

J K CEMENT

RESULT UPDATE

KEY DATA

Rating	BUY
Sector relative	Outperformer
Price (INR)	5,776
12 month price target (INR)	7,534
52 Week High/Low	7,566/3,891
Market cap (INR bn/USD bn)	446/5.0
Free float (%)	54.02
Avg. daily value traded (INR mn)	807.3

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN

	Sep-25	Jun-25	Mar-25
Promoter	45.66%	45.66%	45.68%
FII	18.57%	17.56%	16.14%
DII	21.74%	23.05%	24.5%
Pledge	0%	0%	0%

FINANCIALS

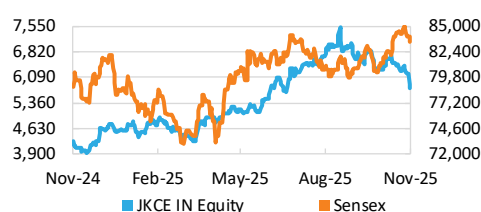
(INR mn)

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	1,18,792	1,36,282	1,51,698	1,64,819
EBITDA	20,271	26,435	31,185	36,054
Adjusted profit	7,692	11,111	12,344	14,189
Diluted EPS (INR)	103.5	143.8	159.8	183.6
EPS growth (%)	(3.3)	44.4	11.1	14.9
RoAE (%)	13.5	16.9	16.1	16.0
P/E (x)	55.8	40.2	36.2	31.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	24.2	19.0	16.6	14.4
Dividend yield (%)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

CHANGE IN ESTIMATES

Year to March	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	1,36,282	1,51,698	3%	2%
EBITDA	26,435	31,185	1%	-1%
Adjusted profit	11,111	12,344	0%	-3%
Diluted EPS (INR)	143.8	159.8	0%	-3%

PRICE PERFORMANCE



Steady performance

JK Cement (JKC) reported ~16% YoY grey cement volume growth in Q2FY26. EBITDA beat our estimate by 5%. Grey cement realisation decreased ~2% QoQ; prices have declined further in Q3FY26. Blended EBITDA/t surged ~41% YoY to INR903. JKC expects to commission 5MTPA cement capacity in H2FY26.

While recent capex announcements in North/Central regions by peers have led to concerns about competitive intensity, we believe this is adequately factored in given ~24% correction in stock price from the recent peak. JKC's consistent volume growth, efficiency improvement and superior RoEs make it an attractive bet. Retain 'BUY' with a revised TP of INR7,534 (INR7,476 earlier) based on 19x Q2FY28E EV/EBITDA.

Industry-leading organic volume growth

Grey cement volumes rose ~16% YoY (down ~13% QoQ) due to extended footprint in central region and eastern markets. Grey cement realisations declined ~2% QoQ; prices have declined further in Q3FY26. White cement volumes rose ~10% YoY (up ~5% QoQ) and realisations improved ~1% QoQ (down ~1% YoY). Management reiterated the FY26E guidance for grey cement volumes growth of 10% YoY to 20MT.

Operational snapshot

Per tonne analysis for Q2FY26: i) Power/fuel costs increased ~12% QoQ (up 6% YoY); energy costs stood at INR1.56/kcal against INR1.53/kcal in Q1FY26 (INR1.65/kcal in Q2FY25). ii) Freight costs decreased 5% QoQ (down 1% YoY). iii) Other expenses increased ~31% QoQ (down ~4% YoY) due to higher advertising and marketing spends and operating deleverage. iv) Overall, blended EBITDA/t stood at INR903 (up 41% YoY/down ~26% QoQ).

Capex programme on track

Expansion of 4mtpa clinker line 2 at Panna and 1mtpa GU each at Panna and Hamirpur are progressing as per schedule and shall be commissioned by Q3FY26E. The 3mtpa split GU at Bihar would be commissioned by Q4FY26. Work on the 4MnT clinker and 3MnT GU at Jaisalmer ([Link](#)) in Rajasthan has commenced with commissioning targeted by H1FY28. The 0.6mtpa plant at Nathdwara in Rajasthan would cater to growing wall putty demand and shall be commissioned by Q2FY27. JKC expects to incur capex of INR28–30bn in FY26E and INR35bn-plus in FY27E. Management indicated the company is well prepared to tackle the potential increase in competitive intensity over the medium term given recent capacity announcements by peers ([Link](#)) and ([Link](#)) in the North and Central regions.

Financials

Year to March	Q2FY26	Q2FY25	% Change	Q1FY26	% Change
Net Revenue	28,585	24,104	18.6	31,901	(10.4)
EBITDA	4,398	2,705	62.6	6,730	(34.7)
Adjusted Profit	1,758	405	334.3	3,325	(47.1)
Diluted EPS (INR)	22.7	5.2	334.3	43.0	(47.1)

Financial Statements

Income Statement (INR mn)

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Total operating income	1,18,792	1,36,282	1,51,698	1,64,819
Gross profit	76,815	89,583	1,01,381	1,11,248
Employee costs	9,017	9,771	10,564	11,267
Other expenses	47,572	53,377	59,631	63,927
EBITDA	20,271	26,435	31,185	36,054
Depreciation	6,015	6,751	8,065	9,379
Less: Interest expense	4,592	5,330	6,999	7,736
Add: Other income	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	12,424	16,510	18,342	21,083
Prov for tax	3,702	5,399	5,998	6,894
Less: Other adjustment	0	0	0	0
Reported profit	8,722	11,111	12,344	14,189
Less: Excp.item (net)	(723)	0	0	0
Adjusted profit	7,999	11,111	12,344	14,189
Diluted shares o/s	77	77	77	77
Adjusted diluted EPS	104	144	160	184
DPS (INR)	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Tax rate (%)	29.8	32.7	32.7	32.7

Important Ratios (%)

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
EBITDA/tonne	1,009.8	1,162.6	1,223.8	1,319.8
Net Debt/EBITDA	1.5	1.8	2.1	1.8
Op. exp. as a % of Rev.	82.9	80.6	79.4	78.2
EBITDA margin (%)	17.1	19.4	20.6	21.9
Net profit margin (%)	6.7	8.2	8.1	8.6
Revenue Gth. (% YoY)	2.8	14.7	11.3	8.6
EBITDA growth (% YoY)	(1.6)	30.4	18.0	15.6
Adj. profit growth (%)	(3.3)	44.4	11.1	14.9

Assumptions (%)

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
GDP (YoY %)	7.2	7.0	6.8	6.8
10 year yield (%)	6.0	5.3	5.3	5.3
USD/INR (average)	84.4	86.5	85.0	85.0
Volumes (MT)	20.1	22.7	25.5	27.3
Realisation/t	5,917.4	5,993.9	5,952.9	6,033.1
P&F cost/t	1,086.0	1,075.0	993.9	967.8
Freight/t	1,334.8	1,349.3	1,385.3	1,406.5
RM cost/t	1,005.0	978.9	980.6	993.1
Other exp./t	1,032.6	998.4	954.8	933.6

Valuation Metrics

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Diluted P/E (x)	55.8	40.2	36.2	31.5
Price/BV (x)	7.3	6.3	5.4	4.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	24.2	19.0	16.6	14.4
Dividend yield (%)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

Source: Company and Nuvama estimates

Balance Sheet (INR mn)

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Share capital	773	773	773	773
Reserves	60,117	70,070	81,254	94,284
Shareholders funds	60,890	70,842	82,027	95,057
Minority interest	(338)	(338)	(338)	(338)
Borrowings	58,955	68,955	82,955	84,955
Trade payables	10,981	12,490	13,636	14,750
Other liab & prov	15,147	17,147	18,147	19,147
Total liabilities	1,66,815	1,91,277	2,18,108	2,34,751
Net block	91,493	1,06,743	1,32,677	1,45,298
Intangible assets	3,694	3,694	3,694	3,694
Capital WIP	13,175	19,175	23,175	26,175
Total fixed assets	1,08,362	1,29,611	1,59,546	1,75,167
Non current inv	6,009	6,009	6,009	6,009
Cash/cash equivalent	13,697	14,258	12,366	12,929
Sundry debtors	7,866	8,791	8,907	9,864
Loans & advances	12,154	12,154	10,654	9,154
Other assets	6,976	7,976	6,976	5,976
Total assets	1,66,815	1,91,277	2,18,108	2,34,751

Free Cash Flow (INR mn)

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Reported profit	12,424	16,510	18,342	21,083
Add: Depreciation	6,015	6,751	8,065	9,379
Interest (net of tax)	2,862	3,174	4,779	5,592
Others	(1,997)	(8,572)	(10,776)	(12,486)
Less: Changes in WC	90	1,858	2,357	654
Operating cash flow	19,394	19,721	22,766	24,222
Less: Capex	(16,983)	(28,000)	(38,000)	(25,000)
Free cash flow	2,411	(8,279)	(15,234)	(778)

Key Ratios

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
RoE (%)	13.5	16.9	16.1	16.0
RoCE (%)	14.2	16.9	16.7	16.7
Inventory days	102	95	95	100
Receivable days	21	22	21	21
Payable days	88	92	95	97
Working cap (% sales)	10.6	8.6	5.5	4.1
Gross debt/equity (x)	0.97	0.98	1.01	0.89
Net debt/equity (x)	0.74	0.78	0.86	0.76
Interest coverage (x)	3.1	3.7	3.3	3.4

Valuation Drivers

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
EPS growth (%)	(3.3)	44.4	11.1	14.9
RoE (%)	14.0	16.9	16.1	16.0
EBITDA growth (%)	(1.6)	30.4	18.0	15.6
Payout ratio (%)	13.3	10.4	9.4	8.2

Exhibit 1: Quarterly financial snapshot (INR mn)

Year to March (INR mn)	Q2FY26	Q2FY25	% change	Q1FY26	% change	FY26E	FY27E
Volume (million tonnes)	4.87	4.23	15.1	5.48	(11.1)	22.74	25.48
Blended Realisation per tonne	5,870	5,698	3.0	5,821	0.8	5,994	5,953
Grey cement EBITDA/tonne (INR)	758	455	66.7	1,127	(32.7)	1,089	1,168
Total Income	28,585	24,104	18.6	31,901	(10.4)	1,36,282	1,51,698
Raw Material	4,703	4,404	6.8	5,326	(11.7)	22,258	24,990
Employee Expenses	2,237	2,056	8.8	2,239	(0.1)	9,771	10,564
Power, Oil & Fuel	5,695	4,652	22.4	5,714	(0.3)	24,441	25,328
Freight	6,133	5,391	13.8	7,224	(15.1)	30,678	35,301
Other Expenses	5,420	4,897	10.7	4,668	16.1	22,699	24,330
Total expenditure	24,188	21,399	13.0	25,171	(3.9)	1,09,847	1,20,513
EBITDA	4,398	2,705	62.6	6,730	(34.7)	26,435	31,185
Depreciation	1,252	1,278	(2.0)	1,248	0.3	6,751	8,065
EBIT	3,146	1,427	120.4	5,482	(42.6)	19,684	23,120
Interest	1,032	1,197	(13.8)	1,061	(2.7)	5,330	6,999
Other income	493	369	33.5	557	(11.6)	2,157	2,220
Exceptional item	-	-	NA	-	NA	-	-
Profit Before Tax	2,606	600	334.6	4,979	(47.7)	12,424	12,424
Tax Expense	848	195	335.2	1,654	(48.7)	5,399	5,998
Reported Profit	1,758	405	334.3	3,325	(47.1)	11,111	12,344
Exceptional item	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted Profit	1,758	405	334.3	3,325	(47.1)	11,111	12,344
Equity Capital (FV INR 10)	773	773		773		773	773
No. of shares (mn)	77	77		77		77	77
Diluted EPS (INR)	22.7	5.2	334.3	43.0	(47.1)	143.8	159.8
As % of net revenues	0.1	0.1	10%	0.1	10%	3.1	3.1
Raw material	16.5	18.3		16.7		16.3	16.5
Staff expenses	7.8	8.5		7.0		7.2	7.0
Power & fuel	19.9	19.3		17.9		17.9	16.7
Selling & Administrative Expense	21.5	22.4		22.6		22.5	23.3
Other expenses	19.0	20.3		14.6		16.7	16.0
EBITDA	15.4	11.2		21.1		19.4	20.6
Net profit	6.1	1.7		10.4		8.2	8.1

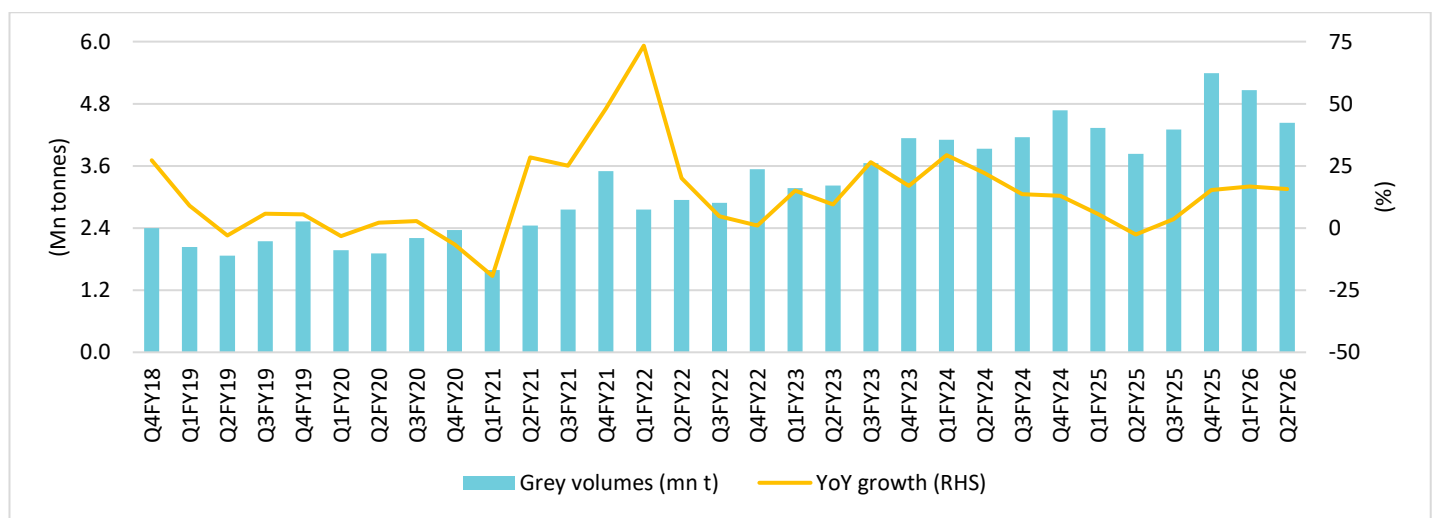
Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 2: Per tonne analysis

(INR/tonne)	Q2FY26	Q2FY25	% change	Q1FY26	% change
Realisation	5,870	5,698	3.0	5,821	0.8
Raw material	966	1,041	(7.2)	972	(0.6)
Power	1,169	1,100	6.3	1,043	12.2
Freight	1,259	1,274	(1.2)	1,318	(4.5)
Staff	459	486	(5.5)	409	12.4
Others	1,113	1,158	(3.9)	852	30.7
Cost	4,967	5,059	(1.8)	4,593	8.1
EBITDA	903	640	41.2	1,228	(26.5)

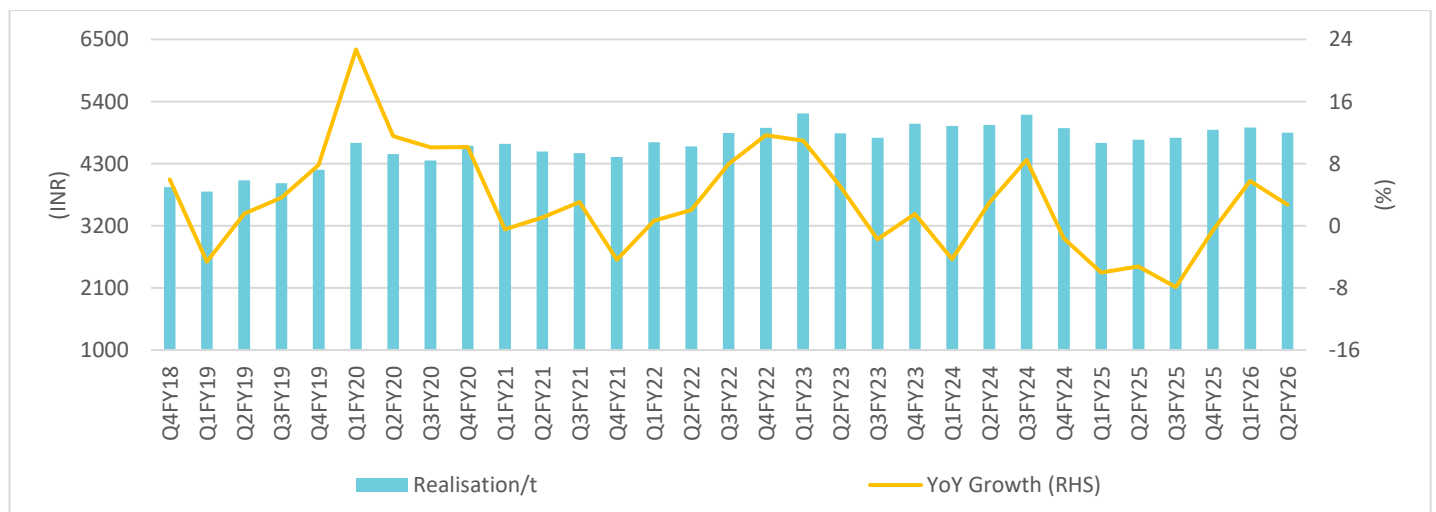
Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 3: Grey cement volumes rise ~16% YoY



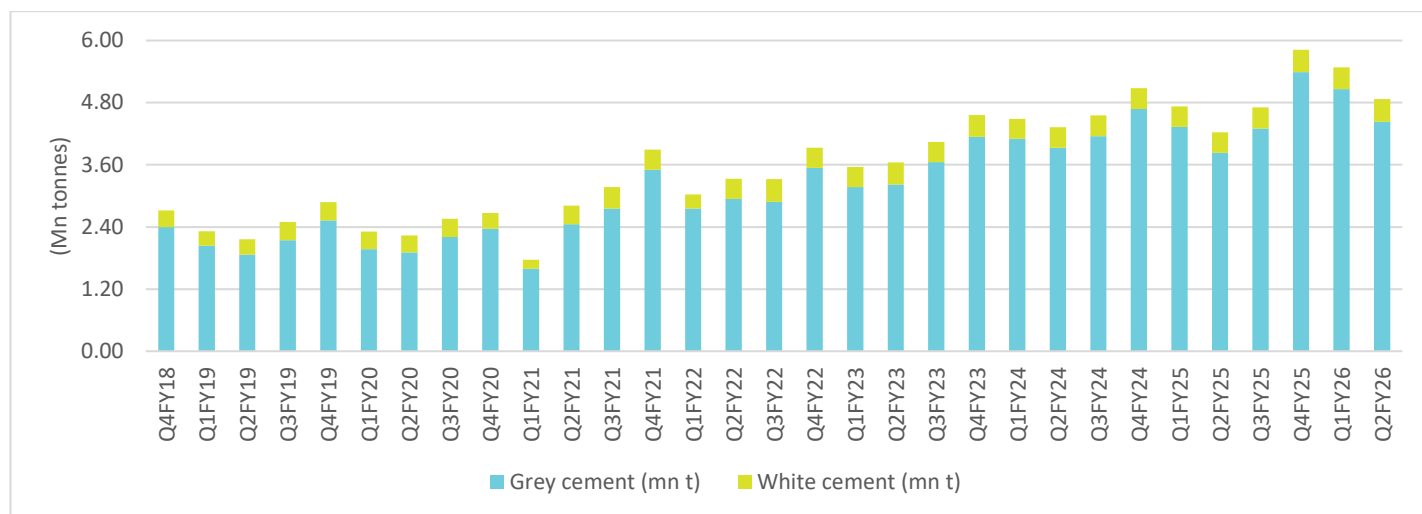
Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 4: Grey cement realisation increase ~3% YoY



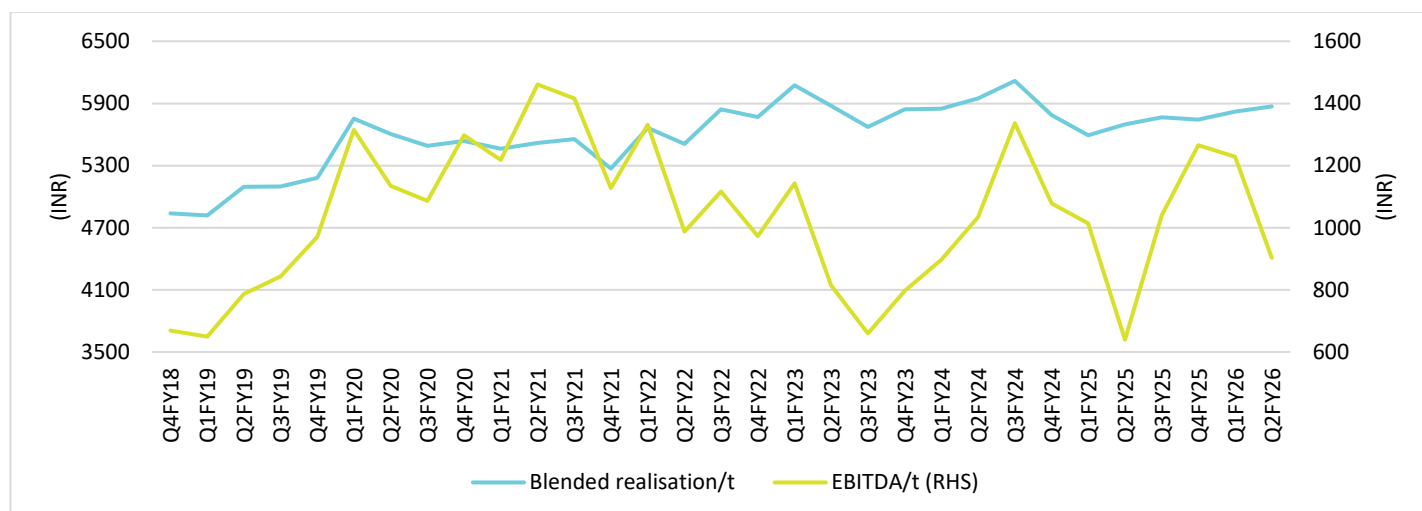
Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 5: Volume split between grey and white segment



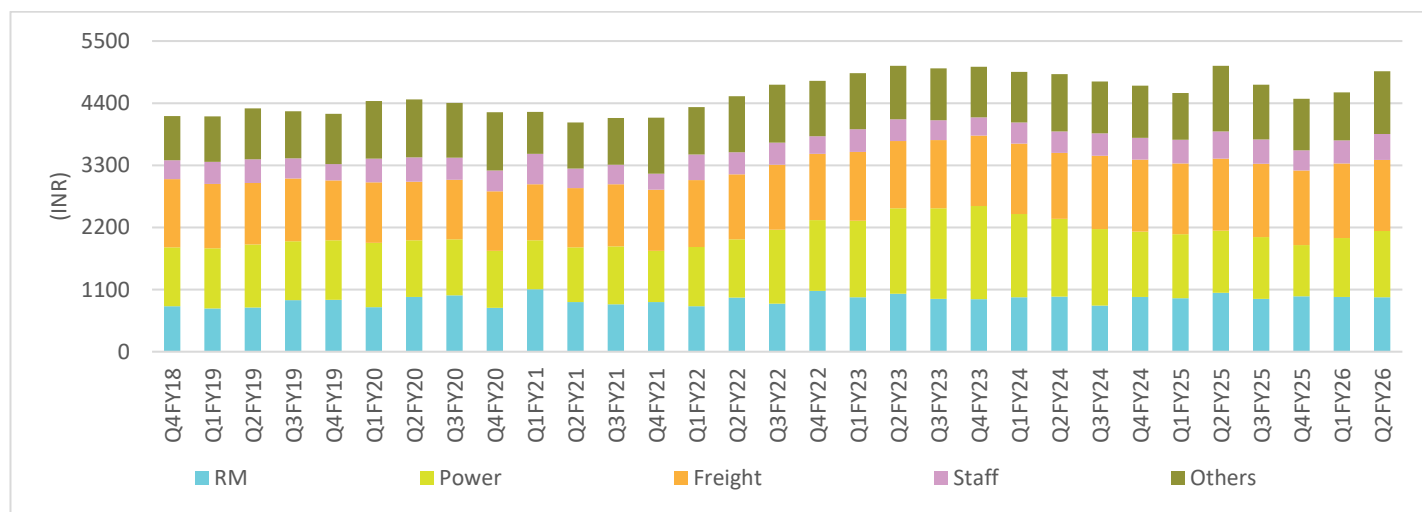
Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 6: Blended realisations versus EBITDA/t



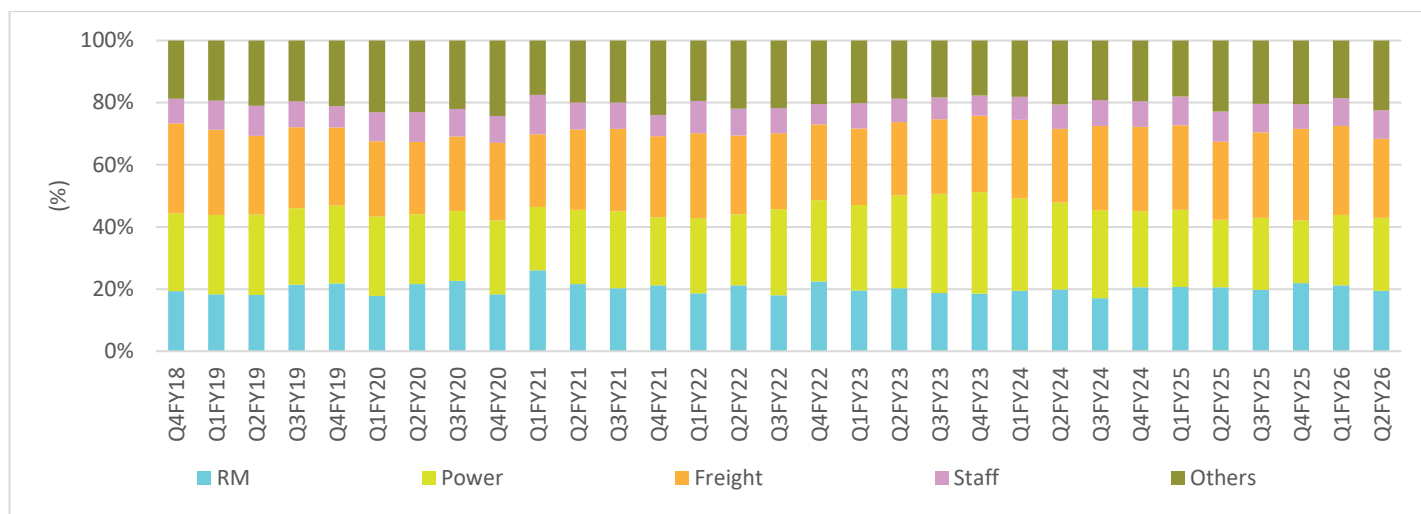
Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 7: Opex cost split (absolute terms)



Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 8: Opex cost split (% terms)



Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 9: Spread/t up ~3.5% YoY

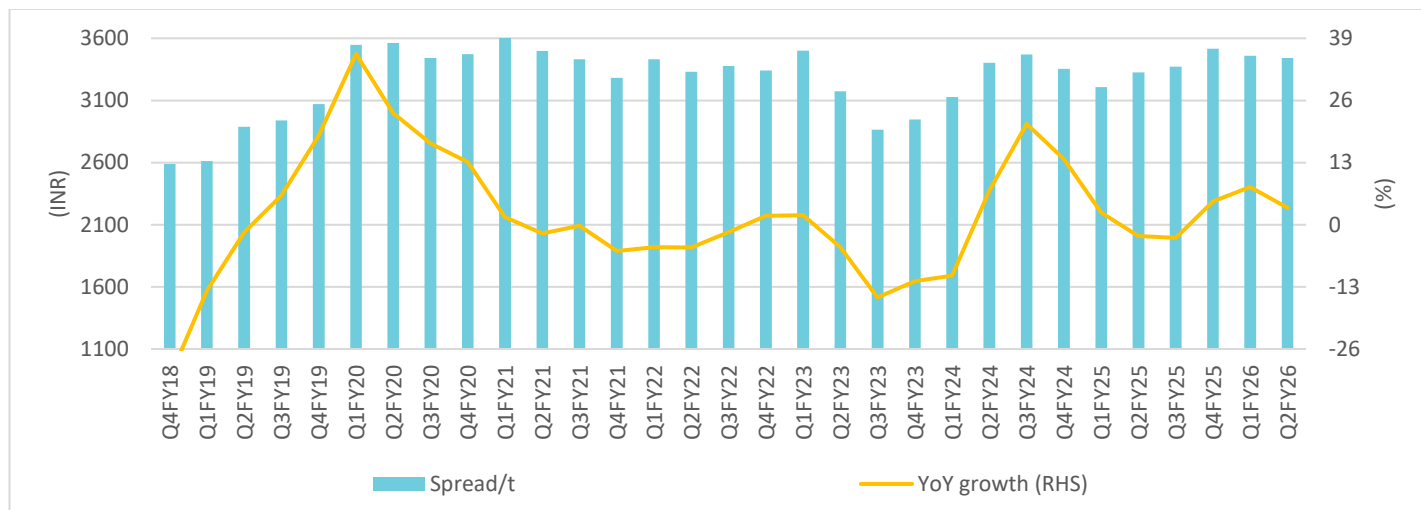


Exhibit 10: Operational data

	Q223	Q323	Q423	Q124	Q224	Q324	Q424	Q125	Q225	Q325	Q425	Q126	Q226
Capacity (mtpa)	14.67	18.7	20.7	20.7	20.7	22.2	22.2	24.2	24.2	24.2	24.2	25.26	26.26
Volumes (MT)	3.64	4.04	4.56	4.49	4.32	4.55	5.08	4.73	4.23	4.71	5.82	5.48	4.87
Realisation	5,878	5,673	5,842	5,848	5,947	6,118	5,788	5,594	5,698	5,765	5,744	5,821	5,870
EBITDA/t	814	660	797	897	1,033	1,337	1,078	1,014	640	1,040	1,265	1,228	903
Standalone Net debt (INR mn)	29,390	28,710	29,130	30,310	30,360	29,860	25,820	28,300	30,440	31,080	25,650	27,960	27,960
Net debt/EBITDA	2.47	2.7	2.2	2.3	2.08	1.64	1.29	1.36	1.6	1.74	1.3	1.29	1.34
Green power (%)	43	43	44	45	48	50	51	57	49	50	51	52	53
Capacity utilisation (%)	84	93	88	75	75	75	85	79	64	73	90	83	69
Premium share	9	9	10	11	13	12	13	13	14	16	16	14	15
Fuel cost (kcal)	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.82	1.8	1.62	1.65	1.5	1.41	1.53	1.56

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Q2FY26 conference call takeaways

Demand

Management reiterated the ~10% volume growth for the grey cement business in FY26E. It expects to clock ~20MnT volumes in grey cement business in FY26E.

Management expects industry volumes to grow ~7% YoY in FY26E.

Pricing

Prices are under pressure in the current quarter compared with Q2FY26 exit prices; however, management expects this to reverse to some extent once demand picks up.

Cost

Fuel cost was INR1.56/kcal in Q2FY26 v/s INR 1.53/kcal in Q1FY26.

The company expects to reduce operating costs by INR150–200/t over the next two–three years by focusing on the logistics front, increasing the share of green power, optimising the usage of AFR, controlling fixed costs in supply chain, etc.

Management has guided that FY26E should witness cost savings of INR 75-90/t on the basis of above measures and FY27E should witness cost savings of INR 75-80/t.

Expansion

- i) The company has commissioned Prayagraj unit with capacity of 1MnT in Oct-25.
- ii) The expansion of 4mtpa clinker line-2 at Panna and 1mtpa GU, each at Panna and Hamirpur, is underway; this is expected to be commissioned in Q3FY26.
- iii) Apart from this, 3mtpa greenfield split GU in Bihar is on track and will be commissioned in Q4FY26.
- iv) Work has commenced on the 4 MnT clinker and 3 MnT GU at Jaisalmer in Rajasthan and is targeted to be commissioned by H1FY28. Management expects work on two split GUs (each of 2 MTPA) in Punjab and Rajasthan to commence in Q4FY26. Capex incurred YTD Sep-25 is INR2.42bn out of proposed expenditure of INR 36.3bn.

Capex

Management has guided for capex of INR28–30bn/INR35bn-plus in FY26E/FY27E respectively.

Acquisitions

Management guided that they are not looking for any additional investment at Toshali cement at this moment. The aim is to operate the plant at 85% utilisation level. The plant should breakeven by end-FY26E.

Management mentioned that sales have improved from Saifco plant in Oct-25. It is planning to sell 20,000 tonnes per month post winter. The plant should be profitable from FY27E.

Balance sheet

The standalone net debt stood at INR 31.39bn and Net debt/EBITDA stood at 1.34x. Net debt will increase by additional INR 20bn with the commissioning of Jaisalmer unit.

Paint and Putty/white cement business

The company achieved turnover of INR950mn in Q2FY26 and reported an EBITDA loss of INR 140mn in the paints biz (aim is to reach revenue of ~INR4bn in FY26).

JKC has decided to set up a wall putty plant at Nathdwara in Rajasthan of 0.6 mtpa capacity with a capex of INR 1.95bn. It is expected to be commissioned by Q2FY27.

Other operational updates

Lead distance decreased to 431kms from 436kms in Q1FY26. This will reduce by another 12-15kms once the GU in Bihar is commissioned.

Trade mix stood at 67% of sales. Premium products constituted 15% of trade sales.

Target is to reach **green power** share of 75% by FY30 (60% by end-FY26E from 53% at present).

Incentives of INR 0.7bn accrued in Q2FY26. Management expects annual incentives of ~INR3bn despite GST rate cut.

Grey cement capacity **utilisation** stood at 69% while clinker utilisation was 90% in Q2FY26.

Company Description

JKCE is one of the leading cement manufacturers in India and the second-largest white cement manufacturer in the country. It is an affiliate of the JK Organisation, which was founded by Mr. Lala Kamlapat Singhanian. JKCE is second largest producers of white cement in India and is a leading manufacturer of putty. The company also has an overseas subsidiary, which operates a 0.6mtpa white cement plant in Fujairah, UAE.

Investment Theme

We like JKC for its consistent volume growth visibility complimented by structural positives of improving regional mix (rising exposure in North + Central India) and improving efficiency mix (rising share of modern plants and higher blending).

Key Risks

Sharp decline in cement prices/demand and/or sharp increase in input cost

Additional Data

Management

Chairperson	Smt. Sushila Devi Singhania
MD	Dr. Raghavpat Singhania
Deputy MD & CEO	Mr. Madhav krishna Singhania
CFO	Mr. Ajay kumar Saraogi
Auditor	S.R. Batliboi & Co. LLP

Holdings – Top 10*

% Holding		% Holding	
Kotak Mahindra	4.68	Aditya Birla Su	1.33
Canara Robeco A	1.84	Fundrock Manage	1.09
Vanguard group	1.84	PGIM India Asse	1.06
Axis AMC	1.84	Nippon Life Ind	1.03
Invesco Asset	1.52	SBI Funds Manag	1.02

*Latest public data

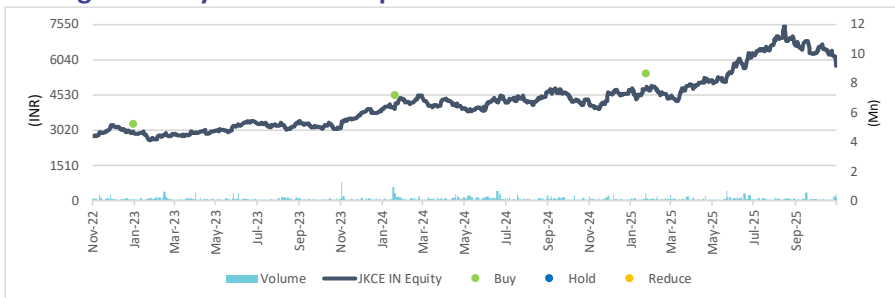
Recent Company Research

Date	Title	Price	Reco
21-Jul-25	All-round beat; <i>Result Update</i>	6,416	Buy
26-May-25	Firing on all cylinders; <i>Result Update</i>	5,213	Buy
27-Jan-25	Steady performance; <i>Result Update</i>	4,447	Buy

Recent Sector Research

Date	Name of Co./Sector	Title
03-Nov-25	ACC Ltd	Focus on expansion and cost efficiencies; <i>Result Update</i>
03-Nov-25	Ambuja Cements	Strong show; <i>Result Update</i>
28-Oct-25	Shree Cement	Value over volumes strategy yields resul; <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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