



About the Company

ACC Limited- a part of Adani Cement is one of India's leading producers of cement and ready-mix concrete. It is a member of the Adani Group - which has the largest and fastest-growing portfolio of diversified sustainable businesses. ACC has 18 cement manufacturing sites, over 80 RMC plants and a nationwide network of channel partners to serve its customers. Established in 1936, ACC is counted among the country's 'Most Sustainable Companies' and is recognized for its best practices in environment management and corporate citizenship.

Investment Rationale

- A. Capacity Expansion to strengthen footprint in Central region:** The company recently commissioned a 1 mtpa Grinding Unit in Ametha (MP). This has taken the company's total cement manufacturing capacity to 37 mtpa, fostering a higher presence in the demand-accretive Central region. Its 3.3 mtpa Clinker unit at the same location was commissioned earlier. Central regions are exhibiting promising growth potential driven by increasing housing and infra activities as per-capita Cement consumption of the region is one of the lowest in India. We expect the company to deliver volume growth of 12% CAGR over FY23-FY25E and clock revenue CAGR of 15% over the same period.
- B. Better Synergies to drive EBITDA/tonne:** Various cost optimization drives undertaken by the company reduced its overall cost by 17% YoY to Rs 4,797/tonne. Consequently, its EBITDA margins improved to 12.4% in Q3FY23. Moreover, the company's ongoing optimization initiatives are expected to bring down the operating cost further. The company's EBITDA margin will expand further with reducing clinker factor and logistics costs, increasing sales of premium products, higher share of green energy, and better cement prices. We, therefore, foresee the EBITDA/tonne of the company improving to Rs 920 in FY25 and margins to 16%.
- C. Higher govt focus on housing and infra to drive Cement consumption:** Housing and Infra which consumes around 80-90 percent of the total Cement produced in the country, will further accelerate the Cement demand as Central govt is very keen on developing the housing (urban & rural, low cost housing), Infra (Rail, Road, Port, Airport, Ropeways) under the various Central govt programs and initiatives. With general election 2024 fast approaching, rising construction activities will fuel the Cement demand moving ahead. We expect the overall Cement demand in the country to grow at a CAGR of 8-9 percent over FY23-FY25.
- D. Outlook & Valuation:** With expanded capacity, better pricing, increased demand, moderation in commodity prices and better synergies with other Adani group companies, we expect ACC to report Revenue/EBITDA/APAT CAGR of 16%/55%/85% respectively over FY23-FY25E. Stock is currently trading at 14x and 10x FY24E/FY25E EV/EBITDA which we believe is attractive compared to other larger peers in the sector.
- E. Recommendation:** We recommend a **BUY** on the stock for a target price of Rs 2615/ implying an upside of 10% from CMP.

Financial Summary (Consolidated)

Y/E March	Net Sales (Rs Cr)	EBITDA (Rs Cr)	Net Profit (Rs Cr)	EPS (Rs)	PER (x)	EV/EBITDA (x)	P/BV (x)	RoE (%)
2023	22,210	1,925	1,047	47	51	22	3.0	6
2024E	19,568	2,812	1,680	89	27	14	2.7	11
2025E	21,543	3,635	2,268	121	20	10	2.4	14

Source: Axis Securities; CMP as on 5th Jan, 2024

CMP (Rs)	Target (Rs)	Potential Upside (%)
2375	2615	10%

MARKET DATA

No. of Shares	18.8 Cr
Market Cap	44731 Cr
52-week High / Low	2488/1952
BSE Code	500410
NSE Code	ACC

Why ACC Ltd

- ✓ **Attractive Valuations**
- ✓ **Macro-economic Tailwinds**
- ✓ **Encouraging Growth Opportunities**
- ✓ **Company-specific Triggers**
- ✓ **Sector-specific Attributes**

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