

# India

# HOLD (no change)

Sell 4 Consensus ratings\*: Buy 19 Hold 4 Current price: Rs4.786 Target price: Rs4.900 Previous target: Rs4.500 Up/downside: 2.4% InCred Research / Consensus: 1.3% JKCE.BO Reuters: JKCE IN Bloombera: US\$4.283m Market cap: Rs369.829m US\$6.1m Average daily turnover: Rs529.2m Current shares o/s: 77.3m 43.5% Free float: \*Source: Bloomberg

### Key changes in this note

- Cut EBITDA by 0-2% for FY26F-27F.
- Retain HOLD rating with a higher target price of Rs4,900.



|                   |     | Source: Bi | ioomberg |
|-------------------|-----|------------|----------|
| Price performance | 1M  | ЗМ         | 12M      |
| Absolute (%)      | 4.7 | 16.6       | 15.0     |
| Relative (%)      | 9.3 | 23.8       | 7.9      |
|                   |     |            |          |

| Major shareholders        | % held |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Promoter & Promoter Group | 45.7   |
| Kotak Small Cap Fund      | 5.4    |
| Canara Robeco MF          | 2.4    |
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# J K Cement Ltd

# Decent all-round beat; capex on track

- 3Q consol. EBITDA stood at ~Rs4.92bn, down ~21% yoy but ~7% above our estimate, due to better realization and a reduction in fixed costs.
- JK Cement expects volume growth of 7-8% in 4QFY25F and ~10% in FY26F. EBITDA/t improvement to be in line with pricing gains in the coming quarters.
- We marginally cut our EBITDA estimates by ~0-2% for FY26F-27F to reflect a slow recovery in pricing. Retain HOLD rating with a higher TP of Rs4,900.

# Central India aids volume growth; 4QFY25F & FY26F to be better

JK Cement or JKCE's 3QFY25 grey cement volume grew by ~4% yoy to 4.87mt as volume increased in the central India region due to expansion and with no plant shutdown impacting operations. JKCE's growth is above that of the industry in central India while in line with the industry in the northern region. Improving prices and rising premium product sales (~16%) improved grey cement realization by ~1% qoq in 3Q. White cement realization also showed an improvement as the performance in Fujairah recovered. Currently, northern & central region prices are up marginally vs. 3Q average prices, as per management. JKCE expects to grow by 7-8% in 4QFY25F and by at least 10% in FY26F.

# Profitability improves; pricing to bring in incremental contribution

Blended costs were down by ~5% qoq and up ~2% yoy at Rs5,006/t. Blended fuel consumption costs stood at Rs1.5/kcal vs. Rs1.65 qoq. Placed order for pet-coke (~75% of fuel mix) at a lower price of US\$95-\$105/t, which is expected to save more in P&F costs. JKCE expects to end FY25F with savings of Rs40-45/t and the remaining in FY26F out of its guidance of ~Rs150/t over next two years, led by freight cost optimization, increased use of green power & AFR. Blended EBITDA/t improved by Rs355 qoq to Rs1,011 & it expects profitability improvement in 4QFY25F to be in line with incremental improvement in pricing. Both Saifco and Toshali can contribute to profitability in FY26F as well.

## Capex plans on track; entering untapped market of J&K via Saifco

Capex to be at Rs19bn in FY25F (incurred Rs14bn in 9M) and ~Rs19bn in FY26F, including ~Rs1.7bn for the recently acquired Saifco Cements in J&K with a cement capacity of 0.42mtpa. All expansion plans are progressing as per schedule and JKCE expects to add 6mtpa grey cement capacity in FY26F, taking the total capacity to 30mtpa. After this, JKCE plans to raise the capacity to ~50mtpa by FY30F; options to expand are at Jaisalmer (Rajasthan), Muddhol (Karnataka), Panna (Madhya Pradesh) & Toshali (Odisha).

## Retain HOLD rating with a higher TP of Rs4,900 on rich valuation

We like JKCE's presence and new expansion into regions having favourable demand and pricing, but we feel the current EV/t still limits any further upside in the stock price. We retain our HOLD rating on it with a Mar 2026F target price of Rs4,900, set at an EV/EBITDA of of 15x. **Downside risks**: Weak demand, pricing pressure, and delay in commissioning the capacity. **Upside risks**: Strong demand & pricing, sharp deleveraging, and cost control.

| Financial Summary                 | Mar-23A | Mar-24A | Mar-25F | Mar-26F | Mar-27F |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenue (Rsm)                     | 97,202  | 115,560 | 114,714 | 127,799 | 143,515 |
| Operating EBITDA (Rsm)            | 13,143  | 20,598  | 19,225  | 23,517  | 28,393  |
| Net Profit (Rsm)                  | 4,236   | 7,963   | 7,084   | 9,473   | 12,218  |
| Core EPS (Rs)                     | 54.8    | 103.1   | 91.7    | 122.6   | 158.1   |
| Core EPS Growth                   | (38.4%) | 88.0%   | (11.0%) | 33.7%   | 29.0%   |
| FD Core P/E (x)                   | 87.31   | 46.44   | 52.21   | 39.04   | 30.27   |
| DPS (Rs)                          | 15.0    | 20.0    | 18.3    | 23.3    | 30.0    |
| Dividend Yield                    | 0.31%   | 0.42%   | 0.46%   | 0.59%   | 0.76%   |
| EV/EBITDA (x)                     | 31.22   | 20.01   | 21.63   | 17.92   | 14.86   |
| P/FCFE (x)                        | 83.64   | 122.34  | 63.60   | 27.77   | 13.40   |
| Net Gearing                       | 88.2%   | 80.3%   | 79.2%   | 79.0%   | 69.8%   |
| P/BV (x)                          | 7.90    | 6.89    | 6.26    | 5.58    | 4.88    |
| ROE                               | 9.4%    | 15.8%   | 12.6%   | 15.1%   | 17.2%   |
| % Change In Core EPS Estimates    |         |         | (0.45%) | (0.41%) | (0.38%) |
| InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x) |         |         |         |         |         |

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



# Decent all-round beat; capex on track

| Particulars (Rs m)              | 3QFY25 | 3QFY25F | 2QFY25 | 3QFY24 |         | % Change |       |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|----------|-------|
|                                 |        |         |        |        | 3QFY25F | 2QFY25   | 3QFY2 |
| Net Sales                       | 29,303 | 27,881  | 25,601 | 29,348 | 5%      | 14%      | 0%    |
| Raw Materials Consumed          | 4,774  | 4,427   | 4,516  | 3,849  | 8%      | 6%       | 24%   |
| Freight and Forwarding Expenses | 6,604  | 6,271   | 5,755  | 6,148  | 5%      | 15%      | 79    |
| Power and Fuel Costs            | 5,531  | 5,595   | 4,928  | 6,506  | -1%     | 12%      | -15%  |
| Employee Costs                  | 2,288  | 2,207   | 2,245  | 1,988  | 4%      | 2%       | 159   |
| Other Expenses                  | 5,184  | 4,790   | 5,318  | 4,606  | 8%      | -3%      | 139   |
| Total Expenditure               | 24,382 | 23,290  | 22,762 | 23,097 | 5%      | 7%       | 69    |
| EBITDA                          | 4,921  | 4,592   | 2,840  | 6,251  | 7%      | 73%      | -21%  |
| Depreciation                    | 1,457  | 1,576   | 1,463  | 1,404  | -8%     | 0%       | 49    |
| EBIT                            | 3,465  | 3,016   | 1,377  | 4,847  | 15%     | 152%     | -299  |
| Interest                        | 1,124  | 1,189   | 1,228  | 1,141  | -5%     | -8%      | -29   |
| Other Income                    | 446    | 392     | 378    | 385    | 14%     | 18%      | 16    |
| PBT                             | 2,786  | 2,219   | 1,550  | 4,090  | 26%     | 80%      | -32   |
| Tax                             | 894    | 444     | 189    | 1,252  | 101%    | 374%     | -29   |
| PAT before MI & Associates      | 1,892  | 1,775   | 1,362  | 2,838  | 7%      | 39%      | -339  |
| Minority Interest               | -3     | 0       | -103   | 0      |         |          |       |
| Profit from Assoc.Cos.          | 7      | 0       | 0      | 0      |         |          |       |
| Recurring PAT                   | 1,896  | 1,775   | 1,258  | 2,838  | 7%      | 51%      | -33   |
| Extraordinary Items             | 0      | 0       | 1,024  | 0      |         |          |       |
| Reported PAT                    | 1,896  | 1,775   | 1,258  | 2,838  | 7%      | 51%      | -33   |
| EPS (Rs)                        | 24.5   | 23.0    | 17.6   | 36.7   | 7%      | 39%      | -33   |
| Gross Margin                    | 42.3%  | 41.6%   | 40.6%  | 43.8%  | 73bp    | 166bp    | -147b |
| EBITDA Margin                   | 16.8%  | 16.5%   | 11.1%  | 21.3%  | 33bp    | 570bp    | -451b |
| EBIT Margin                     | 11.8%  | 10.8%   | 5.4%   | 16.5%  | 101bp   | 645bp    | -469b |
| PBT Margin                      | 9.5%   | 8.0%    | 6.1%   | 13.9%  | 155bp   | 345bp    | -443b |
| PAT Margin                      | 6.5%   | 6.4%    | 4.9%   | 9.7%   | 10bp    | 156bp    | -320k |
| Tax Rate                        | 32.1%  | 20.0%   | 12.2%  | 30.6%  | 1,209bp | 1,992bp  | 148b  |
| Cost Items as a % of Sales      |        |         |        |        |         |          |       |
| RM Costs                        | 16.3%  | 15.9%   | 17.6%  | 13.1%  | 42bp    | -135bp   | 318b  |
| Freight Costs                   | 22.5%  | 22.5%   | 22.5%  | 20.9%  | 5bp     | 6bp      | 159b  |
| P&F Costs                       | 18.9%  | 20.1%   | 19.2%  | 22.2%  | -119bp  | -37bp    | -329k |

| Der tenne englysie        | 3QFY25 | 2057255 | 2QFY25 | 3QFY24 — |         | % Change |        |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|--------|----------|---------|----------|--------|
| Per tonne analysis        | 3QF125 | 3QFY25F | 2QF125 | 3QF124 — | 3QFY25F | 2QFY25   | 3QFY2  |
| Sales volume (grey+white) | 4.87   | 4.78    | 4.33   | 4.70     | 1.8%    | 12.5%    | 3.5%   |
| Blended realization/t     | 6,017  | 5,830   | 5,913  | 6,238    | 3.2%    | 1.8%     | -3.5%  |
| EBITDA/t                  | 1,011  | 960     | 656    | 1,329    | 5.2%    | 54.1%    | -23.9% |
| RM cost/t                 | 980    | 926     | 1,043  | 818      | 5.9%    | -6.0%    | 19.89  |
| P&F costs/t               | 1,136  | 1,170   | 1,138  | 1,383    | -2.9%   | -0.2%    | -17.9% |
| Freight costs/t           | 1,356  | 1,311   | 1,329  | 1,307    | 3.4%    | 2.0%     | 3.8%   |
| Employee costs/t          | 470    | 461     | 519    | 423      | 1.8%    | -9.4%    | 11.29  |
| Other exps/t              | 1,065  | 1,002   | 1,228  | 979      | 6.3%    | -13.3%   | 8.89   |
| Total cost/t              | 5,006  | 4,870   | 5,257  | 4,909    | 2.8%    | -4.8%    | 2.09   |



# Key takeaways from 3QFY25 results, presentation and earnings call ➤

### **Demand and pricing outlook:**

- Combined sales volume (grey + white) stood at 4.87mt, up ~4% yoy (~2% above Incred estimate). Standalone grey cement volume was up 4% yoy at 4.3mt, with increased volume in the central region (vs. Dalmia Bharat serving limited market in the region due to discontinuation of JPA assets arrangement) and no plant shutdown during the quarter. Capacity utilization stood at 73% vs. 64% qoq. The central region's utilization was 83% in 3QFY25.
- Volume outlook: In 4QFY25F, the company expects to grow by 7-8% and ~10% in FY26F.
- **Pricing:** Currently, prices are marginally higher vs. 3Q average prices. Both central and northern region prices are up in a similar range.
- Regional market: For JKCE, the central region remains a major growth driver due to ongoing expansions, while the northern region's growth was in line with that of others in the region.
- Blended realization/t (consolidated): Blended realization (consolidated) stood at Rs6,017/t, up ~2% qoq and 3% above the Incred estimate. Standalone grey cement realization was up by ~1% qoq, with improvement in realization in the northern region, while white cement realization was up by ~3% qoq.

## Cost & Margin:

- Freight expenses were up by ~2% qoq and ~4% yoy to Rs1,356/t as the lead distance stood at 422km vs. 419km qoq & 427km yoy.
- **P&F costs were** flat qoq but down by ~18% yoy to Rs1,136/t, where fuel consumption costs stood at Rs1.5/kcal vs. Rs1.65 qoq and Rs1.82 yoy.
- **Fixed costs** declined by 12% qoq to Rs1,747/t due to no plant shutdown costs during the quarter.
- Overall, a normal quarter in cost terms, as per the company.
- Guidance regarding cost savings: Strategies like increasing green power, AFR share, and logistic costs are already at work. Expects more savings going ahead; Rs40-50/t to be achieved this year and Rs70-75/t to be saved over the next few years out of ~Rs150/t target.
- Consolidated EBITDA: It declined by ~21% yoy and was up by ~73% qoq at ~Rs4.92bn (vs. our estimate of ~Rs4.6bn); EBITDA/t stood at Rs1,011 during the quarter (up Rs355/t qoq and down Rs318/t yoy).
- **Consolidated reported PAT:** It was up 51% qoq at ~Rs1.9bn vs. our expectation of ~Rs1.8bn. Depreciation was up by ~4% yoy at ~Rs1.5bn.
- Profitability improvement in 4QFY25F will be driven by improvement in pricing.
- Fuel costs are down, as per management. Placed order for pet-coke at a price of US\$95-\$105/t in 3QFY25.

# **Expansion and capex update:**

- Expansion update: a) 3.3mtpa clinker line 2 & 3mtpa cement expansion at Panna, Hamirpur, Prayagraj: Construction progressing as per plan, incurred a capex of Rs8.18bn till Dec 2024. b) 3mtpa grinding unit or GU at Bihar: Order for machinery has been placed, incurred a capex of Rs500m till Dec 2024.
- Capex: Expected capex is Rs19bn for FY25F, capex for FY26F to be Rs17bn and an additional Rs1.75bn for Saifco Cements investment. In 9MFY25, capex incurred was Rs14bn.
- Saifco Cements acquisition in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K): JKCE has
  decided to invest in Saifco Cements having a capacity of 0.42mt, with ~60%
  equity to be acquired in the company. It has 0.26mtpa of clinker capacity, while
  operational period of the plant is nine months during any year. Present
  EBITDA/t of ~Rs1,500 is the highest in the industry, despite the pricing
  pressure across markets. Can improve profitability by Rs400/t and increase



clinker capacity by 1,000/t a day by investing Rs500-600m. Profitability to touch Rs2,000/t. Targets 60% capacity utilization in six months and raise it after capex is incurred. Expansion plan to be undertaken after analyzing the region. Captive limestone reserves are spread over an area of 144.25ha. Total mineable reserves are 129mt. Saifco Cements is exempt from CGST & SGST regulations, which has incentives of Rs800-900/t and is valid till CY31F.

• Rajasthan expansion roadmap to be available by Jun 2025F. Line-2 expansion to remain a priority.

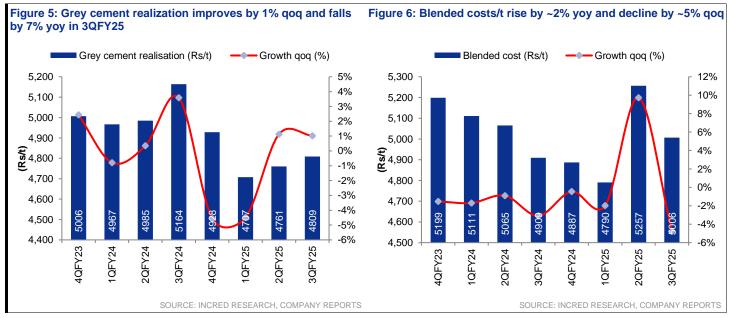
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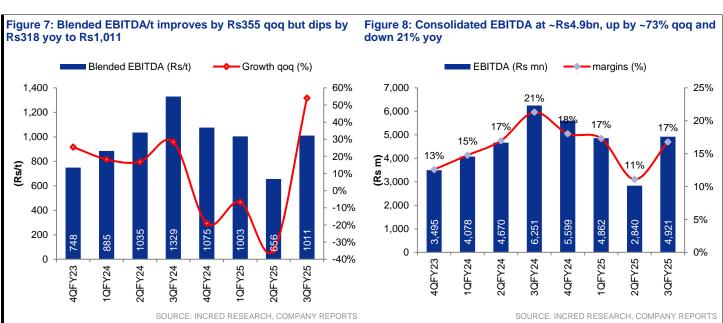
- Road mix was 91% in 3QFY25.
- Trade mix at 65%. Premium products' share at 16% of trade sales. Green power mix was 50% YTD, targets to reach 75% by FY30F. YTD TSR was 11%, targets 35% by FY30F.
- Not much volume growth in Uttar Pradesh due to the Kumbh Mela festival.
- **Net debt** was ~Rs31.1bn in 3QFY25 vs. Rs30.44bn in 2QFY25. Net debt/EBITDA ratio stood at 1.74 vs. 1.6x as of Sep 2024-end.
- **Fuel mix:** 75% pet-coke; higher consumption in northern and southern regions, while lower in the central region.
- Paints: Revenue of Rs830m in 3QFY25 vs. Rs530m qoq and Rs470m yoy. Loss of Rs170m vs. Rs110m qoq and expected loss of Rs500m in FY25F. For FY25F, expects a revenue of Rs2,500-3,500m. Plans to ramp up revenue to Rs4-5bn in FY26F and to Rs5bn by FY27F. Expects to turn EBITDA positive by FY27F (same as its earlier guidance).
- Older plants see early expiry of limestone inventory, increasing raw materials costs for them.
- Asian Paints to set up a white cement plant in the UAE soon, which is one of the company's major customers. The company supplies white cement to Asian Paints in India and the UAE, ~1,00,000t annually. Should affect revenue from next year.
- The expected run-rate for incentives is Rs750m per quarter going ahead. Rs110m in 3QFY25 includes incentives of Panna plant and earlier quarters too. Incentives to remain balanced in the coming quarters.
- White cement realization at Fujairah plant in Dubai has been better, with gog demand from the real estate market, which is favouring overall operations.
- White cement/putty: Putty market remains competitive, as per management.
   Asian Paints is the largest seller of putty in India. Demand is rising by 8-9%, growing by 4% for JKCE versus Asian Paints for whom it is growing in double digits. The company has an EBITDA margin of 15-20% in the white cement business.
- Toshali plant: The plant's modification has been completed, and from FY26F it will be running at full capacity, registering a profit. In FY25F, operations are expected to suffer a loss, as it witnessed a loss of Rs90m in 9MFY25. No clinker was purchased from the market for the plant, whose upgradation will be completed in the near term to improve efficiency. JKCE is in talks with the government for land rights acquisition.



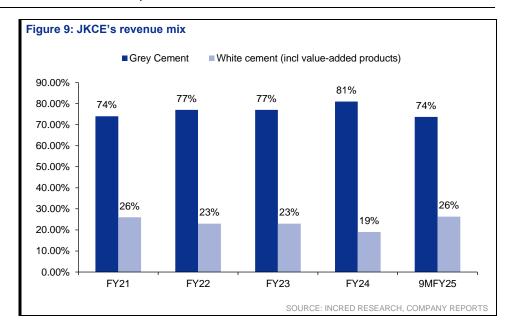
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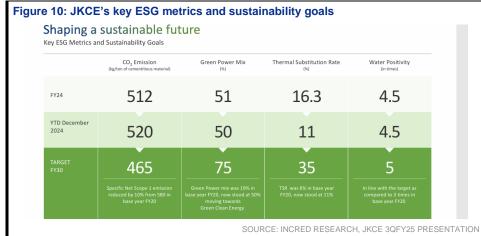












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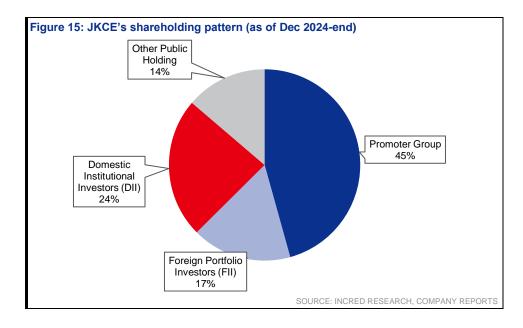
| Figure 11: | Our revis | ed earnir | ngs estim | ates     |             |            |           |           |        |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Rs. m      |           | New       |           |          | Old         |            | CI        | nange (%) |        |
|            | FY25F     | FY26F     | FY27F     | FY25F    | FY26F       | FY27F      | FY25F     | FY26F     | FY27F  |
| Sales      | 1,14,714  | 1,27,799  | 1,43,515  | 1,17,878 | 1,31,675    | 1,45,160   | -3%       | -3%       | -1%    |
| EBITDA     | 19,225    | 23,517    | 28,393    | 20,300   | 24,033      | 28,262     | -6%       | -2%       | 0%     |
| PAT        | 7,084     | 9,473     | 12,218    | 7,687    | 9,882       | 12,222     | -9%       | -4%       | 0%     |
| EPS (Rs.)  | 91.7      | 122.6     | 158.1     | 99.5     | 127.9       | 158.2      | -9%       | -4%       | 0%     |
|            |           |           |           | SOURCE   | : INCRED RE | SEARCH EST | IMATES, C | OMPANY R  | EPORTS |

| Rs. m  | Incred   |          |          | Incred Consensus |          |          | Cł    | nange (%) |       |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|------------------|----------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|        | FY25F    | FY26F    | FY27F    | FY25F            | FY26F    | FY27F    | FY25F | FY26F     | FY26F |
| Sales  | 1,14,714 | 1,27,799 | 1,43,515 | 1,16,864         | 1,31,670 | 1,47,381 | -2%   | -3%       | -3%   |
| EBITDA | 19,225   | 23,517   | 28,393   | 19,273           | 24,967   | 29,330   | 0%    | -6%       | -3%   |
| PAT    | 7,084    | 9,473    | 12,218   | 6,805            | 10,159   | 12,913   | 4%    | -7%       | -5%   |



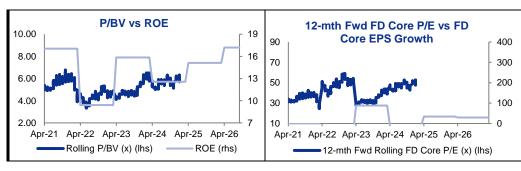
| FY23A  | FY24A   | FY25A  | FY26F   | FY27F  |
|--------|---|--|---|--|
| 16     | 19  | 20   | 22  | 24   |
| 16%    | 18%   | 3%   | 10%   | 11%  |
| 5,854  | 5,865   | 5,724  | 5,795   | 5,864  |
| 5%     | 0%  | -2%  | 1%  | 1%   |
| 5,178  | 4,974   | 4,860  | 4,815   | 4,782  |
| 12%    | -4%   | -2%  | -1%   | -1%  |
| 810    | 1,079   | 979  | 1,086   | 1,179  |
| -23%   | 33%   | -9%  | 11%   | 9%   |
| 13,143 | 20,598  | 19,225   | 23,517  | 28,393   |
| -11%   | 57%   | -7%  | 22%   | 21%  |
|        | 16<br>16%<br>5,854<br>5%<br>5,178<br>12%<br>810<br>-23%<br>13,143 | 16 19 16% 18% 5,854 5,865 5% 0% 5,178 4,974 12% -4% 810 1,079 -23% 33% 13,143 20,598 | 16         19         20           16%         18%         3%           5,854         5,865         5,724           5%         0%         -2%           5,178         4,974         4,860           12%         -4%         -2%           810         1,079         979           -23%         33%         -9%           13,143         20,598         19,225 | 16         19         20         22           16%         18%         3%         10%           5,854         5,865         5,724         5,795           5%         0%         -2%         1%           5,178         4,974         4,860         4,815           12%         -4%         -2%         -1%           810         1,079         979         1,086           -23%         33%         -9%         11%           13,143         20,598         19,225         23,517 |

| Figure 14: Maintain HOLD rating or set at an EV/EBITDA of 15x (earlier | n the stock with a Mar 2026F target price of Rs4,900, r 14x) |
|--|--|
| Valuation  | TP   |
| Target EV/EBITDA (x)   | 15.0   |
| Target EV (Rs m)   | 4,27,261   |
| Net debt / (cash) (Rs m)   | 48,663   |
| No. of shares (m)  | 77   |
| Fair value per share (Rs)  | 4,900  |
|  | SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH ESTIMATES, COMPANY REPORTS           |





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| Profit & Loss                      |         |         |         |         |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (Rs mn)                            | Mar-23A | Mar-24A | Mar-25F | Mar-26F | Mar-27F |
| Total Net Revenues                 | 97,202  | 115,560 | 114,714 | 127,799 | 143,515 |
| Gross Profit                       | 97,202  | 115,560 | 114,714 | 127,799 | 143,515 |
| Operating EBITDA                   | 13,143  | 20,598  | 19,225  | 23,517  | 28,393  |
| Depreciation And Amortisation      | (4,619) | (5,726) | (5,898) | (6,606) | (7,398) |
| Operating EBIT                     | 8,524   | 14,872  | 13,327  | 16,912  | 20,995  |
| Financial Income/(Expense)         | (3,122) | (4,531) | (4,713) | (4,901) | (5,048) |
| Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Non-Operating Income/(Expense)     | 874     | 1,451   | 1,639   | 1,705   | 1,747   |
| Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)         | 6,276   | 11,791  | 10,253  | 13,715  | 17,694  |
| Exceptional Items                  |         |         |         |         |         |
| Pre-tax Profit                     | 6,276   | 11,791  | 10,253  | 13,715  | 17,694  |
| Taxation                           | (2,113) | (3,837) | (3,178) | (4,252) | (5,485) |
| Exceptional Income - post-tax      |         |         |         |         |         |
| Profit After Tax                   | 4,163   | 7,954   | 7,075   | 9,464   | 12,209  |
| Minority Interests                 | 73      | 9       | 9       | 9       | 9       |
| Preferred Dividends                |         |         |         |         |         |
| FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax          |         |         |         |         |         |
| Other Adjustments - post-tax       |         |         |         |         |         |
| Net Profit                         | 4,236   | 7,963   | 7,084   | 9,473   | 12,218  |
| Recurring Net Profit               | 4,236   | 7,963   | 7,084   | 9,473   | 12,218  |
| Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit | 4,236   | 7,963   | 7,084   | 9,473   | 12,218  |

| Cash Flow                        |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| (Rs mn)                          | Mar-23A  | Mar-24A  | Mar-25F  | Mar-26F  | Mar-27F  |
| EBITDA                           | 13,143   | 20,598   | 19,225   | 23,517   | 28,393   |
| Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.    |          |          |          |          |          |
| Change In Working Capital        | (4,112)  | 3,294    | 797      | (193)    | (960)    |
| (Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions  |          |          |          |          |          |
| Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense  | 874      | 1,451    | 1,639    | 1,705    | 1,747    |
| Other Operating Cashflow         | 5,366    | (2,707)  | 6,293    | 15,293   | 24,293   |
| Net Interest (Paid)/Received     | (3,122)  | (4,531)  | (4,713)  | (4,901)  | (5,048)  |
| Tax Paid                         | 1,622    | 1,542    | (3,178)  | (4,252)  | (5,485)  |
| Cashflow From Operations         | 13,771   | 19,646   | 20,063   | 31,169   | 42,940   |
| Capex                            | (18,697) | (11,782) | (19,000) | (19,000) | (16,000) |
| Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries    |          |          |          |          |          |
| Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments |          |          |          |          |          |
| Other Investing Cashflow         | (1,451)  | (4,576)  | 1,252    | (350)    | (350)    |
| Cash Flow From Investing         | (20,148) | (16,358) | (17,748) | (19,350) | (16,350) |
| Debt Raised/(repaid)             | 10,799   | (265)    | 3,500    | 1,500    | 1,000    |
| Proceeds From Issue Of Shares    |          |          |          |          |          |
| Shares Repurchased               |          |          |          |          |          |
| Dividends Paid                   | (1,159)  | (1,545)  | (1,714)  | (2,178)  | (2,809)  |
| Preferred Dividends              |          |          |          |          |          |
| Other Financing Cashflow         | (2,226)  | (2,347)  | (4,284)  | (15,284) | (24,284) |
| Cash Flow From Financing         | 7,413    | (4,157)  | (2,498)  | (15,962) | (26,093) |
| Total Cash Generated             | 1,036    | (869)    | (183)    | (4,142)  | 497      |
| Free Cashflow To Equity          | 4,422    | 3,023    | 5,815    | 13,319   | 27,590   |
| Free Cashflow To Firm            | (3,255)  | 7,819    | 7,028    | 16,720   | 31,638   |

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| Balance Sheet                       |         |         |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (Rs mn)                             | Mar-23A | Mar-24A | Mar-25F | Mar-26F | Mar-27F |
| Total Cash And Equivalents          | 9,041   | 9,667   | 9,484   | 5,341   | 5,839   |
| Total Debtors                       | 4,801   | 5,663   | 5,971   | 5,952   | 6,291   |
| Inventories                         | 9,741   | 11,816  | 11,943  | 13,305  | 14,941  |
| Total Other Current Assets          | 13,800  | 17,019  | 15,486  | 16,614  | 18,657  |
| Total Current Assets                | 37,382  | 44,165  | 42,884  | 41,213  | 45,728  |
| Fixed Assets                        | 83,071  | 91,381  | 104,483 | 116,877 | 125,478 |
| Total Investments                   | 215     | 2,681   | 3,031   | 3,381   | 3,731   |
| Intangible Assets                   | 7,522   | 6,242   | 4,639   | 4,639   | 4,639   |
| Total Other Non-Current Assets      | 4,877   | 3,553   | 3,553   | 3,553   | 3,553   |
| Total Non-current Assets            | 95,686  | 103,857 | 115,706 | 128,450 | 137,402 |
| Short-term Debt                     | 8,941   | 10,612  | 11,112  | 11,112  | 11,112  |
| Current Portion of Long-Term Debt   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Total Creditors                     | 8,221   | 9,311   | 8,979   | 9,775   | 10,773  |
| Other Current Liabilities           | 12,305  | 14,078  | 14,110  | 15,592  | 17,652  |
| Total Current Liabilities           | 29,468  | 34,001  | 34,201  | 36,479  | 39,537  |
| Total Long-term Debt                | 41,010  | 41,774  | 44,774  | 46,274  | 47,274  |
| Hybrid Debt - Debt Component        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Total Other Non-Current Liabilities | 16,194  | 19,030  | 21,030  | 21,030  | 21,030  |
| Total Non-current Liabilities       | 57,204  | 60,804  | 65,804  | 67,304  | 68,304  |
| Total Provisions                    |         |         |         |         |         |
| Total Liabilities                   | 86,672  | 94,805  | 100,005 | 103,782 | 107,841 |
| Shareholders Equity                 | 46,840  | 53,671  | 59,041  | 66,336  | 75,745  |
| Minority Interests                  | (444)   | (455)   | (455)   | (455)   | (455)   |
| Total Equity                        | 46,396  | 53,216  | 58,586  | 65,881  | 75,290  |

| Key Ratios                |          |          |          |          |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                           | Mar-23A  | Mar-24A  | Mar-25F  | Mar-26F  | Mar-27F  |
| Revenue Growth            | 21.6%    | 18.9%    | (0.7%)   | 11.4%    | 12.3%    |
| Operating EBITDA Growth   | (11.3%)  | 56.7%    | (6.7%)   | 22.3%    | 20.7%    |
| Operating EBITDA Margin   | 13.5%    | 17.8%    | 16.8%    | 18.4%    | 19.8%    |
| Net Cash Per Share (Rs)   | (529.46) | (552.86) | (600.53) | (673.55) | (680.06) |
| BVPS (Rs)                 | 606.20   | 694.61   | 764.10   | 858.51   | 980.28   |
| Gross Interest Cover      | 2.73     | 3.28     | 2.83     | 3.45     | 4.16     |
| Effective Tax Rate        | 33.7%    | 32.5%    | 31.0%    | 31.0%    | 31.0%    |
| Net Dividend Payout Ratio | 27.4%    | 19.4%    | 24.2%    | 23.0%    | 23.0%    |
| Accounts Receivables Days | 17.03    | 16.53    | 18.51    | 17.03    | 15.57    |
| Inventory Days            | 40.98    | 34.04    | 37.80    | 36.05    | 35.92    |
| Accounts Payables Days    | 33.38    | 33.69    | 34.96    | 32.82    | 32.57    |
| ROIC (%)                  | 8.3%     | 13.2%    | 10.8%    | 12.5%    | 14.5%    |
| ROCE (%)                  | 9.6%     | 14.7%    | 12.1%    | 14.2%    | 16.3%    |
| Return On Average Assets  | 5.9%     | 8.9%     | 7.7%     | 8.8%     | 9.8%     |

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