

# Result Update

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# **Hindalco Industries Ltd**

Metals & Mining



# Decent Q1, Volatile Macros; Structural Growth Story Intact

Est. Vs. Actual for Q1FY25: Revenue - MISS; Segmental EBITDA - BEAT; Adj PAT- MISS

#### Change in Estimates post Q1FY25 results

FY25E/FY26E: Revenue: -3.8%/-1.4%; EBITDA: -4.6%/-5.0%; PAT: -5.9%/-5.0%.

#### **Recommendation Rationale**

- Upstream Aluminium CoP: In Q1FY25, the CoP was down by 2% QoQ, largely because of a drop in coal and carbon costs. In Q2FY25, it will remain flat or slightly increase by 1% QoQ, as spot e-auction coal prices tend to go up during monsoon and caustic soda prices have also gone up a little bit. Upstream Aluminium shipments at 329kt stood down by 4% YoY, but revenue rose by 10% YoY to Rs 8,839 Cr, led by higher LME Aluminium prices. EBITDA/t jumped up by 84%/32% YoY/QoQ to \$1,273/t, led by lower input costs and higher revenue.
- Aluminium downstream: EBITDA/t dropped by 32%/21% YoY/QoQ to Rs 138/t as it had to fulfill some orders with a lower conversion premium. EBITDA/t is expected to jump back QoQ in Q2FY25 (sustainable target is Rs 200/t). Capex for the downstream projects (Silvassa and FRP-2) is done and ramp-up will progress. These projects once fully ramped up will take total capacity to 600 ktpa.
- Copper business Company is shipping more copper as CCR rods (as it has spare capacity) by importing external copper to fulfil higher demand at good realisations. In FY25, it will be selling >515kt, whereas cathode production will be at ~380 to 400kt. As a result, the quarterly EBITDA guidance is raised to Rs 600 Cr from previous quarters of Rs 400 Cr. In Q1FY25, EBITDA jumped by 52%/4% YoY/QoQ to Rs 805 Cr, due to higher realisations and derivative hedging gains.
- Novelis: Adjusted EBITDA, stood at \$500 Mn, up 19% YoY but down 3% QoQ. Adjusted EBITDA/t stood at \$525/t, up 10% YoY but down 3% QoQ, in line with sustainable guidance of \$525/t.

#### Sector Outlook: Neutral.

Company Outlook & Guidance: Downstream projects capex (Silvassa 34 ktpa and FRP-2 170 ktpa) is almost complete and ramp-up will progress. Focus will be on upstream projects now with alumina expansion (2 mtpa in two phases of 1mtpa each) in Odisha first, followed by Copper smelter (280-300 kt) and finally 180-pot Aluminium smelter (180 ktpa) expansion in Aditya with RE-RTC power. These projects will have a capex of Rs 8,000 Cr each. For FY25, the company's capex guidance for Indian operations stands at Rs 5,500-6,000 Cr and for Novelis, it stands at the lower end of \$1.8-2 Bn.

Current Valuation: 6.3x EV/EBITDA on FY26 EBITDA (Unchanged)

Current TP: Rs 715/share (From Rs 755/share)

Recommendation: We maintain our BUY rating.

**Financial Performance**: Hindalco's Indian operations delivered a robust performance. Overall consolidated revenue stood largely in line with consensus (up 8% YoY, 2% QoQ), while reported EBITDA grew by 31%/11% YoY/QoQ (6% and 11% beat vs. our estimates and consensus), led by strong upstream Aluminium and copper division. The company's consolidated PAT increased by 39%/7% YoY/QoQ to Rs 3,404 Cr, led by higher EBITDA.

**Outlook:** With the upstream smelters in the 1<sup>st</sup> quartile of the cost curve and Capex focus on the downstream assets at both India and Novelis, the capital allocation looks well-placed. However, the FCF will be under pressure for the next 3 years as Capex intensity increases. Returns will be back-ended post the completion of expansion projects. Project execution at Bay Minette remains the key risk.

**Valuation & Recommendation:** We value the company using SoTP with a 12MF EV/EBITDA target of 6.0x/5.5x/6.5x on FY26 EBITDA for Indian Aluminium, Copper, and Novelis (Unchanged) operations respectively and add investments at market price and CWIP at 50% to arrive at our TP of Rs 715/share. Our TP implies an upside potential of 15% from the CMP. We **maintain** our **BUY** rating on the stock.

# **Key Financials (Consolidated)**

(Rs Cr)	Q1FY25	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	Axis Est.	Variance
Net Sales	57,013	2%	8%	61,186	-7%
EBITDA	7,992	11%	31%	7,535	6%
Novelis Adj EBITDA/t	525	-3%	10%	525	0%
Aluminium India upstream EBITDA/t	1,273	32%	84%	NA	
Aluminium India downstream EBITDA/t	138	-21%	-32%	NA	
Adj PAT	3,404	7%	39%	3,784	-10%
Net Debt	35,530	13%	-8%	NA	NA

Source: Company, Axis Securities

(CMP as of 1	3 <sup>th</sup> August 2024)
CMP (Rs)	621
Upside /Downside (%)	15%
High/Low (Rs)	715/438
Market cap (Cr)	1,39,586
Avg. daily vol. (6m) Shrs.	83,63,734
No. of shares (Cr)	222

## Shareholding (%)

	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	ı
Promoter	34.64	34.64	34.64	T
FII	27.89	26.82	27.18	
MF/UTI	12.86	13.28	13.21	
Fin Institutions	0.19	0.21	0.10	
Others	24.42	25.05	24.87	

## **Financial & Valuations**

Y/E Mar (Rs Cr)	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	2,15,962	2,33,156	2,51,217
EBITDA	24,257	27,748	29,453
Net Profit	10,155	12,964	14,382
EPS (Rs.)	45.7	58.4	64.8
PER (x)	13.6	10.6	9.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.4	6.5	6.1
P/BV (x)	1.3	1.2	1.0
ROE (%)	10.1	11.6	11.5

# Change in Estimates (%)

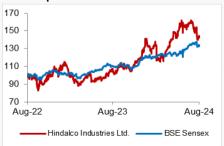
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# ESG disclosure Score\*\*

Sector Average	50.6
Total ESG Disclosure Score	44.5
Governance Disclosure Score	84.9
Social Disclosure Score	23.1
Environmental Disclosure	25.5

Source: Bloomberg, Scale: 0.1-100. \*\*Note: This score measures the amount of ESG data a company reports publicly and does not measure the company's performance on any data point. All scores are based on 2020 disclosures. The Sector average is for NSE500 companies

# Relative performance



Source: Ace Equity, Axis Securities

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## **Key Concall Highlights**

#### Group

Consolidated Net debt stood at Rs 35,530 Cr as of Jun'24 (From Rs 31,536 Cr as of Mar'24) with net debt to EBITDA at 1.24x from 1.21x. India's business is net cash with Net debt to EBITDA at -0.14x as of Jun'25 from -0.32x in Mar'24. Novelis' net debt stood at \$ 4,629 Mn, with Net Debt to EBITDA at 2.37x as of the end of Q1FY25 vs 2.32x in Q4FY24. All the strategic Capex in India is matched with the cash flow from the business and is in line with the capital allocation policy.

## **Aluminium India**

- Coal Mix: In the near term, the coal mix of 48% linkage, and 49%-50% e-auction, will not change much in coming years. The mix will improve once the company's own Chakala coal mine comes online.
- Downstream projects: Downstream capex for Silvassa extrusion and FRP-2 is almost completed. The Silvassa
  extrusion plant will gradually ramp up. It is currently running at 35-40% utilisation and will operate at rated capacity
  by Q4FY25.
- Upstream projects: Focus will be on upstream projects now with alumina expansion in Odisha first, followed by Copper smelter (280-300 kt) and finally 180-pot Aluminium smelter (180 ktpa) expansion in Aditya with RE-RTC power. Each of these projects will have a capex of Rs 8,000 Cr.
- Alumina expansion at Odisha: 1 mtpa Alumina refinery will require 3 mtpa bauxite in phase I and later it will go to 2 mtpa Alumina with 6 mtpa Bauxite requirement. Bauxite for the refinery will be sourced from OMC (Odisha Mining Corp) and the MoU is signed for 3 mtpa and company will sign a binding contract and then only will go for groundbreaking for the Alumina expansion project. Currently, the company is long alumina by 800kt because of the Utkal plant, and it sources 10-12% of its Bauxite requirement from Jharkhand and the rest from Odisha. The Alumina from the Alumna expansion projects can be sold on long-term contracts as there is a good demand in the Middle East.
- Coal Blocks: The company is working towards getting stage I & II forest clearances. It has Chakla coal mine (5.5 mtpa), Meenakshi West (5 mtpa) and Meenakshi mine (12 mtpa). The company currently needs 16 mtpa of coal.

# **Copper India**

- The copper segment is doing well led by good electrification demand. The strategy is to go further downstream to maintain higher EBITDA margins.
- The management has guided for a quarterly run-rate of Rs 600 Cr EBITDA on a sustainable basis for its copper business

# **Novelis** (From Novelis Concall)

- Update on Novelis IPO: Novelis IPO was to get a premium valuation for Novelis. It's postponed and not cancelled.
- Near-term End market outlook: Beverage can segment demand strength persists with destocking behind us. Management has maintained a 4% industry growth outlook over 2023-31 (exl- China). The company is taking market share from previously imported can sheets from China. Automotive demand showing some signs of weakness in Asia/Europe, company has 7% demand growth rate projections over 2023-28. For the Aerospace market, the company projects a 5% long-term demand growth rate over 2023-30. Speciality market will grow with GDP, and weakness in Europe is persisting, while North America remains strong.
- Expansion projects: 600kt Bay Minette project capex at \$4.1 Bn is unchanged and is expected to start from H2CY26, 240kt automotive recycling capacity (\$365 Mn) at Guthrie began commissioning in 1QFY25. The project is expected to increase scrap consumption and reduce external sheet ingot supply. The 100kt recycling capacity at Ulsan (South Korea; \$65 Mn) is expected to be commissioned in 2HFY25. Novelis has additionally announced a \$90 Mn used beverage can (UBC) recycling and casting capacity expansion in the UK. Commissioning is expected by FY27.
- Flooding at Sierra plant in Switzerland: Attributable net income stood at \$151 Mn down 3% YoY and 10% QoQ mainly due to the one-time impact of \$40mn towards initial charges from flooding at Sierra plant in Switzerland in June'24. Excluding the special items, attributable net income was \$204mn up 32 % YoY. The Estimated net impact to adjusted EBITDA due to flooding in Switzerland is \$30 Mn, the majority of which will occur in Q2FY25.

#### Key Risks to Our Estimates and TP

- Lower LME Aluminium prices than our forecasts. Higher coal and other input costs.
- The key risk to our BUY rating is a slower pace of expansion of the growth projects leading to cost overrun leading to lower returns



# **Change in Estimates**

	New				Old			% Change		
	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	
Sales	2,15,962	2,33,156	2,51,217	2,15,962	2,42,271	2,54,753		-3.8%	-1.4%	
EBITDA	24,257	27,748	29,453	24,257	29,084	30,998		-4.6%	-5.0%	
PAT	10,134	13,294	14,382	10,134	14,121	15,135		-5.9%	-5.0%	
LME Aluminium	2,207	2,395	2,409	2,207	2,462	2,450		-2.7%	-1.7%	
Novelis EBITDA/t	510	526	557	510	527	560		-0.2%	-0.4%	

Source: Company, Axis Securities

# **Hindalco Results Review**

Rs Cr	Q1FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q1FY25	YoY	QoQ		Bloomberg	Vs
Consolidated	Actual	Actual	Axis Sec Est	Actual	%	%	vs Axis	Consensus	Consensus
LME Aluminium (\$/t)	2,269	2,202	2,525	2,525	11%	15%	0%		
Revenues	52,991	55,994	61,186	57,013	8%	2%	-7%	56,236	1%
Total Expenditure	47,258	49,156	53,651	49,428	5%	1%	-8%		
Novelis	3,456	4,270	4,146	4,170	21%	-2%	1%		
Aluminum Upstream	1,935	2,709		3,493	81%	29%	NA		
Aluminum Downstream	147	152		110	-25%	-28%	NA		
Aluminum	2,082	2,861	2,764	3,603	73%	26%	30%		
Copper	531	776	625	805	52%	4%	29%		
All Other segments	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA		
Segmental EBITDA	6,069	7,907	7,535	8,578	41%	8%	14%		
Unallocable Income/ (Expense)	40	-706		-586	NA	NA	NA		
EBITDA	6,109	7,201	7,535	7,992	31%	11%	6%	7,201	11%
Calculated EBITDA	5,733	6,838	7,535	7,585	32%	11%	1%	7,201	5%
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EBITDA margin (%)	10.8%	12.2%	12.3%	13.3%	249 bps	109 bps	99 bps		
Depreciation and Amortization	1,786	2,018	1,781	1,892	6%	-6%	6%		
Impairment Loss/ (Reversal)	19	157	-	82	332%	-48%	NA		
Other Income	391	362	191	424	8%	17%	122%		
Interest Expense	992	888	774	859	-13%	-3%	11%		
Exceptional Items	-12	-	-	-330	NA	NA	NA		
Tax	863	962	1,387	1,774	106%	84%	28%		
P&L Discontinued Ops	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA		
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	NA		
Share Of P/L Of Associates (Net of Tax)	2	-1	-	2	0%	NA	NA		
PAT	2,454	3,174	3,784	3,074	25%	-3%	-19%		
Adjusted Attributable PAT	2,454	3,174	3,784	3,404	39%	7%	-10%	3,428	-1%
EPS (Rs) Basic	11.05	14.30	17.05	13.84	25%	-3%	-19%	,	
Net Debt	38,463	31,536		35,530	-8%	13%	NA		
Net Debt: EBITDA (x)	1.73	1.21		1.24					
Novelis Adj EBITDA/t (\$/t)	479	540	525	525	10%	-3%	0%		
Aluminium India upstream EBITDA/t (\$/t)	691	967		1,273	84%	32%	NA		
Aluminium India downstream EBITDA/t (\$/t)	202	174		138	-32%	-21%	NA		
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3rd party Shipments									
Upstream shipment (kt)	255	248		232	-9%	-6%	NA		
Downstream shipment (kt)	81	105		96	19%	-9%	NA		
India Primary Aluminium Total (kt)	336	353	345	328	-2%	-7%	-5%		
Total Copper Metal sales (kt)	118	135	125	119	1%	-12%	-5%		

Source: Company, Axis Securities



# Hindalco Financials (Consolidated)

Profit & Loss (Rs Cr)

Y/E March	FY 23A	FY 24A	FY 25E	FY 26E
Total Operating income	2,23,202	2,15,962	2,33,156	2,51,217
Total Expenditure	2,00,317	1,91,705	2,05,409	2,21,764
EBITDA	22,885	24,257	27,748	29,453
Depreciation and Amortization	7,086	7,521	7,171	7,644
EBIT	15,799	16,736	20,577	21,809
Other Income	1,257	1,496	953	729
Share Of P/L Of Associates (Net of Tax)	9	2	2	-
Less: Interest & Fin Chg.	3,646	3,858	3,156	3,187
Less: Impairment loss/(Reversal)	219	385	82	-
Profit before tax	13,200	13,991	18,294	19,351
Provision for Tax	3,144	3,857	5,001	4,969
Reported PAT	10,056	10,134	13,294	14,382
Excp items	41	21	(330)	-
Adjusted PAT	10,097	10,155	12,964	14,382
EPS (Rs/sh)	45.5	45.7	58.4	64.8
DPS (Rs/sh)	3.0	3.5	1.0	1.0

Source: Company, Axis Securities

Balance Sheet (Rs Cr)

Y/E March	FY 23A	FY 24A	FY 25E	FY 26E
Net Block	75,849	77,151	84,623	97,769
Other Tangible assets	2,701	2,593	2,593	2,593
CWIP	7,340	14,643	20,789	19,090
Intangible assets	32,436	32,290	32,290	32,290
Investments	14,116	15,444	15,444	15,444
Inventories	42,958	40,812	44,061	47,474
Trade Receivables	16,214	16,404	17,710	19,082
Cash / Bank balance	15,368	14,437	12,819	15,328
Misc. Assets	17,835	18,133	18,133	18,133
Total assets	2,24,817	2,31,907	2,48,463	2,67,203
Equity capital	222	222	222	222
Reserves	94,584	1,05,924	1,18,111	1,32,270
Minority Interests	11	11	11	11
Borrowings	58,335	54,501	56,128	57,828
Def Tax Liabilities	8,650	9,344	9,344	9,344
Other Liabilities and Provision	61,059	60,050	62,792	65,673
Capital employed	2,24,817	2,31,907	2,48,463	2,67,203

Source: Company, Axis Securities



Cash Flow (Rs Cr)

Y/E March	FY 23A	FY 24A	FY 25E	FY 26E
Profit before tax	13,241	14,012	17,964	19,351
Depreciation	7,086	7,521	7,171	7,644
Interest Expenses	3,646	3,858	3,156	3,187
Non-operating/ EO item	(1,575)	(604)	-	-
Change in W/C	(457)	1,944	(1,813)	(1,904)
Income Tax	(2,733)	(2,675)	(5,001)	(4,969)
Operating Cash Flow	19,208	24,056	21,477	23,308
Capital Expenditure	(9,842)	(15,728)	(20,789)	(19,090)
Acquisition of business	-	-	-	-
Free cash Flow	9,366	8,328	688	4,218
Other Investments	1,721	1,452	-	-
Investing Cash Flow	(8,121)	(14,276)	(20,789)	(19,090)
Borrowings	701	3,990	2,085	1,700
Repayment of Borrowings	(9,400)	(8,883)	(459)	-
Finance cost paid	(3,845)	(3,912)	(3,156)	(3,187)
Dividend paid	(890)	(667)	(777)	(222)
Other financing activities	3,089	(1,345)	-	-
Financing Cash Flow	(10,345)	(10,817)	(2,306)	(1,709)
Change in Cash	742	(1,037)	(1,618)	2,509
Opening Cash	11,639	12,838	14,437	12,819
Closing Cash	12,838	11,810	12,819	15,328

Source: Company, Axis Securities

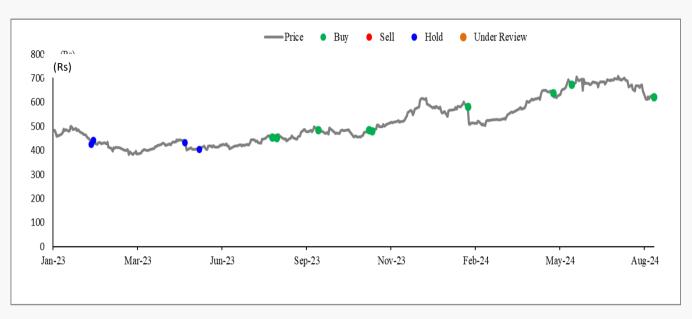
Ratio Analysis (%)

Y/E March	FY 23A	FY 24A	FY 25E	FY 26E
Operational Ratios				
Sales growth (% YoY)	14%	-3%	8%	8%
EBITDA growth (% YoY)	-20%	6%	14%	6%
Op. profit growth (% YoY)	-28%	6%	23%	6%
Net Profit growth (% YoY)	-26%	1%	28%	11%
EBITDA Margin %	11%	12%	12%	12%
Net profit Margin %	5%	5%	6%	6%
Al: EBITDA/t (Rs/tonne)	66,881	70,999	67,556	56,616
Novelis: EBITDA/t (\$/tonne)	478	510	526	557
Tax Rate %	24%	28%	28%	26%
Efficiency Ratios				
Total Asset turnover (x)	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0
Sales/Gross block (x)	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5
Sales/Net block(x)	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.8
Working capital/Sales (x)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Valuation Ratios				
PER (x)	13.7	13.6	10.6	9.6
P/BV (x)	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0
EV/Ebitda (x)	7.9	7.4	6.5	6.1
EV/Sales (x)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
Return Ratios				
ROE	11.7%	10.1%	11.6%	11.5%
ROCE	10.2%	9.9%	11.5%	11.2%
ROIC	8.7%	8.3%	9.2%	9.3%
Leverage Ratios				
Debt/equity (x)	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Net debt/ Equity (x)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Net debt/Ebitda (x)	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4
Interest Coverage ratio (x)	6.6	6.7	8.9	9.2

Source: Company, Axis Securities



# **Hindalco Price Chart and Recommendation History**



Source: Axis Securities

Date	Reco	TP	Research
04-Apr-22	BUY	660	Top Picks
27-May-22	BUY	510	Result Update
11-Aug-22	BUY	490	Result Update
15-Nov-22	BUY	515	Result Update
08-Feb-23	HOLD	470	Result Update
10-Feb-23	HOLD	470	Result Update
11-May-23	HOLD	470	Result Update
24-May-23	HOLD	470	Result Update
04-Aug-23	BUY	515	Result Update
08-Aug-23	BUY	515	Result Update
18-Sep-23	BUY	545	Pick of the Week
08-Nov-23	BUY	555	Result Update
11-Nov-23	BUY	555	Result Update
13-Feb-24	BUY	660	Result Update
07-May-24	BUY	720	Result Update
27-May-24	BUY	755	Result Update
14-Aug-24	BUY	715	Result Update

Source: Axis Securities



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