

ACC

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Bloomberg	ACC IN
Equity Shares (m)	188
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	463.4 / 5.6
52-Week Range (INR)	2564 / 1592
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12M Avg Val (INR M)	1422

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

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Y/E Dec	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Sales	198.2	209.4	222.9
EBITDA	31.5	36.5	39.9
Adj. PAT	19.3	22.7	24.8
EBITDA Margin (%)	15.9	17.4	17.9
Adj. EPS (INR)	102.8	120.6	132.2
EPS Gr. (%)	95.3	17.3	9.6
BV/Sh. (INR)	841	949	1,067
Ratios			
Net D:E	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4
RoE (%)	13.0	13.5	13.1
RoCE (%)	13.2	13.7	13.4
Payout (%)	11.7	11.6	10.6
Valuations			
P/E (x)	24.1	20.5	18.7
P/BV (x)	2.9	2.6	2.3
EV/EBITDA(x)	13.4	10.9	9.5
EV/ton (USD)	138	130	116
Div. Yield (%)	0.5	0.6	0.6
FCF Yield (%)	2.2	4.6	5.2

Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Dec-23	Sep-23	Dec-22
Promoter	56.7	56.7	56.7
DII	24.3	23.0	18.8
FII	6.2	7.1	12.0
Others	12.8	13.8	12.6

FII Includes depository receipts

CMP: INR2,468 TP: INR2,550 (+3%) Neutral Higher volume and lower Opex/t led EBITDA beat

Commissioned grinding capacity of 1mtpa at Ametha, Madhya Pradesh

- ACC reported robust performance with EBITDA growing ~139% YoY to INR9b in 3QFY24, 34%/27% above our/consensus estimates. Sales volume grew 15% YoY to 8.9mt (11% above our estimates). EBITDA/t doubled YoY to INR1,017 (estimate INR840). OPM surged 10pp YoY to 18.4% (est. 15%). Adj. net profit stood at INR5.3b (212% YoY; 35% above our estimates).
- The management expected the cement demand to grow at 7-8% YoY, mainly led by investment in infrastructure and housing projects. It commissioned 1mtpa grinding capacity at Ametha plant in Madhya Pradesh (earlier commissioned 3.3mtpa clinker in Sep'23). Recently, it acquired a 55% stake in Asian Concretes & Cements, which along with its subsidiary has 2.8 MTPA grinding capacity in the northern markets. These will aid higher volume growth for the company going forward.
- We raised our EBITDA estimates by 14%/8%/10% for FY24/FY25/FY26, given the outperformance in 3Q and improving outlook. ACC trades at 11x/9.5x FY25E/FY26E. We value ACC at 10x FY26E EV/EBITDA to arrive at our revised TP of INR2,550 (earlier 2,300). We reiterate our **Neutral** rating on the stock.

Volume grew 15% YoY; EBITDA/t came in at INR1,017 (est. INR842)

- Revenue/EBITDA/adj. PAT stood at INR49b/INR9b/INR5.3b (up 7%/139%/212% YoY and up 9%/34%/35% vs. our estimates) in 3QFY24. Sales volumes grew 15% YoY to 8.9mt (up 11% vs. our estimate). RMC revenue declined 20% YoY to INR3b (11% below our estimate).
- Cement realization increased 2% YoY (in line with our estimates). Opex/t dipped 16% YoY, led by 22%/17%/15% YoY decline in variable cost/freight cost/other expenses. Employee cost declined 13% YoY/8% QoQ to INR1.8b. EBITDA/t stood at INR1,017 vs. INR491/677 in YoY/QoQ. OPM was up 10pp YoY to 18.4%. Depreciation/interest cost increased 37%/80% YoY, whereas 'Other Income' has doubled YoY to INR839m.
- ACC's 9MFY24 revenue was up 12% YoY to INR146b, led by a 19% surge in volume and a 6% drop in realization. EBITDA grew 171% YoY to INR22b and OPM was up 9pp YoY to 15.3%. PAT grew 337% YoY to INR13.8b.

Highlights from the management commentary

- Kiln fuel cost broadly remained flat QoQ to INR1.86/Kcal (down 28% YoY).
 The strategic purchase of low-cost petcoke will help to further optimize fuel costs in the coming quarters.
- The WHRS share in total power consumption increased to ~9%. WHRS capacity increased to 46.3MW with the addition of 16.3MW at its Ametha Plant. Work on the WHRS facility at Chanda (18 MW) & at Wadi (21.5 MW) is on track and will be commissioned in FY25. This will take the total capacity of WHRS to 85.8MW, driving up the WHRS share in the total power mix to ~25%.
- Its cash and cash equivalent was up INR6.5b QoQ to INR42.82b as of Dec'23.

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Valuation and view

ACC surprised positively by reporting robust volume growth and improvement in profitability, led by cost-efficient initiatives. Further, it commissioned both clinker as well as cement capacity at its greenfield integrated cement plant in Ametha, Madhya Pradesh in 3QFY24, which will aid volume growth for the company going forward.

■ ACC trades at reasonable valuations of 11x/9.5x FY24E/FY25E EV/EBITDA and USD130/USD116 FY25E/FY26E EV/ton. Sustainability of the current cost structure and clarity on further expansion plans can lead to rerating in valuation multiples. We value ACC at 10x FY26E EV/EBITDA to arrive at our revised TP of INR2,550 (earlier 2,300). We maintain our **Neutral** rating on the stock.

Standalone quarterly performance											(11	NR b)	
Y/E December/		FY	23*				FY2	4		EV22*	EV2.4E	MOFSL	Var
March	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	5Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE	FY23*	FY24E	3QE	(%)
Cement Sales (mt)	7.90	7.59	6.85	7.70	8.50	9.40	8.10	8.88	9.56	38.6	35.9	8.02	11
Change (YoY %)	(0.9)	11.0	4.3	2.8	7.6	23.8	18.2	15.3	12.4	31.3	16.4	4.1	
Net Sales	44.3	44.7	39.9	45.4	47.9	52.0	44.3	49.2	52.7	222.1	198.2	45.2	9
Change (YoY %)	3.1	15.0	6.4	7.4	8.2	16.4	11.2	8.4	9.9	37.5	(10.8)	(0.3)	
EBITDA	6.3	4.3	0.2	3.8	4.7	7.7	5.5	9.0	9.3	19.2	31.5	6.8	34
Margin (%)	14.3	9.5	0.4	8.3	9.7	14.8	12.4	18.4	17.6	8.6	15.9	14.9	343bp
Depreciation	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.4	8.4	8.8	2.2	4
Interest	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.8	1.2	0.3	30
Other Income	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.4	1.2	0.8	2.1	0.8	0.9	3.4	4.6	1.0	(18)
PBT before EO Item	5.3	3.0	-1.0	2.3	3.9	6.2	5.2	7.2	7.4	13.4	26.0	5.3	36
EO Income/(Expense)	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.8	-0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.6	0.0	0.0	
PBT after EO Item	5.3	3.0	-1.2	1.5	3.3	6.2	5.2	7.2	7.4	11.8	26.0	5.3	36
Tax	1.4	0.8	-0.3	0.4	0.9	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.8	3.1	6.7	1.4	
Rate (%)	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.1	27.8	25.5	25.5	26.6	24.7	26.4	25.6	26.0	
Reported PAT	3.9	2.2	-0.9	1.1	2.4	4.6	3.8	5.3	5.6	8.7	19.3	3.9	35
Adjusted PAT	3.9	2.2	-0.8	1.7	2.9	4.6	3.8	5.3	5.6	9.9	19.3	3.9	35
Margin (%)	8.8	5.0	-1.9	3.7	6.0	8.9	8.7	10.7	10.6	4.5	9.8	8.6	
Change (YoY %)	(30.1)	(60.5)	NM	(47.4)	(26.6)	108.8	NM	212.1	95.0	(47.6)	95.3	130.7	

Source: MOSFL, 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)

Y/E December/		FY2	3*			FY	24			FY23*	FY24E	MOFSL	Var.
March	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	5Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE	-		3QE	(%)
Blended Realization	5,603	5,887	5,821	5,892	5,636	5,533	5,475	5,538	5,510	5,755	5,515	5,641	(2)
Change (YoY %)	4.1	3.7	2.0	4.4	0.6	(6.0)	(5.9)	(6.0)	(2.2)	4.7	(4.2)	(4.3)	
Raw Material	1,141	1,105	1,240	1,673	1,856	1,520	1,598	1,512	1,601	1,414	1,557	1,565	(3)
Staff Cost	244	285	308	266	249	210	240	201	193	269	210	245	(18)
Power and fuel	1,316	1,727	1,922	1,466	1,108	1,196	1,093	1,141	1,002	1,487	1,108	1,063	7
Freight	1,334	1,427	1,442	1,308	1,219	1,245	1,177	1,084	1,152	1,339	1,165	1,225	(11)
Other expenditure	767	783	887	687	655	544	689	583	590	750	599	700	(17)
Total Expenditure	4,801	5,327	5,798	5,401	5,088	4,715	4,798	4,521	4,538	5,258	4,639	4,799	(6)
EBITDA	802	560	23	491	549	818	677	1,017	972	497	876	842	21
Change (YoY %)	(25.6)	(56.2)	(97.9)	(33.7)	(31.6)	46.0	2,907.5	107.0	77.2	(51.3)	76.2	71.4	

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

Exhibit 1: Revisions to our estimates

(INR b)	Revised			Old			Change (%)		
	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	198	209	223	192	207	220	3.2%	1.0%	1.4%
EBITDA	31	37	40	28	34	36	14.2%	8.0%	10.1%
PAT	19	23	25	17	21	22	15.1%	9.0%	11.5%
EPS (INR)	102.8	120.6	132.2	89.3	110.6	118.5	15.1%	9.0%	11.5%

Source: Company, MOFSL estimates

Key exhibits

Exhibit 2: Sales volume grew 15% YoY

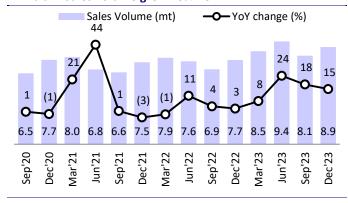


Exhibit 3: Cement realization was up 2% QoQ

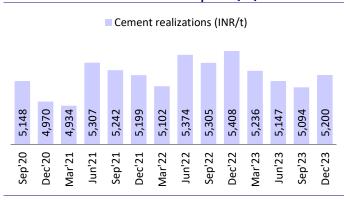


Exhibit 4: Opex/t declined 16% YoY (down 6% QoQ)

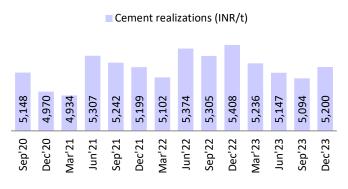


Exhibit 5: EBITDA/t doubled YoY to INR1,017

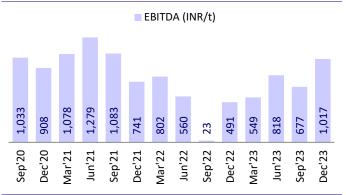


Exhibit 6: Key performance indicators (including the RMC business)

INR/t	Dec'23	Dec'22	YoY (%)	Sep'23	QoQ (%)
Blended realization	5,538	5,892	(6)	5,475	1
Cement realization	5,200	5,408	(4)	5,094	2
Raw materials	1,512	1,673	(10)	1,598	(5)
Staff cost	201	266	(25)	240	(17)
Power	1,141	1,466	(22)	1,093	4
Freight	1,084	1,308	(17)	1,177	(8)
Other expenditure	583	687	(15)	689	(15)
Total cost	4,521	5,401	(16)	4,798	(6)
EBITDA	1,017	491	107	677	50

Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 7: One-year forward EV/EBITDA trend

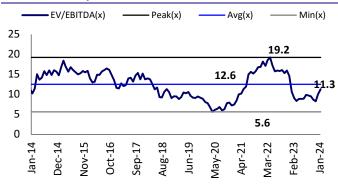
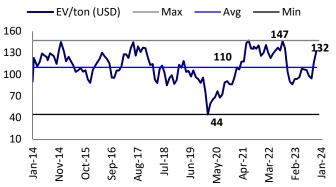


Exhibit 8: One-year forward EV/t trend



Source: Company, MOFSL

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Financials and valuations

Income Statement								(INR m)
Y/E December/March	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21	FY23*	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	1,48,014	1,56,567	1,37,845	1,61,514	2,22,100	1,98,202	2,09,446	2,22,903
Change (%)	11.4	5.8	(12.0)	17.2	37.5	(10.8)	5.7	6.4
EBITDA	20,446	24,095	24,811	30,004	19,190	31,496	36,509	39,853
Change (%)	7.1	17.8	3.0	20.9	(36.0)	64.1	15.9	9.2
Margin (%)	13.8	15.4	18.0	18.6	8.6	15.9	17.4	17.9
Depreciation	5,996	6,030	6,353	5,973	8,351	8,844	8,735	8,809
Int. and Fin. Charges	892	862	570	546	772	1,240	1,311	1,395
Other Income – Rec.	1,385	3,112	2,040	2,048	3,372	4,565	4,000	3,750
PBT Before EO Item	14,943	20,315	19,927	25,533	13,439	25,977	30,463	33,400
EO Income/(Expense)	5,006	-	(3,049)	(929)	(1,618)	-	-	-
PBT After EO Item	19,949	20,315	16,878	24,604	11,821	25,977	30,463	33,400
Tax	4,883	6,726	2,728	6,401	3,122	6,650	7,799	8,550
Tax Rate (%)	24.5	33.1	16.2	26.0	26.4	25.6	25.6	25.6
Reported PAT	15,066	13,589	14,149	18,203	8,699	19,327	22,665	24,849
Adjusted PAT	10,060	13,589	14,746	18,899	9,896	19,327	22,665	24,849
Change (%)	9.9	35.1	8.5	28.2	(47.6)	95.3	17.3	9.6
Margin (%)	6.8	8.7	10.7	11.7	4.5	9.8	10.8	11.1

Balance Sheet								(INR m)
Y/E December/March	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21	FY23*	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
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	1,03,397	1,13,333	1,24,735	1,40,404	1,38,550	1,56,138	1,76,547	1,98,765
Net Worth	1,05,277	1,15,213	1,26,614	1,42,284	1,40,430	1,58,018	1,78,427	2,00,645
Loans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Tax Liability	6,631	6,422	3,762	3,827	4,331	4,331	4,331	4,331
Capital Employed	1,11,908	1,21,635	1,30,376	1,46,112	1,44,761	1,62,350	1,82,759	2,04,976
Gross Block	88,774	93,972	98,093	1,04,708	1,20,694	1,45,294	1,50,794	1,58,294
Less: Accum. Depn.	18,280	24,059	31,507	37,480	45,831	54,675	63,409	72,218
Net Fixed Assets	70,494	69,914	66,586	67,228	74,863	90,619	87,384	86,075
Capital WIP	3,922	4,353	5,453	12,121	16,831	2,231	5,731	6,231
Investments – Trade	37	37	82	184	184	184	184	184
Investments in subsidiaries	2,265	2,265	2,124	1,743	1,743	1,743	1,743	1,743
Curr. Assets, Loans, and Adv.	83,533	94,252	1,07,014	1,27,914	1,10,464	1,22,691	1,46,542	1,73,359
Inventory	16,786	11,410	9,005	12,733	16,235	18,641	19,709	20,970
Account Receivables	8,683	6,284	4,515	4,624	8,747	15,978	16,894	17,974
Cash and Bank Balance	30,003	45,672	59,219	74,345	32,062	40,533	59,830	81,408
Others	28,062	30,887	34,275	36,212	53,420	47,538	50,108	53,007
Curr. Liab. and Prov.	48,343	49,186	50,883	63,078	59,324	55,118	58,825	62,616
Account Payables	19,227	14,710	14,163	18,992	14,922	13,203	14,193	15,571
Other Liabilities	25,627	28,478	30,189	33,868	35,632	32,069	33,672	35,356
Provisions	3,489	5,998	6,531	10,219	8,770	9,845	10,960	11,689
Net Current Assets	35,190	45,067	56,131	64,835	51,141	67,573	87,717	1,10,743
Application of Funds	1,11,908	1,21,635	1,30,376	1,46,112	1,44,761	1,62,350	1,82,759	2,04,976

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	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21	FY23*	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Basic (INR)					_			
EPS	53.5	72.3	78.4	100.5	52.6	102.8	120.6	132.2
Cash EPS	85.4	104.4	112.2	132.3	97.1	149.9	167.0	179.0
BV/Share	560	613	674	757	747	841	949	1,067
DPS	14.0	14.0	14.0	58.0	9.3	12.0	14.0	14.0
Payout (%)	17.4	19.3	18.6	59.9	20.0	11.7	11.6	10.6
Valuation (x)								
P/E ratio	46.3	34.2	31.6	24.6	47.0	24.1	20.5	18.7
Cash P/E ratio	29.0	23.7	22.1	18.7	25.5	16.5	14.8	13.8
EV/Sales ratio	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.3	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.7
EV/EBITDA ratio	21.1	17.2	16.1	12.6	21.7	13.4	10.9	9.5
P/BV ratio	4.4	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.3	2.9	2.6	2.3
Dividend Yield	0.6	0.6	0.6	2.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6
EV/t (USD-Cap)	156	152	147	133	140	138	130	116
Return Ratios (%)								
RoE	10.1	12.3	12.2	14.1	7.0	13.0	13.5	13.1
RoCE	11.3	12.1	13.6	14.0	7.2	13.2	13.7	13.4
RoIC	14.7	16.2	22.6	28.4	10.3	15.7	17.5	19.7
Working Capital Ratios								
Debtor (Days)	21	15	12	10	14	29	29	29
Asset Turnover ratio (x)	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9
Leverage Ratio								
Debt/Equity ratio (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Flow Statement								(INR m)
Y/E December/March	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21	FY23*	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	14,943	20,315	16,878	24,604	11,821	25,977	30,463	33,400
Depreciation	5,996	6,030	6,353	5,973	8,351	8,844	8,735	8,809
Interest and Finance Charges	-129	0	570	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Taxes Paid	(5,265)	(4,462)	(7,064)	(2,849)	(4,027)	(6,650)	(7,799)	(8,550)
(Inc.)/Dec. in WC	(4,493)	601	5,419	588	(28,533)	(7,961)	(847)	(1,449)
CF from Operations	11,052	22,484	22,156	28,316	-12,388	20,210	30,553	32,209
Others	129	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CF from Operations incl. EO	11,181	22,484	22,156	28,316	-12,388	20,210	30,553	32,209
(Inc.)/Dec. in FA	(4,951)	(4,935)	(7,252)	(11,509)	(19,788)	(10,000)	(9,000)	(8,000)
Free Cash Flow	6,230	17,549	14,904	16,808	-32,175	10,210	21,553	24,209
(Pur.)/Sale of Investments	1,273	1,651	1,886	1,619	(26,632)	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CF from Investments	(3,678)	(3,283)	(5,366)	(9,890)	(46,420)	(10,000)	(9,000)	(8,000)
Issue of Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inc./(Dec.) in Debt	-606	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Paid	(409)	(572)	(399)	(316)	(596)	0	0	0
Dividend Paid	(2,817)	(2,629)	(2,629)	(2,629)	(10,892)	(1,739)	(2,256)	(2,632)
Others	(579)	(540)	(246)	(360)	(889)	-	-	-
CF from Fin. Activity	(4,411)	(3,742)	(3,274)	(3,305)	(12,377)	(1,739)	(2,256)	(2,632)
Inc./Dec. in Cash	3,092	15,459	13,516	15,121	-71,185	8,471	19,297	21,577
Opening Balance	26,949	29,959	45,477	58,908	74,029	32,062	40,533	59,830
Closing Balance	30,040	45,418	58,993	74,029	32,062	40,533	59,830	81,408

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

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Explanation of Investment Rating						
Investment Rating	Expected return (over 12-month)					
BUY	>=15%					
SELL	<-10%					
NEUTRAL	< - 10 % to 15%					
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