Sagar Cement



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Cost pressure impacts margins; Capacity expansion to drive superior volume growth

CMP Target Price
Rs 192
as of (October 20, 2022)
Rs 220 (▼)
12 months

Change in Estimates

Rating Upside BUY (■) 15 %

Sagar Cement's Q2FY23 EBITDA sharply declined by 91% YoY and QoQ to Rs57mn vs. our estimate of Rs156mn (Consensus: Rs234mn) owing to higher-than-expected increase in cost/ton. Accordingly, EBITDA/ton declined to just Rs55 (Emkay est.: Rs150). Volume growth remains superior at 21% YoY to 1.03mt, in line with our estimates. The company has recently increased its capacity by 43% to 8.3mt. Sagar is expected to register an industry-leading volume CAGR of 19% over FY22-25E, aided by a low base effect and capacity expansion. The company is also expanding its footprint to the East and Central regions, which would lead to reduced earnings volatility. In May-22, the company issued 13.2mn equity shares (10% stake) to Premji Invest at Rs265/share, totaling Rs3.5bn, to fund growth capex. Factoring in Q2FY23 miss and higher opex/ton, we reduce our FY23 EBITDA estimates by 29% and 4-6% for FY24E and FY25E, respectively. We maintain our Buy rating on the stock with a revised Sep-23 TP to Rs220 (earlier Rs225) post the quarterly rollover. Our DCF-based TP implies a one-year forward EV/EBITDA of 8x.

Results Summary: Sagar Cement's consolidated volumes increased by 21% YoY to 1.03mt, while cement realization/ton increased 6% YoY/declined ~3% QoQ to Rs4,585 – both were broadly in line with our estimates. Total cost/ton increased 25% YoY/8% QoQ to Rs4,530 (Emkay est.: Rs4,410). The company reported loss of Rs423mn. In H1FY23, the company generated negative FCF of Rs1.5bn post working capital blockage of Rs751mn and capex spend of Rs633mn. Net debt decreased by Rs308mn to Rs11.8bn as of Sep-22. What we liked: Superior volume growth; What we did not like: Higher-than-expected cost pressure and downward revision of FY23E EBITDA guidance.

Earnings call KTAs: 1) Management stated that prices have witnessed an uptick of Rs10/bag in Odisha and Rs15-20/bag in South India and Maharashtra in Oct-22. However, prices have been flat in Indore; 2) Net debt declined by Rs308mn QoQ to Rs11.8bn as of Sep-22. Management mentioned that the current debt level is at its peak, since it includes Rs5bn borrowed towards the acquisition; 3) Management has maintained its volume guidance of 5mt, implying volume growth of ~50% for H2FY23. However, in a worst-case scenario, it may decline to 4.75mt, implying 35% volume growth for H2FY23; 4) It also expects robust demand in South India for the next two years due to elections and expects volumes in South India to touch pre-Covid levels by H1FY24. Moreover, demand has started picking up in UP, and management expects demand growth to outpace supply, driven by infra spends; 5) Management has revised downwards its EBITDA guidance of Rs4bn due to input cost pressures and slower ramp-up of new units. However, it will provide more clarity in the coming quarters; 6) The company expects savings of Rs250/ton in Q3 due to the decline in fuel costs; 7) Andhra Cement issue is likely to be resolved by the end of Q3. The company has limestone reserves of 165mt; 8) Trade mix has declined to 57% in Q3 and management plans to again increase it to 65% in the coming quarters; 9) Sales mix for the quarter stood at 50% in Andhra Pradesh/Telangana, 16% in Tamil Nadu, 9% Karnataka, 7% each in Odisha and Madhya Pradesh, and 6% in Maharashtra; and 10) Management is targeting to increase the share of blended cement to 70% in the next few years.

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Financial Snapshot (Standalone)

(Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	13,713	15,969	22,404	25,657	29,598
EBITDA	4,004	2,758	1,964	4,026	4,900
EBITDA Margin (%)	29.2	17.3	8.8	15.7	16.6
APAT	1,865	692	(519)	1,053	1,816
EPS (Rs)	79.4	5.9	(4.0)	8.1	13.9
EPS (% chg)	562.1	(92.6)	NA	NA	72.4
ROE (%)	17.2	5.6	(3.7)	6.6	10.4
P/E (x)	2.4	32.7	NA	23.9	13.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.8	10.2	18.0	8.1	6.9
P/BV (x)	0.4	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4

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EPS Chg FY23E/FY24E	(%)	NA/(18)
Target Price change (%)		(2.3)
Target Period (Months)		12
Previous Reco		BUY
Emkay vs Consensus		
EPS Estim	ates	
	FY23E	FY24E
Emkay	(4.0)	8.1
Consensus	0.2	9.9
Mean Consensus TP (12	2M)	Rs 249
Stock Details		
Bloomberg Code		SGC IN
Face Value (Rs)		2
Shares outstanding (mn))	131
52 Week H/L		308 / 154
M Cap (Rs bn/USD bn)		25 / 0.30
Daily Avg Volume (nos.)		1,29,048
Daily Avg Turnover (US\$	mn)	0.3
Shareholding Pattern 、	Jun '22	
Promoters		45.2%
FIIs		4.5%
DIIs		18.2%
Public and Others		32.1%

Price Performance										
(%)	1M	3M	6M	12M						
Absolute	(15)	12	(21)	(32)						
Rel. to Nift	y (13)	5	(23)	(30)						



Source: Bloombera

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Quarterly Highlights

Exhibit 1: Actual vs. Estimates (Q2FY23)

(Rs mn)	Actual	Est	imates	% v	ariation	Comment
		Emkay	Consensus	Emkay	Consensus	Comment
Sales	4,746	4,727	4,496	0.4	5.5	In line
EBITDA	57	156	234	(63.3)	(75.6)	Led by higher-than-expected input cost
Adj. PAT	(423)	(411)	(408)			In-line owing to higher-than-expected other income
Volume (mt)	1.03	1.04		(0.2)		
Cement Realization (Rs/ton)	4,585	4,560		0.5		
EBITDA (Rs/ton)	55	150		(63.2)		

Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: Quarterly financial highlights (Consolidated)

Rs mn	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	H1FY22	H1FY23	YoY (%)
Revenue	3,689	3,337	5,017	5,577	4,746	28.6	(14.9)	7,615	10,323	35.6
Expenditure	3,082	2,869	4,406	4,967	4,688	52.1	(5.6)	5,936	9,655	62.7
Total RM	597	292	839	999	713	19.4	(28.7)	1,123	1,712	52.5
Power & Fuel	1,120	1,330	1,706	2,145	2,277	103.2	6.2	2,121	4,422	108.4
Freight	678	562	875	947	826	21.9	(12.7)	1,348	1,773	31.5
Staff cost	202	197	266	254	229	13.7	(9.8)	392	484	23.3
Other expenditure	485	488	721	621	643	32.7	3.5	951	1,264	32.9
EBITDA	608	468	611	610	57	(90.6)	(90.6)	1,679	667	(60.2)
Depreciation	199	219	315	366	379	90.3	3.7	392	745	90.3
EBIT	409	249	296	245	(322)	NA	NA	1,287	(78)	NA
Other Income	26	19	42	124	149	480.9	20.0	73	274	273.4
Interest	114	184	471	481	503	340.2	4.6	270	984	264.4
PBT	320	85	(134)	(112)	(676)	NA	NA	1,091	(787)	NA
Total Tax	119	34	58	19	(184)	NA	NA	404	(165)	NA
Adjusted PAT	201	51	(192)	(131)	(492)	NA	NA	686	(623)	NA
(Profit)/loss from JV's/Ass/MI	(3)	(7)	(76)	(59)	(69)	NA	NA	(17)	(128)	NA
PAT after MI	204	58	(115)	(72)	(423)	NA	NA	670	(751)	NA
Extra ordinary items	-	47	-	-	-			-	-	
Reported PAT	204	105	(115)	(72)	(423)	NA	NA	703	(495)	NA
Adjusted EPS (Rs)	1.7	0.5	(1.0)	(0.6)	(3.6)	NA	NA	6.0	(4.2)	NA

Source: Company, Emkay Research

	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	YoY (bps)	QoQ (bps)	H1FY22	H1FY23	YoY (bps)
EBIDTA	16.5	14.0	12.2	10.9	1.2	(1,527)	(974)	22.0	6.5	(1,558)
EBIT	11.1	7.5	5.9	4.4	(6.8)	(1,786)	(1,117)	16.9	(8.0)	(1,766)
EBT	8.7	2.5	(2.7)	(2.0)	(14.2)	(2,291)	(1,223)	14.3	(7.6)	(2,195)
PAT	5.6	1.5	(3.8)	(2.3)	(10.4)	(1,580)	(802)	9.0	(6.0)	(1,505)
Effective Tax rate	35.1	40.0	(43.1)	(17.1)	27.2			37.1	20.9	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 3: Quarterly analysis on per-ton basis

Rs/ton	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	H1FY22	H1FY23	YoY (%)
Volumes (mt)	0.85	0.74	1.13	1.19	1.03	21.3	(12.8)	1.73	2.22	28.2
Blended Realization	4,324	4,489	4,448	4,702	4,585	6.0	(2.5)	4,395	4,647	5.7
Raw Material	700	393	744	842	689	(1.6)	(18.3)	648	771	18.9
Power & Fuel	1,313	1,790	1,512	1,808	2,200	67.5	21.7	1,224	1,991	62.6
Freight	794	756	776	798	798	0.5	0.0	778	798	2.6
Staff cost	236	265	236	214	222	(6.2)	3.4	226	218	(3.8)
Other expenditure	568	656	639	524	621	9.4	18.7	549	569	3.7
Operating cost	3,612	3,860	3,907	4,187	4,530	25.4	8.2	3,426	4,347	26.9
EBITDA/ton	712	629	542	514	55	(92.3)	(89.3)	969	300	(69.0)

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 4: We have decreased FY23 EBITDA estimates by 29% and FY24-FY25 EBITDA estimates by 4-6%

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY23E			FY24E			FY25E		
	Old	New	% chg	Old	New	% chg	Old	New	% chg
Revenue	22,404	22,404	-	25,713	25,657	(0.2)	29,777	29,598	(0.6)
EBITDA	2,781	1,964	(29.4)	4,276	4,026	(5.8)	5,091	4,900	(3.7)
PAT	22	(519)		1,290	1,053	(18.4)	1,947	1,816	(6.7)

Source: Emkay Research

Exhibit 5: Maintain Buy with a TP of Rs220 based on Sep-24E EV/EBITDA

EV/E method, backed by DCF analysis	
Sep24E EBITDA (Rs bn)	4.5
EV/E multiple (x)	8.0
Enterprise Value (Rs bn)	37
Net debt (Sep-23E, Rs bn)	8
Equity value (Rs bn)	29
No. of shares (mn)	131
Sep-23 Target Price (Rs)	220

Source: Emkay Research

Key Financials (Standalone)

Income Statement

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	13,713	15,969	22,404	25,657	29,598
Expenditure	9,709	13,211	20,440	21,631	24,698
EBITDA	4,004	2,758	1,964	4,026	4,900
Depreciation	810	927	1,510	1,560	1,594
EBIT	3,194	1,831	454	2,466	3,306
Other Income	78	134	336	235	247
Interest expenses	466	925	1,565	1,291	1,122
PBT	2,806	1,040	(775)	1,410	2,431
Tax	945	449	(256)	357	615
Extraordinary Items	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Int./Income from Assoc.	4	100	0	0	0
Reported Net Income	1,865	692	(519)	1,053	1,816
Adjusted PAT	1,865	692	(519)	1,053	1,816

Balance Sheet

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Equity share capital	235	235	261	261	261
Reserves & surplus	11,810	12,319	15,315	16,284	17,954
Net worth	12,045	12,554	15,577	16,545	18,216
Minority Interest	535	540	540	540	540
Loan Funds	8,129	15,034	13,034	15,034	17,034
Net deferred tax liability	759	823	823	823	823
Total Liabilities	21,468	28,951	29,973	32,942	36,612
Net block	13,238	20,481	19,384	18,236	21,442
Investment	0	3,147	3,147	3,147	3,147
Current Assets	7,273	8,857	11,319	12,660	14,944
Cash & bank balance	2,542	1,627	2,394	3,073	4,452
Other Current Assets	1,370	1,762	2,197	2,516	2,903
Current liabilities & Provision	4,218	4,539	6,081	7,039	8,242
Net current assets	3,055	4,318	5,237	5,621	6,702
Misc. exp	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	21,468	28,951	29,973	32,942	36,612

Cash Flow

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
PBT (Ex-Other income) (NI+Dep)	2,636	1,016	(1,110)	1,175	2,184
Other Non-Cash items	0	0	0	0	0
Chg in working cap	223	(1,700)	(152)	295	298
Operating Cashflow	3,772	870	2,068	3,965	4,583
Capital expenditure	(4,613)	(3,610)	(1,613)	(4,146)	(4,183)
Free Cash Flow	(841)	(2,740)	455	(181)	400
Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Other Investing Cash Flow	107	(4,090)	0	0	0
Investing Cashflow	(4,475)	(7,643)	(1,277)	(3,911)	(3,937)
Equity Capital Raised	671	105	3,500	0	0
Loans Taken / (Repaid)	3,190	6,873	(2,000)	2,000	2,000
Dividend paid (incl tax)	(153)	(59)	42	(84)	(145)
Other Financing Cash Flow	(17)	(19)	0	0	0
Financing Cashflow	3,217	6,149	(23)	625	732
Net chg in cash	2,513	(625)	767	679	1,379
Opening cash position	29	2,251	1,627	2,394	3,073
Closing cash position	2,542	1,627	2,394	3,073	4,452

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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Key Ratios

Profitability (%)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EBITDA Margin	29.2	17.3	8.8	15.7	16.6
EBIT Margin	23.3	11.5	2.0	9.6	11.2
Effective Tax Rate	33.7	43.1	33.0	25.3	25.3
Net Margin	13.6	3.7	(2.3)	4.1	6.1
ROCE	17.8	7.8	2.7	8.6	10.2
ROE	17.2	5.6	(3.7)	6.6	10.4
RoIC	15.2	5.6	1.3	8.6	11.1

Per Share Data (Rs)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EPS	79.4	5.9	(4.0)	8.1	13.9
CEPS	113.9	13.8	7.6	20.0	26.1
BVPS	512.6	106.8	119.2	126.6	139.4
DPS	6.5	0.8	(0.3)	0.6	1.1

Valuations (x)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
PER	2.4	32.7	(48.4)	23.9	13.8
P/CEPS	1.7	14.0	25.4	9.6	7.4
P/BV	0.4	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4
EV / Sales	0.7	2.1	1.5	1.3	1.2
EV / EBITDA	6.8	10.2	18.0	8.1	6.9
Dividend Yield (%)	3.4	0.4	(0.2)	0.3	0.6

Gearing Ratio (x)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Net Debt/ Equity	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5
Net Debt/EBIDTA	1.4	3.7	3.8	2.2	1.9
Working Cap Cycle (days)	13.7	61.5	46.3	36.3	27.8

Growth (%)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	16.7	16.4	40.3	14.5	15.4
EBITDA	115.9	(31.1)	(28.8)	105.0	21.7
EBIT	199.5	(42.7)	(75.2)	442.9	34.1
PAT	598.4	(62.9)	(175.1)	0.0	72.4

Quarterly (Rs mn)	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23
Revenue	3,689	3,337	5,017	5,577	4,746
EBITDA	608	468	611	610	57
EBITDA Margin (%)	16.5	14.0	12.2	10.9	1.2
PAT	204	58	(115)	(72)	(423)
EPS (Rs)	1.7	0.5	(1.0)	(0.6)	(3.6)

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Shareholding Pattern (%)	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22
Promoters	50.3	50.3	50.3	50.3	45.2
FIIs	3.1	6.1	5.8	5.2	4.5
DIIs	11.5	8.2	9.0	8.9	18.2
Public and Others	35.1	35.4	35.0	35.6	32.1

Source: Capitaline

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY TABLE

Date	Closing Price	TP	Period (months)	Rating	Analyst
04-Oct-22	199	225	12m	Buy	Dharmesh Shah
04-Sep-22	201	225	12m	Buy	Dharmesh Shah
21-Jul-22	178	225	12m	Buy	Dharmesh Shah
04-Jul-22	166	225	12m	Buy	Dharmesh Shah
28-Jun-22	174	225	12m	Buy	Dharmesh Shah
12-May-22	203	265	12m	Buy	Dharmesh Shah
27-Mar-22	255	280	12m	Buy	Dharmesh Shah
16-Mar-22	227	280	12m	Buy	Dharmesh Shah
31-Jan-22	238	305	12m	Buy	Dharmesh Shah
31-Dec-21	270	360	12m	Buy	Dharmesh Shah
02-Dec-21	258	360	12m	Buy	Dharmesh Shah
28-Oct-21	265	360	12m	Buy	Dharmesh Shah
27-Oct-21	270	360	12m	Buy	Dharmesh Shah

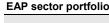
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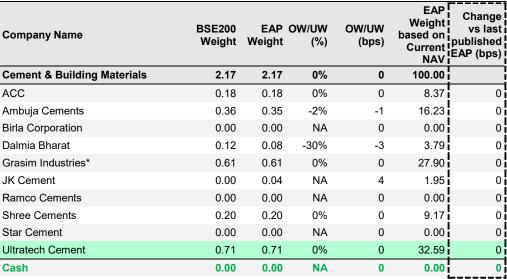
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Emkay Alpha Portfolio – Cement & Building Materials





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Sector

Cement & Building Materials

Analyst bio

Dharmesh is a CA and has around 10 years of experience in equity research. His team currently covers ten stocks in cement sector.

Sector portfolio NAV

	Base					Latest
	1-Apr-19	18-Oct-21	20-Apr-22	21-Jul-22	19-Sep-22	19-Oct-22
EAP - Cement & Building Materials	100.0	181.2	167.7	150.0	175.2	165.5
BSE200 Neutral Weighted Portfolio (ETF)	100.0	174.4	160.8	143.5	169.5	159.9

*Performance measurement base date 1st April 2019

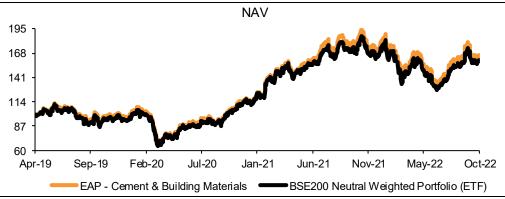
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Price Performance (%)

	1m	3m	6m	12m
EAP - Cement & Building Materials	-5.5%	10.3%	-1.3%	-8.7%
BSE200 Neutral Weighted Portfolio (ETF)	-5.6%	11.5%	-0.5%	-8.3%

Source: Emkay Research

NAV chart



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BUY	Over 15%
HOLD	Between -5% to 15%
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