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Estimate change	←
TP change	←→
Rating change	←

Bloomberg	ACC IN
Equity Shares (m)	188
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	326.7 / 4
52-Week Range (INR)	2785 / 1594
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12M Avg Val (INR M)	1650

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

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Y/E Dec	FY23*	FY24E	FY25E
Sales	222.1	187.5	201.0
EBITDA	19.2	25.6	30.9
Adj. PAT	9.9	14.6	18.5
EBITDA Margin (%)	8.6	13.6	15.4
Adj. EPS (INR)	52.6	77.4	98.5
EPS Gr. (%)	(47.6)	47.1	27.3
BV/Sh. (INR)	747.0	815.2	901.7
Ratios			
Net D:E	-0.0	-0.2	-0.3
RoE (%)	7.0	9.9	11.5
RoCE (%)	7.2	9.9	11.5
Payout (%)	20.0	15.5	14.2
Valuations			
P/E (x)	33.2	22.6	17.7
P/BV (x)	2.3	2.1	1.9
EV/EBITDA(x)	16.1	12.0	9.3
EV/ton (USD)	102	96	89
Div. Yield (%)	0.5	0.7	0.8
FCF Yield (%)	-9.8	6.8	7.0
*FY23E is 15m period	due to cha	ange in ac	counting

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Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Mar-23	Dec-22	Mar-22
Promoter	56.7	56.7	54.5
DII	19.7	18.8	20.1
FII	10.1	12.0	12.8
Others	13.6	12.6	12.6

FII Includes depository receipts

CMP: INR1,740 TP: INR1,990 (+14%) Neutra

Ametha plant to be commissioned in 2QFY24; cash balance improves QoQ

In-line operating performance; volume above estimates

- ACC's Jan-Mar 'qtr (5QFY23) results were in-line with our estimates on operating parameters. EBITDA stood at INR4.7b v/s estimated INR4.8b and EBITDA/t stood at INR549 v/s estimated INR603. Higher other income led to
- Ametha integrated plant with clinker/grinding capacity of 3.3mtpa/1mtpa will be commissioned by 2QFY24. Kiln fuel cost declined 10% QoQ, leading to a 3% QoQ decline in variable cost. Further, cost-reduction initiatives such as reduction in logistics cost, and clinker factor, are underway. Cash balance stands at INR31.4b v/s INR2.9b in Dec'22.
- We keep FY24/25 estimates largely intact and reiterate our Neutral rating on the stock with a TP of INR1,990 based on 10.5x FY25E EV/EBITDA. Though valuation at 12x/9.3x FY24/25E EV/EBITDA and US\$96 FY24E EV/t appears attractive, we would wait for clarity on the company's growth plans before becoming constructive on the stock.

Opex/t down 6% QoQ; EBITDA/t came in at INR549

13% beat in adjusted profit to INR2.9b.

- Revenue/EBITDA/Adj. PAT stood at INR48b/INR4.7b/INR2.9b (up 8%/ down 26%/ down 27% YoY) and up 1%/ down 3%/ up 13% from our estimate.
 Cement sales volumes grew 8% YoY to 8.5mt (v/s estimated 8mt). RMC sales volumes declined 18% YoY.
- Cement realization improved 3% YoY (down 3% QoQ). Opex/t grew 6% YoY (but down 6% QoQ), led by a 21% increase in variable costs. Other expense per tonne declined 15% YoY/5% QoQ. Freight cost/t declined 9% YoY and 7% QoQ. RMC revenue declined 14% YoY/9% QoQ to INR3.4b. RMC business reported an operating loss of INR31m v/s profit of INR277m on a YoY basis.
- Higher costs and lower blended realization led to 4.6pp YoY drop in OPM to 9.7%. EBITDA/t stood at INR549 v/s INR802/INR491 on YoY/QoQ basis.
- For Apr'22-Mar'23, revenue grew 9% YoY to INR178b, led by 6%/3% increase in sales volumes/realization. EBITDA declined 54% YoY to INR12.9b, due to significant cost pressure and OPM contracting 10pp YoY to 7.2%. Adjusted Profit declined 65% YoY to INR6b.

Highlights from the management commentary

- Clinker factor improved to 54.8% v/s 56.1% in Dec' qtr. Volume growth was led by increase in blended cement, better route planning, and higher operational synergies with the parent.
- Kiln fuel cost declined 10% QoQ to INR2.35/kCal with a change in coal basket, group synergies on coal procurement, higher Alternate Fuel, and Raw Materials (AFR) mix.
- Optimization of warehouse infrastructure, improvement in direct dispatch (from 45% to 46%), reduction in lead distance (from 165km to 161km) and higher rail dispatches helped to reduce logistics cost to INR2.86 ptpk from INR2.90 ptpk.

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View and valuation

- ACC's growth plans and its cost-saving initiatives will be the key monitorables. There is still a lack of clarity regarding the commissioning of the UP grinding unit. Though the cash balance has improved sequentially, it has significantly dropped from last year (INR31.1b v/s INR74b in Dec'21). Apart from pressure on profitability, rise in other current assets (advance for coal) has led to a decline in cash balance.
- We value ACC at 10.5x FY25E EV/EBITDA to arrive at a TP of INR1,990 and reiterate our Neutral rating on the stock.

Standalone quarterly performance

(INR b)

V/C December/March		CY2	L				FY23*			CY21	FY23E*	MOFSL	Var.
Y/E December/March –	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	5Q	CYZI	F123E	5QE	(%)
Cement Sales (mt)	7.97	6.84	6.57	7.49	7.90	7.59	6.85	7.70	8.50	28.9	38.6	8.00	6
Change (YoY %)	21.5	43.7	1.2	(2.9)	(0.9)	11.0	4.3	2.8	7.6	13.2	33.6	3.8	
Net Sales	42.9	38.8	37.5	42.3	44.3	44.7	39.9	45.4	47.9	161.5	222.1	47.3	1
Change (YoY %)	22.6	49.4	6.0	2.0	3.1	15.0	6.4	7.4	8.2	17.2	37.5	6.9	
EBITDA	8.6	8.7	7.1	5.6	6.3	4.3	0.2	3.8	4.7	30.0	19.2	4.8	(3)
Margin (%)	20.0	22.5	19.0	13.1	14.3	9.5	0.4	8.3	9.7	18.6	8.6	10.2	(47)
Depreciation	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	6.0	8.4	1.8	(1)
Interest	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.2	(16)
Other Income	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.4	1.2	2.0	3.4	0.5	150
PBT before EO Item	7.5	7.6	6.1	4.4	5.3	3.0	-1.0	2.3	3.9	25.5	13.4	3.4	17
EO Income/(Expense)	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.8	-0.7	-0.9	-1.6	0.0	
PBT after EO Item	7.5	7.2	6.1	3.8	5.3	3.0	-1.2	1.5	3.3	24.6	11.8	3.4	(3)
Tax	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.0	1.4	0.8	-0.3	0.4	0.9	6.4	3.1	0.8	
Rate (%)	25.6	26.1	26.2	26.5	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.1	27.8	26.0	26.4	24.7	
Reported PAT	5.6	5.3	4.5	2.8	3.9	2.2	-0.9	1.1	2.4	18.2	8.7	2.5	(7)
Adjusted PAT	5.6	5.6	4.5	3.2	3.9	2.2	-0.8	1.7	2.9	18.9	9.9	2.5	13
Margin (%)	13.0	14.5	12.0	7.6	8.8	5.0	-1.9	3.7	6.0	11.7	4.5	5.4	
Change (YoY %)	59.3	90.1	12.4	(25.2)	(30.1)	(60.5)	NM	(47.4)	(26.6)	28.2	(47.6)	(35.0)	

Source: MOFSL, Company *Note: FY23 is 15-month period as the company changed its accounting year-end from December to March

Per ton analysis, including RMC (INR/t)

V/F December/Moreh		CYZ	21			FY2	3*		•	CY21	FY23E*	MOFSL	Var.
Y/E December/March	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	5QE			4QE	(%)
Blended Realization	5,385	5,680	5,706	5,642	5,603	5,887	5,821	5,892	5,636	5,591	5,755	5,911	(5)
Change (YoY %)	0.9	3.9	4.7	5.0	4.1	3.7	2.0	4.4	0.6	3.5	2.9	3.0	
(Increase)/Decrease in the stock	(78)	(310)	(181)	293	(72)	(249)	(325)	154	184	(60)	(50)	-	
Raw Material	1,014	1,045	1,131	1,035	1,213	1,353	1,565	1,519	1,672	1,053	1,514	1,528	9
Staff Cost	258	305	330	271	244	285	308	266	249	289	269	271	(8)
Power and fuel	1,009	1,212	1,198	1,255	1,316	1,727	1,922	1,466	1,108	1,163	1,487	1,432	(23)
Freight	1,366	1,352	1,317	1,289	1,334	1,427	1,442	1,308	1,219	1,331	1,339	1,340	(9)
Other expenditure	737	797	828	758	767	783	887	687	655	777	750	737	(11)
Total Expenditure	4,307	4,401	4,623	4,901	4,801	5,327	5,798	5,401	5,088	4,552	5,308	5,308	(4)
EBITDA	1,078	1,279	1,083	741	802	560	23	491	549	1,039	447	603	(9)
Change (YoY %)	20.7	16.1	4.8	(18.4)	(25.6)	(56.2)	(97.9)	(33.7)	(31.6)	6.9	(56.9)	(26.6)	

Source: MOSL, Company *Note: FY23 is 15-month period as the company changed its accounting year-end from December to March

Key exhibits

Exhibit 1: Sales volume grew 8% YoY and 10% QoQ

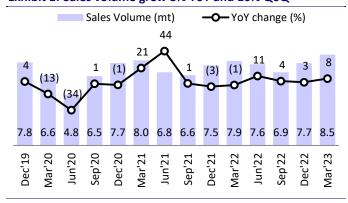
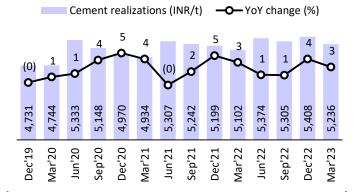


Exhibit 2: Cement realization grew 3% YoY; down 3% QoQ



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 3: Opex/t up 6% YoY; but declined 6% QoQ



Exhibit 4: EBITDA/t fell 32% YoY on a higher Opex



Source: Company, MOFSL

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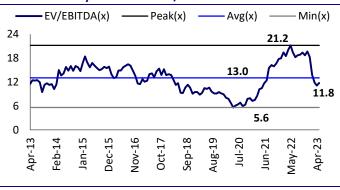
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 5: Key performance indicators (including the RMC business)

INR/t	Mar'23	Mar'22	YoY (%)	Dec'22	QoQ (%)
Blended realization	5,636	5,603	1	5,892	(4)
Cement realization	5,236	5,102	3	5,408	(3)
Raw materials	1,856	1,141	63	1,673	11
Staff cost	249	244	2	266	(6)
Power	1,108	1,316	(16)	1,466	(24)
Freight	1,219	1,334	(9)	1,308	(7)
Other expenditure	655	767	(15)	687	(5)
Total cost	5,088	4,801	6	5,401	(6)
EBITDA	549	802	(32)	491	12

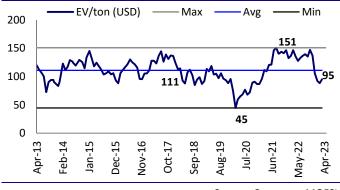
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 6: One-year forward EV/EBITDA trend



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 7: One-year forward EV/t trend



Source: Company, MOFSL

Financials and valuations

Income Statement								(INR m)
Y/E December/March	CY17	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21	FY23*	FY24E	FY25E
Net Sales	1,32,846	1,48,014	1,56,567	1,37,845	1,61,514	2,22,100	1,87,521	2,00,997
Change (%)	20.9	11.4	5.8	(12.0)	17.2	37.5	(15.6)	7.2
EBITDA	19,091	20,446	24,095	24,811	30,004	19,190	25,554	30,861
Change (%)	29.5	7.1	17.8	3.0	20.9	(36.0)	33.2	20.8
Margin (%)	14.4	13.8	15.4	18.0	18.6	8.6	13.6	15.4
Depreciation	6,401	5,996	6,030	6,353	5,973	8,351	7,452	7,652
Int. and Fin. Charges	1,023	892	862	570	546	772	580	622
Other Income – Rec.	1,317	1,385	3,112	2,040	2,048	3,372	2,040	2,310
PBT Before EO Item	12,984	14,943	20,315	19,927	25,533	13,439	19,562	24,897
EO Income/(Expense)	-	5,006	-	(3,049)	(929)	(1,618)	-	-
PBT After EO Item	12,984	19,949	20,315	16,878	24,604	11,821	19,562	24,897
Tax	3,829	4,883	6,726	2,728	6,401	3,122	5,008	6,374
Tax Rate (%)	29.5	24.5	33.1	16.2	26.0	26.4	25.6	25.6
Reported PAT	9,154	15,066	13,589	14,149	18,203	8,699	14,554	18,523
Adjusted PAT	9,154	10,060	13,589	14,746	18,899	9,896	14,554	18,523
Change (%)	32.7	9.9	35.1	8.5	28.2	(47.6)	47.1	27.3
Margin (%)	6.9	6.8	8.7	10.7	11.7	4.5	7.8	9.2

Balance Sheet								(INR m)
Y/E December/March	CY17	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21	FY23*	FY24E	FY25E
Share Capital	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880
Fully Diluted Capital	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880
Reserves	91,775	1,03,397	1,13,333	1,24,735	1,40,404	1,38,550	1,51,365	1,67,632
Net Worth	93,655	1,05,277	1,15,213	1,26,614	1,42,284	1,40,430	1,53,245	1,69,512
Loans	592	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Tax Liability	5,414	6,631	6,422	3,762	3,827	4,331	4,331	4,331
Capital Employed	99,660	1,11,908	1,21,635	1,30,376	1,46,112	1,44,761	1,57,576	1,73,844
Gross Block	84,799	88,774	93,972	98,093	1,04,708	1,20,694	1,50,294	1,55,794
Less: Accum. Depn.	12,389	18,280	24,059	31,507	37,480	45,831	53,283	60,935
Net Fixed Assets	72,410	70,494	69,914	66,586	67,228	74,863	97,011	94,859
Capital WIP	2,617	3,922	4,353	5,453	12,121	16,831	-2,770	-2,270
Investments – Trade	25,304	37	37	82	184	184	184	184
Investments in subsidiaries	2,265	2,265	2,265	2,124	1,743	1,743	1,743	1,743
Curr. Assets, Loans, and Adv.	46,292	83,533	94,252	1,07,014	1,27,914	1,10,464	1,22,630	1,46,726
Inventory	14,040	16,786	11,410	9,005	12,733	16,235	13,723	14,719
Account Receivables	6,682	8,683	6,284	4,515	4,624	8,747	7,394	7,931
Cash and Bank Balance	1,687	30,003	45,381	58,911	74,029	2,868	23,429	44,195
Others	23,884	28,062	31,178	34,583	36,528	82,615	78,083	79,881
Curr. Liab. and Prov.	49,229	48,343	49,186	50,883	63,078	59,324	61,222	67,399
Account Payables	18,105	19,227	14,710	14,163	18,992	14,922	12,307	15,788
Other Liabilities	24,515	25,627	28,478	30,189	33,868	35,632	35,632	35,632
Provisions	6,609	3,489	5,998	6,531	10,219	8,770	13,282	15,979
Net Current Assets	(2,936)	35,190	45,067	56,131	64,835	51,141	61,408	79,327
Application of Funds	99,660	1,11,908	1,21,635	1,30,376	1,46,112	1,44,761	1,57,576	1,73,844

Source: Company, MOFSL; *Note: FY23 is 15-month period as the company changed its accounting year-end from December to March

Financials and valuations

Ratios								
Y/E December/March	CY17	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21	FY23*	FY24E	FY25E
Basic (INR)								
EPS	48.7	53.5	72.3	78.4	100.5	52.6	77.4	98.5
Cash EPS	82.7	85.4	104.4	112.2	132.3	97.1	117.1	139.2
BV/Share	498.2	560.0	612.9	673.5	756.9	747.0	815.2	901.7
DPS	26.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	58.0	9.3	12.0	14.0
Payout (%)	53.3	17.4	19.3	18.6	59.9	20.0	15.5	14.2
Valuation (x)								
P/E ratio		32.6	24.2	22.3	17.4	33.2	22.6	17.7
Cash P/E ratio		20.5	16.7	15.6	13.2	18.0	14.9	12.5
EV/Sales ratio		2.0	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.4
EV/EBITDA ratio		14.4	11.6	10.6	8.1	16.1	12.0	9.3
P/BV ratio		3.1	2.9	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.1	1.9
Dividend Yield		0.8	0.8	0.8	3.3	0.5	0.7	0.8
EV/t (USD-Cap)		108	103	98	86	102	96	89
Return Ratios (%)		100	103			102		
RoE	10.1	10.1	12.3	12.2	14.1	7.0	9.9	11.5
RoCE	10.2	11.3	12.1	13.6	14.0	7.2	9.9	11.5
RoIC	12.7	14.7	16.1	22.5	28.3	8.6	10.3	12.9
Working Capital Ratios	12.7	14.7	10.1	22.3	20.3	0.0	10.5	12.5
Debtor (Days)	18	21	15	12	10	14	14	14
Asset Turnover ratio (x)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9
Leverage Ratio	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5
Debt/Equity ratio (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Cash Flow Statement								(INR m)
Y/E December/March	CY17	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21	FY23*	FY24E	FY25E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	12,984	14,943	20,315	16,878	24,604	11,821	19,562	24,897
Depreciation	6,401	5,996	6,030	6,353	5,973	8,351	7,452	7,652
Interest and Finance Charges	104	-129	0	570	0	0	0	0
Direct Taxes Paid	(2,177)	(5,265)	(4,462)	(7,064)	(2,849)	(4,027)	(5,008)	(6,374)
(Inc.)/Dec. in WC	(1,660)	(4,493)	601	5,419	588	(28,533)	10,294	2,847
CF from Operations	15651.4	11,052	22,484	22,156	28,316	-12,388	32,300	29,022
Others	(104)	129	-	-	-		-	-
CF from Operations incl. EO	15,548	11,181	22,484	22,156	28,316	-12,388	32,300	29,022
(Inc.)/Dec. in FA	(5,194)	(4,951)	(4,935)	(7,252)	(11,509)	(19,788)	(10,000)	(6,000)
Free Cash Flow	10,354	6,230	17,549	14,904	16,808	-32,175	22,300	23,022
(Pur.)/Sale of Investments	1,348	1,273	1,651	1,886	1,619	(26,632)	-	
Others	(262)	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
CF from Investments	(4,108)	(3,678)	(3,283)	(5,366)	(9,890)	(46,420)	(10,000)	(6,000)
Issue of Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inc./(Dec.) in Debt	42	-606	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Paid	(420)	(409)	(572)	(399)	(316)	(596)	0	0
Dividend Paid	(3,192)	(2,817)	(2,629)	(2,629)	(2,629)	(10,892)	(1,739)	(2,256)
Others	(650)	(579)	(540)	(246)	(360)	(889)	(1,735)	(2,230)
CF from Fin. Activity	(4,221)	(4,411)	(3,742)	(3,274)	(3,305)	(12,377)	(1,739)	(2,256)
Inc./Dec. in Cash	7,219	3,092	15,459	13,516	15,121	-71,185	20,562	20,766
Opening Balance	19,772	26,949	29,959	45,477	58,908	74,029	2,868	23,429
Closing Balance	26,991	30,040	45,418	58,993	74,029	2,868	23,429	44,195
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NOTES

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