



Q2FY26

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Q2 performance impacted by weather, but underlying demand, especially in bromine and salt, remains healthy.

CMP*	Target	Potential Upside	Market Cap (INR Mn)	Recommendation	Sector
INR 532	INR 554	4.1%	INR 65,688	HOLD	Specialty Chemicals

Result Highlights

- Archean Chemical reported a moderate Q2 FY26 as weather-led disruptions impacted production across core product lines. Consolidated revenue for the quarter stood at INR 2,332 mn, down 3.0% YoY missed our estimate by 34.3%. The revenue mix for Q2 comprised 33% bromine and 67% industrial salt. EBITDA came in at INR 626 mn, declining 16.1% YoY, with margins at 26.8%. PAT for the quarter stood at INR 290 mn.
- For H1 FY26, Consolidated revenue grew 16.0% YoY to INR 5,255 mn despite monsoon-led challenges. EBITDA declined 3.6% YoY to INR 1,407 mn, while PAT rose 14.2% YoY to INR 692 mn.

Segmental Performance

- Bromine:** Volumes were ~3,160 MT in Q2, lower YoY due to reduced brine concentration and equipment efficiency issues arising from prolonged and erratic monsoons. Despite this, demand remained strong with a sizeable order backlog. Bromine contributed ~33% of Q2 revenue under a stable pricing environment.
- Industrial Salt:** Q2 volumes were ~0.9 MT, slightly below the 1 MT quarterly expectation, again due to monsoon disruptions affecting production and transport. Industrial salt remained the largest contributor, accounting for ~67% of revenue. Management reaffirmed confidence in achieving 4.5 MT exports in FY26, supported by long-term contracts and firm global demand.
- SOP:** Only 26 MT were sold during Q2, as the business is still in pre-commercialization phase. Pilot trials have been successful, with plant-level trials scheduled for Q4 before scaling to commercial operations from FY27.

Outlook and Valuation:

Archean Chemical Industries' near-term growth in FY26 depends on industrial salt achieving the 4.5 MT export target and bromine recovering as monsoon-led dilution and technical inefficiencies normalize, with management already implementing corrective measures; bromine pricing remains firm, supporting margins. FY27–28 momentum will be driven by SOP commercialisation from Q3 FY27, improved bromine derivatives utilisation (from 30–35% toward 50% by FY26-end with higher volumes in FY27), and Oren (Idealis) beginning meaningful revenue contribution after delays caused by regulatory hurdles, NCLT-related complexities, and weak crude-linked oilfield activity. Oren is explicitly 6 months behind schedule.

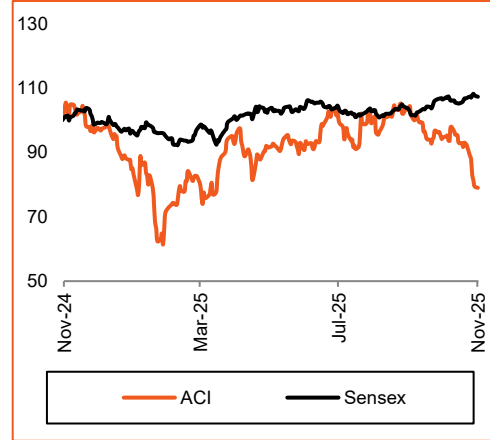
We have roll-forward our valuation basis to Sep'27 EPS. We value Archean Chemicals at 18.0x Sep'27 EPS implying a TP of INR 554 and downgrade our rating from "ACCUMULATE" to "HOLD" factoring in challenges ahead, centered on operational inefficiencies, execution delays, and external volatility.

KEY FINANCIALS

INR Millions	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	13,301	10,410	11,310	14,589	18,004
EBITDA	4,627	3,142	3,596	5,132	6,270
EBITDA Margin	34.8%	30.2%	31.8%	35.2%	34.8%
PAT	3,190	1,621	2,069	3,310	4,265
EPS	25.8	13.1	16.8	26.8	34.6

Source: Company, DevenChoksey Research

SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE



MARKET DATA

Shares outs (Mn.)	123.5
Mkt Cap (INR Mn.)	65,688
52-Week H/L (INR)	730/408

*Based on the previous closing

Note: All the market data is as of the previous closing

SHARE HOLDING PATTERN (%)

Particulars (%)	Sep-25	Jun-25	Mar-25
Promoters	53.4	53.4	53.4
FIIIs	11.2	11.1	10.9
DIIIs	25.5	24.7	23.2
Others	9.9	10.8	12.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

18.4%

Revenue CAGR
between FY25-27E

42.9%

PAT CAGR
between FY25-27E

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Key Concall Highlights:

Key takeaways

- ACI delivered a mixed quarter as strong industrial salt shipments partly offset bromine production challenges arising from erratic and prolonged monsoons. Standalone revenue declined 8% YoY in Q2, though H1 revenue grew 10% YoY. Industrial salt remained the largest contributor (~65% of revenue), with 0.9 MT sales despite weather disruptions. Bromine contributed ~30–31% of H1 revenue; demand and pricing remained robust with an order backlog exceeding 10,000 tons, although production efficiency declined due to brine dilution and technical constraints.
- Margins were resilient, with Q2 standalone EBITDA margin at ~33%, supported by tight cost management. Drivers for the coming quarters include bromine efficiency recovery, logistics normalization, and SOP plant trials. Strategically, ACI secured India Semiconductor Mission approval for its SiCSem project, progressed in bromine derivatives and energy storage, and continued to revive Oren/Idealis. An income-tax search was conducted during the quarter, and the company is fully cooperating.

Key Business & Strategic Developments

- **Semiconductor (SiCSem):** The Union Cabinet approved ACI's SiC semiconductor project, and a groundbreaking ceremony was held on 1 November 2025. Total Phase-1 capex is estimated at **INR 20,670 mn**. The fiscal support agreement is in an advanced stage. ACI has engaged global semiconductor consultants and targets a ~30-month execution period. The company has already demonstrated 200-mm wafer capability through the IIT Bhubaneswar collaboration.
- **SOP Commercialization:** Pilot trials were successful. Plant-scale modifications and equipment installation are underway, with Q4 FY26 trials scheduled. Commercialization is planned for Q3 FY27, aligned with post-monsoon operational requirements.
- **Bromine Derivatives (Acume):** Operating at 30–35% utilization, expected to reach ~50% by FY26-end. H1 volumes reached 3,135 MT, with INR 430 mn in revenue. Middle East certifications are progressing. Flame Retardant development continues, with INR 19,000 mn already invested from a INR 25,000 mn allocation.
- **Oren / Idealis Mudchemie:** Three units have completed trials; regulatory approvals and customer validations are pending. Due to inherited NCLT-related issues and weak rig activity, meaningful revenue is deferred to FY27.
- **Offgrid Energy Labs:** ACI holds ~21–22% stake. A 10 MWh demo manufacturing facility is under development in the U.K. with a 12–18-month horizon. Zinc Bromide electrolyte synergies are expected through Acume.

Financial Performance Standalone Q2 FY26:

- Revenue INR 2,317.8 mn; EBITDA INR 759.9 mn; PAT INR 384.6 mn; margin ~33%. Volumes: 3,160 MT bromine, 0.9 MT salt, 26 MT SOP. Standalone H1 FY26: Revenue INR 5,232.3 mn; EBITDA INR 1,717.9 mn; PAT INR 903.1 mn.
- Consolidated: Q2 revenue INR 2,395.6 mn; H1 revenue INR 5,401.5 mn; H1 EBITDA INR 1,553 mn; H1 PAT INR 691.8 mn. Weather-related brine dilution and logistics constraints were key cost pressures.

Segmental Outlook

- **Industrial Salt:** Q2 volume was 0.9 MT; FY26 guidance of 4.5 MT reaffirmed. Long-term contracts underpin demand. Future logistics efficiencies may emerge through planned railway connectivity.
- **Elemental Bromine:** Production was affected by brine dilution and technical issues. Demand and pricing remain strong. Management expects H2 recovery, targeting FY25-equivalent production, with further improvement in FY27.
- **SOP:** Plant trials in Q4 FY26; commercial launch in Q3 FY27. Installed capacity is 130,000 TPA.
- **Bromine Derivatives:** Utilisation expected to rise to ~50% by FY26-end; certifications underway.
- **Oren/Idealis:** Meaningful contribution expected from FY27.

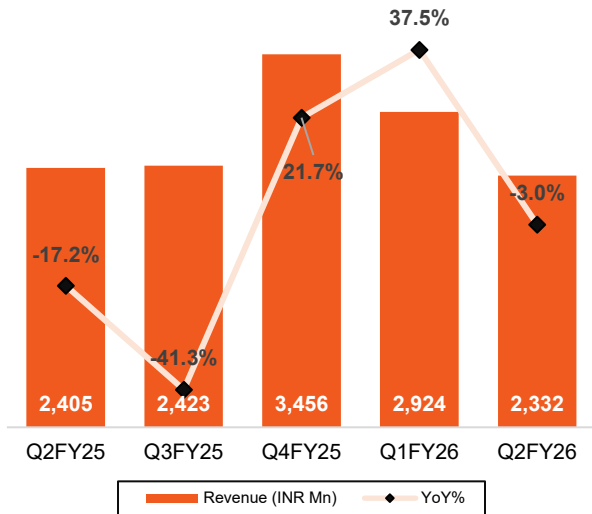
Outlook & Guidance :

- Management expressed confidence in achieving industrial salt export volumes of approximately 4.5 MT in FY26, supported by firm customer contracts. Bromine production is expected to recover in H2, allowing FY26 volumes to match FY25 levels, with FY27 likely to be stronger as efficiency initiatives take full effect. The derivatives business is poised for a meaningful scale-up in FY27 as certifications and customer approvals are completed.
- SOP commercialization is confirmed for Q3 FY27 following Q4 FY26 plant trials. Management also indicated that FY27 will be the first year of meaningful revenue from Oren/Idealis, given ongoing regulatory approvals and customer onboardings. For the semiconductor project, the fiscal support agreement is expected to be signed shortly, after which the company plans to execute the project within a ~30-month window.

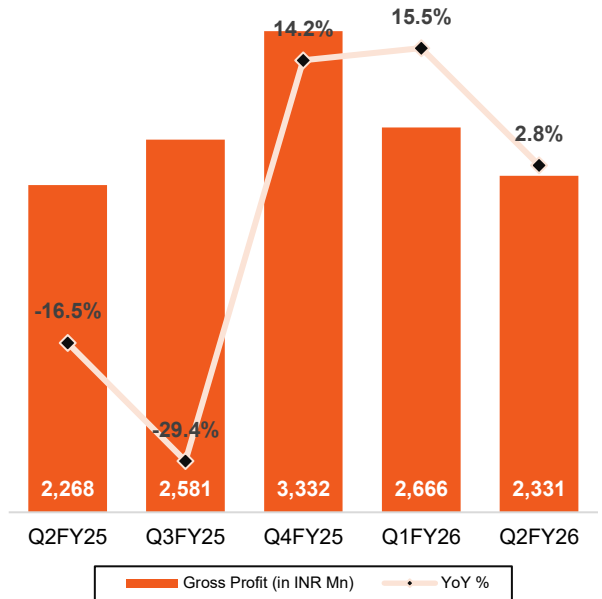
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Story in Charts

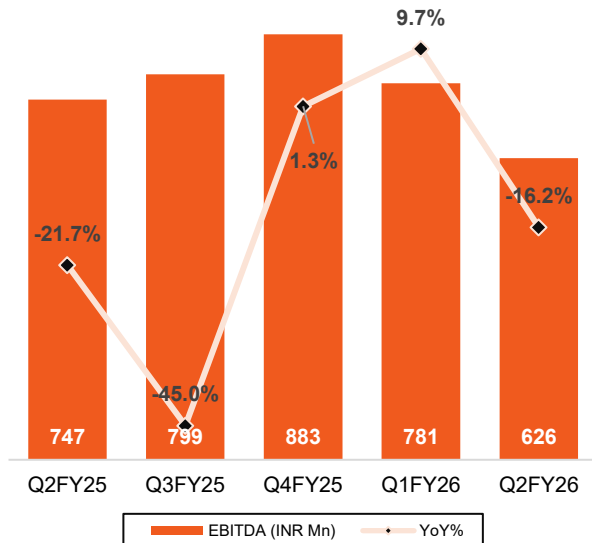
Revenue declined (YoY) due to lower bromine and salt volumes caused by prolonged, erratic monsoons that disrupted production and logistics.



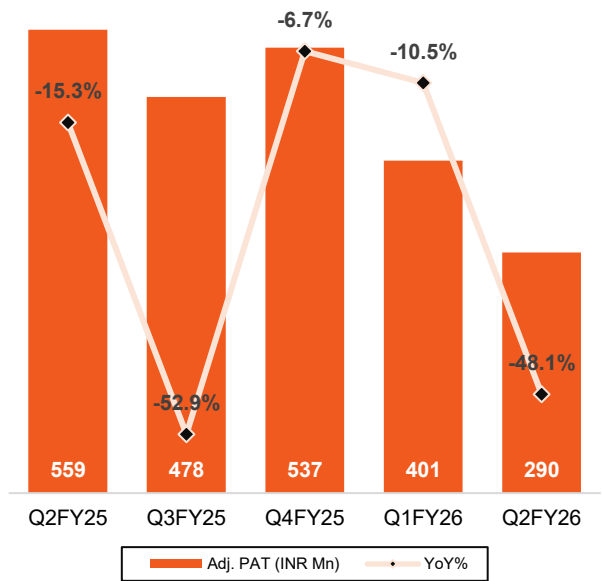
Gross Profit (in INR Mn) and YoY (%)



EBITDA dropped YoY led by bromine production inefficiencies due to erratic monsoon



Adj. PAT (in INR Mn) and YoY (%)



Source: Company, DevenChoksey Research,

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Quarterly Result

Particulars (INR Mn)	Q2FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY25	Q-o-Q	Y-o-Y
Revenue From Operations	2,332	2,924	2,405	-20.2%	-3.0%
Total Expenditure	1,706	2,143	1,657	-20.4%	2.9%
COGS	1	258	137	-99.5%	-99.1%
Employee Expense	169	187	128	-10.0%	31.2%
Other Expense	1,536	1,697	1,392	-9.5%	10.3%
EBITDA	626	781	747	-19.8%	-16.2%
EBITDA Margins (%)	26.8%	26.7%	31.1%	13 bps	-423 bps
Depreciation	236	229	195	2.7%	21.0%
EBIT	390	552	553	-29.2%	-29.3%
Other Income	64	82	109	-22.5%	-41.6%
Finance Cost	55	54	32	2.6%	72.0%
Adjusted PBT (Before Exceptional Item)	399	580	630	-31.2%	-36.6%
Exceptional Item	0	0	402	0.0%	-100.0%
Total Tax	109	179	70	-39.2%	54.2%
PAT	290	401	157	-27.7%	84.5%
PAT Margin	12.5%	13.7%	6.5%	-128 bps	591 bps
Adj PAT	290	401	559	-27.7%	-48.1%
Adj PAT Margin	12.5%	13.7%	23.3%	-128 bps	-1,080 bps
EPS	2.4	3.2	1.3	-27.7%	84.5%
Adj EPS	2.4	3.2	4.5	-27.7%	-48.1%

Source: Company, Deven Choksey Research

Operational KPI's

Sales Volume (MT)	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26
Bromine	4,800	4,600	3,604	4,054	3,160
Industrial Salt	7,92,000	7,58,000	12,70,350	11,00,000	8,89,193

Price Realization (INR/MT)	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26
Bromine	1,90,360	2,01,957	2,11,570	2,07,203	2,27,848
Industrial Salt	1,882	1,967	1,932	1,764	1,664

Revenue (in INR Mn)	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26
Bromine	914	929	763	840	720
Industrial Salt	1,491	1,491	2,454	1,940	1,480

Source: Company, DevenChoksey Research

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Exhibit 1: Profit & Loss Statement

Particulars(INR Mn)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	10,410	11,310	14,589	18,004
COGS	-78	501	1,126	1,393
Gross Profit	10,488	10,809	13,463	16,611
GPM%	100.7%	95.6%	92.3%	92.3%
Employee Expenses	611	653	745	979
Other expenses	6,736	6,560	7,586	9,362
EBITDA Profit	3,142	3,596	5,132	6,270
EBITDA %	30.2%	31.8%	35.2%	34.8%
Other Income	373	386	480	640
Finance Cost	81	227	212	187
Depreciation	794	939	986	1,036
Exceptional Items	402	0	0	0
PBT	2,238	2,816	4,413	5,687
Tax	616	747	1,104	1,422
Profit After Tax	1,621	2,069	3,310	4,265
Adjusted PAT	2,023	2,069	3,310	4,265
Adj. PAT Margin	19.4%	18.3%	22.7%	23.7%
Adj. EPS	16.4	16.7	26.8	34.5

Exhibit 3: Cash Flow Statement

Particulars(INR Mn)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
CFO	1,762	3,281	4,021	5,098
CFI	-2,462	-1,978	-3,200	-3,400
CFF	650	-1,305	-845	-1,413
Net Increase/Decrease	-50	-3	-24	285
Cash at the beg of the year	455	405	402	378
Cash at the end of the year	405	402	378	663

Exhibit 4: Key Ratios

Particulars(INR Mn)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Return on Assets	7.3%	8.5%	12.5%	14.4%
Return on Capital	12.3%	12.7%	18.2%	20.4%
Return on Equity	9.1%	10.7%	15.5%	17.7%
EBITDA margin	30.2%	31.8%	35.2%	34.8%
Net Profit margin	15.6%	18.3%	22.7%	23.7%
P/E	39.4x	31.7x	19.8x	15.4x

Source: Company, DevenChoksey Research

Exhibit 2: Balance Sheet

Particulars(INR Mn)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Property, plant and equipment	12,855	12,915	13,129	13,493
CWIP	648	648	648	648
Rights-of-use assets	925	925	925	925
Investments	1,365	1,365	1,365	1,365
Other non-current assets	1,227	1,227	1,227	1,227
Total Non Current Assets	17,020	17,081	17,295	17,659
Inventories	1,681	1,704	2,118	2,466
Trade receivables	1,646	1,642	1,999	2,368
CCE	405	402	378	663
Bank Bal	123	123	123	123
Other Current assets	3,059	4,037	6,037	8,037
Total Current Assets	6,914	7,909	10,655	13,657
Total Assets	23,934	24,990	27,949	31,316
Equity & Liabilities				
Equity Share Capital	247	247	247	247
Other Equity	18,393	19,845	22,291	25,445
Total Equity	18,640	20,092	22,537	25,692
Non Current Liabilities				
Borrowings	1,516	1,055	1,285	1,170
Lease Liabilities	420	420	420	420
Other non-current liabilities	1,385	1,385	1,385	1,385
Total Non current liabilities	3,321	2,860	3,091	2,975
Current Liabilities				
Trade Payables	1,051	1,116	1,399	1,726
Other Non Current Liabilities	922	922	922	922
Total Current Liabilities	1,973	2,038	2,321	2,649
Total Equity and Liability	23,934	24,990	27,949	31,316

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Date	CMP (INR)	TP (INR)	Recommendation
25-Nov-25	532	554	HOLD
08-Aug-25	627	704	ACCUMULATE
09-May-25	554	728	BUY
13-Feb-25	464	621	BUY
13-Nov-24	671	890	BUY
07-Aug-24	709	943	BUY

Rating Legend (Expected over a 12-month period)	
Our Rating	Upside
Buy	More than 15%
Accumulate	5% – 15%
Hold	0 – 5%
Reduce	-5% – 0
Sell	Less than – 5%

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