

July 29, 2025

## Q1FY26 Result Update

☑ Change in Estimates | ☑ Target | ■ Reco

### Change in Estimates

	Current		Previous	
	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
<b>Rating</b>	<b>REDUCE</b>		<b>REDUCE</b>	
<b>Target Price</b>	<b>2,248</b>		<b>2,140</b>	
Sales (Rs. m)	3,54,743	3,71,315	3,58,286	3,77,953
% Chng.	(1.0)	(1.8)		
EBITDA (Rs. m)	63,888	70,184	64,878	68,760
% Chng.	(1.5)	2.1		
EPS (Rs.)	43.7	48.3	44.7	47.6
% Chng.	(2.1)	1.5		

### Key Financials - Consolidated

Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Sales (Rs. m)	3,54,947	3,39,056	3,54,743	3,71,315
EBITDA (Rs. m)	75,850	60,062	63,888	70,184
Margin (%)	21.4	17.7	18.0	18.9
PAT (Rs. m)	54,602	40,303	41,943	46,304
EPS (Rs.)	56.9	42.0	43.7	48.3
Gr. (%)	31.4	(26.2)	4.1	10.4
DPS (Rs.)	26.4	32.4	25.5	27.0
Yield (%)	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.1
RoE (%)	31.5	21.1	20.6	20.8
RoCE (%)	36.6	24.8	24.3	24.4
EV/Sales (x)	6.4	6.7	6.4	6.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	30.0	37.8	35.4	31.9
PE (x)	42.2	57.2	54.9	49.7
P/BV (x)	12.3	11.9	10.8	9.9

### Key Data ASPN.BO | APNT IN

52-W High / Low	Rs.3,395 / Rs.2,125
Sensex / Nifty	81,338 / 24,821
Market Cap	Rs.2,304bn / \$ 26,532m
Shares Outstanding	959m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.2806.53m

### Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	52.63
Foreign	11.85
Domestic Institution	14.41
Public & Others	21.04
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	9.38

### Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	1.8	8.0	(18.7)
Relative	5.2	1.6	(18.7)

**Amnish Aggarwal**

amnishaggarwal@plindia.com | 91-22-66322233

**Vishwa Solanki**

vishwasolanki@plindia.com | 91-22-66322244

**Hasti Savla**

hastisavla@plindia.com | 91-22-66322531

## Growth outlook remains tepid

### Quick Pointers:

- 1Q decorative volumes up 3.9%, July demand remains like 1QFY26, early Diwali could add to 2Q sales but 3Q might be impacted due to low retailing days
- Expect single digit value/volume growth for FY26, Tio2 ADD to curtail margins

*We remain cautious on APNT given 1) Cautious urban demand even as rural is resilient 2) Rising competitive intensity particularly in the decorative segment (JSW Paints' acquisition of Akzo Nobel to further add to competition) 3) limited margin expansion opportunity due to imposition of 20% ADD on Tio2 and increased marketing spending. However, in a normal monsoon season, the benefits of recent tax cuts, and benign inflation could support a recovery in demand in Q2, especially with an early Diwali in October (festival stocking).*

*APNT seems to be impacted more as faster growing Industrial paints are just 5% of total sales (under index than Kansai and Akzo). Given ~4% realization decline, pressure on demand in Luxury segments (mix impact), sales growth is likely to remain in low to mid-single digit. Bath, Kitchen and Home décor have been slow to scale up given slow demand and competitive environment. We estimate a CAGR of 4.6% in revenue and 7.2% in PAT over FY25-27. APNT trades at 49.1xJuneFY27 EPS, which leaves little room for re-rating. Retain reduce with target price of Rs2248 (46xJun27 EPS, 2140 earlier, on 45xFY27).*

**Decorative volume grew 3.9%** Consol Revenues declined by 0.3% YoY to Rs89.4bn (PLe: Rs92.4bn). Decorative volume grew by 3.9%; while Industrial Coatings business registered 8.8% growth. Gross margins expanded by 15bps YoY to 42.7%. EBITDA declined by 4.1% YoY to Rs16.2bn (PLe:Rs19.7bn) Margins contracted by 70bps YoY to 18.2% (PLe:19.4%). Adj. PAT declined by 6.1% YoY to Rs11bn (PLe:Rs11.74bn). **Standalone Revenues** declined by 1.3% YoY to Rs78.7bn; Gross margins expanded by 32bps YoY to 43.3%; EBITDA margins contracted by 69bps YoY to 19.3%; Adj. PAT declined by 7.5% YoY to Rs11bn .

## Other Highlights

- Industrial Business** grew 8.8% in Q1FY26 led by good performance in Auto & Protective coating segments
- Bath fittings** sales decreased by 5.1% to Rs887mn, PBT loss was flat at Rs20mn YoY
- APPPG sales** increased 4.8% YoY to Rs3074mn, PBT declined to 248mn v/s 298mn
- PPG AP** sales increased 11.1% to 5745mn, PBT came at Rs973mn as against 992mn.
- International business** registered a sales growth of 8.4% led by growth in Asian, UAE and Egypt market

**Concall Takeaways:** 1) 1Q delivered a subdued performance due to continued tepid demand environment and uncertain macro condition 2) April and May was good while June saw tepid demand amidst early monsoon (North & east performed good, south remain subdued) 3) some green shoots are being seen sequentially driven by improved demand from urban centers 4) Premium and eco segment has done well while luxury segment remain subdued 5) July demand remain similar to Q1 with no positive triggers, 3Q to remain impacted due to slightly lower retailing days 6) Home Décor categories saw a muted performance in Q1 due to pressure on household disposable incomes 7) Industrial Coatings business grew by 8.8%, on the back of good performance in Auto & Protective coating segments 8) The operating margins for the quarter were marginally lower on a YoY basis on account of higher sales and marketing investments. 9) International business saw decent growth in Q1 led by decent demand in Asia, UAE and Egypt markets, however Ethiopia saw some currency depreciation 10) Overall competitive intensity continue to remain at elevated levels 11) Economy emulsion/water proofing/exterior texture/wood finishes doing good , however luxury emulsions saw some downtrading 12) RM price remain benign, APNT saw deflation of 1% in 1Q, however anti-dumping duty on Tio2 to impact over RM basket in near term 13) backward integration projects ( VAM-VAE & White cement) remain on track, this project are likely to improve cost efficiency. 14) New product now contributes 14% towards overall revenue 15) FY26 to see CAPEX of Rs7bn with Rs1bn already deployed. 16) company expects single digit value/volume growth for FY26

**Exhibit 1: 1QFY26 results - Consolidated (Rs mn): Revenues de-grew 0.3%YoY, EBITDA margins at 18.2%**

Consolidated	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	YoY gr. (%)	1Q26E	% Var.	Q4FY25	FY26E	FY25	YoY gr. (%)
<b>Net Sales</b>	<b>89,386</b>	<b>89,697</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>92,388</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>83,589</b>	<b>3,54,743</b>	<b>3,39,056</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Gross Profit	38,155	38,152	0.0	40,189	-5.1	36,724	1,53,792	1,43,898	6.9
% of NS	42.7	42.5	0.2	43.5	-0.8	43.9	43.4	42.4	
<b>Other Expenses</b>	<b>21,905</b>	<b>21,214</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>22,266</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>22,362</b>	<b>89,904</b>	<b>83,836</b>	<b>7.2</b>
% of NS	24.5	23.7	0.9	24.1	0.4	26.8	25.3	24.7	
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>16,250</b>	<b>16,938</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>17,923</b>	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>14,362</b>	<b>63,888</b>	<b>60,062</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Margins %	18.2	18.9	-0.7	19.4	-1.2	17.2	18.0	17.7	
Depreciation	3,009	2,277	32.1	3,025	-0.5	3,011	12,305	10,263	19.9
Interest	445	554	-19.6	550	-19.1	528	2,236	2,270	-1.5
Other Income	1,928	1,562	23.4	1,250	54.2	999	6,237	5,726	8.9
<b>PBT</b>	<b>14,724</b>	<b>15,669</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>15,598</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>11,822</b>	<b>55,584</b>	<b>53,255</b>	<b>4.4</b>
Tax	3,917	4,168	-6.0	4,056	-3.4	3,214	14,229	13,934	2.1
Tax rate %	26.6	26.6	0.0	26.0		27.2	25.6	26.2	
<b>Adj. PAT</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>11,713</b>	<b>-6.09</b>	<b>11,743</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>8,774</b>	<b>41,942</b>	<b>40,303</b>	<b>4.1</b>

Source: Company, PL

**Exhibit 2: 1QFY26 Results - Standalone (Rs mn): Revenues de-grew 1.3% YoY, EBITDA margins at 19.3%**

Standalone	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	YoY gr. (%)	1Q26E	% Var.	Q4FY25	FY26E	FY25	YoY gr. (%)
<b>Net Sales</b>	<b>78,685</b>	<b>79,756</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>81,181</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>71,924</b>	<b>3,06,883</b>	<b>2,95,527</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Gross Profit	34,082	34,288	-0.6	36,531	-6.7	32,516	1,35,450	1,27,608	6.1
% of NS	43.3	43.0	0.3	45.0	-1.7	45.2	44.1	43.2	
<b>Other Expenses</b>	<b>18,882</b>	<b>18,329</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>19,483</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>19,274</b>	<b>77,020</b>	<b>72,085</b>	<b>6.8</b>
% of NS	24.0	23.0	1.0	24.0	0.0	26.8	25.1	24.4	
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>15,200</b>	<b>15,959</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>17,048</b>	<b>-10.8</b>	<b>13,242</b>	<b>58,430</b>	<b>55,523</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Margins %	19.3	20.0	-0.69	21.0	-1.7	18.4	19.0	18.8	
Depreciation	2,693	1,983	35.8	2,750	-2.1	2,694	10,842	9,019	20.2
Interest	303	327	-7.6	345	-12.3	340	1,401	1,438	-2.5
Other Income	2,477	2,245	10.3	1,900	30.4	1,380	8,257	7,702	7.2
<b>PBT</b>	<b>14,682</b>	<b>15,893</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>15,853</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>11,588</b>	<b>54,443</b>	<b>52,768</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Tax	3,685	4,001	-7.9	3,963	-7.0	2,847	13,556	13,123	3.3
Tax rate %	25.1	25.2		25.0		24.6	24.9	24.9	
<b>Adj. PAT</b>	<b>10,996</b>	<b>11,892</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>11,890</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>8,741</b>	<b>40,887</b>	<b>39,645</b>	<b>3.1</b>

Source: Company, PL

**Exhibit 3: IBD reported strong YoY growth led by robust performance in Asia and middle east**

(Rs mn)	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25	4QFY25	1QFY26
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>7170</b>	<b>7900</b>	<b>7870</b>	<b>8210</b>	<b>6910</b>	<b>7890</b>	<b>8290</b>	<b>8100</b>	<b>7500</b>
Africa	1590	1820	2010	1930	1470	1410	1440	1280	1370
Middle East	2490	2460	2520	2580	2540	2930	3030	2970	2830
Asia	2750	3180	2890	3340	2550	3100	3420	3470	2940
South Pacific	340	440	450	360	350	450	400	380	360
<b>YoY Growth</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>
Africa	5.3%	4.0%	9.8%	10.3%	-7.5%	-22.5%	-28.4%	-33.7%	-6.8%
Middle East	22.7%	11.3%	5.0%	4.9%	2.0%	19.1%	20.2%	15.1%	11.4%
Asia	-16.7%	-16.3%	-10.5%	-4.3%	-7.3%	-2.5%	18.3%	3.9%	15.3%
South Pacific	30.8%	10.0%	12.5%	9.1%	2.9%	2.3%	-11.1%	5.6%	2.9%
<b>PBT</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>-60</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>496</b>
Africa	160	240	310	100	240	-340	250	140	125
Middle East	140	70	280	260	140	260	290	190	141
Asia	60	130	20	180	-190	-60	110	90	160
South Pacific	60	100	100	20	50	80	50	50	70
<b>PBT Margins</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>7%</b>
Africa	10%	13%	15%	5%	16%	-24%	17%	11%	9%
Middle East	6%	3%	11%	10%	6%	9%	10%	6%	5%
Asia	2%	4%	1%	5%	-7%	-2%	3%	3%	5%
South Pacific	18%	23%	22%	6%	14%	18%	13%	13%	19%
<b>YoY Growth</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>41.8%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>-43%</b>	<b>-111%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-16%</b>	<b>107%</b>
Africa	89.9%	669.2%	182.2%	-11%	-50%	-242%	-19%	40%	-48%
Middle East	1041.4%	-414.4%	142.4%	-53%	0%	271%	4%	-27%	1%
Asia	-76.0%	-63.0%	-89.8%	-25%	-417%	-146%	450%	-50%	-184%
South Pacific	52.9%	29.9%	27.0%	-50%	-17%	-20%	-50%	150%	40%

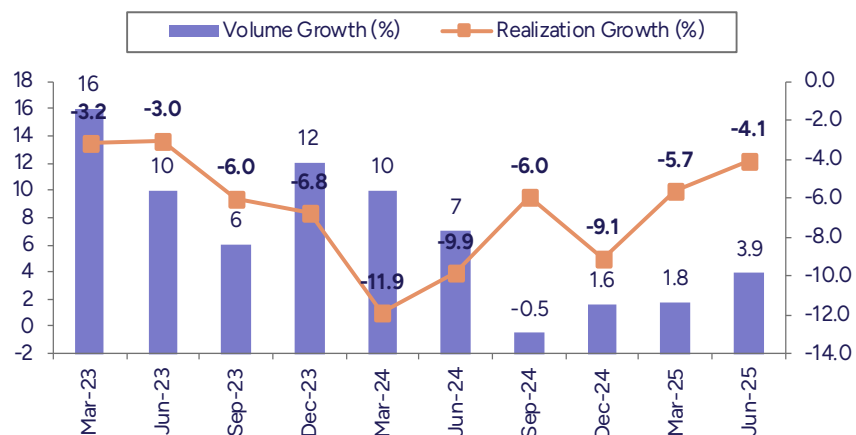
Source: Company, PL

**Exhibit 4: Domestic – Auto and Gen Industrial Paints report decent performance, Bath and Kitchen continue to remain muted**

(Rs mn)	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25	4QFY25	1QFY26
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>9470</b>	<b>9240</b>	<b>10490</b>	<b>9740</b>	<b>10030</b>	<b>9770</b>	<b>10877</b>	<b>10090</b>	<b>10687</b>
PPG-AP	4720	4950	5760	4710	5170	5240	6101	4849	5745
AP-PPG	2940	2510	2880	3130	2930	2650	2873	3471	3074
Kitchen Business	960	970	1000	1010	1000	1050	1027	851	981
Bath Business	850	810	850	890	930	830	876	919	887
<b>YoY Growth</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
PPG-AP	13.5%	5.5%	12.3%	10.0%	9.5%	5.9%	5.9%	3.0%	11.1%
AP-PPG	21.5%	11.6%	9.9%	7.9%	-0.3%	5.6%	-0.2%	10.9%	4.8%
Kitchen Business	-11.9%	-17.8%	-1.0%	3.1%	4.2%	8.2%	2.7%	-15.7%	-2.3%
Bath Business	-28.0%	-20.6%	-5.6%	-7.3%	9.4%	2.5%	3.1%	3.3%	-5.0%
<b>PBT</b>	<b>1190</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>1540</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>1280</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>1505</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>1111</b>
PPG-AP	820	770	1280	690	990	830	1348	586	973
AP-PPG	390	159	330	349	300	190	241	289	248
Kitchen Business	-20	-30	0	-10	-30	-49	-21	-130	-90
Bath Business	0	-30	-70	-110	20	-67	-63	-27	-20
<b>PBT Margins</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>10%</b>
PPG-AP	17%	16%	22%	15%	19%	16%	22%	12%	17%
AP-PPG	13%	6%	11%	11%	10%	7%	8%	8%	8%
Kitchen Business	-2%	-3%	0%	-1%	-3%	-5%	-2%	-15%	-9%
Bath Business	0%	-4%	-8%	-12%	2%	-8%	-7%	-3%	-2%

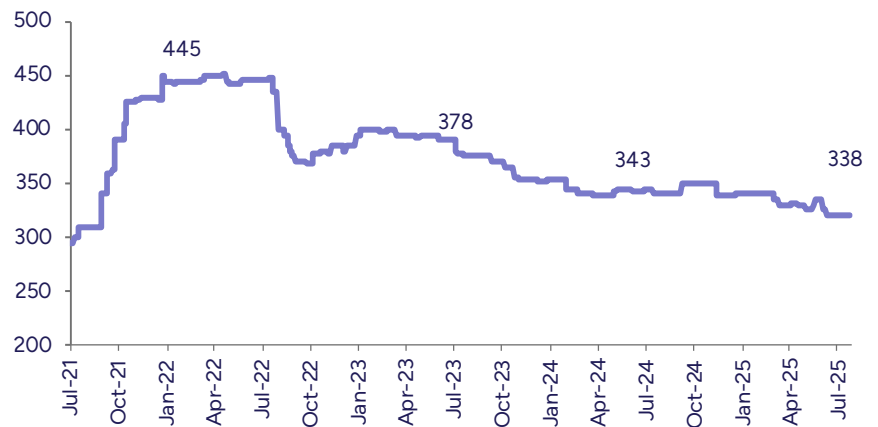
Source: Company, PL

**Exhibit 5: Decorative volumes grew by just 3.9%, negative realization continues**



Source: Company, PL

**Exhibit 6: Tio2 prices down 4.2% YoY and 2.8% QoQ**



Source: Company, PL

**Exhibit 7: New variant in Ultraa Range- Ace, Apex and Tractor**



Source: Company, PL

## Financials

### Income Statement (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
<b>Net Revenues</b>	<b>3,54,947</b>	<b>3,39,056</b>	<b>3,54,743</b>	<b>3,71,315</b>
YoY gr. (%)	2.9	(4.5)	4.6	4.7
Cost of Goods Sold	2,00,902	1,95,158	2,00,951	2,10,392
Gross Profit	1,54,045	1,43,898	1,53,792	1,60,923
Margin (%)	43.4	42.4	43.4	43.3
Employee Cost	23,262	25,972	28,389	29,811
Other Expenses	54,934	57,864	61,515	60,928
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>75,850</b>	<b>60,062</b>	<b>63,888</b>	<b>70,184</b>
YoY gr. (%)	21.2	(20.8)	6.4	9.9
Margin (%)	21.4	17.7	18.0	18.9
Depreciation and Amortization	8,530	10,263	12,305	13,538
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>67,320</b>	<b>49,799</b>	<b>51,583</b>	<b>56,646</b>
Margin (%)	19.0	14.7	14.5	15.3
Net Interest	2,052	2,270	2,236	2,142
Other Income	6,880	5,726	6,237	6,971
<b>Profit Before Tax</b>	<b>72,148</b>	<b>53,255</b>	<b>55,584</b>	<b>61,475</b>
Margin (%)	20.3	15.7	15.7	16.6
Total Tax	17,901	13,934	14,229	15,738
Effective tax rate (%)	24.8	26.2	25.6	25.6
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>54,247</b>	<b>39,321</b>	<b>41,354</b>	<b>45,738</b>
Minority interest	975	425	855	1,009
Share Profit from Associate	1,330	1,407	1,444	1,576
<b>Adjusted PAT</b>	<b>54,602</b>	<b>40,303</b>	<b>41,943</b>	<b>46,304</b>
YoY gr. (%)	31.4	(26.2)	4.1	10.4
Margin (%)	15.4	11.9	11.8	12.5
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	(3,631)	-	-
<b>Reported PAT</b>	<b>54,602</b>	<b>36,672</b>	<b>41,943</b>	<b>46,304</b>
YoY gr. (%)	33.0	(32.8)	14.4	10.4
Margin (%)	15.4	10.8	11.8	12.5
Other Comprehensive Income	320	1,146	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	55,897	38,243	42,798	47,313
<b>Equity Shares O/s (m)</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>959</b>
<b>EPS (Rs)</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>48.3</b>

Source: Company Data, PL Research

### Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>				
<b>Gross Block</b>	<b>89,061</b>	<b>1,17,532</b>	<b>1,33,032</b>	<b>1,46,032</b>
Tangibles	82,519	1,11,030	1,26,030	1,38,530
Intangibles	6,542	6,502	7,002	7,502
<b>Acc: Dep / Amortization</b>	<b>40,349</b>	<b>45,964</b>	<b>53,777</b>	<b>62,149</b>
Tangibles	38,057	43,154	50,562	58,499
Intangibles	2,292	2,810	3,215	3,650
<b>Net fixed assets</b>	<b>48,712</b>	<b>71,568</b>	<b>79,255</b>	<b>83,883</b>
Tangibles	44,462	67,876	75,468	80,031
Intangibles	4,250	3,692	3,787	3,852
Capital Work In Progress	26,984	12,545	12,000	9,000
Goodwill	4,192	2,196	2,196	2,196
Non-Current Investments	19,910	23,576	19,078	19,262
Net Deferred tax assets	(3,289)	(3,888)	(3,171)	(3,153)
Other Non-Current Assets	23,840	23,751	24,373	25,909
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Investments	32,034	32,443	45,626	60,105
Inventories	59,234	67,193	62,080	64,052
Trade receivables	48,891	43,137	50,539	51,882
Cash & Bank Balance	10,840	7,820	8,934	11,531
Other Current Assets	7,858	7,737	6,563	6,684
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,99,241</b>	<b>3,03,707</b>	<b>3,23,199</b>	<b>3,48,055</b>
<b>Equity</b>				
Equity Share Capital	959	959	959	959
Other Equity	1,86,324	1,93,032	2,11,488	2,31,894
<b>Total Network</b>	<b>1,87,283</b>	<b>1,93,991</b>	<b>2,12,447</b>	<b>2,32,853</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>				
Long Term borrowings	544	2,596	100	100
Provisions	2,226	2,578	2,768	2,921
Other non current liabilities	345	456	392	392
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	10,528	6,041	9,454	8,591
Trade payables	38,313	38,480	38,539	40,349
Other current liabilities	36,169	36,891	36,249	37,661
<b>Total Equity &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b>2,99,241</b>	<b>3,03,706</b>	<b>3,23,198</b>	<b>3,48,055</b>

Source: Company Data, PL Research




**Cash Flow (Rs m)**

Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
PBT	72,148	53,255	55,584	61,475
Add. Depreciation	8,530	10,263	12,305	13,538
Add. Interest	2,052	2,270	2,236	2,142
Less Financial Other Income	6,880	5,726	6,237	6,971
Add. Other	(6,560)	(2,485)	-	-
Op. profit before WC changes	76,169	63,303	70,125	77,155
Net Changes-WC	(7,450)	(41)	(7,856)	(14,941)
Direct tax	(17,901)	(13,934)	(14,229)	(15,738)
<b>Net cash from Op. activities</b>	<b>50,819</b>	<b>49,328</b>	<b>48,040</b>	<b>46,476</b>
Capital expenditures	(39,079)	(16,559)	(20,536)	(16,418)
Interest / Dividend Income	6,880	-	-	-
Others	2,860	339	1,443	1,574
<b>Net Cash from Invt. activities</b>	<b>(29,340)</b>	<b>(16,221)</b>	<b>(19,093)</b>	<b>(14,843)</b>
Issue of share cap. / premium	(795)	(818)	118	(1,009)
Debt changes	5,686	(3,374)	(1,592)	(357)
Dividend paid	(25,324)	(31,078)	(24,460)	(25,898)
Interest paid	(2,052)	(2,270)	(2,236)	(2,142)
Others	4,068	593	-	-
<b>Net cash from Fin. activities</b>	<b>(18,417)</b>	<b>(36,948)</b>	<b>(28,169)</b>	<b>(29,407)</b>
<b>Net change in cash</b>	<b>3,062</b>	<b>(3,841)</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>2,226</b>
Free Cash Flow	11,739	32,768	27,504	30,059

Source: Company Data, PL Research

**Key Financial Metrics**

Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
<b>Per Share(Rs)</b>				
EPS	56.9	42.0	43.7	48.3
CEPS	65.8	52.7	56.6	62.4
BVPS	195.2	202.2	221.5	242.8
FCF	12.2	34.2	28.7	31.3
DPS	26.4	32.4	25.5	27.0
<b>Return Ratio(%)</b>				
RoCE	36.6	24.8	24.3	24.4
ROIC	35.9	22.9	24.3	26.3
RoE	31.5	21.1	20.6	20.8
<b>Balance Sheet</b>				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.3)
Net Working Capital (Days)	72	77	76	74
<b>Valuation(x)</b>				
PER	42.2	57.2	54.9	49.7
P/B	12.3	11.9	10.8	9.9
P/CEPS	36.5	45.6	42.5	38.5
EV/EBITDA	30.0	37.8	35.4	31.9
EV/Sales	6.4	6.7	6.4	6.0
Dividend Yield (%)	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.1

Source: Company Data, PL Research

**Quarterly Financials (Rs m)**

Y/e Mar	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>80,275</b>	<b>85,494</b>	<b>83,589</b>	<b>89,386</b>
YoY gr. (%)	(5.3)	(6.1)	(4.3)	(0.3)
Raw Material Expenses	47,543	49,204	46,865	51,231
Gross Profit	32,732	36,291	36,724	38,155
Margin (%)	40.8	42.4	43.9	42.7
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>12,395</b>	<b>16,367</b>	<b>14,362</b>	<b>16,250</b>
YoY gr. (%)	(27.8)	(20.4)	(15.1)	(4.1)
Margin (%)	15.4	19.1	17.2	18.2
Depreciation / Depletion	2,420	2,556	3,011	3,009
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>9,975</b>	<b>13,812</b>	<b>11,351</b>	<b>13,241</b>
Margin (%)	12.4	16.2	13.6	14.8
Net Interest	630	558	528	445
Other Income	1,736	1,430	999	1,928
<b>Profit before Tax</b>	<b>11,081</b>	<b>14,683</b>	<b>11,822</b>	<b>14,724</b>
Margin (%)	13.8	17.2	14.1	16.5
Total Tax	2,654	3,897	3,214	3,917
Effective tax rate (%)	23.9	26.5	27.2	26.6
<b>Profit after Tax</b>	<b>8,427</b>	<b>10,786</b>	<b>8,607</b>	<b>10,807</b>
Minority interest	(373)	192	64	171
Share Profit from Associates	311	498	231	363
<b>Adjusted PAT</b>	<b>9,111</b>	<b>11,093</b>	<b>8,774</b>	<b>11,000</b>
YoY gr. (%)	(24.4)	(23.3)	(30.7)	(6.1)
Margin (%)	11.3	13.0	10.5	12.3
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	(1,801)	-	(1,830)	-
<b>Reported PAT</b>	<b>7,310</b>	<b>11,093</b>	<b>6,944</b>	<b>11,000</b>
YoY gr. (%)	(39.4)	(23.3)	(45.2)	(6.1)
Margin (%)	9.1	13.0	8.3	12.3
Other Comprehensive Income	709	(58)	(291)	(529)
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>8,019</b>	<b>11,035</b>	<b>6,653</b>	<b>10,471</b>
Avg. Shares O/s (m)	959	959	959	939
<b>EPS (Rs)</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>11.7</b>

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Price Chart



Recommendation History

No.	Date	Rating	TP (Rs.)	Share Price (Rs.)
1	09-Jul-25	Reduce	2,140	2,485
2	08-May-25	Reduce	2,142	2,303
3	09-Apr-25	Reduce	2,094	2,394
4	05-Feb-25	Reduce	2,123	2,354
5	08-Jan-25	Reduce	2,230	2,334
6	11-Nov-24	Reduce	2,230	2,543
7	07-Oct-24	Reduce	2,605	3,073

Analyst Coverage Universe

Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	Asian Paints	Reduce	2,140	2,485
2	Avenue Supermarts	Hold	3,923	4,064
3	Britannia Industries	BUY	5,941	5,839
4	Colgate Palmolive	Hold	2,453	2,376
5	Dabur India	Hold	501	514
6	Emami	Accumulate	697	573
7	Hindustan Unilever	Accumulate	2,601	2,393
8	ITC	BUY	538	417
9	Jubilant FoodWorks	Hold	689	688
10	Kansai Nerolac Paints	Accumulate	284	251
11	Marico	Accumulate	718	726
12	Metro Brands	Hold	1,195	1,167
13	Mold-tekk Packaging	Accumulate	805	761
14	Nestle India	Hold	2,392	2,322
15	Pidilite Industries	BUY	3,428	3,060
16	Restaurant Brands Asia	Accumulate	89	82
17	Titan Company	BUY	3,830	3,451
18	Westlife Foodworld	Hold	745	772

PL's Recommendation Nomenclature (Absolute Performance)

Buy	: > 15%
Accumulate	: 5% to 15%
Hold	: +5% to -5%
Reduce	: -5% to -15%
Sell	: < -15%
Not Rated (NR)	: No specific call on the stock
Under Review (UR)	: Rating likely to change shortly



## **ANALYST CERTIFICATION**

### **(Indian Clients)**

We/I, Mr. Amnish Aggarwal- MBA, CFA, Mr. Vishwa Solanki- PGDM - Finance, Ms. Hasti Savla- CA Research Analysts, authors and the names subscribed to this report, hereby certify that all of the views expressed in this research report accurately reflect our views about the subject issuer(s) or securities. We also certify that no part of our compensation was, is, or will be directly or indirectly related to the specific recommendation(s) or view(s) in this report.

### **(US Clients)**

The research analysts, with respect to each issuer and its securities covered by them in this research report, certify that: All of the views expressed in this research report accurately reflect his or her or their personal views about all of the issuers and their securities; and No part of his or her or their compensation was, is or will be directly related to the specific recommendation or views expressed in this research report.

## **DISCLAIMER**

### **Indian Clients**

Prabhudas Lilladher Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai, India (hereinafter referred to as "PL") is engaged in the business of Stock Broking, Portfolio Manager, Depository Participant and distribution for third party financial products. PL is a subsidiary of Prabhudas Lilladher Advisory Services Pvt Ltd. which has its various subsidiaries engaged in business of commodity broking, investment banking, financial services (margin funding) and distribution of third party financial/other products, details in respect of which are available at [www.plindia.com](http://www.plindia.com).

This document has been prepared by the Research Division of PL and is meant for use by the recipient only as information and is not for circulation. This document is not to be reported or copied or made available to others without prior permission of PL. It should not be considered or taken as an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy or sell any security.

The information contained in this report has been obtained from sources that are considered to be reliable. However, PL has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of the same. Neither PL nor any of its affiliates, its directors or its employees accepts any responsibility of whatsoever nature for the information, statements and opinion given, made available or expressed herein or for any omission therein.

Recipients of this report should be aware that past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance and value of investments can go down as well. The suitability or otherwise of any investments will depend upon the recipient's particular circumstances and, in case of doubt, advice should be sought from an independent expert/advisor.

Either PL or its affiliates or its directors or its employees or its representatives or its clients or their relatives may have position(s), make market, act as principal or engage in transactions of securities of companies referred to in this report and they may have used the research material prior to publication.

PL may from time to time solicit or perform investment banking or other services for any company mentioned in this document.

PL is a registered with SEBI under the SEBI (Research Analysts) Regulation, 2014 and having registration number INH000000271.

PL submits that no material disciplinary action has been taken on us by any Regulatory Authority impacting Equity Research Analysis activities.

PL or its research analysts or its associates or his relatives do not have any financial interest in the subject company.

PL or its research analysts or its associates or his relatives do not have actual/beneficial ownership of one per cent or more securities of the subject company at the end of the month immediately preceding the date of publication of the research report.

PL or its research analysts or its associates or his relatives do not have any material conflict of interest at the time of publication of the research report.

PL or its associates might have received compensation from the subject company in the past twelve months.

PL or its associates might have managed or co-managed public offering of securities for the subject company in the past twelve months or mandated by the subject company for any other assignment in the past twelve months.

PL or its associates might have received any compensation for investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services from the subject company in the past twelve months.

PL or its associates might have received any compensation for products or services other than investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services from the subject company in the past twelve months

PL or its associates might have received any compensation or other benefits from the subject company or third party in connection with the research report.

PL encourages independence in research report preparation and strives to minimize conflict in preparation of research report. PL or its analysts did not receive any compensation or other benefits from the subject Company or third party in connection with the preparation of the research report. PL or its Research Analysts do not have any material conflict of interest at the time of publication of this report.

It is confirmed that Mr. Amnish Aggarwal- MBA, CFA, Mr. Vishwa Solanki- PGDM - Finance, Ms. Hasti Savla- CA Research Analysts of this report have not received any compensation from the companies mentioned in the report in the preceding twelve months

Compensation of our Research Analysts is not based on any specific merchant banking, investment banking or brokerage service transactions.

The Research analysts for this report certifies that all of the views expressed in this report accurately reflect his or her personal views about the subject company or companies and its or their securities, and no part of his or her compensation was, is or will be, directly or indirectly related to specific recommendations or views expressed in this report.

The research analysts for this report has not served as an officer, director or employee of the subject company PL or its research analysts have not engaged in market making activity for the subject company

Our sales people, traders, and other professionals or affiliates may provide oral or written market commentary or trading strategies to our clients that reflect opinions that are contrary to the opinions expressed herein, and our proprietary trading and investing businesses may make investment decisions that are inconsistent with the recommendations expressed herein. In reviewing these materials, you should be aware that any or all of the foregoing, among other things, may give rise to real or potential conflicts of interest.

PL and its associates, their directors and employees may (a) from time to time, have a long or short position in, and buy or sell the securities of the subject company or (b) be engaged in any other transaction involving such securities and earn brokerage or other compensation or act as a market maker in the financial instruments of the subject company or act as an advisor or lender/borrower to the subject company or may have any other potential conflict of interests with respect to any recommendation and other related information and opinions.

### **US Clients**

This research report is a product of Prabhudas Lilladher Pvt. Ltd., which is the employer of the research analyst(s) who has prepared the research report. The research analyst(s) preparing the research report is/are resident outside the United States (U.S.) and are not associated persons of any U.S. regulated broker-dealer and therefore the analyst(s) is/are not subject to supervision by a U.S. broker-dealer, and is/are not required to satisfy the regulatory licensing requirements of FINRA or required to otherwise comply with U.S. rules or regulations regarding, among other things, communications with a subject company, public appearances and trading securities held by a research analyst account.

This report is intended for distribution by Prabhudas Lilladher Pvt. Ltd. only to "Major Institutional Investors" as defined by Rule 15a-6(b)(4) of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Act, 1934 (the Exchange Act) and interpretations thereof by U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in reliance on Rule 15a 6(a)(2). If the recipient of this report is not a Major Institutional Investor as specified above, then it should not act upon this report and return the same to the sender. Further, this report may not be copied, duplicated and/or transmitted onward to any U.S. person, which is not the Major Institutional Investor.

In reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Rule 15a-6 of the Exchange Act and interpretations thereof by the SEC in order to conduct certain business with Major Institutional Investors, Prabhudas Lilladher Pvt. Ltd. has entered into an agreement with a U.S. registered broker-dealer, Marco Polo Securities Inc. ("Marco Polo").

Transactions in securities discussed in this research report should be effected through Marco Polo or another U.S. registered broker dealer.

**Prabhudas Lilladher Pvt. Ltd.**

**3rd Floor, Sadhana House, 570, P. B. Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400 018, India | Tel: (91 22) 6632 2222 Fax: (91 22) 6632 2209**

**[www.plindia.com](http://www.plindia.com)**