

Kajaria Ceramics

Estimate change



TP change

Rating change



Bloomberg	KJC IN
Equity Shares (m)	159
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	190.9 / 2
52-Week Range (INR)	1322 / 870
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-3/36/3
12M Avg Val (INR M)	402
Free float (%)	52.3

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

Y/E MARCH	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
Sales	48.3	58.4	65.0
EBITDA	8.6	11.1	12.1
Adj. PAT	5.3	7.3	8.0
Adj. EPS (INR)	33.2	45.9	49.9
EPS Gr. (%)	79.9	38.1	8.8
BV/Sh. (INR)	192	222	254

Ratios

RoE (%)	17.3	20.6	19.6
RoCE (%)	23.9	28.9	27.5
Payout (%)	45.9	34.9	36.1

Valuations

P/E (x)	36.0	26.1	24.0
P/BV (x)	6.2	5.4	4.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	21.4	16.5	14.7
Div. Yield (%)	1.2	1.3	1.5

Shareholding pattern (%)

As of	Jun-26	Mar-26	Jun-25
Promoter	47.7	47.7	47.5
DII	26.3	27.5	27.4
FII	11.6	10.2	12.6
Others	14.5	14.6	12.6

CMP: INR1,198

TP: INR1,500 (+25%)

Buy

Strong guidance; execution is the key

Tile volume up 6%, but revenue/PAT jump 20%/56% YoY in 1Q

- Kajaria Ceramics (KJC) reported a strong quarter with a 20%/39%/56% YoY increase in revenue/EBITDA/APAT, ahead of our estimates by 10-27%.
- This was despite a subdued tile volume growth of 6% YoY vs. 8% estimated, impacted by lower production amid gas unavailability issues.
- Revenue growth was majorly driven by better realization (~11% in tiles, ~16% in bathware) following a surge in gas prices amid geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.
- EBITDA margin expanded 266bp YoY to 19.6% (vs. 19.2% in 4QFY26) due to contained employee costs and other expenses.
- KJC's net cash level further surged to INR9.9b, aided by tight working capital management (46 days of net cycle).

Key highlights from the management commentary

- **A blended price hike** of ~11% in tiles was taken in 1Q due to a steep rise in gas prices. Morbi witnessed a 40-45% rise while other markets saw ~10% rise. This has led to narrowing price gaps with Morbi-based players to ~20% from ~40% earlier. Product prices vary from region to region.
- **FY27 guidance:** Management aims to clock over 20% growth in tile revenue, driven equally by volume and value growth. While 1Q had subdued volume growth, they see healthy signs of recovery in 2H. EBITDA margin is expected to sustain in the 18-19% range.
- Sanitaryware and faucetware segment revenue is expected to rise 35-40% YoY in FY27, driven by 15-17% price-led growth.
- There is a greater focus on the project segment, which was weak historically for KJC. The company received orders from two large projects.
- KJC plans an INR4b capex in FY27 to add ~20msm GVT tile capacity.
- A new capex to add 11msm GVT tile capacity at Gailpur (Rajasthan) at INR1.65b is expected to be completed by Apr'27.
- An ongoing capex of 10msm GVT tile capacity at Srikalahasti at INR2.1b is on track to be commissioned by Mar'27.

Valuation and view

- Following a strong 1Q and robust guidance, we raise our earnings estimates by 18%/10% in FY27E/28E owing to better realization and margin estimates. We now expect a CAGR of 10%/16%/18%/23% in tiles' volume/revenue/EBITDA/PAT over FY26-28 (FY19-26: 6%/7%/10%/13%).
- We also project ~20% RoE, ~28% RoCE (pre-tax), and ~35% RoIC in FY28 and more than INR5b annual FCF for the company.
- **Expecting recovery in sales volume, high margins, and strong cash flows, we reiterate our BUY rating on KJC with a revised TP of INR1,500, based on 30x FY28E EPS.**
- **Strong comeback by Morbi players may intensify competition and dent the financials of KJC. This factor poses a downside risk to our call.**

Consolidated quarterly performance

(INR m)

	FY26				FY27E				FY26	FY27E	FY27	Var
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2QE	3QE	4QE			1Q Est.	%
Net Sales	11,027	11,860	11,683	13,734	13,281	14,392	14,352	16,378	48,304	58,402	12,099	10
YoY Change (%)	0.6	2.1	1.1	12.4	20.4	21.3	22.9	19.3	4.2	20.9	9.7	
Total Expenditure	9,159	9,726	9,671	11,099	10,677	11,707	11,666	13,225	39,654	47,275	9,922	
EBITDA	1,869	2,135	2,012	2,635	2,604	2,685	2,686	3,152	8,650	11,127	2,177	20
Margins (%)	16.9	18.0	17.2	19.2	19.6	18.7	18.7	19.2	17.9	19.1	18.0	
Depreciation	436	419	415	423	422	427	432	437	1,694	1,720	428	
Interest	52	58	59	57	50	50	50	50	226	200	57	
Other Income	132	155	117	125	171	176	181	186	529	716	130	
PBT before EO expense	1,513	1,813	1,654	2,279	2,303	2,384	2,385	2,851	7,258	9,923	1,821	
Extra-Ord expense	0	0	-396	-44	0	0	0	0	-440	0	0	
PBT	1,513	1,813	1,258	2,235	2,303	2,384	2,385	2,851	6,818	9,923	1,821	26
Tax	396	472	386	674	603	632	632	756	1,928	2,623	483	
Rate (%)	26.2	26.0	30.7	30.2	26.2	26.5	26.5	26.5	28.3	26.4	26.5	
Minority Interest	-13	-10	16	-8	-16	-5	-5	-5	16	31	-5	
Profit/(Loss) - Associates	-14	-1	-11	5	11	10	10	10	-20	41	2	
Reported PAT	1,090	1,330	877	1,558	1,695	1,757	1,758	2,101	4,854	7,311	1,336	27
Adj PAT	1,090	1,330	1,274	1,601	1,695	1,757	1,758	2,101	5,294	7,311	1,336	27
YoY Change (%)	14.9	53.2	58.8	265.3	55.5	32.2	38.0	31.2	79.9	38.1	22.6	
Margins (%)	9.9	11.2	10.9	11.7	12.8	12.2	12.3	12.8	11.0	12.5	11.0	

E: MOFSL Estimates

Quarterly operating metrics

Y/E March	4QFY25	1QFY26	2QFY26	3QFY26	4QFY26	1QFY27	% YoY	% QoQ
Segment Revenues (INR m)								
Own Manuf. (tiles)	5,855	5,439	5,797	5,635	6,358	6,310	16.0	(0.7)
Subsidiaries (tiles)	2,273	2,044	2,215	2,289	2,474	2,411	18.0	(2.5)
Outsourcing/Import (tiles)	2,755	2,381	2,502	2,375	3,294	2,894	21.6	(12.1)
Tiles - total revenue	10,884	9,864	10,515	10,299	12,126	11,615	17.8	(4.2)
Sanitaryware / Faucets	1,105	915	1,024	1,032	1,166	1,215	32.8	4.2
Plywood	47	16	6	-	-	-		
Adhesives	230	249	322	352	442	451	80.8	1.9
Total revenue	12,266	11,043	11,866	11,683	13,734	13,281	20.3	(3.3)
Tiles sales volume (msm)								
Own Manufacturing	15.8	14.8	15.7	15.4	17.0	15.6	5.8	(8.1)
Subs/JV's	6.5	5.7	6.3	7.0	7.3	6.1	5.9	(16.1)
Outsourcing/Imports	7.9	6.7	6.9	6.6	9.3	7.1	6.3	(23.3)
Total tile sales volume (msm)	30.1	27.2	28.9	29.0	33.5	28.8	6.0	(14.1)
Tiles NSR (INR /sq mtr)								
Own Manufacturing	371	369	370	365	374	404	9.6	8.0
Subs/JV's	352	356	352	328	341	397	11.4	16.2
Outsourcing/Imports	351	356	362	363	355	407	14.4	14.5
Blended NSR	361	363	364	356	362	403	11.1	11.5
Segment EBIT %								
Tiles	8.1	13.7	15.4	14.4	17.1	17.0		
Others (S/w, Faucets, Ply)	5.3	4.7	7.5	8.3	8.9	12.3		
Blended EBIT	7.8	13.0	14.5	13.7	16.1	16.4		
Unallocated income as % revenue	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.3		
Net WC Cycle (Days)	52	59	57	65	51	46		
Net cash (INR m)	4,240	5,150	5,930	4,720	7,930	9,850		

Story in charts

Exhibit 1: Consolidated quarterly revenue mix trend (%)

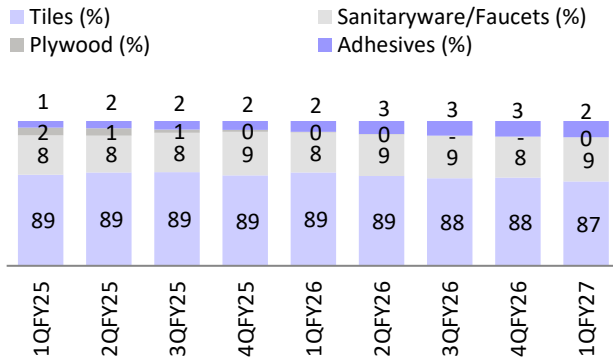


Exhibit 2: Tiles – product-wise revenue mix trend (%)

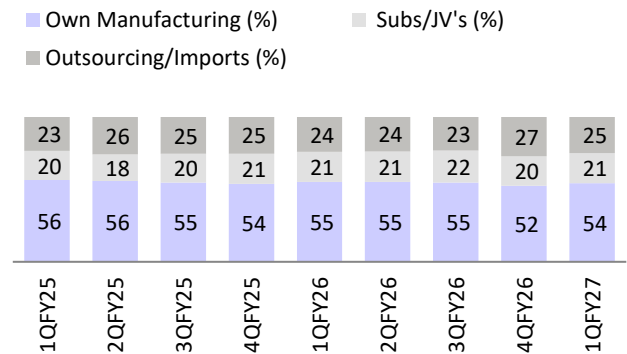


Exhibit 3: Tiles – quarterly volume trend (msm)

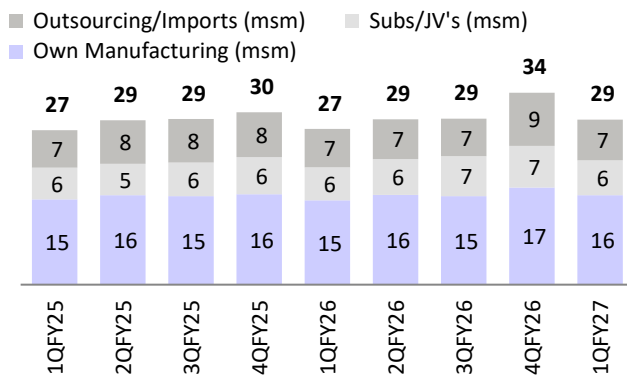


Exhibit 4: Tiles – NSR gradually improving (INR m)

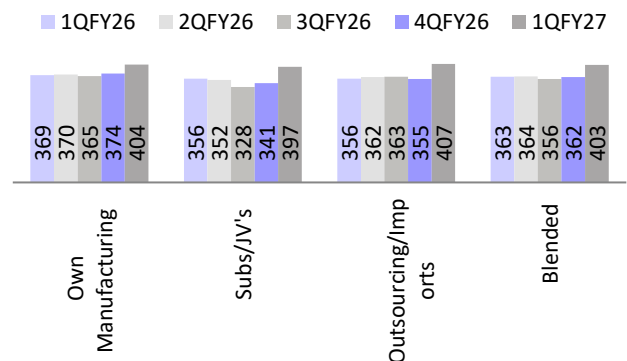


Exhibit 5: Consolidated quarterly revenue and growth trends

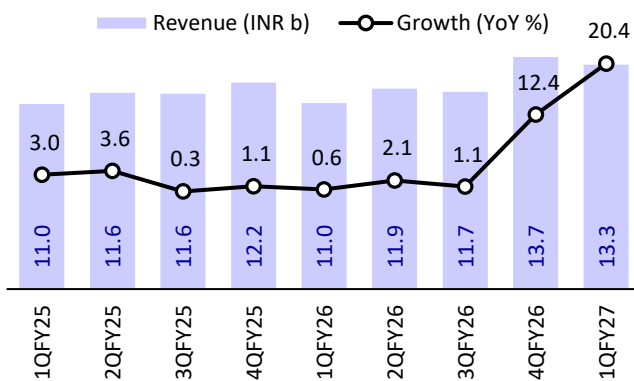
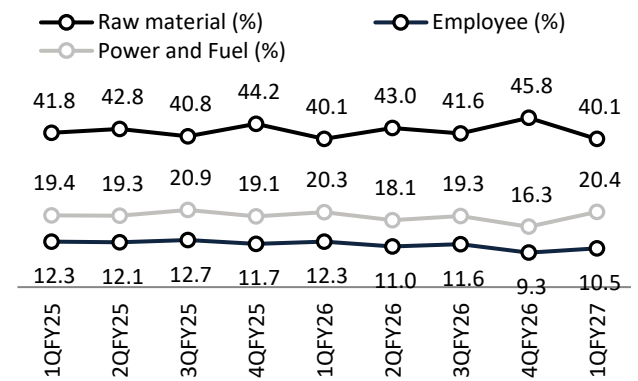


Exhibit 6: Expenses as % of revenue



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 7: Quarterly EBITDA, PAT, and margin trends (%)

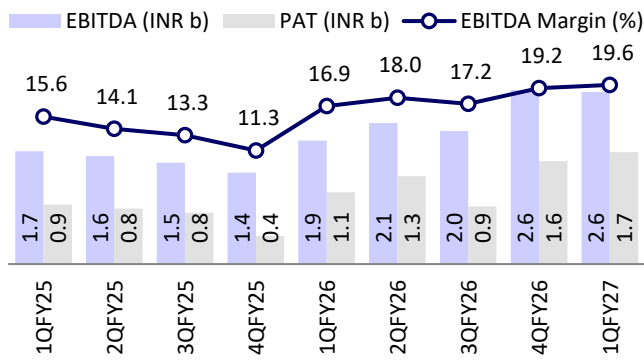


Exhibit 8: Quarterly EPS trend

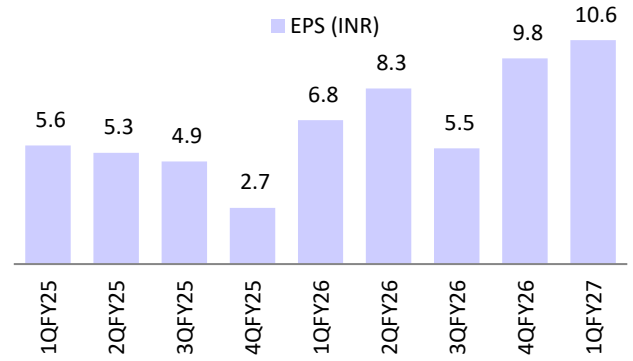


Exhibit 9: Consolidated annual revenue mix trend (%)

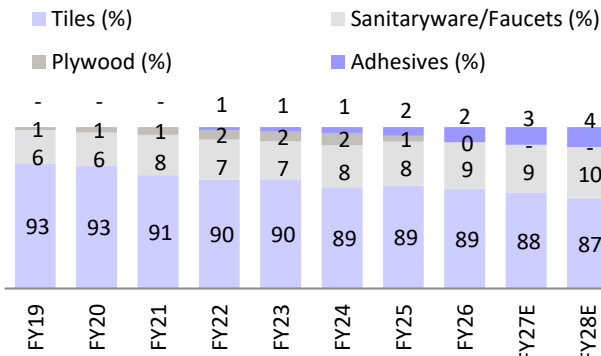


Exhibit 10: Tiles product-wise annual revenue mix (%)

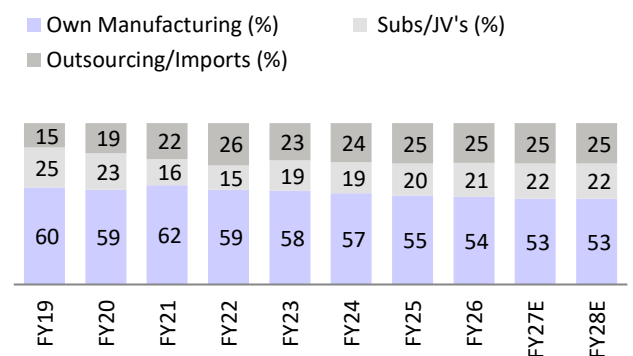


Exhibit 11: Tiles annual volume trend (msm)

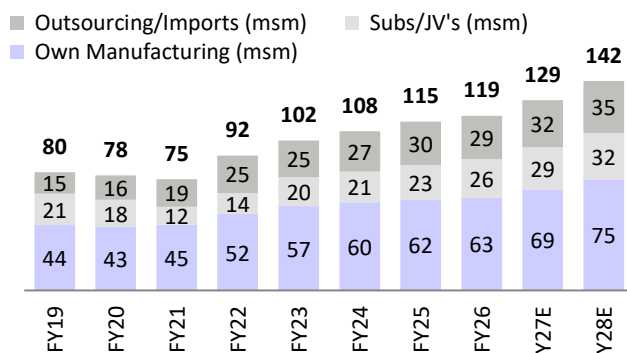


Exhibit 12: Power and fuel costs as % of revenue

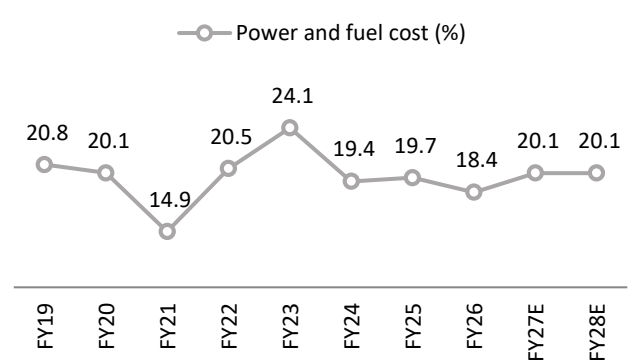
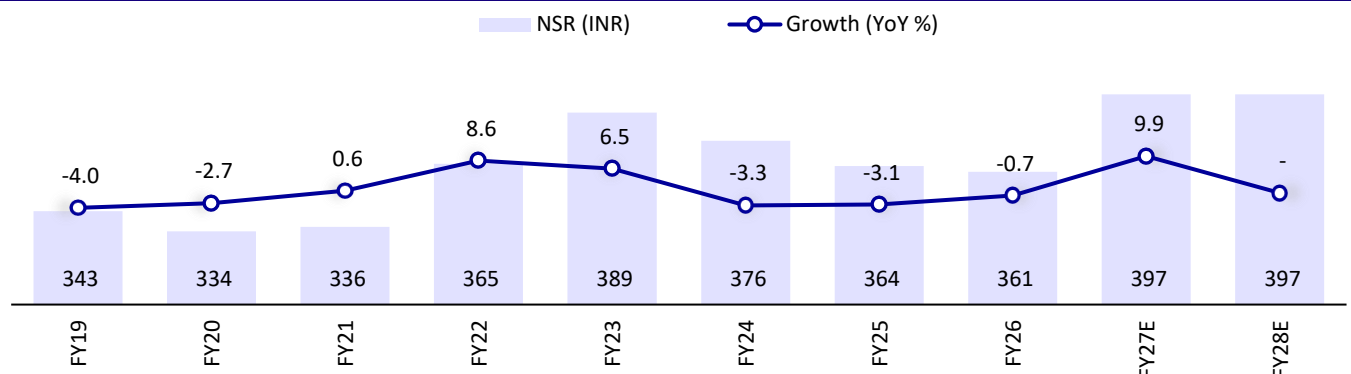
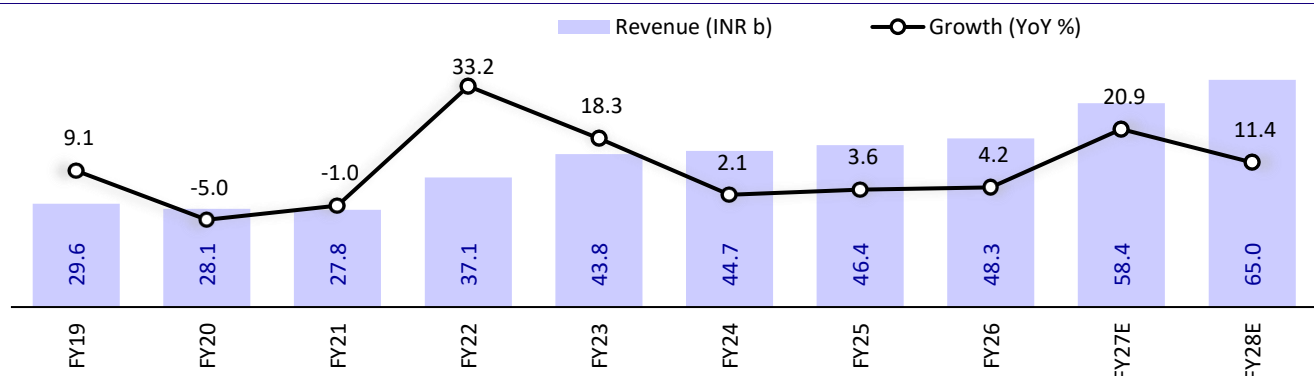


Exhibit 13: NSR annual trends



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 14: Consolidated annual revenue and growth trends



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 15: EBITDA, PAT, and margin – annual trends (%)

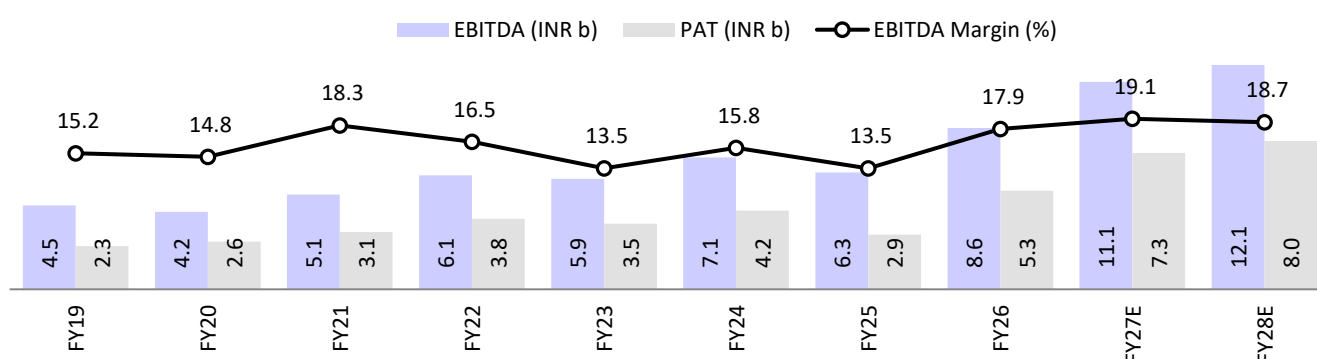
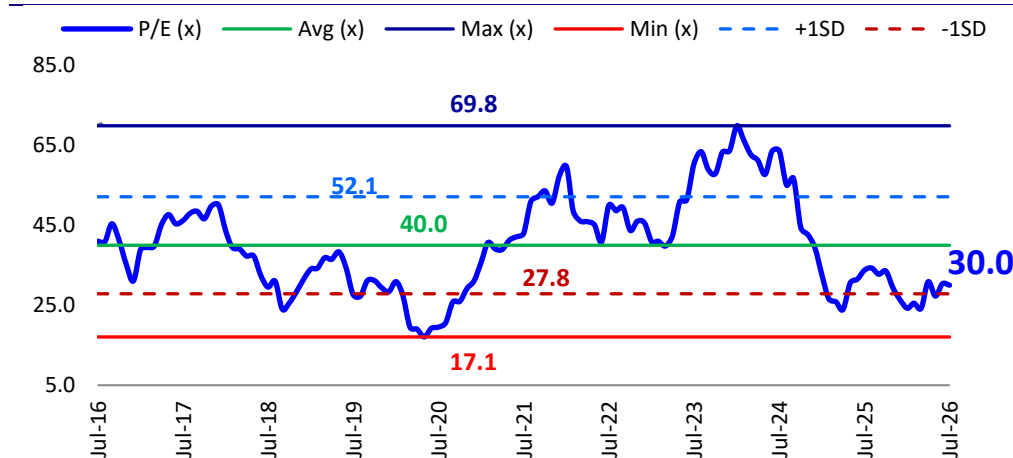


Exhibit 16: Changes to our estimates

INR m	Old		New		Change	
	FY27E	FY28E	FY27E	FY28E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	53,545	60,335	58,402	65,047	9	8
EBITDA	9,642	10,925	11,127	12,133	15	11
EBITDA margin %	18.0	18.1	19.1	18.7		
PAT	6,202	7,235	7,311	7,954	18	10
EPS	38.9	45.4	45.9	49.9	18	10

Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 17: One-year forward P/E band and standard deviation



Source: Bloomberg, MOFSL

Financials and valuations

Consolidated - Income Statement

(InR m)

Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
Total Income from Operations	27,809	37,052	43,819	44,740	46,351	48,304	58,402	65,047
Change (%)	-1.0	33.2	18.3	2.1	3.6	4.2	20.9	11.4
RM Cost	12,470	15,551	18,070	18,945	19,655	20,675	24,508	27,297
Employees Cost	3,247	4,077	4,612	4,916	5,661	5,299	5,644	6,416
Other Expenses	7,005	11,317	15,216	13,811	14,772	13,681	17,124	19,202
Total Expenditure	22,721	30,945	37,899	37,672	40,089	39,654	47,275	52,915
% of Net Sales	81.7	83.5	86.5	84.2	86.5	82.1	80.9	81.3
EBITDA	5,088	6,107	5,920	7,068	6,262	8,650	11,127	12,133
Margin (%)	18.3	16.5	13.5	15.8	13.5	17.9	19.1	18.7
Depreciation	1,067	1,154	1,329	1,476	1,654	1,694	1,720	1,951
EBIT	4,022	4,953	4,592	5,593	4,608	6,956	9,407	10,181
Int. and Finance Charges	107	127	223	173	200	226	200	163
Other Income	213	276	336	462	427	529	716	781
PBT bef. EO Exp.	4,127	5,102	4,705	5,882	4,835	7,258	9,923	10,799
EO Items	0	0	-79	0	0	-440	0	0
PBT after EO Exp.	4,127	5,102	4,625	5,882	4,835	6,818	9,923	10,799
Total Tax	1,038	1,274	1,163	1,435	1,360	1,928	2,623	2,862
Tax Rate (%)	25.2	25.0	25.1	24.4	28.1	28.3	26.4	26.5
Share of Profit/Loss of JV and disc ops.	0	0	-1	-125	-475	-20	41	46
Share of Minority Interests	9	58	17	101	57	16	31	30
Reported PAT	3,081	3,770	3,445	4,221	2,944	4,854	7,311	7,954
Adjusted PAT	3,081	3,770	3,524	4,221	2,944	5,294	7,311	7,954
Change (%)	20.6	22.4	-6.5	19.8	-30.3	79.9	38.1	8.8
Margin (%)	11.1	10.2	8.0	9.4	6.4	11.0	12.5	12.2

Consolidated - Balance Sheet

(InR m)

Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
Equity Share Capital	159	159	159	159	159	159	159	159
Total Reserves	18,530	21,065	23,109	26,006	27,284	30,497	35,258	40,345
Net Worth	18,689	21,224	23,268	26,165	27,443	30,656	35,418	40,504
Minority Interest	646	648	776	591	658	649	669	689
Total Loans	1,142	1,521	2,373	2,197	2,488	2,025	1,915	1,805
Deferred Tax Liabilities	674	726	738	801	884	997	1,007	1,017
Capital Employed	21,151	24,119	27,155	29,755	31,473	34,327	39,009	44,015
Gross Block	19,735	20,460	24,516	27,903	30,361	31,627	35,627	37,127
Less: Accum. Deprn.	7,895	9,049	10,377	11,853	13,507	15,200	16,920	18,871
Net Fixed Assets	11,840	11,411	14,139	16,050	16,855	16,427	18,707	18,256
Goodwill on Consolidation	85	85	327	327	319	319	319	319
Capital WIP	149	2,634	817	679	1,087	1,193	393	293
Total Investments	50	0	19	148	302	354	354	354
Curr. Assets, Loans&Adv.	13,130	15,728	17,591	18,188	18,991	21,982	25,901	31,949
Inventory	3,731	4,659	5,647	5,322	6,181	5,515	6,668	7,426
Account Receivables	4,317	5,133	6,012	6,194	5,702	6,285	7,599	8,463
Cash and Bank Balance	4,428	4,244	3,938	5,141	5,829	7,551	9,032	13,484
Loans and Advances	655	1,693	1,995	1,530	1,279	2,631	2,603	2,575
Curr. Liability & Prov.	4,102	5,739	5,738	5,637	6,082	5,948	6,665	7,155
Account Payables	2,072	2,981	3,104	2,933	3,381	3,195	3,863	4,303
Other Current Liabilities	1,801	2,499	2,342	2,385	2,352	2,380	2,400	2,420
Provisions	229	259	293	320	349	372	402	432
Net Current Assets	9,028	9,989	11,853	12,550	12,909	16,034	19,236	24,794
Misc Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appl. of Funds	21,151	24,119	27,155	29,755	31,473	34,327	39,009	44,015

E: MOFSL Estimates

Financials and valuations

Ratios

Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
Basic (INR)								
Adj EPS	19.3	23.7	22.1	26.5	18.5	33.2	45.9	49.9
Cash EPS	26.0	30.9	30.5	35.8	28.9	43.9	56.7	62.2
BV/Share	117	133	146	164	172	192	222	254
DPS	10.0	11.0	9.0	12.0	9.0	14.0	16.0	18.0
Payout (%)	51.7	46.5	41.6	45.3	48.7	45.9	34.9	36.1
Valuation (x)								
P/E	61.9	50.6	54.1	45.2	64.8	36.0	26.1	24.0
Cash P/E	46.0	38.7	39.3	33.5	41.5	27.3	21.1	19.3
P/BV	10.2	9.0	8.2	7.3	6.9	6.2	5.4	4.7
EV/Sales	6.7	5.1	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.1	2.7
EV/EBITDA	36.8	30.8	31.9	26.6	29.9	21.4	16.5	14.7
Dividend Yield (%)	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.5
FCF per share	25.6	10.2	5.5	20.0	19.2	35.3	22.5	42.5
Return Ratios (%)								
RoE	16.5	17.8	15.1	16.1	10.7	17.3	20.6	19.6
RoCE (pre-tax)	22.1	24.6	20.4	22.4	17.3	23.9	28.9	27.5
RoIC (pre-tax)	24.0	29.6	23.6	24.8	19.2	28.5	35.4	35.0
Working Capital Ratios								
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.8
Net Working Capital Cycle (Days)	78	67	71	70	67	65	65	65
Debtor (Days)	57	51	50	51	45	47	47	47
Inventory (Days)	49	46	47	43	49	42	42	42
Creditor (Days)	27	29	26	24	27	24	24	24
Leverage Ratio (x)								
Current Ratio	3.2	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.7	3.9	4.5
Interest Cover Ratio	39.5	41.1	22.1	35.0	25.1	33.1	50.6	67.4
Net Debt/Equity	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3

Consolidated - Cash Flow Statement

(InR m)

Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	4,127	5,102	4,625	5,756	4,360	8,798	9,923	10,799
Depreciation	1,067	1,154	1,329	1,476	1,654	1,694	1,720	1,951
Interest & Finance Charges	107	127	223	173	200	226	200	163
Direct Taxes Paid	-980	-1,285	-1,265	-1,385	-1,172	-1,691	-2,623	-2,862
(Inc)/Dec in WC	868	-621	-1,875	260	-12	-601	-1,721	-1,106
CF from Operations	5,189	4,476	3,037	6,280	5,030	8,425	7,499	8,945
Others	-101	-221	-82	-306	-20	-1,789	-715	-780
CF from Operating incl EO	5,088	4,255	2,955	5,974	5,010	6,637	6,783	8,165
(Inc)/Dec in FA	-1,012	-2,634	-2,082	-2,780	-1,955	-1,006	-3,200	-1,400
Free Cash Flow	4,076	1,621	873	3,194	3,055	5,631	3,583	6,765
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	54	18	-363	-628	-2,155	-2,815	0	0
Others	-1,997	-363	608	436	390	458	716	781
CF from Investments	-2,955	-2,979	-1,837	-2,972	-3,721	-3,364	-2,484	-619
Issue of Shares	53	52	12	11	14	0	0	0
Inc/(Dec) in Debt	-302	281	427	-393	100	-447	-110	-110
Interest Paid	-68	-92	-166	-129	-145	-160	-200	-163
Dividend Paid	-1,591	-1,273	-1,433	-1,433	-1,752	-1,911	-2,549	-2,867
Others	-137	-169	-189	-179	-303	-384	41	46
CF from Fin. Activity	-2,045	-1,201	-1,348	-2,124	-2,086	-2,902	-2,818	-3,094
Inc/Dec of Cash	87	75	-230	878	-796	371	1,481	4,452
Opening Balance	160	247	322	105	982	188	559	2,039
Other cash & cash equivalent	0	0	12	0	2	0	0	0
Closing Balance	247	322	105	982	188	559	2,039	6,491

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