

## RESULT UPDATE

## KEY DATA

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Rating</b>                    | <b>BUY</b>   |
| Sector relative                  | Outperformer |
| Price (INR)                      | 494          |
| 12 month price target (INR)      | 686          |
| 52 Week High/Low                 | 527/362      |
| Market cap (INR bn/USD bn)       | 1,930/21.8   |
| Free float (%)                   | 49.9         |
| Avg. daily value traded (INR mn) | 4,743.7      |

## SHAREHOLDING PATTERN

|          | Sep-24 | Jun-24 | Mar-24 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Promoter | 56.38% | 56.38% | 56.38% |
| FII      | 11.15% | 12.02% | 11.45% |
| DII      | 16.33% | 15.45% | 16.35% |
| Others   | 99.99% | 99.99% | 99.99% |

## FINANCIALS

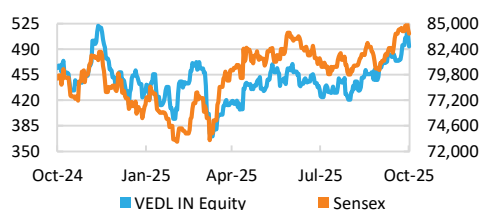
(INR bn)

| Year to March      | FY25A   | FY26E   | FY27E   | FY28E   |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenue            | 1,529.7 | 1,556.6 | 1,709.2 | 1,773.8 |
| EBITDA             | 423.4   | 532.5   | 634.5   | 668.4   |
| Adjusted profit    | 149.9   | 185.5   | 246.5   | 257.3   |
| Diluted EPS (INR)  | 38.3    | 47.4    | 63.0    | 65.8    |
| EPS growth (%)     | 236.4   | 23.7    | 32.9    | 4.4     |
| RoAE (%)           | 36.5    | 44.1    | 50.6    | 42.3    |
| P/E (x)            | 12.9    | 10.4    | 7.8     | 7.5     |
| EV/EBITDA (x)      | 6.2     | 4.9     | 4.0     | 3.6     |
| Dividend yield (%) | 8.7     | 7.1     | 5.1     | 5.1     |

## CHANGE IN ESTIMATES

| (INR bn)          | Revised estimates |       | % Revision |       |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------|------------|-------|
| Year to March     | FY26E             | FY27E | FY26E      | FY27E |
| Revenue           | 1,557             | 1,709 | -3.8       | -2.0  |
| EBITDA            | 532               | 634   | -0.2       | 4.1   |
| Adjusted profit   | 185               | 246   | 2.5        | 7.1   |
| Diluted EPS (INR) | 47.4              | 63.0  | 2.4        | 7.2   |

## PRICE PERFORMANCE



## A leveraged play; demerger in Q4FY26E

Vedanta (VEDL) reported Q2FY26 consolidated adjusted EBITDA of INR116.1bn, up 8% QoQ (Nuvama estimate: INR115.9bn) on the back of higher metals prices, partially offset by higher CoP. Aluminium segment contributed ~48% to consolidated EBITDA. Net debt ex-HZ (excluding buyers' credit) increased INR54.8bn QoQ to INR595bn.

Q3FY26 EBITDA is likely to jump ~20% QoQ led by higher prices, volume and lower aluminium CoP. Q3FY26 could witness NCLT's approval, which would help to demerge businesses by end-Q4FY26E, unlocking value. Additional INR10–12 DPS is possible in H2FY26. Net debt/EBITDA ex-HZ shall fall to 2x by end-FY26 (FY25:2.7x). A rollover to FY28E yields a revised TP of INR686 (earlier INR601); maintain 'BUY'.

## Higher volume and prices offset rise in CoP; EBITDA ex-HZ up 4% QoQ

EBITDA ex-HZ was INR71.9bn, up 4% QoQ, led by higher aluminium profits partially offset by a dip in rest of businesses. Reported aluminium EBITDA at INR55.3bn (48% of consolidated; 77% ex-HZ EBITDA) shot up 24% QoQ mainly due to higher realisation (USD2,869/t, up USD127/t QoQ) and lower alumina cost (-6% QoQ to USD824/t of aluminium). It was partially offset by higher power cost (up 15% QoQ to USD565/t of aluminium) due to maintenance shutdown. Overall aluminium CoP was USD1,926/t (USD1,859/t in Q1FY26). This led to EBITDA/t of USD943, up USD60/t QoQ. Hot metal CoP might fall below USD1,650/t in Q4FY26E amid lower power and alumina cost. O&G EBITDA fell 19% QoQ to INR10.3bn (9% of EBITDA); Zinc international EBITDA fell 12% QoQ to INR3.73bn (~3% of EBITDA) on higher CoP.

## Demerger likely in Q4FY26; debt under control

VEDL's focus on demerger and delivery is on the verge of paying off, supported by tailwinds of commodity prices. We reckon the demerger shall conclude by end-Q4FY26E with an expectation of a positive outcome on 12th November when the NCLT's next hearing on the second motion is scheduled. Aluminium (425ktpa) and alumina (1.5mtpa) plant was commissioned in October and being ramped up.

VEDL's net debt ex-HZ (ex-buyers credit) increased 10% QoQ to INR595bn amid higher capex and dividend. Parentco, Vedanta Resources (VRL)'s net debt fell to USD4.4bn (FY25: USD4.9bn) and average interest rate declined to ~10%. We do not foresee any risk of default at VRL. We are increasing FY27E EBITDA by 4% to factor in higher commodity prices. We are factoring in EBITDA CAGR of 16% over FY25–28E and net debt (ex-Hz) to fall to INR601bn by FY27-end (net debt/EBITDA: 1.4x). We have not factored in probable acquisition of JaiPrakash Associates (awaiting order of Committee of Creditors) where VEDL is the highest bidder (~INR170bn).

## Financials

| Year to March (INR mn) | Q2FY26   | Q2FY25   | % Change | Q1FY26   | % Change |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Net Revenue            | 3,98,680 | 3,76,340 | 5.9      | 3,78,240 | 5.4      |
| EBITDA                 | 1,13,970 | 98,280   | 16.0     | 1,06,750 | 6.8      |
| Adjusted Profit        | 38,650   | 29,510   | 31.0     | 37,528   | 3.0      |
| Diluted EPS (INR)      | 10.4     | 7.9      | 31.0     | 10.1     | 3.0      |

## Financial Statements

### Income Statement (INR mn)

| Year to March          | FY25A     | FY26E     | FY27E     | FY28E     |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total operating income | 15,29,680 | 15,56,621 | 17,09,154 | 17,73,772 |
| Gross profit           | 10,39,460 | 10,95,765 | 12,25,550 | 12,76,365 |
| Employee costs         | 35,030    | 38,533    | 42,386    | 46,625    |
| Other expenses         | 3,55,010  | 3,40,393  | 3,55,243  | 3,62,354  |
| EBITDA                 | 4,23,430  | 5,32,497  | 6,34,480  | 6,68,424  |
| Depreciation           | 1,10,960  | 1,25,863  | 1,33,634  | 1,45,315  |
| Less: Interest expense | 99,140    | 84,086    | 84,688    | 87,459    |
| Add: Other income      | 36,750    | 28,476    | 27,079    | 26,315    |
| Profit before tax      | 2,50,080  | 3,51,024  | 4,43,237  | 4,61,966  |
| Prov for tax           | 63,420    | 92,712    | 1,09,242  | 1,13,831  |
| Less: Other adjustment | 10        | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Reported profit        | 1,31,200  | 1,85,456  | 2,46,493  | 2,57,286  |
| Less: Excp.item (net)  | 18,680    | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Adjusted profit        | 1,49,880  | 1,85,456  | 2,46,493  | 2,57,286  |
| Diluted shares o/s     | 3,910     | 3,910     | 3,910     | 3,910     |
| Adjusted diluted EPS   | 38        | 47        | 63        | 66        |
| DPS (INR)              | 42.9      | 35.0      | 25.0      | 25.0      |
| Tax rate (%)           | 25.4      | 26.4      | 24.6      | 24.6      |

### Important Ratios (%)

| Year to March           | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Net debt/EBITDA(x)      | 1.6   | 1.3   | 0.9   | 0.7   |
| Free cashflow yield (%) | 11.8  | 9.8   | 10.5  | 13.5  |
| CoGS/Total Income       | 0.3   | 0.3   | 0.3   | 0.3   |
| EBITDA margin (%)       | 27.7  | 34.2  | 37.1  | 37.7  |
| Net profit margin (%)   | 9.8   | 11.9  | 14.4  | 14.5  |
| Revenue growth (% YoY)  | 6.4   | 1.8   | 9.8   | 3.8   |
| EBITDA growth (% YoY)   | 20.3  | 25.8  | 19.2  | 5.3   |
| Adj. profit growth (%)  | 253.6 | 23.7  | 32.9  | 4.4   |

### Assumptions (%)

| Year to March                       | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| GDP (YoY %)                         | 6.0   | 6.2   | 6.2   | 6.2   |
| Repo rate (%)                       | 6.0   | 5.0   | 5.0   | 5.0   |
| USD/INR (average)                   | 84.7  | 87.5  | 87.5  | 87.5  |
| Total Zinc price (USD/t)            | 3,124 | 3,075 | 3,100 | 3,100 |
| Total alum. price (USD/t)           | 2,692 | 2,753 | 2,834 | 2,850 |
| Brent crude (USD/barrel)            | 70    | 65    | 65    | 65    |
| Zinc mined metal volumes-India (kt) | 1,079 | 1,095 | 1,115 | 1,139 |
| Aluminium sales (kt)                | 2,416 | 2,548 | 2,721 | 2,836 |
| Crude volume (kboepd)               | 103   | 95    | 94    | 95    |

### Valuation Metrics

| Year to March      | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Diluted P/E (x)    | 12.9  | 10.4  | 7.8   | 7.5   |
| Price/BV (x)       | 4.7   | 4.5   | 3.5   | 2.9   |
| EV/EBITDA (x)      | 6.2   | 4.9   | 4.0   | 3.6   |
| Dividend yield (%) | 8.7   | 7.1   | 5.1   | 5.1   |

Source: Company and Nuvama estimates

### Balance Sheet (INR mn)

| Year to March        | FY25A     | FY26E     | FY27E     | FY28E     |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Share capital        | 3,910     | 3,910     | 3,910     | 3,910     |
| Reserves             | 4,08,210  | 4,24,569  | 5,41,064  | 6,68,352  |
| Shareholders funds   | 4,12,120  | 4,28,479  | 5,44,974  | 6,72,262  |
| Minority interest    | 1,25,410  | 1,98,265  | 2,85,767  | 3,76,616  |
| Borrowings           | 9,01,460  | 8,00,589  | 6,97,739  | 6,03,758  |
| Trade payables       | 1,01,950  | 1,03,746  | 1,13,912  | 1,18,218  |
| Other liabs & prov   | 3,89,890  | 3,91,889  | 3,84,356  | 3,90,198  |
| Total liabilities    | 20,32,930 | 20,25,068 | 21,28,848 | 22,63,153 |
| Net block            | 9,78,340  | 10,38,052 | 10,87,718 | 11,25,703 |
| Intangible assets    | 50,280    | 50,280    | 50,280    | 50,280    |
| Capital WIP          | 3,09,390  | 3,16,328  | 3,82,765  | 4,34,328  |
| Total fixed assets   | 13,38,010 | 14,04,659 | 15,20,763 | 16,10,311 |
| Non current inv      | 16,230    | 16,230    | 16,230    | 16,230    |
| Cash/cash equivalent | 2,07,490  | 1,26,431  | 95,720    | 1,32,688  |
| Sundry debtors       | 36,360    | 38,382    | 42,144    | 43,737    |
| Loans & advances     | 18,400    | 18,400    | 18,400    | 18,400    |
| Other assets         | 2,55,400  | 2,59,925  | 2,74,551  | 2,80,748  |
| Total assets         | 20,32,930 | 20,25,068 | 21,28,848 | 22,63,153 |

### Free Cash Flow (INR mn)

| Year to March         | FY25A      | FY26E      | FY27E      | FY28E      |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Reported pbt          | 2,68,770   | 3,51,024   | 4,43,237   | 4,61,966   |
| Add: Depreciation     | 1,11,390   | 1,25,863   | 1,33,634   | 1,45,315   |
| Interest (net of tax) | 73,840     | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Others                | (20,900)   | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Less: Changes in WC   | (6,650)    | (2,753)    | (15,754)   | 2,359      |
| Operating cash flow   | 3,95,620   | 3,81,422   | 4,51,874   | 4,95,809   |
| Less: Capex           | (1,67,140) | (1,92,513) | (2,49,738) | (2,34,863) |
| Free cash flow        | 2,28,480   | 1,88,910   | 2,02,137   | 2,60,946   |

### Key Ratios

| Year to March         | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| RoE (%)               | 36.5  | 44.1  | 50.6  | 42.3  |
| RoCE (%)              | 25.6  | 30.4  | 35.7  | 34.5  |
| Inventory days        | 33    | 34    | 33    | 34    |
| Receivable days       | 9     | 9     | 9     | 9     |
| Payable days          | 24    | 24    | 23    | 24    |
| Working cap (% sales) | (3.4) | (3.1) | (1.9) | (2.0) |
| Gross debt/equity (x) | 1.7   | 1.3   | 0.8   | 0.6   |
| Net debt/equity (x)   | 1.3   | 1.1   | 0.7   | 0.4   |
| Interest coverage (x) | 3.2   | 4.8   | 5.9   | 6.0   |

### Valuation Drivers

| Year to March     | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| EPS growth (%)    | 236.4 | 23.7  | 32.9  | 4.4   |
| RoE (%)           | 36.5  | 44.1  | 50.6  | 42.3  |
| EBITDA growth (%) | 20.3  | 25.8  | 19.2  | 5.3   |
| Payout ratio (%)  | 127.8 | 73.8  | 39.7  | 38.0  |

## Exhibit 1: Consolidated financial snapshot

| Year to March (INR mn)                  | 2QFY26          | 2QFY25        | % change    | 1QFY26          | % change   | FY26E           | FY27E           | FY28E           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Net revenues                            | 3,98,680        | 3,76,340      | 5.9         | 3,78,240        | 5.4        | 15,56,621       | 17,09,154       | 17,73,772       |
| Raw material                            | 1,31,370        | 1,26,150      | 4.1         | 1,22,880        | 6.9        | 4,60,856        | 4,83,603        | 4,97,407        |
| Staff cost                              | 8,920           | 8,610         | 3.6         | 8,720           | 2.3        | 38,533          | 42,386          | 46,625          |
| Power, fuel & water                     | 59,030          | 58,700        | 0.6         | 58,000          | 1.8        | 1,84,342        | 1,93,441        | 1,98,963        |
| Other expenditure                       | 85,390          | 84,600        | 0.9         | 81,890          | 4.3        | 3,40,393        | 3,55,243        | 3,62,354        |
| Total expenditure                       | 2,84,710        | 2,78,060      | 2.4         | 2,71,490        | 4.9        | 10,24,124       | 10,74,674       | 11,05,348       |
| <b>EBITDA</b>                           | <b>1,13,970</b> | <b>98,280</b> | <b>16.0</b> | <b>1,06,750</b> | <b>6.8</b> | <b>5,32,497</b> | <b>6,34,480</b> | <b>6,68,424</b> |
| Depreciation                            | 28,680          | 26,960        | 6.4         | 28,240          | 1.6        | 1,25,863        | 1,33,634        | 1,45,315        |
| EBIT                                    | 91,250          | 84,320        | 8.2         | 88,360          | 3.3        | 4,06,633        | 5,00,846        | 5,23,109        |
| Interest                                | 21,100          | 26,670        | (20.9)      | 20,260          | 4.1        | 84,086          | 84,688          | 87,459          |
| Other income                            | 5,960           | 13,000        | (54.2)      | 9,850           | (39.5)     | 28,476          | 27,079          | 25,355          |
| Profit Before Tax                       | 70,150          | 57,650        | 21.7        | 68,100          | 3.0        | 3,51,024        | 4,43,237        | 4,61,966        |
| Provision for Tax                       | 14,680          | 20,300        | (27.7)      | 15,960          | (8.0)      | 92,712          | 1,09,242        | 1,13,831        |
| Reported net profit                     | 34,800          | 56,030        | (37.9)      | 44,570          | (21.9)     | 1,85,456        | 2,46,493        | 2,57,286        |
| Minority interest                       | 16,810          | 12,510        | 34.4        | 12,720          | 32.2       | 72,855          | 87,502          | 90,849          |
| Reported Profit after Minority interest | 17,980          | 43,520        | (58.7)      | 31,850          | (43.5)     | 1,85,456        | 2,46,493        | 2,57,286        |
| Adjusted Profit                         | 38,650          | 29,510        | 31.0        | 37,528          | 3.0        | 1,85,456        | 2,46,493        | 2,57,286        |
| No. of Diluted shares o/s (mn)          | 3,910           | 3,910         |             | 3,910           |            | 3,910           | 3,910           | 3,910           |
| EPS (INR)                               | 4.6             | 11.1          | (58.7)      | 8.1             | (43.5)     | 47.4            | 63.0            | 65.8            |
| <b>as % of net revenues</b>             |                 |               |             |                 |            |                 |                 |                 |
| Raw material                            | 33.0            | 33.5          |             | 32.5            |            | 29.6            | 28.3            | 28.0            |
| Staff costs                             | 2.2             | 2.3           |             | 2.3             |            | 2.5             | 2.5             | 2.6             |
| Power, fuel & water                     | 14.8            | 15.6          |             | 15.3            |            | 11.8            | 11.3            | 11.2            |
| Other expenses                          | 21.4            | 22.5          |             | 21.7            |            | 21.9            | 20.8            | 20.4            |
| EBITDA                                  | 28.6            | 26.1          |             | 28.2            |            | 34.2            | 37.1            | 37.7            |
| Reported net profit                     | 8.7             | 14.9          |             | 11.8            |            | 11.9            | 14.4            | 14.5            |
| Tax rate                                | 20.9            | 35.2          |             | 23.4            |            | 26.4            | 24.6            | 24.6            |

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

## Exhibit 2: Revenue breakdown by segment

| INR mn              | 2QFY25   | 3QFY25   | 4QFY25   | 1QFY26   | 2QFY26   | QoQ (%) | YoY (%) |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Zinc- India         | 82,420   | 85,560   | 90,410   | 75,420   | 85,250   | 13.0    | 3.4     |
| Zinc- International | 10,120   | 10,450   | 11,080   | 11,500   | 12,370   | 7.6     | 22.2    |
| Oil & Gas           | 28,250   | 26,360   | 26,580   | 23,030   | 23,300   | 1.2     | (17.5)  |
| Iron ore            | 13,740   | 18,650   | 15,270   | 13,340   | 14,490   | 8.6     | 5.5     |
| Steel               | 18,740   | 21,500   | 18,770   | 18,300   | 14,630   | (20.1)  | (21.9)  |
| Copper              | 63,760   | 58,030   | 61,380   | 63,740   | 66,040   | 3.6     | 3.6     |
| Aluminium           | 1,37,340 | 1,53,060 | 1,59,670 | 1,56,710 | 1,64,944 | 5.3     | 20.1    |
| Power               | 15,204   | 23,790   | 14,240   | 20,730   | 21,950   | 5.9     | 44.4    |

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

## Exhibit 3: EBITDA breakdown by segment

| INR mn                | 2QFY25   | 3QFY25   | 4QFY25   | 1QFY26   | 2QFY26   | QoQ (%) | YoY (%) |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Zinc- India           | 41,040   | 44,580   | 47,830   | 38,150   | 44,260   | 16.0    | 7.8     |
| Zinc- International   | 3,780    | 3,540    | 4,040    | 4,220    | 3,730    | (11.6)  | (1.3)   |
| Oil & Gas             | 11,700   | 12,010   | 12,120   | 12,680   | 10,290   | (18.8)  | (12.1)  |
| Iron ore              | 1,370    | 3,750    | 3,110    | 2,040    | 1,080    | (47.1)  | (21.2)  |
| Steel                 | (120)    | 1,460    | 1,510    | 1,250    | (690)    | (155.2) | 475.0   |
| Copper                | (100)    | 40       | (490)    | (260)    | (130)    | (50.0)  | 30.0    |
| Aluminium             | 41,590   | 45,400   | 46,580   | 44,620   | 55,320   | 24.0    | 33.0    |
| Power                 | 1,930    | 1,310    | 1,310    | 4,600    | 2,280    | (50.4)  | 18.1    |
| TOTAL reported EBITDA | 98,280   | 1,11,040 | 1,17,240 | 1,06,750 | 1,13,970 | 6.8     | 16.0    |
| Adjusted EBITDA       | 1,03,640 | 1,12,840 | 1,16,180 | 1,07,460 | 1,16,120 | 8.1     | 12.0    |

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

## Exhibit 4: Net debt breakdown by entity; consolidated net debt up 6.6% QoQ

| INR mn                                | 2QFY25   | 3QFY25   | 4QFY25   | 1QFY26   | 2QFY26   | QoQ (%) | YoY (%) |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Vedanta Standalone*                   | 3,13,370 | 3,38,040 | 3,71,130 | 3,84,370 | 4,35,220 | 13.2    | 38.9    |
| Talwandi Sabo                         | 58,850   | 55,560   | 55,070   | 51,980   | 51,700   | (0.5)   | (12.1)  |
| Zinc International                    | 8,670    | 15,890   | 17,280   | 20,890   | 20,190   | (3.4)   | 132.9   |
| Zinc India                            | 57,200   | 41,170   | 11,690   | 41,840   | 25,470   | (39.1)  | (55.5)  |
| Cairn India holdings                  | 5,940    | (1,660)  | (6,040)  | (3,410)  | 5,040    | (247.8) | (15.2)  |
| Balco                                 | 16,170   | 14,090   | 21,980   | 22,350   | 18,680   | (16.4)  | 15.5    |
| Electrosteel Steel                    | 13,660   | 12,790   | 12,700   | 12,960   | 11,740   | (9.4)   | (14.1)  |
| Twinstar Holding Zinc Venture Limited | 74,350   | 76,010   | 27,960   | 28,790   | 29,320   | 1.8     | (60.6)  |
| Others                                | 21,080   | 21,690   | 20,740   | 22,420   | 23,270   | 3.8     | 10.4    |
| Total Net debt                        | 5,69,290 | 5,73,580 | 5,32,510 | 5,82,190 | 6,20,630 | 6.6     | 9.0     |
| Net debt ex- HZ                       | 5,12,090 | 5,32,410 | 5,20,820 | 5,40,350 | 5,95,160 | 10.1    | 16.2    |

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

## Key financial and earnings call takeaways

### Aluminium (~48% of consolidated EBITDA)

- Reported aluminium EBITDA, at INR55.3bn, rose by 24% QoQ. On back calculation, we understand that there was one off gain of ~INR4bn at Balco. Even excluding that, aluminium EBITDA has increased by 14-15% QoQ due to higher LME aluminium price (up 7% QoQ to USD2,618/t) and increase in volume by 5% QoQ to 621kt, but partially offset by increase in total CoP by 4% QoQ to USD1,926/t. Ingot premium fell by USD20/t QoQ to USD248/t. The VAP mix stood at 57% versus 60% in Q1FY26. The increase in CoP was primarily due to planned maintenance shutdown of power plants resulting in higher power cost by USD74/t to USD565/t. Higher captive alumina production and lower purchase cost led to alumina cost reduction of USD53/t QoQ to USD824/t. Overall, **EBITDA/t increased by USD60/t QoQ to USD943/t.**
- During Q2FY26, it purchased ~46% of alumina requirement (vs Q1FY26: ~50% and Q2FY25: ~58%). Captive alumina production was up 11% QoQ at 653kt. The Phase 2 of 1.5mtpa alumina expansion from 3.5mtpa to 5mtpa has commissioned in Oct-25 and achieved first metal production. Management maintains its guidance of 3–3.1mt alumina production in FY26.
- Management guided that ramp-up in captive alumina in H2FY26 is likely to drive lower alumina cost by USD50/t each in Q3FY26 and Q4FY26. Besides, power cost is expected to decline sub-USD500/t from USD565/t in Q2FY26. Hence, **hot metal cost is expected to fall below USD1650/t (Q2: USD1,826/t) in H2FY26.** Overall, FY26 hot metal cost is guided at USD1700-1750/t. This is despite no contribution from upcoming bauxite/coal mines.
- Kurloi coal mine (8mtpa) is in the last stage of receiving other approvals for Forest Clearance (FC)- Stage 1 and started compliance procedure for FC-2. It is expected to start commercial operations by Q4FY26. Radhikapur coal mine has received FC-1 and other compliance processes are in progress. The Ghograpalli coal mine (20mtpa) is set for public hearing and hopeful to start operations by FY27 end. Sijimali bauxite mine - Company has allotted 1760 acres of compensatory afforestation land to the state. State Forest department has taken up the matter with Ministry of Environment, Forest and climate change (MOEFCC) for grant of FC-1. This project is being delayed and now company is hopeful to start operation by FY26-end.

### Hindustan Zinc (~38% of consolidated EBITDA)

- EBITDA increased 16% QoQ to INR44.3bn driven by higher commodity prices.
- Refined zinc CoP (ex-royalty) fell 2% QoQ to USD944/t (down 7% YoY).
- Silver EBIT, at INR14.6bn, up 19% QoQ due to higher prices, making up ~40% of EBIT in Q1 (~41% of EBIT in Q1FY26).
- For H1FY26, zinc CoP averaged at USD1,002/t and targets to further lower at USD950-975/t in Q4FY26. Management reduced FY26E guidance for refined Zinc CoP ex-royalty to USD1,000/t from earlier range of USD1,025– 1,050/t.

### Oil & Gas (~9% of consolidated EBITDA)

- It reported EBITDA of INR10.3bn, down 19% QoQ primarily due to lower production (down 4% QoQ to 89kboepd). It witnessed fall in opex/barrel (down by 4% QoQ to USD14.51/boe) due to optimisation of polymer injection and reduced plant maintenance activities. The ASP injection is being targeted in mid Q3FY26. It reduced its FY26 production guidance by 5 kboepd to 90-95kboepd.

### Zinc International (3% of consolidated EBITDA)

- Zinc international EBITDA at INR3.7bn (EBITDA/t of USD712), down 11% QoQ primarily led by higher CoP at USD1,482/t up 17% QoQ partially offset by increase in zinc-lead concentrate sales volume, which stood at 61kt (versus 56kt in Q1FY26), up 9% QoQ.
- Gamsberg Phase 2 expansion of 220ktpa is progressing well with 82.4% of the work completed and targeted to commission by end-FY26.

### Iron ore and steel: (0.3% of consolidated EBITDA)

- Iron ore EBITDA, at INR1.08bn, was down 47% QoQ due to lower sales volume (down 61% QoQ at 0.7mt). Steel reported at EBITDA loss of INR690mn (versus Q1FY26: +INR1250mn) amid lower prices and lower volumes (down 21% QoQ to 274kt) on account of plant maintenance shutdown. EBITDA/t was -ve INR2,518, (versus INR3,754/t in Q1FY26) QoQ.

### Power (~2% of consolidated EBITDA)

- Early monsoon moderated power demand in some regions, impacting operations. Nonetheless, business achieved power generation of 3.9bn units, up 4.4% QoQ.
- Power division EBITDA was INR2.28bn (versus INR4.6bn in Q1FY26) due to losses at 600MW Jharsuguda plant. The TSPL availability stood flat QoQ at 90% in Q2FY26.
- Meenakshi Unit3&4 (700MW) is operationalised with 48% PLF in Q2FY26. Currently, total 1GW is operational and target to have PLF of 65% by Q4FY26. The CoP will be INR4.7/unit and can fetch realisation of INR5.7/unit in Q4FY26. At Athena, it has commissioned Unit 1 of 600MW in Q2FY26. Management expects it to have CoP of INR2.8/unit and can fetch realisation of INR5.7/unit in Q4FY26. The Unit 2 of 600MW at Athena power plant is expected to start commissioning in Q4FY26.

### Copper

- EBITDA loss of INR130mn versus an EBITDA loss of INR260mn in Q1FY26.

### Demerger process on; likely to conclude in Q4FY26

- The company has moved second motion petition before NCLT for its approval on demerger, which is scheduled for hearing on November 12, 2025 (last hearing was on October 29, 2025). Management is confident of receiving a favourable outcome and aims to complete the demerger process by FY26-end. This will unlock value for shareholders, particularly aluminium/power business which can command higher valuation multiple.

### Debt details of parent company, Vedanta Resources (VRL)

- At Q2FY26-end, it had net debt of USD4.4bn (ex-ICD of USD0.4bn) down USD 0.3bn QoQ.
- At VRL, USD550mn high cost debt (16%-18%) is refinanced, reducing overall interest rate from 11.6% to 10%. The maturity profile has improved from 1.3 years to 4.5 years in last 2 years.
- During H2FY26, VRL has interest payment of USD270-280mn and ~USD200mn ICD due in Jan-26. The total payment due in FY27 is ~USD920 mn (USD300mn external debt+ USD217mn ICD in June-26 and interest of ~USD400mn). For FY28, total payment due is ~USD850mn (principal of USD450mn and interest cost of ~USD400mn).

With most high cost debt now retired, VRL is positioned to operate on an autopilot mode supported by a dividend payout (~INR25/sh of VEDL) and brand fee (~3% of VEDL's revenue).

### Capex and others

- It incurred capex (accrued capex with interest capitalisation) of INR67.7bn in Q2FY26 (1H FY26: INR119.3bn). Consolidated net debt (ex-buyers' credit) was INR620.6bn.
- Weighted average interest cost was 9% (Q1FY26:9.66%). Management expect interest cost to fall further to 8% in near term.
- **Hedges:** 1) Aluminium – 300kt (~23% of volume) hedged at USD2,625/t for H2FY26 and 470kt (~17% of FY27E volume) hedged at USD2,609/t for FY27 2) Zinc – 87kt is hedged at USD2,900/t for H2FY26 3) Silver – 131t at USD37/ounce for H2FY26
- **Exceptional Items:** i) The receivables of INR14,070mn (non-cash) in respect of Mega power benefit to TSPL has been dismissed by Supreme Court on 19th August 2025. Hence company has written-off the receivables as no longer recoverable. TSPL has filed a review petition before Supreme Court against the order. ii) TSPL terminated contract with SEPCO and accounted for full and final payment of USD75mn (INR6,600mn) which is one-off expense.
- **Jai Prakash Associates (JAL) buyout:** Vedanta has emerged as the highest bidder to acquire JAL under the NCLT (~INR170bn). Though it is highly unlikely that the NCLT will go for re-bidding, it does not necessarily mean that highest bidder will be the ultimate winner. It all depends on the Committee of Creditor's (CoC) final take, which is expected to happen in Nov-25.

Management though has not spelled out the full plan, awaiting final decision of the CoC. However, the main catalyst for VEDL to acquire this is power assets. JAL has 2.2GW power capacity (24% stake) which is expandable to 4GW on the excess land available. The current 2.2MW capacity comprises 1.8GW of thermal power capacity and 0.4GW of hydropower capacity.

As per management, the replacement cost of 2.2GW is INR240bn, which translates to INR60bn for its 24% stake in these assets. And to set up greenfield power plant will cost INR80–90bn, which is 70% of acquisition bid. JAL's asset portfolio mainly comprises ~4,000 acres of land at Delhi-NCR, 2,200MW thermal power (under Jaiprakash Power in which JAL has a 24% stake), ~10mtpa cement plant, 0.72mtpa urea plant, five hotels and EPC businesses.



## Exhibit 5: Capex progress

| Capex in Progress (In USD mn)                                                                         | Capex approved  | Capex spent upto FY25 | Spent in H1FY26 | Unspent as on 30th Sep-25 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Cairn India – Mangala, Bhagyam & Aishwariya infill, OALP, ABH infill, RDG infill, Offshore infill etc | 84,710          | 33390                 | 14350           | 36,970                    |
| <b>Aluminium Sector</b>                                                                               |                 |                       |                 |                           |
| Jharsuguda VAP capacity expansion and others                                                          | 16,560          | 13140                 | 1420            | 2,000                     |
| Coal & Bauxite Mines                                                                                  | 82,450          | 9310                  | 4670            | 68,470                    |
| Lanjigarh Refinery: 2 to 5 mtpa                                                                       | 65,850          | 51530                 | 4420            | 9,900                     |
| Balco smelter and VAP capacity expansion                                                              | 1,12,260        | 77940                 | 16240           | 18,080                    |
| <b>Zinc India</b>                                                                                     |                 |                       |                 |                           |
| Roaster (Debari)                                                                                      | 10,250          | 9730                  | 270             | 250                       |
| 250KTPA integrated zinc metal complex                                                                 | 1,20,000        | 0                     | 70              | 1,19,930                  |
| RA tailing reprocessing                                                                               | 38,230          | 0                     | 320             | 37,910                    |
| Others                                                                                                | 32,520          | 15750                 | 6240            | 10,540                    |
| <b>Zinc International</b>                                                                             |                 |                       |                 |                           |
| Gamsberg Phase II Project                                                                             | 52,840          | 28860                 | 6660            | 17,320                    |
| <b>Iron Ore Project</b>                                                                               |                 |                       |                 |                           |
| ESL                                                                                                   | 3,290           | 2310                  | 90              | 890                       |
| 1.5 to 3 mtpa hot metal                                                                               | 28,510          | 15480                 | 2880            | 10,150                    |
| <b>Facor</b>                                                                                          |                 |                       |                 |                           |
| 150 to 450 KTPA ferro chrome                                                                          | 26,500          | 2140                  | 7310            | 17,050                    |
| <b>Athena</b>                                                                                         |                 |                       |                 |                           |
| Power project                                                                                         | 38,700          | 15230                 | 9830            | 13,640                    |
| <b>Iron Ore</b>                                                                                       |                 |                       |                 |                           |
| DI Pipe                                                                                               | 7,220           | 1310                  | 720             | 5,190                     |
| 3mtpa Magnetite concentrator plant at Liberia                                                         | 24,860          | 40                    | 50              | 24,780                    |
| <b>Vedanta Copper International</b>                                                                   |                 |                       |                 |                           |
| Copper Rod plant - KSA                                                                                | 2,790           | 150                   | 60              | 2,580                     |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                          | <b>7,47,540</b> | <b>2,76,310</b>       | <b>75,600</b>   | <b>3,95,630</b>           |

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

## Exhibit 6: EBITDA breakdown by segment; EBITDA to expand at 16% CAGR over FY25–28E

| INR mn              | FY23            | FY24            | FY25            | FY26E           | FY27E           | FY28E           | CAGR (FY25-28E) |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total EBITDA</b> | <b>3,44,220</b> | <b>3,51,980</b> | <b>4,23,430</b> | <b>5,32,497</b> | <b>6,34,480</b> | <b>6,68,424</b> | <b>16.4</b>     |
| Zinc                | 1,94,460        | 1,42,550        | 1,86,170        | 2,12,263        | 2,39,173        | 2,39,091        | 8.7             |
| HZ                  | 1,75,120        | 1,35,620        | 1,72,960        | 1,93,951        | 2,11,890        | 2,03,183        | 5.5             |
| International Zinc  | 19,340          | 6,930           | 13,210          | 18,312          | 27,284          | 35,908          | 39.6            |
| Copper              | (40)            | (690)           | (1,120)         | (1,177)         | (1,177)         | (1,177)         |                 |
| Aluminium           | 58,470          | 93,474          | 1,74,675        | 2,49,529        | 3,11,394        | 3,42,576        | 25.2            |
| Power               | 8,420           | 9,710           | 7,370           | 16,618          | 22,824          | 25,291          | 50.8            |
| Iron ore            | 9,880           | 16,760          | 10,060          | 10,998          | 10,385          | 9,983           | (0.3)           |
| Steel               | 3,160           | 2,250           | 5,220           | 2,006           | 5,600           | 5,600           | 2.4             |
| Oil & gas           | 68,900          | 74,996          | 46,640          | 42,260          | 41,281          | 42,061          | (3.4)           |
| <b>EBITDA ex HZ</b> | <b>1,69,100</b> | <b>2,16,360</b> | <b>2,50,470</b> | <b>3,38,545</b> | <b>4,22,590</b> | <b>4,65,241</b> | <b>22.9</b>     |

Source: Company, Nuvama Research



## Exhibit 7: Key assumptions

| Particulars                         | FY23  | FY24  | FY25  | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Exchange rate (INR/USD)             | 81.0  | 82.8  | 84.7  | 87.5  | 87.5  | 87.5  |
| Total Zinc price (USD/t)            | 3,669 | 2,671 | 3,124 | 3,075 | 3,100 | 3,100 |
| Total aluminium price (USD/t)       | 2,796 | 2,305 | 2,692 | 2,753 | 2,835 | 2,850 |
| Brent crude (USD/barrel)            | 90    | 80    | 70    | 65    | 65    | 65    |
| Zinc mined metal volumes-India (kt) | 1,017 | 1,062 | 1,079 | 1,095 | 1,116 | 1,139 |
| Aluminium sales (kt)                | 2,285 | 2,357 | 2,416 | 2,548 | 2,721 | 2,836 |
| Crude volume (kboepd)               | 143   | 127   | 103   | 95    | 94    | 95    |
| Net debt/EBITDA(x)                  | 1.7   | 2.0   | 1.6   | 1.3   | 1.0   | 0.7   |

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

## Exhibit 8: Changes in estimates

| (INR mn)            | Current         |                 | Earlier         |                 | % change |          |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|
|                     | FY26E           | FY27E           | FY26E           | FY27E           | FY26E    | FY27E    |
| <b>Total EBITDA</b> | <b>5,32,497</b> | <b>6,34,480</b> | <b>5,33,286</b> | <b>6,09,635</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>4</b> |
| Zinc                | 2,12,263        | 2,39,173        | 2,09,856        | 2,31,226        | 1        | 3        |
| HZ                  | 1,93,951        | 2,11,890        | 1,93,192        | 2,03,817        | 0        | 4        |
| International Zinc  | 18,312          | 27,284          | 16,665          | 27,410          | 10       | 0        |
| Copper              | (1,177)         | (1,177)         | -1,164          | -1,164          |          |          |
| Aluminium           | 2,49,529        | 3,11,394        | 2,43,103        | 2,82,342        | 3        | 10       |
| Power               | 16,618          | 22,824          | 16,618          | 22,824          | 0        | 0        |
| Iron ore            | 10,998          | 10,385          | 13,947          | 11,400          | -21      | -9       |
| Steel               | 2,006           | 5,600           | 6,300           | 6,300           | -68      | -11      |
| Oil & gas           | 42,260          | 41,281          | 42,117          | 45,821          | 0        | -10      |
| <b>EBITDA ex HZ</b> | <b>3,38,545</b> | <b>4,22,590</b> | <b>3,40,095</b> | <b>4,05,819</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>4</b> |

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

## Exhibit 9: FY28E SotP valuation

| Particulars                      | FY28 EBITDA (INR mn) | Multiple (x) | Implied EV   |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Aluminium-VAL                    | 2,22,521             | 6.0          | 13,35,129    |
| Aluminium- Balco (51% stake)     | 1,20,055             | 6.0          | 3,67,368     |
| Oil & gas                        | 42,061               | 4.0          | 1,68,243     |
| Base metals                      | 34,730               | 6.0          | 2,08,382     |
| Steel & iron ore                 | 15,583               | 5.0          | 77,915       |
| Power                            | 25,291               | 8.0          | 2,02,326     |
| Total EV                         |                      |              | 23,59,362    |
| Average Net debt                 |                      |              | 5,36,489     |
| Derived Market Cap               |                      |              | 18,22,874    |
| No. of shares (mn)               |                      |              | 3,910        |
| <b>Fair value (INR/sh)- A</b>    |                      |              | <b>466</b>   |
| Hindustan Zinc                   | 2,03,183             | 7.0          | 14,22,280    |
| Average Net debt                 |                      |              | 29,580       |
| Derived Market Cap               |                      |              | 13,92,700    |
| Stake in Hindustan Zinc (61.8%)- |                      |              | 8,61,246     |
| <b>No. of shares (mn)</b>        |                      |              | <b>3,910</b> |
| <b>Fair value (INR/sh)-B</b>     |                      |              | <b>220</b>   |
| <b>Final fair value (A+B)</b>    |                      |              | <b>686</b>   |

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

## Company Description

Vedanta Limited is a natural resources conglomerate, with primary interests in aluminium, zinc-lead-silver, oil and gas, iron ore, steel, copper, power, nickel, ferroalloys, glass display, optical fibre, and semiconductors. The company has aluminium production capacity of 2.3mtpa across its smelters in Odisha (Jharsuguda) and Chhattisgarh (Balco, Korba), and 5mtpa alumina Refinery in Odisha (Lanjigarh). Expansion is underway at the aluminium production facilities to add new product lines and at alumina refinery. Vedanta holds a 63.4% stake in Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) and its integrated zinc operations hold 80% market share in India's primary zinc market. Vedanta Zinc International's (VZI) operations consist of the Skorpion Zinc mine and refinery in Namibia, Lisheen mine in Ireland, and Black Mountain Mining (BMM) Limited in South Africa. Cairn Oil & Gas is the largest private sector producer of crude oil in India. Vedanta entered the steel business by acquiring ESL Steel Limited in 2018 and has plans to double the capacity by FY25E. The company aspires to be an ESG leader in the natural resources sector. Vedanta is committed to reducing carbon emissions to zero by 2050 or sooner. The company has pledged USD5bn over the next 10 years to accelerate the transition to net-zero operations.

## Investment Theme

VEDL's portfolio of resources business provides advantages of scale, diversification and strong balance sheet. The company benefits from ownership of low cost, cash rich zinc-lead-silver (Zinc India) businesses. It has globally competitive unit production costs in zinc, led by its quality captive mines. We believe that future growth is likely to be delivered by volume uptick in key divisions. Aluminium, zinc, and cost efficiencies at aluminium operations.

## Key Risks

- Increasing debt of VEDL to repay parent's debt
- Export duty on aluminium or zinc
- Fall in zinc/aluminium prices or premiums
- Delay in commissioning of coal blocks, alumina and aluminium expansion
- Cairn: Exploration failure, reinvestment of cash generated into low return assets investment in unrelated sector
- Zinc India: Lack of volume growth

## Additional Data

### Management

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Non-Executive Chairman  | Anil Agarwal         |
| Executive Vice-Chairman | Navin Agarwal        |
| Executive director      | Arun Mishra          |
| CFO                     | Ajay Goel            |
| Auditor                 | SR Batliboi & Co LLP |

### Holdings – Top 10\*

| % Holding    |      | % Holding       |      |
|--------------|------|-----------------|------|
| LIC of India | 5.70 | UTI             | 0.62 |
| ICICI Pru    | 3.09 | Kotak AMC       | 0.61 |
| Vanguard     | 1.79 | SBI Funds       | 0.68 |
| Blackrock    | 1.48 | Aditya Birla AM | 0.57 |
| Nippon AMC   | 0.96 | Bandhan AMC     | 0.48 |

\*Latest public data

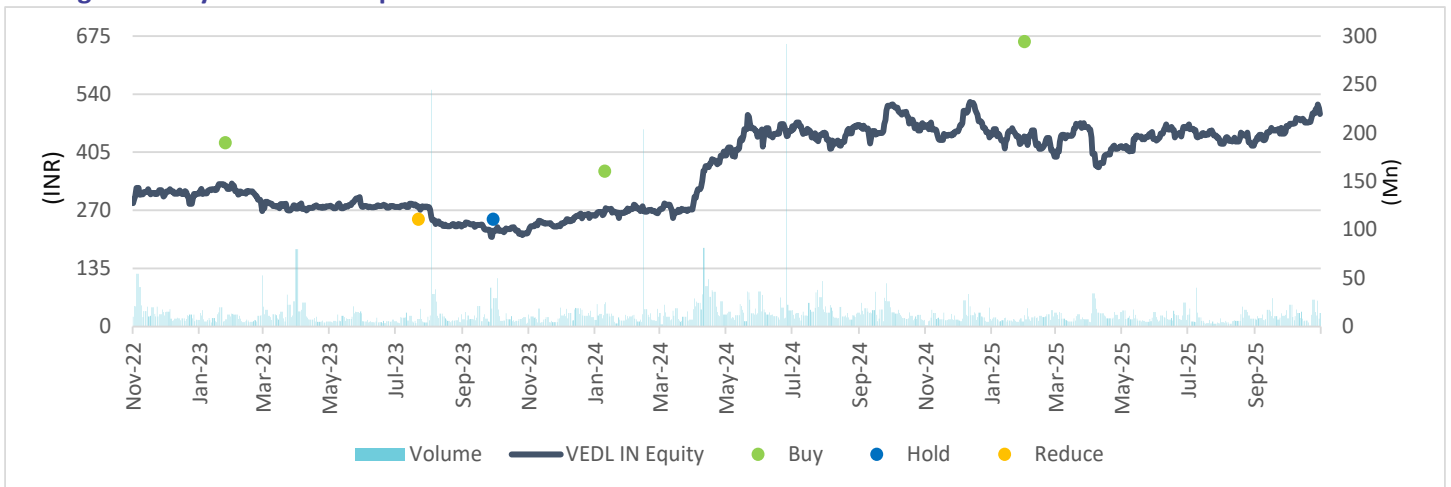
### Recent Company Research

| Date      | Title                                                        | Price | Reco |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|
| 06-Sep-25 | Entering into unrelated business; <i>Nuvama Flash</i>        | 446   | Buy  |
| 31-Jul-25 | CoP to trend lower; debt under control; <i>Result Update</i> | 426   | Buy  |
| 30-Apr-25 | Aluminium CoP to fall; debt peaks out; <i>Result Update</i>  | 419   | Buy  |

### Recent Sector Research

| Date      | Name of Co./Sector | Title                                                          |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 31-Oct-25 | Gravita India      | Expansion to lift lead capacity 50% in H; <i>Result Update</i> |
| 30-Oct-25 | SAIL               | Good showing in seasonally weak quarter; <i>Result Update</i>  |
| 30-Oct-25 | NMDC               | Price cut to dent Q3FY26 earnings; <i>Result Update</i>        |

### Rating and Daily Volume Interpretation



Source: Bloomberg, Nuvama research

### Rating Rationale & Distribution: Nuvama Research

| Rating | Expected absolute returns over 12 months | Rating Distribution |
|--------|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Buy    | 15%                                      | 205                 |
| Hold   | <15% and >-5%                            | 68                  |
| Reduce | <-5%                                     | 37                  |

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