Morning Note

# India sneak peek

# Published research

ACC Ltd (ADD - Maintained, TP: Rs2,210) - Better volume & price leads to EBITDA beat

Aditya Birla Sunlife AMC (ADD - Maintained, TP: Rs800) - Debt funds boost AUM

Ambuja Cements Ltd (ADD - Maintained, TP: Rs620) - Cost synergy and pricing drives profitability

Nippon Life India Asset Management Ltd (ADD - Maintained, TP: Rs780) -Performance-led focus to play out

Technology - Overall (Not Rated - Maintained) - E2E Networks: NDR takeaways

TVS Motor Co Ltd (REDUCE - Maintained, TP: Rs2,154) - Subsidiaries' losses dip; concerns over FCF

Ugro Capital (ADD - Maintained, TP: Rs270) - Moving up in high-yield segments

### Top Investment Idea

Strategy Note - High volatility prevails from policy uncertainty pramod.amthe@incredresearch.com

- Recent Gol and RBI policies are aimed at improving GDP growth momentum, while tensions from global trade and geopolitics limit the short-term benefits.
- Despite a seasonally strong quarter, 4Q earnings consensus EPS growth expectations are just 8% yoy. No respite seen in EPS downgrade trend yet.
- The quick index bounce-back from Mar 2025 lows brings mid-/small-caps to premium valuations again. Maintain cautious stance with a downward bias.

What's in the news (Click on news for more information)

- Trent Q4FY25 results: Net profit falls 54.8%, revenue rises 27.9%
- Maha Kumbh boosts Coca-Cola's India sales, drives Q1 volume growth
- NSO signals pvt capex lull in FY26; manufacturing investments may zoom 40%
- IndusInd Bank MD and CEO Sumant Kathpalia resigns with immediate effect
- Maharashtra govt announces toll waiver for electric vehicles on major expressways in state

### Expert speak

**Frading desk** 

- Rajiv Bajaj, MD Bajaj Auto 🗔
- Arun Mishra, CEO Hindustan Zinc 🖂
- Sachin Tikekar, Jt MD KPIT Technologies 🗔
- Girish Kousgi, MD & CEO PNB Housing Finance 🗔

### Alternative research desk

<u>Actionable Ideas</u> <u>InCred coverage universe</u> <u>Recent published research</u>

InCred Institutional Equities Research T (91) 22 4161 1500 E inst.research@incredcapital.com



Flows (Rs m)	
DII	FII
13.692	23.856

# Published research ➤ Top

ACC Ltd (ADD - Maintained, TP: Rs2,210) - Better volume & price leads to EBITDA beat

nishant.bagrecha@incredresearch.com

- Adj. consol. 4Q EBITDA stood at ~Rs8.3bn (~7% above our estimate), down by ~1% yoy. Volume grew by ~14% yoy, reflecting a higher inter-group volume.
- We expect profitability improvement in the coming quarters to be largely driven by benefits from improving pricing and cost efficiency measures.
- We cut EBITDA estimates by 3-4% for FY26F-27F. Retain our ADD rating on the stock with a lower target price of Rs2,210.

#### Aditya Birla Sunlife AMC (ADD - Maintained, TP: Rs800) - Debt funds boost AUM

meghna.luthra@incredresearch.com

- ABSL AMC posted in-line 4Q PAT of Rs2.3bn amid rising yield pressure along with a fall in equity fund AUM, which was offset by higher other income.
- The initial signs of pruning the market share loss were encouraging, with a rise of ~6bp qoq in the overall market share (excl. ETFs) to 6.3%.
- ABSL AMC can be a turnaround story; however, retail market share loss needs to be addressed, & we await execution. Retain ADD with a stable TP of Rs800.

Ambuja Cements Ltd (ADD - Maintained, TP: Rs620) - Cost synergy and pricing drives profitability

nishant.bagrecha@incredresearch.com

- 4Q consol. EBITDA was ~Rs18.7bn, up ~10% yoy, on lower-than-expected fixed costs. Blended unit EBITDA/t rose ~Rs462 qoq to Rs1,001 vs. estimated Rs810.
- ACEM to invest ~Rs90bn in capex in FY26F (~70% towards growth). Reiterates its guidance for reducing consol. costs/t to ~Rs3,650 by FY28F.
- We maintain our FY26F-27F EBITDA estimates. Retain our ADD rating with a marginally lower target price of Rs620 (vs. Rs630 earlier).

Nippon Life India Asset Management Ltd (ADD - Maintained, TP: Rs780) -Performance-led focus to play out

meghna.luthra@incredresearch.com

- NAM India posted in-line 4Q core operating profit, led by stable yields, qoq improvement in other income due to treasury gains, and contained opex.
- High volatility in equity markets, especially small-cap and mid-cap stocks, led to QAAUM decline of ~2% qoq on the back of ~5% qoq dip in equity QAAUM.
- We expect stable revenue yields, but a spurt in operating expenses is likely amid elevated ESOP expenses. Maintain ADD rating with a TP of Rs780.

### Technology - Overall (Not Rated - Maintained) - E2E Networks: NDR

takeaways

abhishek.shindadkr@incredresearch.com

- The change in go-to-market or GTM strategy to focus on enterprise is leading to an elongated sales cycle and, in turn, revenue softness.
- IndiaAI mission could improve revenue visibility vs. bursty startup-driven workloads. Creates room for future Eols.
- Capacity build-up could help reach 3x MRR by Mar 2026F.

TVS Motor Co Ltd (REDUCE - Maintained, TP: Rs2,154) - Subsidiaries' losses dip; concerns over FCF

pramod.amthe@incredresearch.com

- 4QFY25 standalone EPS grew by 30% to Rs14.6, beating our estimate by 4%, while the normalized EBITDA margin stood at 12.5%, beating our estimate.
- The rising margin trend led to our 5% EBITDA upgrade for FY26F-27F. The automobile subsidiaries' losses declined; however, FCF remains negative.
- We maintain our REDUCE rating on the stock as its rich +2SD above-themean-level valuation overlooks the demand for funding international losses.

# Ugro Capital (ADD - Maintained, TP: Rs270) - Moving up in high-yield segments

meghna.luthra@incredresearch.com

- UGRO Capital posted in-line 4Q PAT of Rs405m, led by strong AUM growth, amid rising NIM pressure and inching up of credit costs.
- Disbursements grew by ~16% qoq, led by better-yield products like micro enterprise loans & embedded finance, as other products saw some softness.
- We believe the focus on micro branches, along with co-lending partnerships, should lead to better return ratios. Maintain ADD rating with a new TP of Rs270.

# **InCred** Equities

## Actionable Ideas > Top

#### Figure 1: Top Buys (All ADD Ratings)

Company	Bloomberg Ticker	Market Capital (Rs bn)	Price	Target Price	Up/down (%)	Analyst Name
Large Cap						
HDFC Bank	HDFCB IN	14,607	1,909	2,200	15%	Meghna LUTHRA
Tata Consultancy Services	TCS IN	12,564	3,473	3,589	3%	Abhishek SHINDADKAR
Bajaj Finance Ltd	BAF IN	5,651	9,093	9,750	7%	Meghna LUTHRA
Maruti Suzuki	MSIL IN	3,723	11,841	13,621	15%	Pramod AMTHE
UltraTech Cement Ltd	UTCEM IN	3,498	11,869	13,550	14%	Nishant BAGRECHA
Axis Bank	AXSB IN	3,678	1,187	1,430	20%	Bhavik Shah
Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone Ltd	ADSEZ IN	2,628	1,216	1,457	20%	Rajarshi MAITRA
Bajaj Auto	BJAUT IN	2,256	8,079	10,590	31%	Pramod AMTHE
Pidilite Industries Limited	PIDI IN	1,528	3,005	3,470	15%	Rohan KALLE
Shriram Finance Limited	SHFL IN	1,156	615	830	35%	Jignesh SHIAL
Cipla Ltd	CIPLA IN	1,245	1,542	1,640	6%	Yogesh SONI
Mid-cap						
Lupin Ltd	LPC IN	944	2,067	2,329	13%	Yogesh SONI
Marico Ltd	MRCO IN	922	711	750	5%	Rohan KALLE
Cummins India Ltd	KKC IN	804	2,900	3,909	35%	Ishan VERMA
UPL Limited	UPLL IN	545	670	1,289	93%	Satish KUMAR
Petronet LNG	PLNG IN	465	310	519	67%	Pratyush KAMAL
Container Corp of India Ltd	CCRI IN	419	687	1,133	65%	Rajarshi MAITRA
Small-cap						
Ajanta Pharma Ltd	AJP IN	345	2,766	3,220	16%	Yogesh SONI
Deepak Fertilisers & Petrochemicals Corp. Ltd.	DFPC IN	164	1,302	2,051	58%	Pratyush KAMAL
Birla Corporation Ltd	BCORP IN	85	1,098	1,455	33%	Nishant BAGRECHA
Ethos Limited	ETHOSLTD IN	62	2,534	3,400	34%	Rohan KALLE
Skipper Limited	SKIPPER IN	54	467	695	49%	Ishan VERMA
TCPL Packaging Ltd	TCPL IN	33	3,676	4,380	19%	Nishant BAGRECHA
Globus Spirits Ltd	GBSL IN	31	1,064	1,584	49%	Nitin AWASTHI
					SOURCES	S: INCRED RESEARCH, BLOOMBERG

SOURCES: INCRED RESEARCH, BLOOMBERG

#### Figure 2: Top Sells (All REDUCE Ratings) Bloomberg Up/down (%) Analyst Name Market Capital Company Price **Target Price** Ticker (Rs bn) Large Cap 3,030 INDIGO IN 2,034 InterGlobe Aviation Ltd 5,264 -42% Rajarshi MAITRA Tata Steel TATA IN 1,766 142 82 -42% Satish KUMAR Mid-cap SBI Cards SBICARD IN 836 878 550 -37% Meghna LUTHRA Clean Science and Technology CLEAN IN 1,192 127 683 -43% Satish KUMAR SOURCES: INCRED RESEARCH, BLOOMBERG

InCred coverage universe

# **InCred** Equities

# Recent published research ➤ <u>Top</u>

Figure 3: Report	Figure 3: Report links		
Date	Analyst	Report Title	
30 Apr 2025	Abhishek Shindadkar	Technology - Overall - E2E Networks: NDR takeaways (Not Rated-Maintained)	
30 Apr 2025	Nishant Bagrecha	ACC Ltd - Better volume & price leads to EBITDA beat (ADD-Maintained)	
30 Apr 2025	Nishant Bagrecha	Ambuja Cements Ltd - Cost synergy and pricing drives profitability (ADD-Maintained)	
30 Apr 2025	Meghna Luthra	Aditya Birla Sunlife AMC - Debt funds boost AUM (ADD-Maintained)	
29 Apr 2025	Nishant Bagrecha	UltraTech Cement Ltd - Strong in-line operational performance (ADD-Maintained)	
29 Apr 2025	Meghna Luthra	Ugro Capital - Moving up in high-yield segments (ADD-Maintained)	
29 Apr 2025	Pramod Amthe	TVS Motor Co Ltd - Subsidiaries' losses dip; concerns over FCF (REDUCE-Maintained)	
29 Apr 2025	Meghna Luthra	Nippon Life India Asset Management Ltd - Performance-led focus to play out (ADD-Maintained)	
28 Apr 2025	Yogesh Soni	Dr. Lal Pathlabs Ltd Margin drop amid steady growth (HOLD-Downgrade)	
28 Apr 2025	Nitin Awasthi	Agribusiness - Shrimpopedia: Apr 2025 (Overweight-Maintained)	
28 Apr 2025	Meghna Luthra	Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company - Persistence over speed; priced in (HOLD- Maintained)	
26 Apr 2025	Pramod Amthe	Maruti Suzuki - The EBITDA margin slide disappoints (ADD-Maintained)	
26 Apr 2025	Meghna Luthra	Shriram Finance Limited - Holding up well; attractive valuation (ADD-Maintained)	
25 Apr 2025	Yogesh Soni	Laurus Labs - Earnings cycle set for a reversal (HOLD-Maintained)	
25 Apr 2025	Bhavik Shah	Axis Bank - Mixed quarter; valuation remains attractive (ADD-)	
25 Apr 2025	Pramod Amthe	Strategy Note - High volatility prevails from policy uncertainty	
25 Apr 2025	Rohan Kalle	Hindustan Unilever Ltd - Prefers growth over profitability (HOLD-Maintained)	
25 Apr 2025	Rohan Kalle	Nestle India Ltd - Modest growth; near-term headwinds persist (HOLD-Maintained)	
25 Apr 2025	Rajarshi Maitra	Supreme Industries - Weak demand dents margin (HOLD-Upgrade)	
24 Apr 2025	Yogesh Soni	Thyrocare Technologies Ltd Strong performance; beat on margin front (ADD-Maintained)	

# Latest Quick Analysis > Top

Figure 4: Repo	ort links	
Date	Analyst	Report Title
28 Apr 2025	Pramod Amthe	TVS Motor - 4QFY25 Results First Cut and conference call highlights
28 Apr 2025	Ishan Verma	Power of Heatwaves - Impact of heatwaves on power demand
25 Apr 2025	Satish Kumar	Atul Ltd - Q4FY25 First cut - Results inline with our estimates
25 Apr 2025	Rajarshi Maitra	Domestic aviation (Mar 25) - Sharp dip in domestic industry PLF
25 Apr 2025	Pramod Amthe	Indian auto -Maruti 4Q result and call highlights
24 Apr 2025	Nishant Bagrecha	ACC Ltd. 4QFY25 First Cut - Increased volume and pricing lead to sequential profitability improvement
23 Apr 2025	Satish Kumar	Astec Lifesciences Ltd - Q4FY25 Firstcut- Loss again!
23 Apr 2025	Nishant Bagrecha	Dalmia Bharat Ltd - 4QFY25 Results First cut: Steady EBITDA/t performance in the face of volume and realisation decline
23 Apr 2025	Satish Kumar	Rallis India - Q4FY25 First cut
23 Apr 2025	Rohan Kalle	Tata Consumer Products Ltd - 4QFY25 Results Quick Read and Earnings Call Takeaways (Not Rated)
22 Apr 2025	Nishant Bagrecha	Havells India (Under Review) - 4QFY25 Earnings Call Takeaways
22 Apr 2025	Nishant Bagrecha	Havells India - All-round beat led by Lloyds and ECD segments
21 Apr 2025	Satish Kumar	Camlin - Vanillin exports can lead to highest ever quarterly EBITDA of ~65 crores
21 Apr 2025	Bhavik Shah	RBI Circular - Final LCR guidelines is much relaxed; Another boost to liquidity.
21 Apr 2025	Satish Kumar	Navin fluorine - Exports are reviving, as shipments to Fermion and Kumiai are picking up
21 Apr 2025	Abhishek Shindadkar	IT Services - Infosys 4QFY25 Earnings Summary
20 Apr 2025	Satish Kumar	Atul limited - Increasing uncertain environment for 2,4D and epoxy resins, but Q4 EPS can cross 45/share staging 240% YoY growth
20 Apr 2025	Satish Kumar	Epigral - The current quarter's EPS is likely to be the peak and may not be reached again for at least the next two years
20 Apr 2025	Satish Kumar	Gujarat Fluoro - PVDF prices have started to decline, and PTFE is likely next in line. Consensus earnings estimates for FY26 and FY27F appear increasingly unachievable
20 Apr 2025	Rajarshi Maitra	Adani Ports & SEZ - NQXT acquisition - a tad expensive; marginal impact on APSEZ valuations

#### DISCLAIMER

This report (including the views and opinions expressed therein, and the information comprised therein) has been prepared by Incred Research Services Private Ltd. (formerly known as Earnest Innovation Partners Private Limited) (hereinafter referred to as "IRSPL"). IRSPL is registered with SEBI as a Research Analyst vide Registration No. INH000011024. Pursuant to a trademark agreement, IRSPL has adopted "Incred Equities" as its trademark for use in this report.

The term "IRSPL" shall, unless the context otherwise requires, mean IRSPL and its affiliates, subsidiaries and related companies. This report is not directed or intended for distribution to or use by any person or entity resident in a state, country or any jurisdiction, where such distribution, publication, availability or use would be contrary to law, regulation or which would subject IRSPL and its affiliates/group companies to registration or licensing requirements within such jurisdictions.

This report is being supplied to you strictly on the basis that it will remain confidential. No part of this report may be (i) copied, photocopied, duplicated, stored or reproduced in any form by any means; or (ii) redistributed or passed on, directly or indirectly, to any other person in whole or in part, for any purpose without the prior written consent of IRSPL.

The information contained in this report is prepared from data believed to be correct and reliable at the time of issue of this report.

IRSPL is not required to issue regular reports on the subject matter of this report at any frequency and it may cease to do so or change the periodicity of reports at any time. IRSPL is not under any obligation to update this report in the event of a material change to the information contained in this report. IRSPL has not any and will not accept any, obligation to (i) check or ensure that the contents of this report remain current, reliable or relevant; (ii) ensure that the content of this report constitutes all the information a prospective investor may require; (iii) ensure the adequacy, accuracy, completeness, reliability or fairness of any views, opinions and information, and accordingly, IRSPL and its affiliates/group companies (and their respective directors, associates, connected persons and/or employees) shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for any consequences (including but not limited to any direct, indirect or consequential losses, loss of profits and damages) of any reliance thereon or usage thereof.

Unless otherwise specified, this report is based upon reasonable sources. Such sources will, unless otherwise specified, for market data, be market data and prices available from the main stock exchange or market where the relevant security is listed, or, where appropriate, any other market. Information on the accounts and business of company(ies) will generally be based on published statements of the company(ies), information disseminated by regulatory information services, other publicly available information and information resulting from our research. While every effort is made to ensure that statements of facts made in this report are accurate, all estimates, projections, forecasts, expressions of opinion and other subjective judgments contained in this report are based on assumptions considered to be reasonable as of the date of the document in which they are contained and must not be construed as a representation that the matters referred to therein will occur. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and those investing may, depending on the investments in question, lose more than the initial investment. No report shall constitute an offer or an invitation by or on behalf of IRSPL and its affiliates/group companies to any person to buy or sell any investments.

The opinions expressed are based on information which is believed to be accurate and complete and obtained through reliable public or other nonconfidential sources at the time made (information barriers and other arrangements may be established, where necessary, to prevent conflicts of interests arising. However, the analyst(s) may receive compensation that is based on his/their coverage of company(ies) in the performance of his/their duties or the performance of his/their recommendations. In reviewing this report, an investor should be aware that any or all of the foregoing, among other things, may give rise to real or potential conflicts of interest. Additional information is, subject to the duties of confidentiality, available on request. The report is not a "prospectus" as defined under Indian Law, including the Companies Act, 2013, and is not, and shall not be, approved by, or filed or registered with, any Indian regulator, including any Registrar of Companies in India, SEBI, any Indian stock exchange, or the Reserve Bank of India. No offer, or invitation to offer, or solicitation of subscription with respect to any such securities listed or proposed to be listed in India is being made, or intended to be made, to the public, or to any member or section of the public in India, through or pursuant to this report.

The research analysts, strategists or economists principally responsible for the preparation of this research report are segregated from the other activities of IRSPL. Information barriers and other arrangements have been established, as required, to prevent any conflicts of interests.

The research analysts, strategists or economists principally responsible for the preparation of this research report are segregated from the other activities of IRSPL. Information barriers and other arrangements have been established, as required, to prevent any conflicts of interests.

IRSPL may have issued other reports (based on technical analysis, event specific, short-term views, etc.) that are inconsistent with and reach a different conclusion from the information presented in this report.

Holding of Analysts/Relatives of Analysts, IRSPL and Associates of IRSPL in the covered securities, as on the date of publishing of this report

Research Analyst or his/her relative(s) or InCred Research Services Private Limited or our associate may have any financial interest in the subject company.

Research Analyst or his/her relatives or InCred Research Services Limited or our associates may have actual or beneficial ownership of 1% or more securities of the subject company(ies) at the end of the month immediately preceding the date of publication of the Research Report.

Research Analyst or his/her relative or InCred Research Services Private Limited or our associate entities may have any other material conflict of interest at the time of publication of the Research Report.

In the past 12 months, IRSPL or any of its associates may have:

- a) Received any compensation/other benefits from the subject company,
- b) Managed or co-managed public offering of securities for the subject company,
- c) Received compensation for investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services from the subject company,
- d) Received compensation for products or services other than investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services from the subject company

We or our associates may have received compensation or other benefits from the subject company(ies) or third party in connection with the research report.

Research Analyst may have served as director, officer, or employee in the subject company.

We or our research analyst may engage in market-making activity of the subject company.

#### Analyst declaration

- The analyst responsible for the production of this report hereby certifies that the views expressed herein accurately and exclusively reflect his
  or her personal views and opinions about any and all of the issuers or securities analysed in this report and were prepared independently and
  autonomously in an unbiased manner.
- No part of the compensation of the analyst(s) was, is, or will be directly or indirectly related to the inclusion of specific recommendations(s) or view(s) in this report or based on any specific investment banking transaction.
- The analyst(s) has(have) not had any serious disciplinary action taken against him/her(them).
- The analyst, strategist, or economist does not have any material conflict of interest at the time of publication of this report.
- The analyst(s) has(have) received compensation based upon various factors, including quality, accuracy and value of research, overall firm performance, client feedback and competitive factors.

IRSPL and/or its affiliates and/or its Directors/employees may own or have positions in securities of the company(ies) covered in this report or any securities related thereto and may from time to time add to or dispose of, or may be materially interested in, any such securities.

IRSPL and/or its affiliates and/or its Directors/employees may do and seek to do business with the company(ies) covered in this research report and may from time to time (a) buy/sell the securities covered in this report, from time to time and/or (b) act as market maker or have assumed an underwriting commitment in securities of such company(ies), and/or (c) may sell them to or buy them from customers on a principal basis and/or (d) may also perform or seek to perform significant investment banking, advisory, underwriting or placement services for or relating to such company(ies) and/or (e) solicit such investment, advisory or other services from any entity mentioned in this report and/or (f) act as a lender/borrower to such company and may earn brokerage or other compensation. However, Analysts are forbidden to acquire, on their own account or hold securities (physical or uncertificated, including derivatives) of companies in respect of which they are compiling and producing financial recommendations or in the result of which they play a key part.

Registration granted by SEBI, membership of a SEBI recognized supervisory body (if any) and certification from NISM in no way guarantee performance of the intermediary or provide any assurance of returns to investors.

### InCred Research Services Private Limited Research Analyst SEBI Registration Number: INH000011024 Registered Office: Unit No 1203, 12th Floor, B Wing, The Capital, C-70, G Block, BKC, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400051 Phone: +91-22-6844-6100 Corporate Office: 05<sup>th</sup> floor, Laxmi Towers, Plot No. C-25, G Block, Bandra – Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai – 400051 Phone: +91-22-4161-1500 Name of the Compliance Officer: Mr. Yogesh Kadam Email ID: **compliance@incredresearch.com**, Phone No: +91-22-41611539 For any queries or grievances, you may contact the Grievance Officer. Name of the Grievance Officer: Mr. Rajarshi Maitra Phone no. +91-022-41611546 Email ID: **rajarshi.maitra@incredresearch.com** CIN: U74999MH2016PTC287535

# **InCred** Equities

India sneak peek | April 30, 2025

Recommendation	Framework			
Stock Ratings	Definition:			
Add	The stock's total return is expected to exceed 10% over the next 12 months.			
Hold	The stock's total return is expected to be between 0% and positive 10% over the next 12 months.			
Reduce	The stock's total return is expected to fall below 0% or more over the next 12 months.			
	return of a stock is defined as the sum of the: (i) percentage difference between the target price and the current price and (ii) the forward net ne stock. Stock price targets have an investment horizon of 12 months.			
Sector Ratings	Definition:			
Overweight	An Overweight rating means stocks in the sector have, on a market cap-weighted basis, a positive absolute recommendation.			
Neutral	A Neutral rating means stocks in the sector have, on a market cap-weighted basis, a neutral absolute recommendation. An Underweight rating means stocks in the sector have, on a market cap-weighted basis, a negative absolute recommendation.			
Underweight	An onderweight rating means stocks in the sector have, on a market cap-weighted basis, a negative absolute recommendation.			
Country Ratings	Definition:			
Overweight Neutral	An Overweight rating means investors should be positioned with an above-market weight in this country relative to benchmark. A Neutral rating means investors should be positioned with a neutral weight in this country relative to benchmark.			
Underweight	An Underweight rating means investors should be positioned with a below-market weight in this country relative to benchmark.			