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New capex in sight amidst sector concerns

The Ramco Cements' (TRCL) cost performance in Q1FY25 was impressive with variable cost/t plunging >4% QoQ and total cost/t being 2% below our expectation. Yet, EBITDA (INR 3.19bn, down 6%YoY/23% QoQ) stood broadly in line given the disappointment across volumes (up 1.3% YoY; being 8% below our estimate) and realisations (down 1.6% QoQ vs our 1% drop estimate). Tracking the underlying weakness in cement prices, we trim FY25E EBITDA by 6%. While elevated competitive intensity may risk FY26E earnings (we have kept it unchanged as of now), TRCL's new resolve to achieve 30mtpa capacity by FY26 (from 26mtpa guided earlier) may amplify leverage concerns. In this backdrop, we see little scope to argue for an increase in valuation multiple (kept unchanged at 12x FY26E EV/EBITDA), and hence, downgrade TRCL to HOLD (vs Add earlier). Our revised TP stands at INR 836 (INR 845 earlier).

Weak volume amidst weak prices

For TRCL, Q1FY25 turned out to be an unblessed quarter with low volumes, up just 1.3% YoY amidst weak prices (realisation down 1.6% QoQ/8% YoY). Against these odds, TRCL reported impressive cost performance. Its variable cost/t eased 4.2% QoQ given the benefits of low fuel prices and lead distance optimisation. Further, a tight leash on 'Other Expenses' (up just 2% YoY; down 20% QoQ) helped restrict the YoY drop in EBTDA at 6%. EBITDA/t stood at INR 733 (down 8% YoY/4% QoQ) vs our revised estimate of INR 772 for FY25E and INR 974 for FY26E. Elevated competitive intensity does pose a risk to FY26 estimates (kept unchanged as of now) even as we trim FY25E EBITDA by 6%.

Leverage concerns amidst sectoral headwinds

TRCL has upped its ante on capacity expansion plan. While it was already pursuing capex of ~2.5mtpa (which will take its cement capacity to ~26mtpa), it now targets to scale capacity to ~30mtpa by FY26. While precise details on capex amount, locations and clinker addition are awaited, the guidance is likely to amplify its leverage concerns given -1) the odds of continued competitive intensity and 2) TRCL's imminent plan to pursue a greenfield project in Karnataka (for which land acquisition is already underway). In this backdrop, we see limited scope to argue for an upward revision in valuation multiple. We continue to value TRCL at 12x FY26E EV/EBITDA and downgrade the stock to **HOLD** (vs Add earlier). Our revised TP stands at INR 836 (INR 845 earlier).

Financial Summary

Y/E March (INR mn)	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Net Revenue	81,353	93,498	92,705	1,05,737
EBITDA	11,911	15,525	14,861	20,700
EBITDA (%)	14.6	16.6	16.0	19.6
Net Profit	3,527	3,950	2,871	6,854
EPS (INR)	14.9	16.7	12.2	29.0
EPS % Chg YoY	(60.5)	12.0	(27.3)	138.7
P/E (x)	53.7	47.9	65.9	27.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	19.5	15.3	16.2	11.6
RoCE (%) (post-tax)	4.3	5.3	4.5	7.3
RoE (%)	5.3	5.7	4.0	8.9

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Market Data

Market Cap (INR)	189bn
Market Cap (USD)	2,260mn
Bloomberg Code	TRCL IN
Reuters Code	TRCE.BO
52-week Range (INR)	1,058 /700
Free Float (%)	54.0
ADTV-3M (mn) (USD)	12.2

Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	1.5	(17.3)	(10.8)
Relative to Sensex	(6.2)	(30.5)	(31.4)

Earnings Revisions (%)	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	(4.3)	(4.7)
EBITDA	(5.6)	(0.5)
EPS	(23.1)	(3.1)

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Exhibit 1: Q1FY25 result review - Standalone

(INR mn)	Q1FY25	Q1FY24	YoY (%)	Q4FY24	QoQ (%)	I-Sec	Variance
Volumes (mt)	4.36	4.30	1.3	5.49	(20.6)	4.73	(7.9)
Blended Realisation (INR/t)	4,792	5,212	(8.1)	4,869	(1.6)	4,820	(0.6)
Net Sales	20,884	22,411	(6.8)	26,733	(21.9)	22,798	(8.4)
Raw Materials	3,638	3,268	11.3	6,213	(41.5)	3,884	(6.3)
Personnel Cost	1,367	1,266	8.0	1,245	9.9	1,354	1.0
Power and Fuel cost	5,666	7,559	(25)	6,192	(8.5)	6,502	(12.9)
Freight expenses	4,638	4,577	1.3	5,940	(21.9)	5,083	(8.7)
Other Expenses	2,381	2,327	2.3	2,973	(19.9)	2,729	(12.8)
Total Expenses	17,690	18,996	(6.9)	22,562	(21.6)	19,551	(9.5)
EBITDA	3,194	3,415	(6.5)	4,171	(23.4)	3,246	(1.6)
Blended EBITDA/t (INR)	733	794	(7.7)	760	(3.5)	686	6.8
Interest	1,131	934	21.1	1,038	9.0	1,055	7.2
Depreciation	1,667	1,479	12.7	1,651	1.0	1,667	(0.0)
Other Income	85	79	7.7	140	(39.3)	125	(32.0)
Recurring pre-tax income	482	1,081	(55.4)	1,623	(70.3)	649	(25.8)
Extraordinary income/(expense)	-	_	NA	_	NA	-	NA
Taxation	127	292	(56.6)	409	(69.0)	166	(23.5)
Reported Net Income	355	789	(55.0)	1,214	(70.8)	484	(26.6)
Recurring Net Income	355	789	(55.0)	1,214	(70.8)	484	(26.6)
Ratios (%)							
EBITDA margin	15.3	15.2		15.6		14.2	
Net profit margin	1.7	3.5		4.5		2.1	

Source: I-Sec research, Company data;

Exhibit 2: Historical quarterly analysis on per-tonne basis

Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25
5,212	5,053	5,272	4,869	4,792
760	959	821	1,132	835
1,758	1,358	1,386	1,128	1,300
1,064	1,025	1,075	1,082	1,064
294	300	342	227	314
541	546	658	541	546
4,418	4,188	4,282	4,109	4,059
-	-	-	-	0
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Source: I-Sec research, Company data



Quarterly operating metrics

Exhibit 3: Region-wise mix

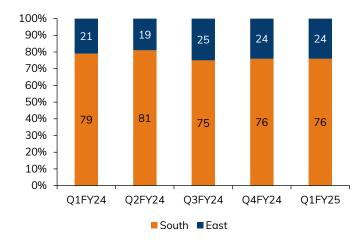
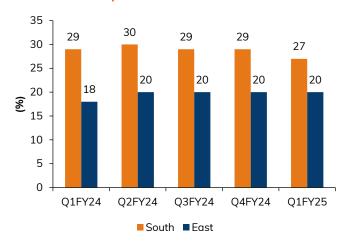


Exhibit 4: Premium product contribution



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

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Exhibit 5: Product mix

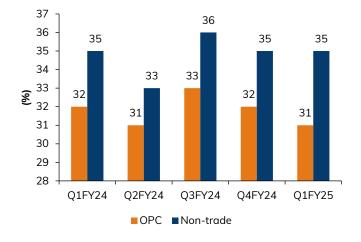
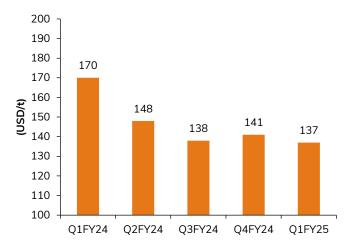


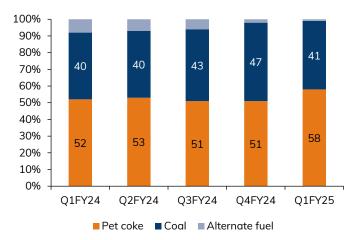
Exhibit 6: Unit blended fuel consumption



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

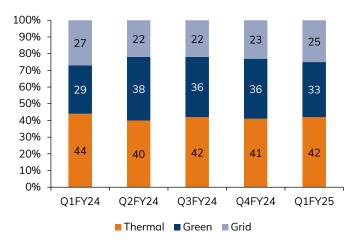
Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 7: Fuel mix



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 8: Power mix



Source: I-Sec research, Company data



Exhibit 9: Per-tonne estimates

(INR /t)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Blended realisation	5,201	5,319	5,384	5,083	4,816	4,973
YoY (%)	10.2	2.3	1.2	(5.6)	(5.2)	3.3
Raw material consumed	867	803	898	934	835	835
Power and fuel	797	1,252	1,780	1,389	1,292	1,262
Freight	1,028	1,095	1,072	1,062	1,064	1,081
Others	634	711	592	568	564	545
Total operating expenses	3,729	4,235	4,643	4,239	4,044	4,000
YoY (%)	(1.3)	13.6	9.6	(8.7)	(4.6)	(1.1)
Blended EBITDA	1,552	1,158	796	844	772	974
YoY (%)	53	(25.4)	(31.2)	6.0	(8.5)	26.1

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 10: Performance trend and assumptions

Particulars	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Capacity (mtpa)	19.7	20.7	22.0	22.9	23.9	25.4
Capacity utilisation (%)	50.7	53.5	68.0	80.4	80.6	83.7
Sales volume (mt)	10.0	11.1	15.0	18.4	19.3	21.3
YoY Growth (%)	(10.9)	11.1	34.9	23.0	4.6	10.4
Blended Realisation (INR/t)	5,201	5,319	5,384	5,083	4,816	4,973
Growth (%)	10.2	2.3	1.2	(5.6)	(5.2)	3.3

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 11: Valuations based on 12x Mar'26E EV/E

Particulars	Mar'26
Assumed EV/EBITDA multiple (x)	12.0
EBITDA (INR mn)	20,700
EV (INR mn)	2,48,396
Less: Net debt (INR mn)	50,796
M-cap of Ramco (INR mn)	1,97,601
Shares o/s (mn)	236
Value per share (INR)	836

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Key risks

- Sharp increase in cement prices and/or sharp fuel cost decline are key upside risks.
- Sharp fall of cement prices and/or major surge in fuel prices are key downside risks.

Exhibit 12: Earnings revision

(INR mn)		FY25E			FY26E	
, ,	Revised	Earlier	% chg	Revised	Earlier	% chg
Revenues	92,705	96,904	(4.3)	1,05,737	1,10,898	(4.7)
EBITDA	14,861	15,741	(5.6)	20,700	20,809	(0.5)
PAT	2,871	3,732	(23.1)	6,854	7,075	(3.1)

Source: I-Sec research



Exhibit 13: Shareholding pattern

%	Dec'23	Mar'24	Jun'24
Promoters	42.1	42.3	42.3
Institutional investors	40.9	39.7	38.5
MFs and others	18.4	17.8	18.3
Fls/Banks	0.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance	14.4	14.4	12.8
FIIs	8.1	7.5	7.4
Others	17.0	18.0	19.2

Exhibit 14: Price chart



Source: Bloomberg Source: Bloomberg



Financial Summary

Exhibit 15: Profit & Loss

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	81,353	93,498	92,705	1,05,737
Operating Expenses	56,012	60,793	61,776	67,291
EBITDA	11,911	15,525	14,861	20,700
EBITDA Margin (%)	14.6	16.6	16.0	19.6
Depreciation & Amortization	5,044	6,359	6,691	6,897
EBIT	6,867	9,167	8,170	13,803
Interest expenditure	2,405	4,155	4,510	4,643
Other Non-operating Income	367	423	273	230
Recurring PBT	4,828	5,435	3,933	9,390
Profit / (Loss) from Associates	-	-	-	-
Less: Taxes	1,302	1,485	1,062	2,535
PAT	3,527	3,950	2,871	6,854
Less: Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Extraordinaries (Net)	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Reported) Net Income (Adjusted)	3,527 3,527	3,950 3,950	2,871 2,871	6,854 6,854

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 16: Balance sheet

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Total Current Assets	18,874	21,232	21,651	22,605
of which cash & cash eqv.	1,686	1,355	1,376	1,333
Total Current Liabilities &	22,182	29,747	29,958	30,515
Provisions	22,102	29,747	29,956	30,313
Net Current Assets	(3,308)	(8,515)	(8,307)	(7,910)
Investments	4,575	4,575	4,575	4,575
Net Fixed Assets	98,657	1,18,298	1,25,607	1,35,710
ROU Assets	-	-	-	-
Capital Work-in-Progress	20,026	13,246	11,246	7,246
Total Intangible Assets	1,505	1,505	1,505	1,505
Other assets	1,236	1,236	1,236	1,236
Deferred Tax assets	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	1,22,987	1,30,641	1,36,158	1,42,658
Liabilities				
Borrowings	44,876	49,172	52,172	52,172
Deferred Tax Liability	9,285	9,285	9,285	9,285
provisions	533	533	533	533
other Liabilities	357	357	357	357
Equity Share Capital	236	236	236	236
Reserves & Surplus	67,699	71,058	73,575	80,075
Total Net Worth	67,935	71,294	73,811	80,311
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	1,22,987	1,30,641	1,36,158	1,42,658

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 17: Quarterly trend

(INR mn, year ending March)

Particulars	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24
Net Sales	23,293	21,061	26,733	20,884
% growth (YoY)	30.5	5.8	4.0	(6.8)
EBITDA	3,986	3,954	4,171	3,194
Margin %	17.1	18.8	15.6	15.3
Other Income	135	70	140	85
Extra-ordinaries	0	0	0	0
Adjusted Net Profit	1,013	934	1,214	355

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 18: Cashflow statement

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Operating Cashflow	11,895	15,949	15,134	20,930
Working Capital Changes	2,471	4,876	(186)	(440)
Capital Commitments	(17,628)	(19,220)	(12,000)	(13,000)
Free Cashflow	31,678	38,559	25,886	30,954
Other investing cashflow	759	-	-	-
Cashflow from Investing Activities	(16,869)	(19,220)	(12,000)	(13,000)
Issue of Share Capital	-	-	-	-
Interest Cost	(2,334)	(4,155)	(4,510)	(4,643)
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	5,790	4,295	3,000	-
Dividend paid	(710)	(591)	(354)	(354)
Others	(1)	-	-	-
Cash flow from Financing Activities	2,745	(451)	(1,864)	(4,998)
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	(75)	(331)	21	(43)
Closing cash & balance	1,686	1,355	1,376	1,333

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 19: Key ratios

(Year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Per Share Data (INR)				
Reported EPS	14.9	16.7	12.2	29.0
Adjusted EPS (Diluted)	14.9	16.7	12.2	29.0
Cash EPS	36.3	43.6	40.5	58.2
Dividend per share (DPS)	2.0	2.5	1.5	1.5
Book Value per share (BV)	287.5	301.7	312.4	339.9
Dividend Payout (%)	13.4	15.0	12.3	5.2
Growth (%)				
Net Sales	36.0	14.9	(8.0)	14.1
EBITDA	(7.2)	30.3	(4.3)	39.3
EPS (INR)	(60.5)	12.0	(27.3)	138.7
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	53.7	47.9	65.9	27.6
P/CEPS	22.1	18.4	19.8	13.8
P/BV	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.4
EV / EBITDA	19.5	15.3	16.2	11.6
EV / t (USD)	132.1	126.3	122.5	115.3
Dividend Yield (%)	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Operating Ratios				
Gross Profit Margins (%)	83.5	81.6	82.7	83.2
EBITDA Margins (%)	14.6	16.6	16.0	19.6
Effective Tax Rate (%)	27.0	27.3	27.0	27.0
Net Profit Margins (%)	4.3	4.2	3.1	6.5
NWC / Total Assets (%)	(2.7)	(6.5)	(6.1)	(5.5)
Net Debt / Equity (x)	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	3.6	3.1	3.4	2.5
Profitability Ratios				
RoCE (%) (Post Tax)	4.3	5.3	4.5	7.3
RoE (%)	5.3	5.7	4.0	8.9
RoIC (%)	4.9	6.1	5.1	8.0
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	0.9	0.9	8.0	8.0
Inventory Turnover Days	55	55	59	56
Receivables Days	18	26	34	31
Payables Days	36	48	60	56
Source Company data, I-Sec resec	ırch			



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