UltraTech Cement | BUY

In-line quarter; market share gains to continue

UltraTech Cement's consolidated EBITDA for 4QFY25 was INR 46.2bn with blended EBITDA/tn at INR 1,126, broadly in line with estimates. The YoY and QoQ numbers are not directly comparable owing to the acquisition of India Cements and Kesoram Industries. In FY25, UltraTech added ~43mt grey cement capacity (62% through the inorganic route) taking its total domestic grey cement capacity to 183mt. It is likely to add another 27mt capacity over the next couple of years to take total capacity to 211mt, which will help it to gain capacity market share (~450bps increase in share to 27% by FY27E), supported by the balance sheet. It has enough levers for structural cost improvement of INR 300/tn over the next couple of years (INR 86/tn already achieved in FY25). This will help it to either increase market share further or achieve industry leading profitability. We believe UltraTech is poised for structural improvement in return ratios over the next 3-4 years owing to i) rising asset turnover; ii) low cost of expansion; and iii) improving profitability. Factoring in a better pricing scenario, we have increased our FY26E-27E EBITDA estimates by 2% and revised our Mar'26E TP to INR 13,500 (earlier INR 13,000) based on 19x FY27E EV/E. UltraTech is our top pick in the sector.

- Result summary: UltraTech's consolidated volume grew by 17% YoY / 28% QoQ to 41 mt. On a like-to-like basis, volume grew 5% YoY. India Cements volume grew 9% YoY to 2.64mt. Grey cement realisation declined 2.3% YoY/ 1.6% QoQ to INR 5,052. Excluding Kesoram and India Cements, EBITDA/tn was INR 1,225 (+INR 274/tn sequentially) in 4Q. In FY25, the company generated FCF of negative INR 108bn. OCF generation (post w/cap blockage of INR 8.6bn) of INR 94bn was utilised for capex spend of INR 94bn and strategic investments of INR 108bn. Consolidated net debt increased INR 150bn YoY and INR 11.6bn QoQ to ~INR 178bn as of Mar'25.
- What we liked: Market share gains; robust demand outlook and improving pricing scenario.
- What we did not like: Increase in net debt.
- Earnings Call KTAs: 1) The management highlighted that industry volume likely grew 4% YoY in FY25. It has guided for sustainable volume growth of 7-8% in the coming years owing to government focus on infra and housing projects and increased rural/ urban demand; 2) It expects double-digit volume growth on a like-to-like basis for FY26 (ex: Kesoram and India Cements); 3) It spent INR 90bn towards organic capex in FY25, and targets INR 100bn capex for FY26, out of which 70% will be allocated towards strategic investments/growth, 15% for ESG capex and 16% for other capex purposes; 5) In India Cements, it targets EBITDA/tn of INR 500, 700 and >1,000 for FY26/ FY27 and FY28 respectively. The company is likely to do a tolling arrangement and will gradually get it rebranded to UltraTech by FY27; 6) In 4Q, Kesoram volume was 1.53mt with EBITDA/tn at INR 399. In FY25, its volume was 6.87mt with EBITDA/tn at INR 112; 7) In the building products division, the management is targeting revenue of INR 30bn over the next 3 years (vs. revenue of INR 9.2bn in FY25).

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Recommendation and Price Target	
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Current Price Target (12M)	13,500
Upside/(Downside)	11.4%
Previous Price Target	13,000
Change	3.8%

Key Data – UTCEM IN	
Current Market Price	INR12,114
Market cap (bn)	INR3,569.7/US\$42.0
Free Float	38%
Shares in issue (mn)	294.7
Diluted share (mn)	294.7
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR4,317.6/US\$50.8
52-week range	12,341/9,408
Sensex/Nifty	80,218/24,329
INR/US\$	85.0

Price Performance			
%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	5.3	9.2	24.9
Relative*	1.6	9.4	16.2

* To the BSE Sensex

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	698,100	749,360	877,671	976,236	1,072,184
Sales Growth (%)	12.0	7.3	17.1	11.2	9.8
EBITDA	129,686	125,575	175,092	212,685	241,407
EBITDA Margin (%)	18.3	16.5	19.7	21.5	22.2
Adjusted Net Profit	70,770	61,371	81,150	109,390	129,347
Diluted EPS (INR)	245.1	208.3	275.4	371.2	438.9
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	39.8	-15.0	32.2	34.8	18.2
ROIC (%)	12.5	9.1	9.6	11.5	12.9
ROE (%)	12.4	9.4	10.6	12.8	13.8
P/E (x)	49.4	58.2	44.0	32.6	27.6
P/B (x)	5.8	5.0	4.4	4.0	3.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	27.8	30.1	21.5	17.5	15.1
Dividend Yield (%)	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.1

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 28/Apr/2025

JM Financial Research is also available on: Bloomberg - JMFR <GO>, Thomson Publisher & Reuters, S&P Capital IQ, FactSet and Visible Alpha

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Exhibit 1. Actual vs. Estimate (4QFY25)						
		Es	timates	Var	iation %	
(INR mn)	Actual	JM	Consensus	JM	Consensus	Comment
Net sales	227,880	239,399	229,674	(4.8)	(0.8)	
EBITDA	46,184	47,448	46,159	(2.7)	0.1	Broadly- in-line with estimates
PAT	24,914	25,151	25,384	(0.9)	(1.9)	
Volumes (mt)	41	42.2		(2.8)		
Blended realisation (Rs/tn)	5,555	5,674		(2.1)		
EBITDA (INR/tn)	1,126	1,125		0.1		

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 2. Consolidated final	ncials (Quarterly)						
INR mn	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25	4QFY25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Revenue	2,04,189	1,80,695	1,56,347	1,77,788	2,30,633	13.0	29.7
Expenditure	1,63,050	1,50,303	1,36,165	1,48,841	1,84,449	13.1	23.9
Total RM	38,094	32,239	29,165	32,039	43,490	14.2	35.7
Power & Fuel	48,388	44,937	38,377	42,859	52,236	8.0	21.9
- reight	46,472	41,813	35,835	40,361	51,762	11.4	28.2
Staff cost	7,494	7,382	9,139	8,901	9,815	31.0	10.3
Other expenditure	22,602	23,931	23,649	24,683	27,146	20.1	10.0
BITDA	41,139	30,392	20,183	28,947	46,184	12.3	59.5
Depreciation	8,149	8,425	9,039	9,928	11,246	38.0	13.3
BIT	32,990	21,967	11,144	19,020	34,939	5.9	83.7
Other Income	1,356	1,657	2,207	2,473	1,021	(24.7)	(58.7)
nterest	2,612	2,556	3,171	4,568	4,750	81.9	4.0
PBT	31,735	21,069	10,180	16,925	31,210	(1.7)	84.4
Total Tax	8,519	4,471	1,914	3,278	6,261	(26.5)	91.0
Adjusted PAT	23,215	16,598	8,266	13,647	24,949	7.5	82.8
Profit)/loss from JV's/Ass/MI	86	43	(66)	(53)	(35)	(140.9)	(33.1)
PAT after MI	23,301	16,640	8,200	13,594	24,914	6.9	83.3
extra ordinary items	(720)	325	-	-	(94)		
Reported PAT	22,581	16,965	8,200	13,594	24,820	9.9	82.6
Adjusted EPS (INR)	80.7	57.6	28.4	47.1	84.5	4.7	79.5

Margins (%)	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25	4QFY25	YoY (bps)	QoQ (bps)
EBIDTA	20.1	16.8	12.9	16.3	20.0	(12)	374
EBIT	16.2	12.2	7.1	10.7	15.1	(101)	445
EBT	15.5	11.7	6.5	9.5	13.5	(201)	401
PAT	11.4	9.2	5.3	7.7	10.8	(55)	314
Effective Tax rate	26.8	21.2	18.8	19.4	20.1		

Source: Company, JM Financial; YoY and QoQ are not directly comparable owing to acquisition of India Cements and Kesoram Industries

Exhibit 3. Consolidated q	uarterly analysis o	n a per-tonne ba	sis				
INR/tn	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25	4QFY25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Volumes (mt)	35.1	32.0	27.8	30.4	41.0	16.9	35.1
Blended Realization	5,721	5,596	5,499	5,588	5,555	(2.9)	(0.6)
Raw Material	1,086	1,009	1,048	1,085	1,060	(2.4)	0.5
Power & Fuel	1,379	1,406	1,378	1,311	1,273	(7.7)	(9.8)
Freight	1,325	1,309	1,287	1,255	1,262	(4.7)	(5.0)
Staff cost	214	231	328	280	239	12.0	(18.4)
Other expenditure	644	749	849	780	662	2.7	(18.6)
Operating cost	4,648	4,704	4,891	4,711	4,497	(3.3)	(8.3)
Other operating income	100	60	117	73	67	(32.7)	(8.3)
EBITDA/tn	1,173	951	725	951	1,126	(4.0)	18.1

Source: Company, JM Financial; YoY and QoQ are not directly comparable owing to acquisition of India Cements and Kesoram Industries

Exhibit 4. Annual analys	is											
											CAG	iR (%)
Key Assumptions	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY20-25E	FY25E-28E
Capacity (mt)	100	115	118	121	135	148	191	203	218	233	10.7	10.5
Volumes (mt)	76	82	86	94	106	119	135.83	156.37	171.51	185.69	10.5	16.9
Utilisation (%)	82	77	74	78	83	80	71	77	79	80		
Blended Realisation (INR/tn)	4,815	5,038	5,118	5,502	5,895	5,864	5,517	5,613	5,692	5,774	1.8	2.3
EBITDA/tn (INR/tn)	889	1,144	1,338	1,225	1,004	1,089	924	1,120	1,240	1,300	(4.2)	18.6
P&L (INR bn)												
Revenue	374	421	447	526	632	709	760	889	989	1,086	12.5	19.6
EBITDA	68	94	116	115	106	130	126	175	213	191	5.9	23.5
Adj. Net Profit	24	38	56	57	51	71	61	81	109	129	9.8	45.2
Balance Sheet (INR bn)												
Equity	284	391	442	504	544	603	739	850	926	1,017		
Net Debt	196	169	67	39	27	28	177	152	110	48		
Net Debt: EBITDA	2.9	1.8	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.4	0.9	0.5	0.3		
Net Debt: Equity	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0		
Cash Flow (INR bn)												
OCF before NWC change	47	65	87	93	74	104	21	130	163	188		
Change in NWC	(9)	5	23	(5)	(3)	(5)	(7)	(5)	(3)	(4)		
Capex	(15)	(17)	(18)	(56)	(61)	(89)	(90)	(100)	(90)	(90)		
FCF	23	53	91	32	10	10	(75)	25	70	95		
Return ratios (%)												
RoE	8.9	11.4	13.4	12.0	9.7	12.3	9.1	10.2	12.3	13.3		
RoCE	6.8	8.6	11.6	10.4	8.9	11.2	7.4	9.0	11.1	12.4		
RoIC	7.4	9.3	11.0	10.8	9.3	12.3	9.0	9.5	11.4	12.7		
Valuations (x)												
PE						49.4	58.2	44.0	32.6	27.6		
EV/EBITDA						27.7	28.6	21.4	17.5	15.2		
EV/tn (USD)						278	230	214	197	182		

Source: JM Financial, Company

Exhibit 5. Annual analysis	on per tonne	basis								
INR/tn	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Blended realisation	4,815	5,038	5,118	5,502	5,895	5,864	5,517	5,613	5,692	5,774
% YoY	0.4	4.6	1.6	7.5	7.1	(0.5)	(5.9)	1.7	1.4	1.4
Raw materials consumed	855	767	820	847	919	1,000	1,009	1,016	1,026	1,051
Power & fuel costs	1,103	1,029	964	1,291	1,749	1,536	1,356	1,263	1,242	1,265
Freight costs	1,158	1,181	1,162	1,246	1,325	1,334	1,285	1,264	1,254	1,245
Staff cost	270	305	272	270	259	255	265	263	255	249
Other expenses	619	691	618	717	725	742	752	761	750	740
Total OpEx	4,005	3,973	3,836	4,371	4,976	4,867	4,667	4,568	4,527	4,550
Other operating income	79	79	56	95	85	92	75	75	75	76
Blended EBITDA	889	1,144	1,338	1,225	1,004	1,089	924	1,120	1,240	1,300
% YoY	(6.6)	28.7	17.0	(8.5)	(18.0)	8.5	(15.1)	21.1	10.8	4.8

Source: Company, JM Financial

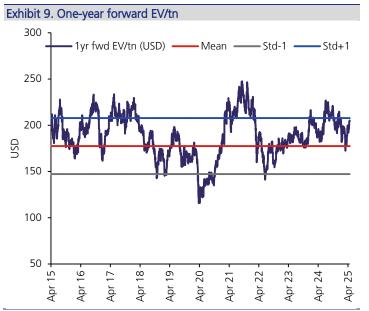
Exhibit 6. We increase our EBITDA estimates by ~2% for FY26-27E									
FY26E FY27E									
INR bn	Old	New	% chg	Old	New	% chg			
Revenues	863.9	889.4	3.0	975.6	989.1	1.4			
EBITDA	172.1	175.1	1.7	208.6	212.7	1.9			
PAT	83.2	81.2	(2.5)	108.9	109.4	0.5			

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 7. Maintain BUY with revised TP of INR 13,500 based on 19x FY27 EV/E EV/E method			
Mar27E EBITDA (INR bn)	213		
EV/E multiple (x)	19		
EV (INR bn)	4,124		
Net debt (Mar26E)	152		
Equity value*	3,978		
No. of shares (mn)	295		
Mar'26 Target Price (INR)	13,500		

Source: JM Financial; *including investment in Star Cement





Financial Tables (Consolidated)

Income Statement					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	698,100	749,360	877,671	976,236	1,072,184
Sales Growth	12.0%	7.3%	17.1%	11.2%	9.8%
Other Operating Income	10,981	10,191	11,720	12,892	14,181
Total Revenue	709,081	759,551	889,391	989,128	1,086,365
Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp	119,029	137,037	158,919	175,938	195,090
Personnel Cost	30,376	36,046	41,179	43,664	46,300
Other Expenses	429,991	460,894	514,201	556,840	603,567
EBITDA	129,686	125,575	175,092	212,685	241,407
EBITDA Margin	18.3%	16.5%	19.7%	21.5%	22.2%
EBITDA Growth	22.1%	-3.2%	39.4%	21.5%	13.5%
Depn. & Amort.	31,453	40,150	54,012	57,715	62,099
EBIT	98,233	85,425	121,080	154,970	179,308
Other Income	6,170	7,442	7,680	7,934	8,201
Finance Cost	9,680	16,505	19,970	16,294	14,166
PBT before Excep. & Forex	94,722	76,361	108,790	146,611	173,343
Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	0
PBT	94,722	76,361	108,790	146,611	173,343
Taxes	24,183	14,885	27,524	37,093	43,856
Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-)	-720	-974	0	0	0
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	-231	106	116	128	141
Reported Net Profit	70,050	60,396	81,150	109,390	129,347
Adjusted Net Profit	70,770	61,371	81,150	109,390	129,347
Net Margin	10.0%	8.1%	9.1%	11.1%	11.9%
Diluted Share Cap. (mn)	288.7	294.7	294.7	294.7	294.7
Diluted EPS (INR)	245.1	208.3	275.4	371.2	438.9
Diluted EPS Growth	39.8%	-15.0%	32.2%	34.8%	18.2%
Total Dividend + Tax	20,208	22,838	24,345	32,817	38,804
Dividend Per Share (INR)	70.0	77.5	82.6	111.4	131.7

Balance Sheet					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Shareholders' Fund	602,275	707,068	817,813	894,386	984,929
Share Capital	2,887	2,947	2,947	2,947	2,947
Reserves & Surplus	599,388	704,121	814,866	891,439	981,982
Preference Share Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Interest	559	31,866	31,982	32,110	32,251
Total Loans	102,984	230,310	220,310	193,310	166,310
Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-)	64,429	95,144	60,637	60,698	60,759
Total - Equity & Liab.	770,247	1,064,387	1,130,742	1,180,504	1,244,248
Net Fixed Assets	729,679	1,039,279	1,086,336	1,119,721	1,148,756
Gross Fixed Assets	802,389	1,144,720	1,250,908	1,352,047	1,450,958
Intangible Assets	63,455	76,818	76,818	76,818	76,818
Less: Depn. & Amort.	203,992	244,141	297,085	353,699	414,664
Capital WIP	67,828	61,883	55,694	44,556	35,644
Investments	82,490	51,565	56,565	61,565	66,565
Current Assets	195,802	245,477	276,719	314,766	374,851
Inventories	83,297	95,630	122,245	135,825	152,657
Sundry Debtors	42,782	58,903	54,445	60,559	66,511
Cash & Bank Balances	7,832	16,733	26,690	36,805	66,089
Loans & Advances	60,241	74,212	73,340	81,576	89,593
Other Current Assets	1,651	0	0	0	0
Current Liab. & Prov.	237,724	271,934	288,877	315,547	345,923
Current Liabilities	84,783	93,275	93,611	102,948	113,343
Provisions & Others	152,941	178,659	195,266	212,599	232,580
Net Current Assets	-41,922	-26,456	-12,158	-782	28,928
Total – Assets	770,247	1,064,387	1,130,742	1,180,504	1,244,248

Source: Company, JM Financial

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Cash Flow Statement				((INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Profit before Tax	94,722	76,361	108,790	146,611	173,343
Depn. & Amort.	31,453	40,150	52,943	56,614	60,965
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	9,680	16,505	19,970	16,294	14,166
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	1,605	-6,564	-4,342	-1,260	-426
Others	-4,661	-1,920	-7,796	-8,062	-8,342
Taxes Paid	-24,183	-14,885	-27,524	-37,093	-43,856
Operating Cash Flow	108,616	109,647	142,041	173,104	195,851
Capex	-94,753	-190,185	-100,000	-90,000	-90,000
Free Cash Flow	13,863	-80,538	42,041	83,104	105,852
Inc (-) / Dec in Investments	-6,870	30,475	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000
Others	6,170	7,442	7,680	7,934	8,201
Investing Cash Flow	-95,454	-152,268	-97,321	-87,066	-86,799
Inc / Dec (-) in Capital	0	60	-60	0	0
Dividend + Tax thereon	-20,208	-22,838	-24,345	-32,817	-38,804
Inc / Dec (-) in Loans	3,976	127,326	-10,000	-27,000	-27,000
Others	-594	-53,026	-360	-16,105	-13,965
Financing Cash Flow	-16,826	51,522	-34,764	-75,922	-79,769
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	-3,664	8,901	9,956	10,116	29,284
Opening Cash Balance	11,496	7,832	16,733	26,690	36,805
Closing Cash Balance	7,832	16,733	26,690	36,805	66,089

Dupont Analysis					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Margin	10.0%	8.1%	9.1%	11.1%	11.9%
Asset Turnover (x)	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9
Leverage Factor (x)	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3
RoE	12.4%	9.4%	10.6%	12.8%	13.8%

Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
BV/Share (INR)	2,086.2	2,399.4	2,775.3	3,035.1	3,342.4
ROIC	12.5%	9.1%	9.6%	11.5%	12.9%
ROE	12.4%	9.4%	10.6%	12.8%	13.8%
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0
P/E (x)	49.4	58.2	44.0	32.6	27.6
P/B (x)	5.8	5.0	4.4	4.0	3.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	27.8	30.1	21.5	17.5	15.1
EV/Sales (x)	5.1	5.0	4.2	3.8	3.4
Debtor days	22	28	22	22	22
Inventory days	43	46	50	50	51
Creditor days	53	54	48	48	49

Source: Company, JM Financial

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History of Recommendation and Target Price					
Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.		
14-Jan-25	Buy	13,000			
23-Jan-25	Buy	13,000	0.0		
26-Feb-25	Buy	13,000	0.0		



APPENDIX I

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