.7m
Current shares o/s:			105.2m
Free float:			33.7%
*Source: Bloomberg			

Key changes in this note

- ➤ We raise sales estimates by 6%/5% for FY25F/26F.
- We raise PAT estimates by 4%/3% for FY25F/26F.



		Source: Bloomberg		
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M	
Absolute (%)	14.9	12.6	135.1	
Relative (%)	11.4	3.0	92.0	

Major shareholders	% held
Promoters	66.5
Pacific Horizon	3.4
lcg Q	1.6

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Skipper Limited

Robust start to FY25; outlook remains healthy

- 1Q EBITDA was at Rs1.04bn, up 74% YoY (40% above estimate) while the margin fell 120bp YoY to 9.6% on a high base. PAT grew 99% YoY to Rs324mn.
- Management has maintained its 25%+ revenue CAGR guidance over the next two years based on a strong order book of Rs58bn (2x TTM sales).
- We expect Skipper to maintain healthy growth with a strong order book (Rs58bn) & pipeline (Rs180bn). Retain ADD rating with a higher TP of Rs500.

Stellar performance

Skipper reported a strong 1QFY25 revenue of Rs10.9bn, up 97% YoY, 46% above our estimate, led by the engineering segment. This growth was driven by the engineering business, up 132% YoY at Rs8.4bn. Revenue of the infrastructure segment grew 145% YoY to Rs1.7bn. EBITDA stood at Rs1.04bn, up 74% YoY (40% above our estimate) while the EBITDA margin declined by 120bp YoY to 9.6% on a high base. PAT grew 99% YoY to Rs324mn.

Maintains guidance

Skipper's management has maintained its 25%+ revenue CAGR guidance over the next two years based on a strong order book worth Rs58bn (2x TTM sales) while maintaining the margin at 9.5% to 10%. The company bagged new orders worth Rs7.7bn in 1QFY25. The focus continues to be on high-value projects, enhancing operational efficiency, and expanding into new markets. The order pipeline remains strong at Rs180bn, of which 34% is from the Indian market and 66% from the international market. This will provide strong revenue visibility to the company. It has a strong foothold in the APAC, Middle East and LatAm regions and is gaining traction in North America and Europe.

Capacity expansion

Skipper emphasized the company's strategic initiatives to increase engineering capacity, expand globally, and focus on high-margin projects. The company is looking to expand its engineering capacity by 75,000mtpa to touch 3,75,000mtpa with a capex of Rs2bn. Skipper continues to enhance its global presence, particularly in the Asia Pacific, Middle East, and North American markets.

Maintain ADD rating with a higher target price of Rs500

We expect Skipper to maintain consistent revenue-led growth over the next three years based on strong order book (Rs58bn) and healthy pipeline (Rs180bn). The domestic T&D environment is showing signs of a rebound, especially in high-voltage power transmission and renewable energy projects. Factoring in a strong 1Q and healthy guidance, we increase our PAT estimates by 4%/3% for FY25F/26F, respectively, and introduce FY27F EPS of Rs22. We retain ADD rating on Skipper with a higher target price of Rs500 (Rs435 earlier), as we roll forward our valuation to Sep 2026F (from FY26F), valuing the stock at 25x. Higher commodity prices as well as higher working capital requirements, along with the slowdown in orders, are key downside risks.

Financial Summary	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Revenue (Rsm)	19,803	32,820	43,062	50,424	58,644
Operating EBITDA (Rsm)	1,925	3,194	4,164	4,939	5,885
Net Profit (Rsm)	356	817	1,530	1,881	2,332
Core EPS (Rs)	3.5	7.8	14.5	17.9	22.2
Core EPS Growth	41.4%	124.0%	87.3%	22.9%	24.0%
FD Core P/E (x)	116.26	51.90	27.71	22.54	18.18
DPS (Rs)	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.7
Dividend Yield	0.02%	0.02%	0.11%	0.13%	0.17%
EV/EBITDA (x)	23.53	14.65	11.61	9.91	8.48
P/FCFE (x)	40.16	42.43	(17.12)	20.48	20.58
Net Gearing	51.6%	49.3%	56.9%	53.5%	51.7%
P/BV (x)	5.39	4.72	4.05	3.45	2.91
ROE	4.7%	9.8%	15.7%	16.5%	17.4%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates			4.10%	3.01%	
InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x)					

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



1QFY25 conference-call highlights

- Overview: Skipper registered its highest-ever 1QFY25 revenue of Rs10.9bn, a 97% increase from the previous year. This growth was primarily led by the engineering business, whose revenue increased by 132% to Rs8.3bn, with export revenue accounting for 30% of the total. The infrastructure segment's revenue also grew significantly to Rs1.7bn. PAT doubled to Rs324m, with the PAT margin improving to 3.0%.
- Guidance: Management stated that Skipper is committed to achieving significant growth while maintaining strong bottom-line profitability. The focus remains on securing high-value projects, enhancing operational efficiency, and expanding into new markets. It emphasized the company's strategic initiatives to increase engineering capacity, expand globally, and focus on high-margin projects. Management maintains its a 25%+ two-year CAGR guidance, driven by strong domestic and international opportunities, particularly in high-voltage power transmission and renewable energy projects.
- Orders: The company bagged new orders worth Rs7.7bn during the quarter, bringing the closing order book to Rs58.4bn. The order book of the engineering and infrastructure segments stands at 2.1x FY24 sales.
- The engineering segment showed a significant revenue growth of 132%, while
 the polymer segment saw a decline of ~26%. Management stated that Skipper
 is expanding its engineering capacity by 75,000mtpa with a capex of Rs2bn.
 Skipper continues to enhance its global presence, particularly in the Asia
 Pacific, Middle East, and North American markets.
- The company has established a strong foothold in the Asia Pacific, Middle East, and Latin American regions and is gaining traction in North America and Europe. Skipper has emerged as the preferred supplier and EPC contractor for Power Grid Corporation of India or PGCIL's high-voltage transmission projects.
- Management stated that T&D domestic orders are showing signs of a rebound.
 The order bidding pipeline stood at Rs115bn in the international business and
 Rs65.5bn in the domestic business. This will provide strong revenue visibility
 to the company.
- For the pipe business, Skipper is poised to take advantage of the PVC and fittings market, which is expected to touch Rs500bn by FY25F, with a five-year CAGR of 11%. Ongoing initiatives by the government like 'Housing for All', 'Nal Se Jal', and 'AMRUT' will aid in achieving growth. Despite a weak quarter for the pipe business, retail sales were up 20% YoY. Management expects an uptick in the business, starting from 2QFY25F.

10.917		YoY (%)	4QFY24	QoQ (%)
10,317	5,546	97%	11,535	-5%
6,437	3,107	107%	5,272	22%
380	269	41%	344	10%
3,054	1,568	95%	4,834	-37%
9,871	4,944	100%	10,450	-6%
1,047	601	74%	1,085	-4%
34	15	131%	30	12%
512	281	82%	515	-1%
145	124	17%	137	6%
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8	22	-63%	13	-34%
431	233	85%	476	-9%
107	70	52%	224	-52%
25%	30%	(545)	47%	(2,237)
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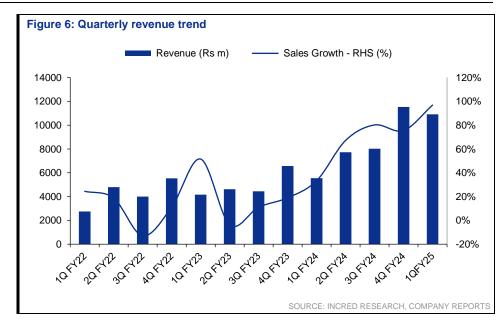
Figure 2: Margin and cost ar	nalysis				
% of Sales	1QFY25	1QFY24	YoY bp	4QFY24	QoQ bp
Raw Material Costs	59.0%	56.0%	293	46%	1,326
Employee Costs	3.5%	4.9%	(137)	3%	49
Other Expenses	28.0%	28.3%	(30)	42%	(1,393)
EBITDA	9.6%	10.8%	(126)	9%	18
Adjusted Net Profit	3.0%	2.9%	4	2%	79
Gross Margin	41.0%	44.0%	(293)	54.3%	(1,326)
SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORT					

Figure 3: Segment-wise revenue	ue and EBIT					
Segmental Details (Rs m)	1QFY25	1QFY24	YoY (%)	4QFY24	QoQ (%)	
Engg. Products	8,286	3,578	132%	7,010	18%	
Polymer Products	952	1,282	-26%	1,035	-8%	
Infrastructure Products	1,679	686	145%	3,490	-52%	
Revenue	10,917	5,546	97%	11,535	-5%	
EBIT	1QFY25	1QFY24	YoY (%)	4QFY24	QoQ (%)	
Engg. Products	880	421	109%	788	12%	
Polymer Products	24	81	-70%	35	-30%	
Infrastructure Products	104	45	134%	239	-56%	
Total	1,009	546	85%	1,062	-5%	
Less: Interest	512	281	82%	515	-1%	
Add: Other Income	29	12	134%	26	13%	
Less: Unallocable	103	66	55%	109	-6%	
Share of JV	8	22	-63%	13	-34%	
PBT	431	233	85%	476	-9%	
EBIT Margin (%)	1QFY25	1QFY24	YoY bp	4Q FY24	QoQ bp	
Engg. Products	10.6%	11.8%	(113.2)	11.2%	(62.3)	
Polymer Products	2.6%	6.3%	(372.0)	3.4%	(83.0)	
Infrastructure Products	6.2%	6.5%	(28.5)	6.8%	(62.8)	
Blended EBIT	9.2%	9.8%	(59.9)	9.2%	3.2	
	SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS					

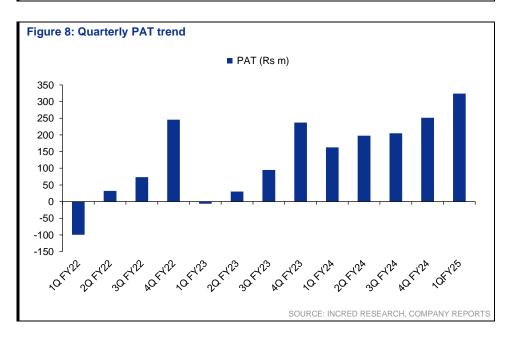
Figure 4: Segment EBITDA profile)				
EBITDA (Rs m)	1QFY25	1QFY24	YoY (%)	4QFY24	QoQ (%)
Eng Products	912	428	113%	810	12%
Polymer Products	43	95	-55%	48	-11%
Infrastructure Products	92	43	113%	227	-59%
Total	1,047	567	85%	1,085	-4%
Un-allocable	-	(35)	-100%	0	-100%
Adj. EBITDA	1,047	601	74%	1,085	-4%
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EBITDA Margin (%)	1QFY25	1Q FY24	YoY bp	4Q FY24	QoQ bp
Engg. Products	11.0%	12.0%	(96.5)	11.6%	(55.9)
Polymer Products	4.5%	7.4%	(292.3)	4.7%	(16.3)
Infrastructure Products	5.5%	6.3%	(81.1)	6.5%	(99.7)
Blended EBITDA	9.6%	10.2%	(62.8)	9.4%	17.8
Adjusted EBITDA	9.6%	10.8%	(125.7)	9.4%	17.8
		SOURCE:	INCRED RESE	ARCH, COMPAN	NY REPORTS

Figure 5: Our	revised earning	ngs estima	ites				
	New Estin	nates	Old Estin	nates	Chang	je	Introduced
(Rs m)	FY25F	FY26F	FY25F	FY26F	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F
Revenue	43,062	50,424	40,825	47,857	5.5%	5.4%	58,644
EBITDA	4,164	4,939	4,009	4,766	3.9%	3.6%	5,885
PAT	1,530	1,881	1,470	1,826	4.1%	3.0%	2,332
SOURCE: COMPANY REPORTS, INCRED RESEARCH							

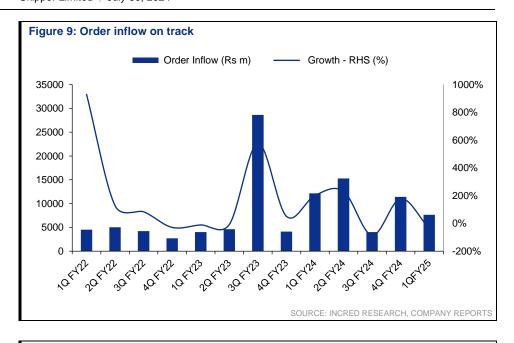
















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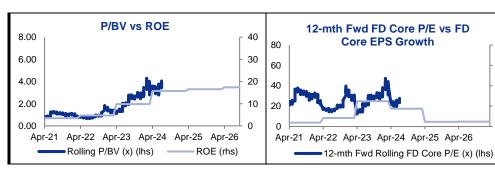
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Core EPS Growth

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Profit & Loss					
(Rs mn)	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Total Net Revenues	19,803	32,820	43,062	50,424	58,644
Gross Profit	5,705	7,761	10,765	12,606	14,661
Operating EBITDA	1,925	3,194	4,164	4,939	5,885
Depreciation And Amortisation	(468)	(525)	(612)	(679)	(747)
Operating EBIT	1,458	2,669	3,552	4,260	5,138
Financial Income/(Expense)	(1,040)	(1,540)	(1,660)	(1,947)	(2,239)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.	29	70	77	84	93
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	53	86	76	117	125
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	499	1,285	2,045	2,514	3,118
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	499	1,285	2,045	2,514	3,118
Taxation	(144)	(468)	(515)	(634)	(786)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	356	817	1,530	1,881	2,332
Minority Interests					
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	356	817	1,530	1,881	2,332
Recurring Net Profit	356	817	1,530	1,881	2,332
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	356	817	1,530	1,881	2,332

Cash Flow					
(Rs mn)	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
EBITDA	1,925	3,194	4,164	4,939	5,885
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	917	(1,005)	(4,166)	(1,260)	(2,153)
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense					
Other Operating Cashflow	94	66	76	117	125
Net Interest (Paid)/Received					
Tax Paid	(124)	(334)	(515)	(634)	(786)
Cashflow From Operations	2,813	1,922	(442)	3,162	3,072
Capex	(831)	(1,013)	(1,800)	(1,500)	(1,500)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments					
Other Investing Cashflow	(148)	(857)	(1,100)	(588)	(658)
Cash Flow From Investing	(979)	(1,870)	(2,900)	(2,088)	(2,158)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	(804)	935	866	996	1,145
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares		498			
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	(1,038)	(1,547)	(1,660)	(1,947)	(2,239)
Cash Flow From Financing	(1,853)	(125)	(804)	(961)	(1,104)
Total Cash Generated	(19)	(73)	(4,146)	113	(190)
Free Cashflow To Equity	1,030	987	(2,476)	2,070	2,059
Free Cashflow To Firm	1,834	52	(3,342)	1,074	914

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



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Balance Sheet					
(Rs mn)	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Total Cash And Equivalents	311	1,349	689	1,061	1,253
Total Debtors	3,602	7,661	8,494	10,361	12,050
Inventories	9,132	12,031	19,466	22,795	26,992
Total Other Current Assets	1,524	2,184	3,303	3,868	4,499
Total Current Assets	14,569	23,226	31,953	38,085	44,795
Fixed Assets	7,041	7,654	8,826	9,632	10,372
Total Investments	101	169	186	204	224
Intangible Assets					
Total Other Non-Current Assets	515	399	379	398	418
Total Non-current Assets	7,657	8,221	9,390	10,234	11,014
Short-term Debt	2,349	2,764	3,179	3,656	4,204
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	5,881	12,206	11,798	13,815	16,067
Other Current Liabilities	2,767	2,592	7,079	8,980	10,443
Total Current Liabilities	10,998	17,563	22,055	26,451	30,715
Total Long-term Debt	1,919	3,008	3,459	3,978	4,575
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	1,585	1,827	1,813	1,514	1,266
Total Non-current Liabilities	3,504	4,835	5,272	5,493	5,841
Total Provisions	51	74	97	113	132
Total Liabilities	14,552	22,471	27,424	32,057	36,688
Shareholders Equity	7,674	8,976	10,460	12,284	14,546
Minority Interests					
Total Equity	7,674	8,976	10,460	12,284	14,546

Key Ratios					
	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Revenue Growth	16.0%	65.7%	31.2%	17.1%	16.3%
Operating EBITDA Growth	29.0%	65.9%	30.4%	18.6%	19.1%
Operating EBITDA Margin	9.7%	9.7%	9.7%	9.8%	10.0%
Net Cash Per Share (Rs)	(38.54)	(42.03)	(56.53)	(62.46)	(71.51)
BVPS (Rs)	74.75	85.29	99.39	116.73	138.22
Gross Interest Cover	1.40	1.73	2.14	2.19	2.30
Effective Tax Rate	28.8%	36.4%	25.2%	25.2%	25.2%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	2.9%	1.3%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Accounts Receivables Days	73.23	62.63	68.47	68.24	69.74
Inventory Days	219.97	154.12	177.99	203.94	206.58
Accounts Payables Days	157.22	131.72	135.64	123.60	123.99
ROIC (%)	8.3%	13.2%	12.3%	13.1%	13.8%
ROCE (%)	12.0%	20.0%	22.3%	23.0%	23.8%
Return On Average Assets	5.3%	7.3%	7.6%	7.4%	7.7%

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