

## Hindustan Zinc

Estimate changes	
TP change	
Rating change	

Bloomberg	HZ IN
Equity Shares (m)	4225
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	2790.4 / 30.7
52-Week Range (INR)	671 / 378
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	14/49/34
12M Avg Val (INR M)	2813

### Financials Snapshot (INR b)

Y/E MARCH	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	388	438	482
EBITDA	210	250	285
PAT	130	157	180
EPS (INR)	30.7	37.1	42.6
GR. (%)	24.4	20.8	14.7
BV/Sh (INR)	50.3	75.4	106.0
<b>Ratios</b>			
ROE (%)	75.1	59.1	46.9
RoCE (%)	60.6	55.9	49.3
<b>Valuations</b>			
P/E (X)	21.5	17.8	15.5
P/BV (X)	13.1	8.8	6.2
EV/EBITDA (X)	13.0	10.6	8.8
Div Yield (%)	1.8	1.8	1.8

### Shareholding pattern (%)

As of	Dec-25	Sep-25	Dec-24
Promoter	61.8	61.8	63.4
DII	32.6	32.8	32.0
FII	1.5	1.3	1.4
Others	4.0	4.0	3.2

FII includes depository receipts

**CMP: INR660**

**TP: INR720 (+9%)**

**Neutral**

### Earnings beat over favorable pricing and lower costs

- In 3QFY26, revenue stood at INR110b (+28% YoY and QoQ), which was 10% above our estimates. The growth was driven by favorable commodity prices and volume recovery.
- EBITDA came at INR61b (+35% YoY and +36% QoQ), against our estimate of INR54b during the quarter. EBITDA margin stood at 55.1% in 3QFY26 vs 52% in 2QFY26 and 52.2% in 3QFY25. The increase was primarily on account of favorable metal prices and lower cost of production.
- Zinc CoP (ex-royalty) stood at USD940/t in 3Q (-10% YoY and -5% QoQ), led by lower power costs, increased by-product NSR, and better volume output, offsetting higher mine development costs.
- APAT stood at INR39b (+46% YoY and +48% QoQ) vs our estimate of INR34b.
- In 9MFY26, revenue grew +9% YoY to INR273b, whereas EBITDA and PAT increased 14% and 18% YoY to INR144b/88b, respectively. Zinc CoP (ex-royalty) stood at USD980/t (-9% YoY) in 9MFY26.
- Mined metal for the quarter stood at 276kt (+4% YoY and +7% QoQ), driven by higher ore production.
- Refined metal production stood at 270kt (+4% YoY and +9% QoQ) in 3QFY26, driven by the commissioning of Chanderiya & Dariba debottlenecking projects, along with the ramp-up of the 160ktpa roaster at Debari.
- Refined zinc production was 221kt (+8% YoY and +10% QoQ), while refined lead production stood at 49kt (-11% YoY and +9% QoQ) due to lower pyro plant availability. Salable silver production declined 1% YoY and increased 10% QoQ to 158kt, in line with lead production.
- In 9MFY26, HZL clocked mined metal production of 799kt (+2% YoY), while the salable metal declined 2% YoY to 766kt. In this, refined zinc output stood at 624kt (+2% YoY), while refined lead production was at 142kt (-16% YoY) due to lower pyro plant availability. With lower lead production and silver input, the salable silver output declined 12% YoY to 451t during 9MFY26.

### Key management commentary

- The company reiterated its refined metal guidance of 1,075-1,100ktpa and expects to achieve silver output guidance of 680t ( $\pm 10t$ ) for FY26.
- For 4QFY26, management anticipates silver volumes to improve QoQ, driven by the resumption of capacity post shutdowns, favorable weather conditions, and operational improvements.
- HZ expects further cost improvement by 4QFY26, supported by higher renewable-energy usage and better ore grades.
- Renewable energy contributed 20% of total power in 3QFY26, and the company expects to reach 25% by FY26-end.

- With the upcoming wind power capacity, the company expects the RE share to increase to 35-40% in FY26 and ~70% in FY27. The commissioning of battery storage is expected to lead to incremental annual savings of INR2.5-3b.

### Valuation and view

- HZL delivered a strong earnings performance in 3QFY26, primarily driven by favorable metal pricing and a recovery in volumes. The company continues to focus on improving production output with tighter cost-control measures, leading to margin sustenance.
- The recently announced expansion plans are aligned with its long-term objective of doubling existing capacity and enhancing long-term earnings visibility. However, near-term earnings growth is likely to remain capped, with LME price inflation emerging as the key catalyst for incremental upside in the near term.
- We increase our earnings estimates for FY26E (Revenue/EBITDA/PAT by 5/8/10%), driven by higher silver prices, while maintaining our FY27/28 estimates. **At CMP, HZ trades at 10.6x FY27E EV/EBITDA, and we believe the current valuation has priced in all the positive factors. We reiterate our Neutral rating with a TP of INR720 (premised on 10.5x EV/EBITDA on Sep'27E).**

Quarterly Performance (INR b)												
Y/E March	FY25				FY26				FY25	FY26E	FY26 3QE	Vs. Est.%
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE				
Mine prodn. (kt)	263	256	265	311	265	258	276	291	1,095	1,090	276	
<b>Sales</b>												
Zinc refined (kt)	211	198	201	218	201	202	221	226	827	850		
Lead refined (kt)	51	63	55	56	48	45	49	51	225	193		
Silver (tonnes)	167	184	160	177	145	147	158	160	687	610		
<b>Net Sales</b>	<b>81.3</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>86.1</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>77.7</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>109.8</b>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>340.8</b>	<b>388.2</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>10.1</b>
Change (YoY %)	11.6	21.5	17.8	20.4	(4.4)	3.6	27.5	26.8	17.8	13.9		
Change (QoQ %)	7.7	1.5	4.4	5.5	(14.5)	10.0	28.4	4.9				
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>173.9</b>	<b>209.9</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>11.4</b>
Change (YoY %)	17.9	31.3	27.8	32.1	(2.2)	7.8	34.6	37.6	27.3	20.7		
Change (QoQ %)	8.1	4.5	9.1	7.1	(19.9)	15.2	36.2	9.5				
As % of Net Sales	48.5	50.0	52.2	53.0	49.7	52.0	55.1	57.6	51.0	54.1		
Finance cost	2.6	3.0	2.9	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.0	2.4	11.0	9.4		
DD&A	8.4	8.8	9.1	10.1	9.1	8.8	9.5	10.0	36.4	37.4		
Other Income	2.7	2.7	2.2	2.3	2.8	2.4	2.9	2.8	9.8	10.9		
<b>PBT (before EO item)</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>174.0</b>		
EO exp. (income)	-	(0.8)	-	-	-	-	0.3	-	(0.8)	0.3		
<b>PBT</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>135.5</b>	<b>174.3</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>17.0</b>
Total Tax	7.7	8.0	8.5	7.8	7.5	8.9	13.1	14.6	32.0	44.2		
% Tax	24.7	25.7	24.1	20.6	25.2	25.2	25.1	25.8	23.6	25.4		
<b>Reported PAT</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>130.1</b>		
<b>Adjusted PAT</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>129.8</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>15.6</b>
Change (YoY %)	19.4	39.4	32.1	47.4	(4.7)	9.9	46.2	40.2	33.4	25.6		
Change (QoQ %)	15.1	(0.8)	15.1	12.1	(25.6)	18.6	47.8	7.5				



## Highlights from the management commentary

### Performance guidance

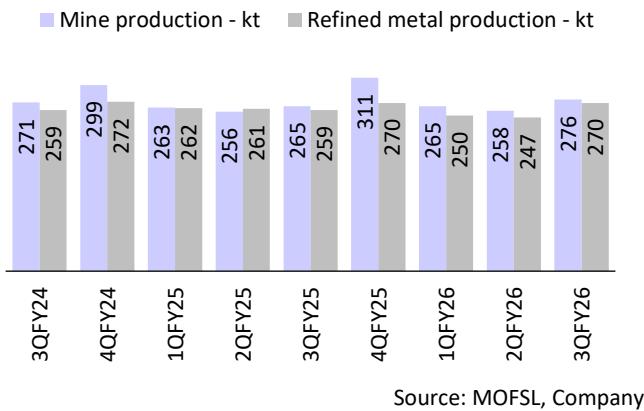
- The company reiterated its refined metal guidance to 1,075-1,100ktpa and expects to achieve its silver output guidance of 680t ( $\pm 10t$ ) for FY26.
- In 4QFY26, management anticipates silver volumes to improve QoQ, driven by the resumption of capacity post shutdowns, favorable weather conditions, and operational improvements.
- HZ expects further cost improvement to USD950-975/t by 4QFY26, supported by higher renewable-energy usage and better ore grades.
- Renewable energy contributed 20% of total power in 3QFY26, and the company expects to reach 25% by FY26 end.
- With the upcoming wind power capacity, the company expects the RE share to increase to 35-40% in FY26 and ~70% in FY27. The commissioning of battery storage is expected to lead to an incremental annual saving of INR2.5-3b.
- Silver surged to an all-time high of over USD93/toz in Jan'26, driven by continued supply constraints and improved demand for industrial use and investment purpose.
- For 3QFY26, the company hedged 47kt of zinc and 55t of silver, which were squared off within the quarter. For 4QFY26, 53kt of zinc is hedged at USD2,900/t and 68t of silver at USD39/toz, executed in Jun-Jul'25. For FY27, the company has hedged 66kt of zinc and 56t of silver at USD58/toz.
- Grades comparison – 7.3% during 3QFY26 and 7.4% during 3QFY25. Grade for overall 9MFY26 was 7.4%.
- For next year, management anticipates to continue operating in a lead-plus-zinc mode, especially if zinc prices remain stable at around USD3,200-3,300/t. Management indicated that it could have switched to a lead-heavy mode if zinc prices were lower and silver prices higher, making it more economical to produce silver and less zinc, while lead quantity would remain constant.

### Capacity update/capital allocation

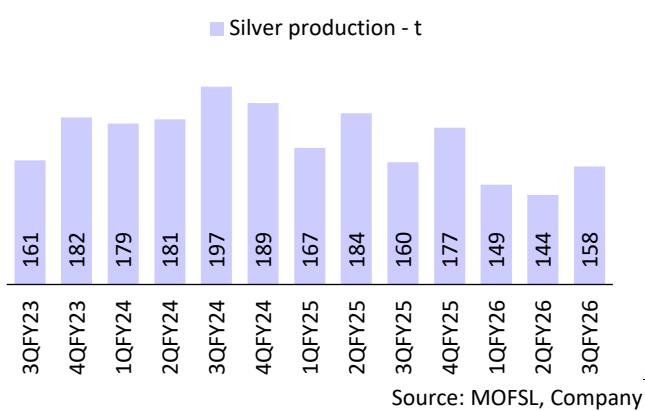
- Total growth capex for the full year is projected to be ~USD300m, with USD180m already spent as of Dec'25. Management guided a maintenance capex of USD350-400m for FY27 and USD90-100m in 4QFY26.
- The combined investment plan of INR160b includes INR120b for the 250ktpa integrated capacity expansion, with target completion by 2QFY29 and INR38b for the 10mtpa zinc tailings project by 4QFY28.
- For 250ktpa capacity expansion, the company commence the groundwork and site mobilization and completed 50% of detailed engineering. This expansion plan also includes mined capacity from 1,180ktpa to 1,510ktpa, for which the company has appointed a mining partner.
- For the Zinc Tailings Reprocessing Plant, the company has commenced the groundwork and appointed a tech, engineer, and construction partner.
- HZ completed debottlenecking at Dariba Smelting Complex in 2Q. Debottlenecking at the Chanderiya Lead Zinc smelter was commissioned in 3QFY26.
- The 510kt DAP/NPK fertilizer plant at Chanderiya is in progress and will be commissioned by 1QFY27.
- The hot acid leaching plant for lead (27mtpa) and silver (6ktpa) recovery from smelting waste at Dariba will be completed by 4QFY26. These projects will enable higher refined metal and silver production in the coming years.

## Story in charts

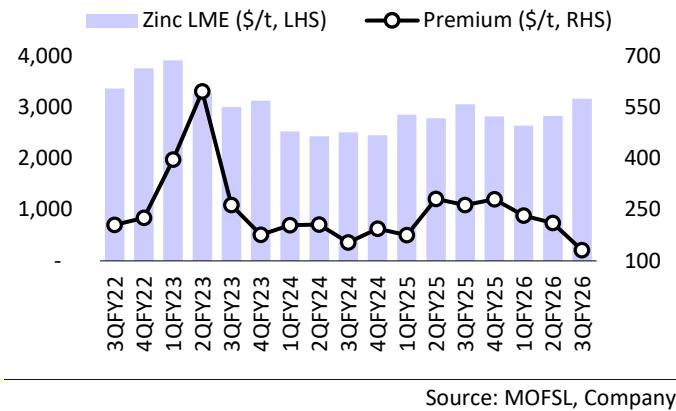
### Exhibit 1: Mine and refined metal production trends



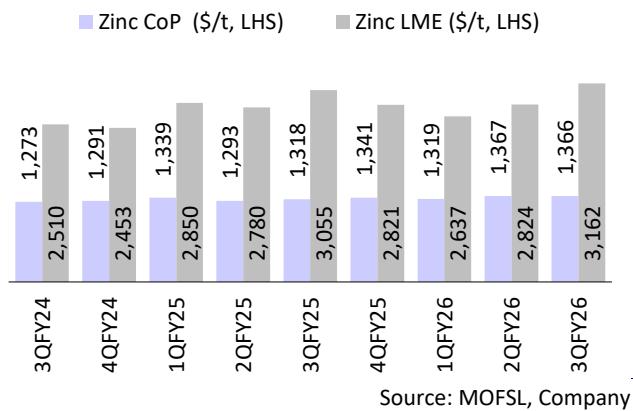
### Exhibit 2: Silver production (t) recovered in 3Q



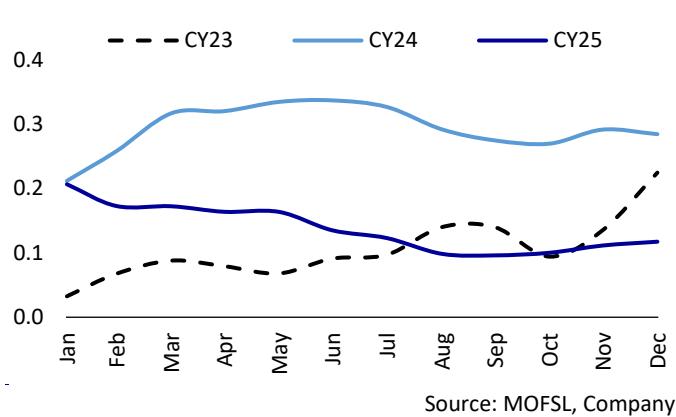
### Exhibit 3: Premium moderated QoQ to USD131/t



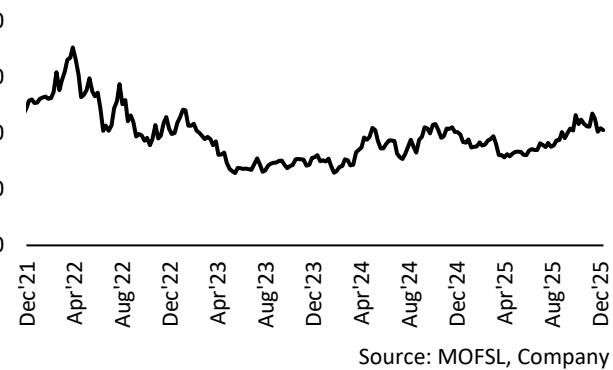
### Exhibit 4: Reported Zinc's CoP declined to USD940/t



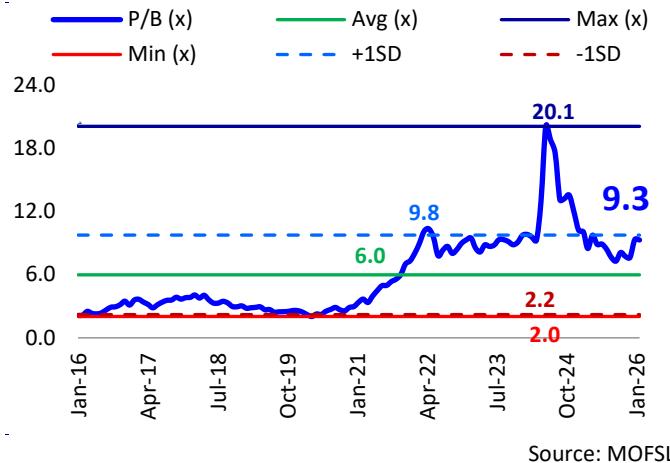
### Exhibit 5: Zinc inventory trend (LME+SHFE)



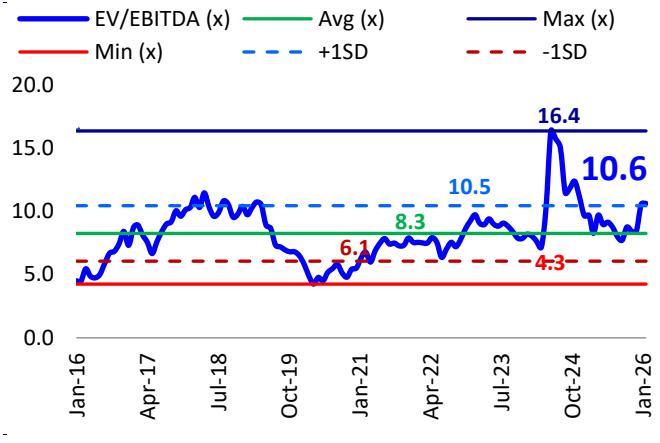
### Exhibit 6: LME Zinc prices (USD/t)



**Exhibit 7: P/B ratio at elevated levels to justify high RoE**



**Exhibit 8: EV/EBITDA trends**



**Exhibit 9: Valuation**

Valuation	UoM	Sep'27E
<b>EBITDA</b>	INR b	268
EV/EBITDA Multiple	x	10.5
Enterprise Value	INR b	2,813
Net Cash	INR b	205
<b>Equity value</b>	<b>INR b</b>	<b>3,018</b>
Shares outstanding	b	4.2
<b>Target price (INR/sh)</b>	<b>INR/sh</b>	<b>720</b>

Source: MOFSL

## Financials and Valuation

Income Statement								INR b
Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
<b>Net Sales</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>482</b>
Total Expenses	110	132	166	153	167	178	188	196
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>285</b>
DDA	25	29	33	35	36	37	47	52
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>233</b>
Finance cost	4	3	3	10	11	9	10	11
Other income	18	12	14	11	10	11	17	18
<b>PBT</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>241</b>
Tax	26	45	48	25	32	44	53	61
Rate (%)	24.5	31.4	31.2	24.7	23.5	25.4	25.4	25.4
<b>PAT (before EO)</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>180</b>
EO expense (Income)	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Reported PAT</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>APAT</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>180</b>
Change (YoY %)	17.3	22.3	7.7	-26.2	34.5	24.4	20.8	14.7

Balance Sheet (Consolidated)								INR b
Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Share Capital	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Reserves	315	334	121	144	125	204	310	439
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>448</b>
Total Loans	65	28	119	85	108	106	104	102
Deferred Tax Liability	-11	9	23	23	23	23	24	24
<b>Capital Employed</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>574</b>
Gross Block	300	335	370	410	451	491	563	611
Less: Accum. Deprn.	132	161	194	229	265	302	349	401
<b>Net Fixed Assets</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>210</b>
Capital WIP	19	21	22	17	26	26	26	26
<b>WC. Assets</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>426</b>
Inventory	14	20	19	19	19	21	24	26
Account Receivables	4	7	4	2	1	5	6	7
Cash and Bank Balance	223	208	113	100	93	163	242	374
Loans and advances	18	17	21	19	19	19	19	19
<b>WC. Liability &amp; Prov.</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>88</b>
Trade payables	15	20	21	21	22	24	27	30
Provisions & Others	54	46	63	57	59	59	59	59
<b>Net WC. Assets</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>338</b>
<b>Appl. of Funds</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>574</b>

E: MOFSL Estimates

## Financials and Valuation

### Ratios

Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
<b>Basic (INR)</b>								
EPS	<b>18.9</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>42.6</b>
Cash EPS	24.9	30.0	32.6	26.6	33.3	39.6	48.2	54.9
BV/Share	76.5	81.1	30.6	36.0	31.5	50.3	75.4	106.0
DPS	21.3	18.0	75.5	13.0	29.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Payout (%)	112.7	77.9	303.5	70.8	117.4	39.0	32.3	28.2
<b>Valuation (x)</b>								
P/E	35.0	28.6	26.5	36.0	26.7	21.5	17.8	15.5
Cash P/E	26.5	22.0	20.3	24.9	19.8	16.7	13.7	12.0
EV/Sales	11.6	8.9	8.2	9.6	8.2	7.0	6.1	5.2
EV/EBITDA	22.5	16.1	16.0	20.3	16.1	13.0	10.6	8.8
Dividend Yield (%)	3.2	2.7	11.4	2.0	4.4	1.8	1.8	1.8
<b>Return Ratios (%)</b>								
EBITDA Margins	51.6	55.1	51.3	47.2	51.0	54.1	57.2	59.2
Net Profit Margins	35.3	33.2	30.8	26.8	30.6	33.4	35.8	37.3
RoCE (pre-tax)	28.5	38.3	47.9	42.4	56.2	60.6	55.9	49.3
RoIC (pre-tax)	56.7	81.5	86.1	64.0	83.1	98.9	106.6	115.6
<b>Working Capital Ratios</b>								
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.3
Receivable (Days)	7	9	4	5	5	5	5	5
Trade payable (Days)	25	25	22	22	22	22	22	22
<b>Leverage Ratio (x)</b>								
Current Ratio	3.7	3.8	1.9	1.8	1.6	2.5	3.4	4.8
Interest Cover Ratio	28.4	50.1	46.9	11.8	13.5	19.6	22.2	23.9
Net Debt/Equity	(0.5)	(0.5)	0.0	(0.1)	0.1	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.6)

### Cash Flow Statement

	INR b							
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
EBITDA	117	162	175	137	174	210	250	285
Non-cash exp. (income)	0	1	2	16	(32)	-	-	-
(Inc)/Dec in Wkg. Cap.	6	(12)	6	(2)	3	(5)	(0)	(0)
Tax paid	(18)	(24)	(31)	(18)	(3)	(44)	(53)	(61)
<b>CF from Op. Activity</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>224</b>
(Inc)/Dec in FA + CWIP	(24)	(30)	(35)	(40)	(41)	(40)	(72)	(48)
<b>Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>176</b>
Interest & Dividend Income	15	9	14	11	10	11	17	18
Others	(15)	29	87	(5)	4	-	-	-
<b>CF from Inv. Activity</b>	<b>(24)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>(27)</b>	<b>(29)</b>	<b>(55)</b>	<b>(30)</b>
Debt raised/(repaid)	65	(43)	90	(34)	22	(2)	(2)	(2)
Dividend (incl. tax)	(160)	(76)	(319)	(55)	(123)	(51)	(51)	(51)
Interest paid	(2)	(3)	(3)	(10)	(11)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Others	-	-	-	(1)	(3)	-	-	-
<b>CF from Fin. Activity</b>	<b>(97)</b>	<b>(123)</b>	<b>(232)</b>	<b>(99)</b>	<b>(114)</b>	<b>(62)</b>	<b>(63)</b>	<b>(63)</b>
<b>(Inc)/Dec in Cash</b>	<b>(16)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>(15)</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>132</b>
Add: Opening cash balance	19	3	16	1	1	1	71	150
Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing cash balance	3	16	1	1	1	71	150	282
Bank balance and current investments	220	192	112	100	92	92	92	92
<b>Closing Balance (incl. bank balance and inv.)</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>374</b>

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