**RESULT REPORT Q4 FY25** | Sector: Building Materials

# **Cera Sanitaryware Ltd**

# Better than expected performance, B2B drives overall growth; maintain ADD!

### **Result Synopsis**

Cera Sanitaryware Ltd (CRS), reported a better than expected performance in Q4FY25. Company's topline increased by 6%YoY, driven by 11%YoY growth in faucets biz which constituted ~40% of revenue Vs 38%/37% in Q4FY24/Q3FY25 respectively. Sanitaryware biz however remained flattish on YoY basis, constituting 48% of revenue as compared to 51%/50% in Q4FY24/Q3FY25 respectively. Amidst the ongoing slowdown from retail segment, CRS managed to register a single digit growth owing to increase in demand from B2B segment which formed ~40% of revenue for this quarter. With cost saving measures at production level, lower promotional spends, CRS delivered a strong OPM which stood at 18.6% as compared to 17.3%/13.6% in Q4FY24/Q3FY25 respectively. Other segment's revenue (12% of sales), increased by 15%YoY wherein tiles grew by 6%YoY & wellness increased by 59%YoY. Notably, working capital has expanded for the company largely owing to higher contribution to sales from B2B segment.

### **Management Guidance**

CRS mentioned that demand from retail continues to remain subdued. However, there is a considerable demand uptick from real-estate space and management expects to outperform industry growth in coming year. Currently, the capex of new sanitaryware plant is on hold and will be reviewed depending on demand situation going-ahead. On margins, management expects to 15-16% for coming fiscal.

### **Our View**

We reckon near-term demand will remain sluggish. However, with CRS change in stance to enhance the mix of B2B segment will enable them to register high-single digit growth for FY26. We expect company's topline to grow by 8%CAGR over FY25-FY27E which should be driven by faucets wherein we expect a growth of 12%CAGR followed by Sanitaryware which should register 6%CAGR over similar period. Given the cost optimization activities backed by lower discounts going-ahead, we expect CRS to maintain their EBITDA margins in the range of 15.7%/15.8% for FY26E/FY27E respectively. We continue to value CRS at P/E(x) of 30x on FY27E EPS of Rs216, (revised upwards by 2%), arriving at a target price of Rs6,490. Hence, we maintain our ADD rating on the stock.

### **Result Highlights**

 Revenue stood at Rs5.80Bn (record quarterly topline), a growth of 6%YoY (we expected a decline on YoY basis).

**Exhibit 1: Actual vs estimates** 

Rs mn	Actual	Estimate		% <b>V</b> a	Remarks			
	Actual	YES Sec	Consensus	YES Sec	Consensus	Kemarks		
Sales	5,805	5,104	5,589	13.7%	3.9%			
EBITDA	1,082	715	806	51.4%	34.3%			
EBITDA Margin (%)	18.6	14.0	14.4	463 bps	422 bps	Above estimates.		
Adjusted PAT	863	532	598	62.3%	44.3%			

Source: Company, YES Sec



Reco	: ADD
СМР	: Rs 5,832
Target Price	: Rs 6,490
Potential Return	: +11.3%

### Stock data (as on May 10, 2025)

Nifty	24,008
52 Week h/I (Rs)	10,790 / 5,060
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	71,199 / 834
Outstanding Shares (mn)	13
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	138
Div yield (%):	1.1
Bloomberg code:	CRS IN
NSE code:	CERA

### Stock performance



### Shareholding pattern (As of Mar'25 end)

Promoter	54.4%
FII+DII	27.5%
Others	18.0%

### ∆ in stance

(1-Yr)	New	Old
Rating	ADD	ADD
Target Price	6,490	6,363

### $\Delta$ in earnings estimates

	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
EPS (New)	192.5	200.0	216.3
EPS (Old)	-	194.8	212.1
% change	-	2.7%	2.0%

### **Financial Summary**

(Rs mn)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenue	19,261	20,746	22,567
YoY Growth	2.5	7.7	8.8
EBITDA	2,999	3,257	3,566
EBITDA (%)	15.6	15.7	15.8
PAT	2,488	2,576	2,786
YoY Growth	2.4	3.5	8.2
ROE	18.4	17.8	17.1
EPS	192.5	200.0	216.3
P/E	29.3	29.2	27.0
BV/Share	1,051	1,190	1,346
P/BV	5.4	4.9	4.3

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- Gross margins came in at 50.8% remaining flattish YoY, however with better operating
  efficiency, CERA reported EBITDA margins of 18.6% (12-quarter high) as compared to
  17.3%/13.6% in Q4FY24/Q3FY25 respectively. EBITDA increased by 14%YoY to Rs1.08Bn.
- Net profit stood at Rs878Mn, a growth of 16%YoY (excl the exceptional loss of Rs15Mn).

**Exhibit 2: Quarterly Snapshot:** 

Rs mn	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25	Q2 FY25	Q3 FY25	Q4 FY25	% yoy	% qoq	FY24	FY25	% yoy
Revenue	4,389	5,488	4,007	4,926	4,523	5,805	5.8	28.3	18,797	19,261	2.5
Expenditure	3,775	4,538	3,426	4,205	3,908	4,724	4.1	20.9	15,763	16,263	3.2
- RM	2,004	2,701	1,812	2,337	2,112	2,859	5.8	35.4	8,828	9,119	3.3
- Staff Cost	567	581	589	636	614	614	5.7	0.1	2,309	2,453	6.2
- Other Cost	1,204	1,256	1,026	1,231	1,183	1,251	(0.4)	5.8	4,627	4,691	1.4
Operating Profit	614	950	581	721	616	1,082	13.9	75.7	3,033	2,999	(1.1)
OPM(%)	14.0	17.3	14.5	14.6	13.6	18.6	132 bps	502 bps	16.1	15.6	-57 bps
Other Income	160	157	159	178	117	151	(3.7)	29.3	595	605	1.7
Depreciation	97	97	90	107	104	106	10.0	2.7	365	406	11.2
Interest	16	15	13	26	19	17	9.1	(12.0)	58	75	28.4
Exceptional	-	-	-	-	-	(15)	-	-	(16)	(15)	(3.2)
PBT	662	995	638	765	610	1,095	10.0	79.5	3,189	3,108	(2.5)
Tax	147	238	163	79	146	232	(2.5)	58.6	775	620	(20.0)
PAT	515	757	475	686	464	863	13.9	86.1	2,414	2,488	3.1
OCI	(2)	1	(2)	(8)	(2)	3	78.6	-	(8)	(9)	8.9
Reported PAT	513	759	473	679	462	866	14.1	87.4	2,406	2,479	3.0

Source: Company, YES Sec

**Exhibit 3: Operational Numbers:** 

Particulars	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25	Q2 FY25	Q3 FY25	Q4 FY25	% V0V	% qoq	FY24	FY25	% yoy
Sales (Rs mn)											
Sanitary	2,282	2,799	2,124	2,266	2,262	2,787	(0.4)	23.2	9,716	9,438	(2.9)
Faucets	1,580	2,085	1,443	2,019	1,674	2,322	11.4	38.8	6,834	7,458	9.1
Tiles	483	494	361	493	452	522	5.8	15.5	1,958	1,828	(6.6)
Wellness	44	110	80	148	136	174	58.7	28.3	289	538	86.0
Sales-Mix (%)											
Sanitary	52	51	53	46	50	48	-300 bps	-200 bps	52%	49%	-3 bps
Faucets	36	38	36	41	37	40	200 bps	300 bps	36%	39%	2 bps
Tiles	11	9	9	10	10	9	0 bps	-100 bps	10%	9%	-1 bps
Wellness	1	2	2	3	3	3	100 bps	0 bps	2%	3%	1 bps

### **KEY CON-CALL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Management reiterated their guidance of Rs29Bn topline with a margin guidance of 15-16%.
   However, the topline was considering industry growth of 7-8% for sanitaryware and 12-13% for faucets. Management expects to outperform industry growth by 6-7%.
- Overall demand remained subdued across end markets for 6 consecutive quarters now.
   Some pricing pressure was there in FY25 owing to oversupply and overcapacity wherein players resorted to higher discounts by 0.5-0.75%.
- Sanitaryware/Faucets/Tiles/Wellness contributed 48%/40%/9%/3% respectively.
- Sanitaryware saw subdued demand and declined by 1.6%YoY from Rs2.73Bn to Rs2.69Bn. Faucets/Tiles/Wellness increased by 9.6%/4.7%/46.7% YoY from Rs2.02/0.51/0.11Bn to Rs2.22/0.53/0.15Bn respectively in Q4FY25. Faucets demand is also sluggish, but Cera grew by ~10% in FY24 and FY25 as it is a relatively smaller player.
- Capacity utilization for sanitaryware/faucets was 90%/95% respectively.
- Tiles business is completely outsourced and a part of the company's portfolio only to provide full solutions to the consumer. GVT contributes 50% of tiles revenue. Tile margins are single digit.
- Margin improved by 1.5% YoY owing to 0.1% improvement in GM, 0.5% saving on publicity, and 0.9% on cost efficiencies and savings on sales & marketing.
- Share of B2B increased from 35% of sales in Q4FY24 and 37% in Q3FY25 to 40% of sales in Q4FY25. The same increased to 38% in FY25 from 30% in FY23 and 35% in FY24. Company expects the same to be in the range of 40-45% going ahead.
- For larger projects, 50% of the order in delivered in year 1 and 50% in year 2. For smaller projects, the products are delivered immediately.
- Margins for project business is 5-6% lower than retail. A 10% increase in projects business as a % of sales would decrease margins by 0.5%.
- Average gas cost from GAIL was Rs28.68/cbm in Q4FY25 Vs Rs28.35/cbm in Q4FY24. Average gas cost from Sabarmati increased to Rs55.62/cbm in Q4FY25 Vs Rs50.62/cbm in Q4FY24. GAIL/Sabarmati contributed 73%/27% to total gas requirements. Weighted average gas cost was Rs36.03/cbm. Total gas cost was 3.2% of revenue.
- Premium/mid/entry category contributed 42%/35%/23% to sales respectively.
- Tier I/II/III contributed 35%/21%/44% to revenue respectively.
- Exports contribute 2.5-3% of total sales.
- Company added 431 new SKUs across Cera and Senator brands in FY25.
- In FY25, company added 342 new stores. Cera experience centres were inaugurated in Mohali, Jaipur, Pune, and Lucknow in the year taking the total count to 13.
- To grow the Senator brand, Cera has formed a dedicated team under the leadership of Mr.
   Ramesh Baliga, Chief Business Officer.
- As on Mar'2025, 17 stores were functional for Senator brand and company plans to add 40-45 new stores in FY26.
- Cera Luxe is present in 50+ stores.
- Senator and Cera Luxe are expected to contribute ~10% of revenue in 2-3 years.
- Company launched e-commerce platform in FY25.
- 24,400 retailers are enlisted under the retailer loyalty program of Cera. Company has started
  a new dealer management system to ensure transparency under which 50 dealers are
  enrolled. The same is expected to increase to 150-200 by the end of FY26.



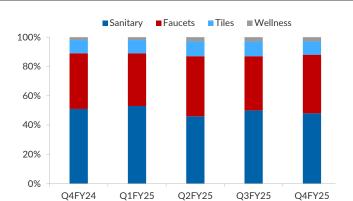
- A&P spends for FY25 was Rs540Mn.
- Capex for FY25 was Rs228.4Mn and for FY26 is expected to be Rs240Mn for routine investments. Sanitaryware capex in on hold till better demand environment. Land acquisition for the same is complete.
- A new project requires 18 months from start of capex to completion for the company.
- Inventory/receivable/payable days increased from 70/34/44 days respectively in Q4FY24 to 79/44/43 days respectively in Q4FY25. WC days increased from 60 days to 80 days. Receivable days saw a temporary increase due to change in credit policy and the same has already come down to 38 days.
- Cash as on Mar'25 stood at Rs7.19Bn.

### **QUARTERLY TRENDS**

Exhibit 4: Revenue increased by 6%YoY...

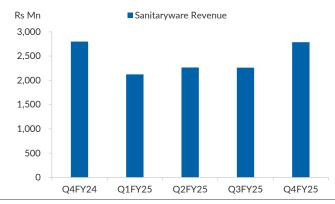


**Exhibit 5: Sanitary & Faucets contributes 88% of sales...** 



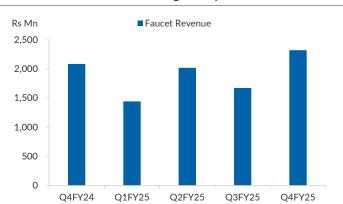
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Exhibit 6: Sanitaryware revenue was flattish YoY...



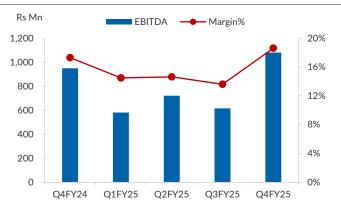
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Exhibit 7: Faucet revenue grew by 11%YoY...



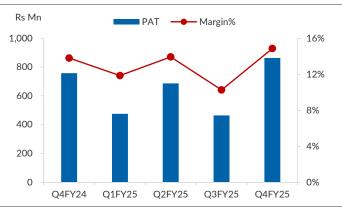
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Exhibit 8: Operating margin came in at 18.6%...



Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 9: Net profit stood at Rs863Mn...





### **FINANCIALS**

**Exhibit 10: Income Statement** 

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Sales	18,035	18,797	19,261	20,746	22,567
COGS	8,246	8,828	9,119	9,774	10,669
COGS %sales	45.7	47.0	47.3	47.1	47.3
GP	9,789	9,969	10,142	10,972	11,898
GP%	54.3	53.0	52.7	52.9	52.7
EBITDA	2,930	3,033	2,999	3,257	3,566
EBITDA%	16.2	16.1	15.6	15.7	15.8
Depreciation	326	365	406	411	468
Other Income	356	595	605	658	688
Finance Cost	60	58	75	70	70
PBT	2,899	3,205	3,123	3,435	3,715
Tax	738	775	620	859	929
PAT	2,111	2,430	2,488	2,576	2,786
PAT%	11.7	12.9	12.9	12.4	12.3

Source: Company, YES Sec

**Exhibit 11: Balance Sheet** 

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Share Capital	65	65	64	64	64
Reserves	11,661	13,393	13,471	15,267	17,273
Equity	11,726	13,458	13,536	15,331	17,337
Payables	2,069	1,790	1,879	2,014	2,198
Provisions	131	161	182	182	182
Other current Liab	1,448	1,602	1,397	1,397	1,397
Total Equity & Liab	16,766	18,455	18,629	20,560	22,750
Gross Block	5,903	6,629	7,056	8,556	9,056
Acc Dep	2,765	3,130	3,536	3,947	4,415
Net Block	3,138	3,499	3,520	4,609	4,641
CWIP	169	130	108	108	108
Other Noncurrent	469	378	369	369	369
Inventory	3,825	3,636	4,105	4,399	4,802
Investments	6,345	7,769	6,729	6,729	6,729
Receivables	1,892	2,026	2,711	2,920	3,176
Cash & Bank	262	372	316	654	2,154
Loans	40	36	32	32	32
Other	375	394	294	294	294
Total Assets	16,766	18,455	18,629	20,560	22,750



**Exhibit 12: Cash Flow** 

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
PBT	2,849	3,188	3,107	3,435	3,715
Depreciation & Amortization	326	365	407	411	468
Finance cost	60	58	75	70	70
(Incr)/Decr in Working Capital	(768)	154	(925)	(369)	(475)
Taxes	(727)	(783)	(595)	(859)	(929)
Cash from ops.	1,624	2,361	1,220	2,688	2,850
(Incr)/ Decr in PP&E	(391)	(641)	(287)	(1,500)	(500)
Cash Flow from Investing	(1,054)	(1,429)	1,266	(1,500)	(500)
(Decr)/Incr in Borrowings	(13)	(49)	(23)	-	-
Finance cost	(36)	(32)	(23)	(70)	(70)
Cash Flow from Financing	(596)	(835)	(2,600)	(850)	(850)
Incr/(Decr) in cash	(26)	97	(114)	337	1,500
Cash and cash equivalents at beg of year	139	113	210	316	654
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	113	210	96	654	2,154

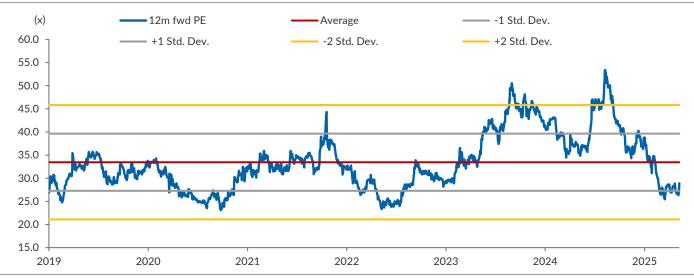
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**Exhibit 13: Ratios** 

Key Ratios	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Growth Matrix (%)					
Revenue growth	24.7	4.2	2.5	7.7	8.8
EBITDA growth	28.1	3.5	(1.1)	8.6	9.5
EBIT growth	33.9	10.2	(2.0)	9.6	8.0
PAT growth	37.0	15.1	2.4	3.5	8.2
Profitability ratios (%)					
Gross margin	54.3	53.0	52.7	52.9	52.7
EBITDA margin	16.2	16.1	15.6	15.7	15.8
EBIT margin	16.4	17.4	16.6	16.9	16.8
PAT margin	11.7	12.9	12.9	12.4	12.3
RoCE	24.9	23.9	21.8	22.4	21.5
RoE	19.3	19.3	18.4	17.8	17.1
Per share values					
EPS	161.9	186.3	192.5	200.0	216.3
CEPS	187.5	215.0	224.7	231.9	252.7
BVPS	902.0	1,035.2	1,050.9	1,190.3	1,346.1
Valuation ratios (x)					
P/E	39.5	36.4	29.3	29.2	27.0
P/CEPS	34.2	31.5	25.1	25.2	23.1
P/B	7.1	6.6	5.4	4.9	4.3
EV/EBITDA	28.4	29.0	24.2	22.9	20.5
Leverage ratios (x)					
Debt/ Equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net debt/Equity	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.1)
Net debt/EBITDA	(3.9)	(4.4)	(4.5)	(4.7)	(4.8)
Int coverage	49.1	56.1	42.9	50.0	54.0
NWC days					
Receivables	38	39	51	51	51
Inventory	169	150	164	164	164
Payables	92	74	75	75	75

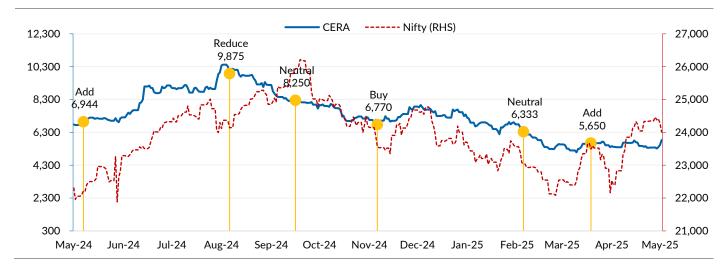


Exhibit 14: 1-year forward P/E (x) chart



Source: Company, YES Sec

### **Recommendation Tracker**





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