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Target: ₹ 575 (17%)

Target Period: 12 months

May 21, 2021

# B/s to strengthen further; maintain BUY!

JK Lakshmi Cement operated at full capacity in Q4 with 101% capacity utilisation led by improved sales volume from both retail & infra segment. Total sales volume grew 17.6% YoY to 2.9 MT. Realisation was also up 5.9% YoY, 3.0% QoQ to ₹ 4,559/tonne (vs. I-direct estimate: ₹ 4,413/t). This led to revenue growth of 24.6% YoY to ₹ 1,322 crore (vs. I-direct estimate: 1,226.2 crore). EBITDA margins came in at 20.3% (vs. I-direct estimate: 14.8%) and EBITDA/tonne of ₹ 924/tonne, ahead of our estimated EBITDA/t of ₹ 653/t despite 4.3% YoY increase in costs. After accounting for impairment loss of ₹ 30.9 crore, PAT grew 35.5% YoY to ₹ 136.5 crore while adjusted PAT growth was at 66.2% YoY on lower interest costs. The progress on the WHRS Unit III Project at Sirohi is as per schedule and will be commissioned by July 2021. The company's subsidiary Udaipur Cement is expanding its cement capacity by 2.5 MT, which would commissioned by December 2023E. Post this, its consolidated capacity will get enhanced to 16.4 MT.

### Levers for healthy margins in place...

Being predominantly a north (8.2 MT) and central (3.5 MT) player, the company has got structural advantage of balanced environment in these two high growing regions. Further, self-sufficiency in power, through captive power plant (CPP) of 54 MW, waste heat recovery (WHR) plant of 14 MW and solar power plant of 6 MW have helped the company to reduce reliance on costly grid power. The progress on WHRS Unit-III Project at Sirohi (8 MW) is as per schedule and will be commissioned by July 2021. In eastern region, the company has 7 MW WHR plant and has recently commissioned CPP of 20 MW to become self-sufficient. To reduce freight cost, it has added 0.8 MT arinding unit in FY20 in Odisha. Proximity to market and self-sufficiency in power would continue to ensure improved cost efficiency, going forward.

#### To add another 2.5 MT cement capacity by FY24E

With capacity utilisation reaching over 99% in Q4FY21 and 85% for the full year, the company will now be adding cement capacity of 2.5 MT (1.5 MT clinker) at its existing plant in Udaipur with total capex of ₹ 1400 crore. The same is likely to get commissioned by the end of Q3FY24E. Ramp up of capacities in Durg in the past four years has led to co-generation of annual OCF of over~₹ 400 crore. Further, with liquidity buffer of ₹ 726 crore, we believe the company is in a better position to fund this new expansion.

#### Valuation & Outlook

While the company may remain laggard in terms of growth in FY21-23E due to delayed capacity expansion (likely commissioning Q3FY24E), the focus on strengthening b/s with significant debt reduction in FY22E remains a key positive. Given the constructive outlook, we maintain our positive stance on the company on expected strong OCF over the next two years. Hence, we maintain our **BUY** rating with a revised TP of ₹ 575/share (earlier ₹ 470) (@ 7x FY23E EV/EBITDA, \$70/t)



BUY

Stock Data	
Particular	Amount
Мсар	₹ 5791 crore
Debt (FY21)	₹ 1034 crore
Cash & Invest (FY21)	₹ 726 crore
EV	₹ 6099 crore
52 week H/L	₹ 395 / ₹ 180
Equity cap	₹ 59 crore
Face value	₹5

#### **Key Highlights**

- Volumes grew realisations were up 4.4% YoY
- CU for Q4FY21 at 101%. Temporary slowdown volumes restrictions
- Gross borrowings reduced from ₹ 1398 crore to ₹ 1034 crore in FY21
- To increase cement capacity by 2.5 MT at UNCL with total capex of ₹ 1400 crore to address growth concern
- Maintain BUY with revised target price of ₹ 575 vs. earlier TP of ₹ 470

#### Key risks to our call

- · Any delay in commissioning of new capacity may impact growth and return ratios
- · Volatility in prices of such imported coal/petcoke without corresponding movement in price of cement can affect its profitability

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Key Financial Summary						
Key Financials	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	CAGR (FY21-23E)
Net Sales	3882	4044	4385	4725	5010	6.9%
EBITDA	415	672	790	896	961	10.3%
EBITDA (%)	10.7	16.6	18.0	19.0	19.2	
PAT	80	265	395	422	469	8.9%
EPS (₹)	6.8	22.6	33.5	35.9	39.8	
EV/EBITDA	16.9	10.0	7.7	6.7	6.0	
EV/Tonne (\$)	86	73	66	62	60	
RoNW	5.2	15.5	19.0	18.8	18.0	
RoCE	9.3	17.1	21.1	24.8	24.5	
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Exhibit 1: Variance			0.4EV20	V <sub>2</sub> V /0/ \	O 2EV21	0-0 (9/ )	Comments
	U4F1Z1	Q4FY21E	U4F120	TOT (%)	USFTZI	<b>uou</b> (%)	
Net Sales	1322.0	1226.2	1061.2	24.6	1,192.8	10.8	Sales volume up 19.3% YoY to 2.9 MT while realisations were also up
							4.4% YoY. Capacity utilisation for the quarter was at over 100%
Other Incomes	27.3	20.7	22.5	21.5	20.7	32.3	
Raw Material Expenses	318.0	305.7	236.1	34.7	301.9	5.3	
Employee Expenses	79.2	91.7	76.0	4.3	87.0	-9.0	
D 16 1	007.4	000.0	000 5	40.0	045.0		Use of low cost petcoke inventory, higher fuel efficiency led to lower
Power and fuel	227.1	236.2	200.5	13.3	215.3	5.5	cost on per tonne basis. Impact of higher petcoke prices would get
Freight	271.4	258.4	214.0	26.8	242.8	11.8	reflected from Q1FY22E onwards
Others	158.4	152.8	132.6	19.4	154.0	2.9	
EBITDA	267.9	181.4	202.0	32.6	191.8	39.7	
EBITDA Margin (%)	20.3	14.8	19.0	123 bps	16.1	418 bps	Despite rise in CoP by 4.3% YoY, the company managed to improve
Interest	29.9	36.7	42.5	-29.5	36.7	-18.3	margins by 123 bps YoY to 20.3% due to better sales realisations
Depreciation	47.8	41.9	51.0	-6.2	48.7	-1.7	
Less: Exceptional Items	30.9	0.0	0.0	NA	0.0	NA	Relates to write down of investments in coveyor belt at Durg as per AS
PBT	186.5	123.5	131.1	42.3	127.2	46.7	
Total Tax	50.0	38.9	30.3	64.9	24.8	101.4	
PAT	136.5	84.6	100.8	35.5	102.3	33.4	
Adjusted PAT	167.4	84.6	100.8	66.2	102.3	63.6	Lower depreciation and interest costs led to sharp rise in the net profit
Key Metrics							
Volume (MT)	2.94	2.80	2.47	19.3	2.70	9.1	***************************************
Realisation (₹)	4,497	4,413	4,305	4.4	4,426	1.6	
EBITDA per Tonne (₹)	911	653	820	11.2	712	28.0	

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

		FY22E			FY23E		
(₹ Crore)	Old	New	% Change	Old	New	% Change	Comments
Revenue	4,519.8	4,724.9	4.5	4,777.0	5,010.3	4.9	We factor in better sales volumes despite medium term weakness in the business due to restrictions
EBITDA	875.7	895.9	2.3	938.8	960.8	2.3	
EBITDA Margin (%)	19.4	19.0	-41 bps	19.7	19.2	-48 bps	Focus on cost rationalisation to push EBITDA margins higher
PAT	377.7	422.0	11.7	421.9	468.7	11.1	Debt repayment leading to lower finance cost to boost PAT
EPS (₹)	32.1	35.9	11.7	35.8	39.8	11.1	

# Financial story in charts

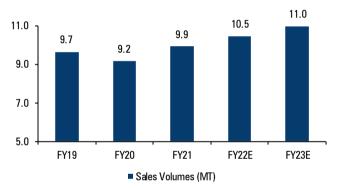
Exhibit 3: Clinker an	d cement	capacit	У		
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	State	Region	FY21	FY22E	FY24E
Clinker capacity (Standa	alone)		6.9	6.9	6.9
Standalone Cement Capacity					
	Rajasthan	North	4.7	4.7	4.7
	Gujarat	West	0.9	0.9	0.9
	Haryana	North	1.3	1.3	1.3
	Chhattisgarh	East	2.7	2.7	2.7
	Gujarat	West	1.3	1.3	1.3
	Odisha	East	0.8	0.8	0.8
Total cement capacity [A]			11.7	11.7	11.7
Rajasthan (Subsidiary)					
Clinker capacity			1.2	1.5	3.0
Cement Capacity [B]		West	1.6	2.2	4.7
Total Capacity [A+B]			13.3	13.9	16.4

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

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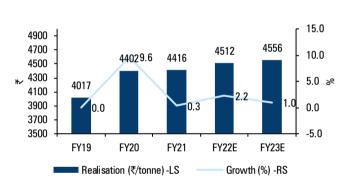
Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 5: Volumes to grow at 5.2% CAGR over FY21-23E



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 6: Realisations to remain firm on healthy capacity utilisation



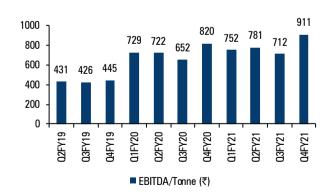
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Exhibit 7: Volumes grow 17.6% YoY in Q4FY21...

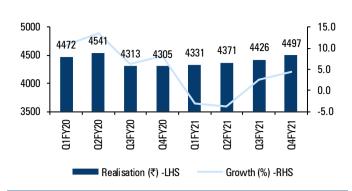


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Exhibit 8: ..EBITDA/t remains better than expectations

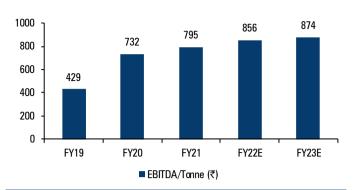


## Exhibit 9: Realisations up 4.4% YoY



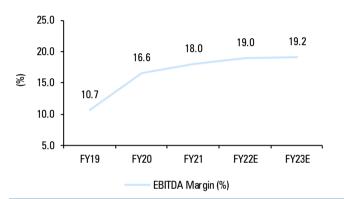
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#### Exhibit 10: EBITDA/t trend



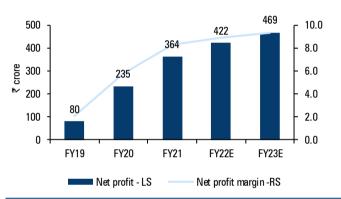
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# Exhibit 11: Margins to cross 19% in FY23E led by operating efficiency and better realisations

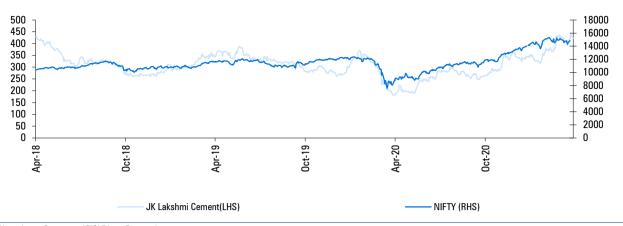


Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

# Exhibit 12: PAT to improve led by improving operating profits



#### Exhibit 13: Three year price performance vs. Nifty



Source: Bloomberg, Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhi	ibit 14: Top 10 Shareholders				
Ranl	k Name	Last Filing Date	%0/S	Position (m)Chang	e (m)
1	Bengal & Assam Co Lt	31-Dec-19	44.3	52.0	0.0
2	Franklin Templeton M	31-Dec-19	7.8	9.2	0.0
4	HDFC Life	31-Dec-19	3.1	3.6	0.2
5	India Capital Fund L	31-Dec-19	2.4	2.8	0.0
6	Axis Asset Managemen	31-Dec-19	2.4	2.8	0.0
7	Govt Pension Fund global	30-Apr-20	2.2	2.6	0.0
8	Aditya Birla Trustee Co	30-Apr-20	1.5	1.8	-0.2
9	L&T Mutual Fund	31-Dec-19	1.4	1.6	2.8
10	Nippon India	31-Dec-19	1.2	1.4	-0.4

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research, Thomson Reuters

Exhibit 15: Sha	reholding Pattern				
(in %)	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21
Promoter	46.21	46.21	46.21	46.21	46.21
FII	10.61	10.41	9.92	10.65	10.58
DII	18.96	20.80	23.57	24.72	27.17
Others	24.22	22.58	20.30	18.42	16.04

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research, Thomson Reuters

# Financial summary (Standalone)

Exhibit 16: Profit and lo	ss statem	ent		₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
Total operating Income	4,043.5	4,384.7	4,724.9	5,010.3
Growth (%)	4.2	8.4	7.8	6.0
Raw material	952.4	1083.9	1130.9	1187.8
Power & Fuel	843.9	779.8	890.1	967.8
Employees	303.1	327.0	357.7	376.1
Freight	817.6	883.2	937.2	989.8
Others	454.2	521.2	513.1	527.9
Total Operating Exp.	3,371.1	3,595.0	3,829.0	4,049.5
EBITDA	672.4	789.7	895.9	960.8
Growth (%)	52.2	17.5	13.4	7.2
Depreciation	188.4	194.2	182.1	189.4
Interest	163.6	142.5	98.6	84.6
Other Income	49.3	74.6	32.0	32.0
Exceptional items	30.2	30.9	0.0	0.0
PBT	339.5	496.7	647.2	718.8
Total Tax	104.2	132.8	225.2	250.2
PAT	235.2	363.9	422.0	468.7
Adjusted PAT	265.5	394.9	422.0	468.7
Growth (%)	233.6	48.8	6.9	11.1
Adjusted EPS (₹)	22.6	33.5	35.9	39.8

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 17: Cash flow stat	ement			₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
Profit after Tax	235.2	363.9	422.0	468.7
Add: Depreciation	188.4	194.2	182.1	189.4
(Inc)/dec in Current Assets	-106.2	113.7	-247.7	207.7
Inc/(dec) in CL and Prov.	93.4	60.6	146.1	-148.4
CF from operating activit	410.7	732.4	502.5	717.3
(Inc)/dec in Investments	-80.4	29.3	0.0	0.0
(Inc)/dec in Fixed Assets	-77.4	-124.4	-140.0	-400.0
Others	26.2	48.3	0.0	0.0
CF from investing activit	-131.6	-46.9	-140.0	-400.0
Issue/(Buy back) of Equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inc/(dec) in loan funds	-214.9	-363.8	-330.0	-100.0
Dividend paid	0.0	-53.2	-49.7	-56.8
Inc/(dec) in Sec. premium	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	-51.2	59.5	-208.5	-50.0
CF from financing activit	-266.1	-357.5	-588.2	-206.8
Net Cash flow	13.1	328.0	-225.7	110.5
Onaning Cook	18.0	29.3	359.1	133.4
Opening Cash				

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 18: Balance she	eet			₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23I
Liabilities				
Equity Capital	58.9	58.9	58.9	58.9
Reserve and Surplus	1,649.8	2,020.0	2,183.9	2,545.
Total Shareholders funds	1,708.7	2,078.9	2,242.7	2,604.
Total Debt	1,398.0	1,034.2	704.2	604.2
Deferred Tax Liability	18.7	64.1	64.1	64.
Other non-current liabilities	181.3	185.9	185.9	185.
Total Liabilities	3,306.7	3,363.1	3,197.0	3,458.9
Assets				
Gross Block	5,121.2	5,169.1	5,236.6	5,586.
Less: Acc Depreciation	2,333.1	2,527.3	2,709.3	2,898.
Net Block	2,788.1	2,641.8	2,527.2	2,687.
Capital WIP	151.0	227.5	300.0	350.
Total Fixed Assets	2,939.1	2,869.3	2,827.2	3,037.
Investments	416.9	367.3	367.3	367.
Inventory	412.8	315.5	331.7	299.
Debtors	88.2	53.7	257.0	72.
Loans and Advances	274.9	293.1	321.2	330.
Non current Investments	383.1	403.5	403.5	403.
Cash	29.3	359.1	133.4	243.
Total Current Assets	1,188.3	1,424.7	1,446.7	1,349.
Creditors	1,220.7	1,279.6	1,418.1	1,272.
Provisions	16.9	18.6	26.2	23.
Total Current Liabilities	1,237.6	1,298.3	1,444.3	1,295.
Net Current Assets	-49.4	126.5	2.4	53.
Application of Funds	3,306.7	3,363.1	3,196.9	3,458.9

Exhibit 19: Key ratios				
(Year-end March)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
Per share data (₹)				
Adjusted EPS	22.6	33.5	35.9	39.8
Cash EPS	36.0	47.4	51.3	55.9
BV	145.2	176.6	190.5	221.3
DPS	0.0	3.8	3.5	4.0
Cash Per Share	2.5	30.5	11.3	20.7
Operating Ratios (%)				
EBITDA Margin	16.6	18.0	19.0	19.2
PAT Margin	5.8	8.3	8.9	9.4
Inventory days	32.7	30.3	25.0	23.0
Debtor days	8.9	5.9	12.0	12.0
Creditor days	105.5	104.1	104.2	98.0
Return Ratios (%)				
RoE	15.5	19.0	18.8	18.0
RoCE	17.1	21.1	24.8	24.5
RolC	17.9	24.7	29.8	30.9
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	24.6	15.9	13.7	12.4
EV / EBITDA	10.0	7.7	6.7	6.0
EV / Net Sales	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.2
Market Cap / Sales	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2
Price to Book Value	3.8	3.4	2.8	2.6
Solvency Ratios				
Debt/EBITDA	2.1	1.3	0.8	0.6
Debt / Equity	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.2
Current Ratio	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7
Quick Ratio	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5

Exhibit 20: ICICI	Exhibit 20: ICICI Direct coverage universe (Cement)																
Company	ny CMP EPS(₹)		EV/	EV/EBITDA (x) EV/Tonne (\$)				RoCE (%)			RoE (%)						
	(₹)	Rating	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY20	FY21EF	Y22E	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY20	FY21E	FY22E
ACC*	1,970	BUY	73	85	101	14.2	13.4	9.6	131	113	110	17.4	14.5	18.6	11.9	12.6	13.3
Ambuja Cem*	322	BUY	7.7	9.0	10.9	17.4	15.9	12.6	173	186	166	12.2	17.6	19.1	14.7	20.3	21.7
UltraTech Cem	6,640	BUY	96	88	125	41.2	32.5	26.4	370	370	290	13.1	9.0	11.4	11.2	7.6	9.4
Shree Cement	27,615	BUY	435	624	666	25.7	23.6	20.0	278	262	259	13.8	18.2	18.0	12.1	15.1	14.2
Heidelberg Cem	243	BUY	11.8	11.0	14.6	10.4	11.1	8.6	139	123	117	22.3	20.9	27.2	20.4	20.2	23.7
JK Cement	2,909	BUY	51.8	99.5	101.6	17.5	13.6	12.8	174	163	168	16.2	18.9	17.3	12.8	20.2	17.5
JK Lakshmi Cen	489	BUY	7.0	7.1	6.8	20.3	17.4	17.0	94	94	86	7.5	9.2	9.3	5.9	5.8	5.2
Star Cement	108	BUY	6.9	5.7	7.3	9.6	10.3	8.5	131	90	86	17.1	14.4	16.3	15.4	12.0	14.1
Ramco Cement	991	BUY	25.7	29.5	30.2	20.5	16.5	15.5	180	175	171	7.5	8.6	8.7	12.3	12.5	11.4
Sagar Cement	888	BUY	-1.9	12.9	5.8	19.1	14.9	15.4	70	75	62	5.4	8.1	6.4	-0.5	3.4	1.6

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