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#### **Exhibit 1: PL Universe**

Companies	Rating	CMP (Rs)	TP (Rs)
ACC	BUY	1,761	1,870
Ambuja Cement	BUY	270	285
Dalmia Bharat	BUY	1,204	1,480
Heidelberg Cement India	Hold	236	228
JK Lakshmi Cement	BUY	354	425
Shree Cement	Reduce	25,813	23,401
The Ramco Cements	Reduce	852	807
Ultratech Cement	BUY	5,592	6,100

Source: PL

## **Top Picks**

**Dalmia Bharat** 

**Ambuja Cement** 

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## Cement

## **Oct-Dec'20 Earnings Preview**

# Volume growth and higher margins to drive earnings

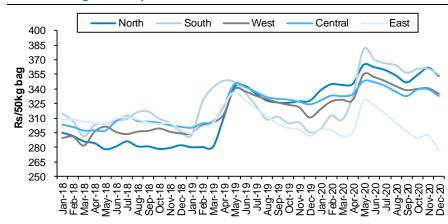
We expect EBITDA of our coverage universe to grow by 42% YoY, led by volume growth and margin expansion. Volumes are expected to grow 10.5% YoY in the quarter. EBITDA/t is expected to expand by 28% YoY at Rs980, led by better prices and lower costs.

Street is doubtful on sector's ability to increase prices post CCI raids. While, we remain confident that prices would see meaningful increase to help maintain Q3FY21 margins given the peak period of activity and steep surge in fuel cost. We reiterate our positive view on the sector in wake of strong demand outlook across the sectors and reasonable valuations. We also initiated coverage on **Dalmia Bharat (DALBHARA)** with BUY rating, underpinned by strong earnings growth and compelling valuations. We continue to like **Ultratech cement (UTCEM)**, **Ambuja cement (ACEM)** and **JK Lakshmi cement (JKLC)**.

Eastern region led the fall in realization: Realisations are expected to fall by Rs80/t (net of GST) QoQ primarily due to weakness in Eastern region and seasonal fall in other regions given the year closing for ACEM and ACC. East is expected to report steepest fall of Rs275/t QoQ due to intense competition and strong volume push. Western region witnessed drop in prices by Rs65/t due to weakness in Maharashtra. Prices in Southern region fell Rs90/t due to fall in Karnataka, AP and Telangana, offset by flattish prices in Tamil Nadu and improvement in Kerala. While, prices in North regions improved by Rs30/t owing to better demand.

- North Prices recovery led by firm demand: Region outperformed rest of the regions on demand growth. Growth is evenly spread out between the housing, industrials and infrastructure sectors. Realisations in region are expected to increase by Rs30/t. Price increased across the constituent states except Rajasthan where prices remained flat QoQ.
- Central Prices remained flat: Central has been one of the most resilient region for last couple of years. Prices in the region were flat QoQ. Demand growth remained below par due to slow pick-up in individual housing.
- South Tamil Nadu and Kerala limited the overall fall: Region's average price fell by Rs90/t QoQ due to steep fall of Rs290/Rs150 in AP/Karnataka. Stable prices in Tamil Nadu and increase in Kerala prices by Rs360/t helped in limiting the fall in region's average prices.
- West Maharashtra faces the sharp cut; marginal cut in Gujarat: Prices in Maharashtra fell sharply (specially in Pune region) by Rs120/t QoQ due to increased competition from southern region and weak demand. While, price fall in Gujarat was limited at Rs30/t due to better demand.
- East Weakness continued due to intense competition: Region's average prices witnessed a steep fall of Rs275/t QoQ owing to intense competition and higher volume push. Region's average prices in December 2020 were at lowest levels in last eight years.





Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 3: 3QFY21 aggregate volumes to grow 10.5% YoY led by Shree Cement, DALBHARA, UTCEM and JKLC

Volume Growth YoY (%)	Q3FY19	Q4FY19	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21	Q3FY21E
ACC	7.9	4.9	-0.1	-1.5	3.9	-12.1	-34.2	0.8	1.0
Ambuja Cement	4.4	2.8	-8.4	-4.2	6.7	-9.8	-28.6	7.8	7.0
Dalmia Bharat	7.7	7.5	0.9	8.2	14.1	-7.2	-19.6	7.4	14.7
Heidelberg Cement	6.3	-4.6	-0.7	0.8	-5.5	-10.0	-31.9	-2.3	2.5
JK Lakshmi Cement	9.3	31.7	1.9	-3.1	1.0	-16.1	-18.2	15.8	13.0
Shree Cement	11.4	13.3	-13.3	1.5	5.3	-5.4	-18.6	14.2	17.7
The Ramco Cements	20.8	20.2	3.4	10.3	3.5	-10.9	-28.3	-18.8	-3.0
UltraTech Cement	29.4	33.0	8.1	-1.7	-2.5	-16.4	-32.0	8.2	14.1

Source: Company, PL

**Exhibit 4: Q3FY21 Result Preview** 

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Company Name		Q3FY21E	Q3FY20	YoY gr. (%)	Q2FY21	QoQ gr. (%) Remark
	Sales	42,172	39,698	6.2	34,675	21.6
	EBITDA	6,270	4,504	39.2	6,016	4.2 Volume is expected to grow by 1% YoY
	Margin (%)	14.9	11.3		17.3	to 7.8m tonnes (t). Realisations are
ACC	PBT	5,811	4,084	42.3	5,401	7.6 expected to grow by 5.2%/Rs265 YoY
ACC	Adj. PAT	3,923	2,733	43.6	3,638	7.8 (+0.7%/Rs40/t QoQ) at Rs5,380/t. Due 7.8 to increase in realisations, EBITDA/t is
	Volume (mn te)	7.8	7.8	1.0	6.5	20.8 expected to improve by 38%/Rs220 YoY
	Net Realisations (Rs/te)	5,381	5,116	5.2	5,343	0.7 at Rs800.
	EBITDA (Rs/te)	800	580	37.8	927	-13.7
	Sales	34,107	30,380	12.3	28,020	21.7
	EBITDA	6,437	4,495	43.2	6,299	2.2 Volume is expected to grow by 7% YoY
	Margin (%)	18.9	14.8		22.5	at 7.0m tonnes. Realisations are
Ambuja Cement	PBT	6,102	4,407	38.5	5,855	4.2 expected to expand by 4.9%/Rs227/t 2.2 YoY (down 1.4%/Rs70/t QoQ) at
Ambuja Cement	Adj. PAT	4,577	3,516	30.2	4,405	3.9 Rs4,872/t. Due to higher realisations,
	Volume (mn te)	7.0	6.5	7.0	5.7	23.5 EBITDA/t is expected to improve by
	Net Realisations (Rs/te)	4,872	4,645	4.9	4,942	-1.4 34%/Rs232 YoY to Rs920.
	EBITDA (Rs/te)	920	687	33.8	1,111	-17.2
	Sales	28,888	24,180	19.5	24,100	19.9
	EBITDA	6,915	4,570	51.3	7,020	<sub>-1.5</sub> Volume is expected to grow 14.7% YoY at 5.9m tonnes. Realisations are
	Margin (%)	23.9	18.9		29.1	expected to inch up by 4.2%/Rs200/t
Dolima Pharat	PBT	3,395	250	1,257.8	3,680	-7.8 YoY (down 1.6%/Rs80/t QoQ) at
Dalima Bharat	Adj. PAT	2,220	240	825.2	2,320	-4.3 Rs4,940/t. Due to increase in realisation
	Volume (mn te)	5.9	5.1	14.7	4.8	21.9 and lower costs, EBITDA/t is expected to improve by 32%/Rs286 YoY at
	Net Realisations (Rs/te)	4,938	4,741	4.2	5,021	-1.6 Rs1,180.
	EBITDA (Rs/te)	1,182	896	31.9	1,463	-19.2



Company Name		Q3FY21E	Q3FY20	YoY gr. (%)	Q2FY21	QoQ gr. (%) Remark
	Sales	5,702	5,464	4.3	5,127	11.2
	EBITDA	1,274	1,179	8.0	1,249	2.0 Volume is expected to grow by 2.5% YoY at 1.3m tonnes. Realisations are
	Margin (%)	22.3	21.6		24.4	expected to inch up marginally by
Heidelberg Cement	PBT	989	857	15.4	947	4.4 0.4%/Rs81/t YoY (down 1.7%/Rs52/t
ricideiberg dement	Adj. PAT	652	646	1.0	624	4.6 QoQ) at Rs4,550/t. Due to marginal
	Volume (mn te)	1.3	1.2	2.5	1.1	13.1 increase in realisation partially offset by higher costs, EBITDA/t is expected to
	Net Realisations (Rs/te)	4,548	4,468	1.8	4,627	-1.7 improve by 5.4%/Rs50 YoY at Rs1,015.
	EBITDA (Rs/te)	1,016	964	5.4	1,127	-9.9
	Sales	11,364	10,050	13.1	10,448	8.8
	EBITDA	1,945	1,519	28.1	1,867	Volume is expected to expand by 13%
	Margin (%)	17.1	15.1		17.9	YoY at 2.6m tonnes. Realisations are
JK Lakshmi Cement	PBT	1,180	754	56.6	1,176	0.4 expected to remain flat YoY (down
	Adj. PAT	803	492	63.2	806	-0.4 1.4%/Rs60 QoQ) at Rs4,320/t. Due to
	Volume (mn te)	2.6	2.3	13.0	2.4	10.3 lower costs, EBITDA/t is expected to expand 13%/Rs85 YoY at Rs740.
	Net Realisations (Rs/te)	4,321	4,319	0.0	4,381	
	EBITDA (Rs/te)	740	653	13.3	783	-5.5
	Sales	33,617	28,483	18.0	30,224	11.2
	EBITDA	11,066	8,493	30.3	9,880	12.0
	Margin (%)	32.9	29.8		32.7	Cement volume is expected to grow by
	PBT	8,816	4,079	116.1	7,490	17.7 17.7% YoY at 7.4m tonnes. Realisations
Shree Cement	Adj. PAT	6,700	3,046	119.9	5,473	22.4 are expected to improve by 1.4% YoY/Rs62/t (down 1.2%/Rs53/t QoQ) at 12.5 Rs4,574. Due to better realisations,
	Volume (mn te) - Cement	7.4	6.2	17.7	6.5	12.5 Rs4,574. Due to better realisations,
	Volume (mn units) - Power	0	68	-100.0	0	#DIV/0! cement EBITDA/t is expected to expand
	Net Realisations (Rs/te)	4,574	4,512	1.4	4,627	-1.2 11% YoY/Rs150 to Rs1,515.
	Realised rate (Rs/unit)	0	4.5	-100.0	-	#DIV/0!
	Cement EBITDA (Rs/te)	1,515	1,365	11.0	1,525	-0.6
	Sales	14,932	12,728	17.3	12,167	22.7
	EBITDA	4,470	1,977	126.2	4,017	11.3 Volume is expected to fall 3% YoY at
	Margin (%)	29.9	15.5		33.0	2.8m tonnes. Realisations are expected 1.9 to grow 21%/Rs940 YoY (down
The Ramco Cements	PBT	3,449	1,101	213.2	3,383	1.5%/Rs85 OoO) at Rs5 413. Due to
	Adj. PAT	2,414	992	143.5	2,358	better realisations, EBITDA/t is expected
	Volume (mn te)	2.8	2.8	-3.0	2.2	24.7 to increase sharply by 135%/Rs925 YoY
	Net Realisations (Rs/te)	5,413	4,475	21.0	5,498	-1.5 at Rs1,620.
	EBITDA (Rs/te)	1,620	695	133.2	1,815	-10.7
	Sales	115,580	98,160	17.7	98,950	16.8 2.0 Blended realisations are expected to
	EBITDA	24,770	17,535	41.3	24,291	increase by 3.2%/Rs160 YoY (down
	Margin (%)	21.4	17.9		24.5	1.6%/Rs85 QoQ) to Rs5,065/t. Cement
UltraTech Cement	PBT	18,653	10,670	74.8	17,846	4.5 volumes are expected to grow 14% YoY
	Adj. PAT	12,871	7,349	75.1	12,132	6.1 at 22.8m tonnes. Due to better 18.7 realisations and lower costs, EBITDA/t is
	Volume (mn te)	22.8	20.0	14.1	19.2	18.7 realisations and lower costs, EBTTDAY is expected to improve by 24%/Rs210 YoY -1.6 to Rs1 085
	Net Realisations (Rs/te)	5,067	4,908	3.2	5,151	10 110 1,000.
	EBITDA (Rs/te)	1,086	877	23.9	1,265	-14.1

Source: Company, PL



**Exhibit 5: Quarterly Summary** 

Company Names	Sales (Rs mn)			EBITDA (Rs mn)			PAT (Rs mn)			Volume (mn tonnes)			Realisation (Rs / tonne)			EBITDA (Rs / tonne)			
Company Names	Q3FY21E	Q3FY20 Y	oY gr. (%)	Q3FY21E	Q3FY20 Y	oY gr. (%)	Q3FY21E	Q3FY20 Y	oY gr. (%)	Q3FY21E	Q3FY20 Yo	oY gr. (%)	Q3FY21E	Q3FY20 Yo	Y gr. (%)	Q3FY21E	Q3FY20 Y	oY gr. (%)	
ACC	42,172	39,698	6.2	6,270	4,504	39.2	3,923	2,733	43.6	7.8	7.8	1.0	5,381	5,116	5.2	800	580	37.8	
Ambuja Cement	34,107	30,380	12.3	6,437	4,495	43.2	4,577	3,516	30.2	7.0	6.5	7.0	4,873	4,645	4.9	920	687	33.8	
Dalmia Bharat	28,888	24,180	19.5	6,915	4,570	51.3	2,220	240	825.2	5.9	5.1	14.7	4,938	4,741	4.2	1,182	896	31.9	
Heidelberg Cement	5,702	5,464	4.3	1,274	1,179	8.0	653	646	1.0	1.3	1.2	2.5	4,548	4,468	1.8	1,016	964	5.4	
JK Lakshmi Cement	11,364	10,050	13.1	1,945	1,519	28.1	803	492	63.2	2.6	2.3	13.0	4,321	4,319	0.0	740	653	13.3	
Shree Cement	33,617	28,483	18.0	11,066	8,493	30.3	6,700	3,046	119.9	7.4	6.2	17.7	4,574	4,512	1.4	1,515	1,365	11.0	
The Ramco Cements	14,932	12,728	17.3	4,470	1,977	126.2	2,414	992	143.5	2.8	2.8	-3.0	5,413	4,475	21.0	1,620	695	133.2	
Ultratech Cement	1,15,580	98,160	17.7	24,770	17,535	41.3	12,871	7,349	75.1	22.8	20.0	14.1	5,067	4,908	3.2	1,086	877	23.9	

Source: Company, PL

**Exhibit 6: Valuation Summary** 

Company Names Rating		СМР	TP (Rs)		Sales (Rs bn)		EBITDA (Rs bn)			PAT (Rs bn)			EPS (Rs)			EV/EBITDA (x)				PE (x)							
Company Names	ixating	(Rs)	11 (113)	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
ACC	BUY	1,761	1,870	153.4	136.3	157.0	161.9	21.0	22.3	23.7	24.2	13.8	14.5	15.6	15.9	73.3	77.0	83.0	84.6	13.6	12.4	11.5	11.2	24.0	22.9	21.2	20.8
Ambuja Cement	BUY	270	285	271.0	252.0	284.9	305.7	44.5	51.8	53.4	58.2	17.4	23.1	21.6	24.5	8.8	11.7	10.9	12.4	16.5	13.6	12.9	11.1	30.8	23.2	24.8	21.8
Dalmia Bharat	BUY	1,204	1,480	96.7	105.4	122.6	136.3	20.8	27.2	26.3	29.8	4.1	7.9	6.7	9.1	21.2	42.4	35.6	48.9	12.6	9.0	8.8	7.2	56.8	28.4	33.8	24.6
Heidelberg Cement	Hold	236	228	21.6	21.5	23.7	25.8	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.1	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.4	11.8	12.3	13.1	14.9	10.0	9.5	8.6	7.3	19.9	19.1	17.9	15.8
JK Lakshmi Cement	BUY	354	425	40.4	43.0	44.7	45.3	6.7	7.4	7.4	7.5	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.5	23.2	25.2	26.7	29.6	7.7	6.7	6.0	5.1	15.2	14.0	13.3	11.9
Shree Cement	Reduce	25,813	23,401	128.7	133.0	149.4	165.3	37.5	41.3	42.3	47.1	15.3	21.9	24.6	25.5	424.2	608.3	683.0	705.6	24.7	22.0	21.2	18.8	60.9	42.4	37.8	36.6
The Ramco Cements	Reduce	852	807	52.9	56.3	64.5	73.0	10.5	16.1	14.7	15.9	6.1	9.2	7.6	8.4	25.9	38.9	32.2	35.8	21.8	14.1	15.2	13.7	32.9	21.9	26.5	23.8
Ultratech Cement	BUY	5,592	6,100	414.8	425.0	460.3	500.9	87.7	100.5	105.9	118.6	37.1	49.0	55.6	67.7	128.5	169.6	192.6	234.5	20.5	17.2	15.8	13.4	43.5	33.0	29.0	23.8

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7	Hindustan Zinc	Hold	235	223
8	Jindal Steel & Power	BUY	260	191
9	JK Lakshmi Cement	BUY	370	285
10	JSW Steel	Reduce	223	321
11	NMDC	BUY	125	103
12	Shree Cement	Reduce	20,550	23,485
13	Steel Authority of India	Reduce	30	34
14	Tata Steel	Reduce	405	492
15	The Ramco Cements	Reduce	675	802
16	Ultratech Cement	BUY	5,400	4,895

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 : > 15%

 Accumulate
 : 5% to 15%

 Hold
 : +5% to -5%

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 : -5% to -15%

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 : < -15%</td>

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