O3FY25 Result Update | Refractories

Strong domestic show but Exports drag overall performance

IFGL Refractories' O3FY25 performance was impacted by challenges in overseas operations, overshadowing strong domestic market growth. CY24 was one of the worst global steel cycle faced with expectations of better performance in CY25. **Key business highlights**

- In O3FY25. India business arew 26% YoY within standalone P/L which is a major positive indicatina that the company is *aaining market share* while exports de-grew 4% YoY and 26% QoQ keeping the overall standalone revenue growing 18% on a YoY basis.
- The subsidiaries in USA, Europe and UK suffered significant slowdown due to subdued demand and several steel plants undergoing shutdown.
- IFGL Refractories has formed a joint venture in India with Marvels International Group (Seychelles) and Marvel Refractories (China) to boost brick production. IFGL will hold a 51% stake, with MIG owning 49%, in a Rs 300 crore project. The JV will establish a greenfield facility to produce various magnesite and magnesia chrome bricks, set to begin commercial operations by March 2026.
- The greenfield capex in Odisha will be utilized to manufacture DBM bricks instead of Continuous casting refractories which will cater mainly to the non-ferrous segment.

Outlook:

- O4 performance will likely to be an extension of Q3 on account Source: Bloomberg of stressed overseas demand
- Recent JV with Marvel group (combined investment of ~300crs) will contribute from H2FY27, expecting ~90% capacity utilisation in 2 years
- The greenfield capex in Odisha to start commercial production in H2FY27
- American operations to see recovery at the earliest
- From May'25, the Shotcrete technology (technology transfer from Shefield refractories) to be implemented at customer sites
- Magnesia bricks and casting flux plant to contribute from 01FY26

Financial Summary

Year End (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net sales	12,595	13,865	16,395	15,934	17,614	20,041
Growth	23.24%	10.08%	18.25%	-2.81%	10.55%	13.78%
EBIDTA	1,426	1,529	1,544	1,202	1,849	2,305
Growth	-8.21%	7.25%	0.94%	-22.11%	53.81%	24.61%
Margins (%)	11.3	11.0	9.4	7.5	10.5	11.5
Adjusted net profit	775	792	817	413	891	1,476
Growth	18.14%	2.22%	3.09%	-49.45%	115.75%	65.70%
EPS (Rs)	21.5	22.0	22.7	11.5	24.7	40.9
P/E (x)	17.1	16.7	16.2	32.0	14.9	9.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	9	9	9	11	7	6
RoCE (%)	10.51	9.58	8.82	5.32	9.92	14.45
RoE (%)	8.30	7.88	7.62	3.79	7.80	11.78

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Rating	TP (Rs)	Up/Dn (%)
BUY	638	74
Market data		
Current price	Rs	367
Market Cap (Rs.Bn)	(Rs Bn)	13
Market Cap (US\$ Mn)	(US\$Mn)	153
Face Value	Rs	10
52 Weeks High/Low	Rs 75	5.15/354.15
Average Daily Volume	('000)	4
BSE Code		540774

Source: Bloomberg

Bloomberg





% Shareholding	Dec-24	Sep-24
Promoters	72.43	72.43
Public	27.57	27.57
Total	100	100

Source: Bloomberg

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Financial Highlights:

- Revenue at Rs 3,788Mn, +3.5% yoy/-7.9% qoq
- EBITDA (excl OI) at Rs 167 Mn, +398% yoy/-49% qoq
- EBITDA margin at 4.4% vs -1.14% vs 7.93% in Q3FY24/Q2FY25
- PAT at Rs -22Mn

Concall Highlights:

Domestic operations:

- In Q3FY25, India business grew ~26% YoY within standalone P/L which is a major positive indicating that the company is gaining market share inspite of certain large capacities by big steel plants shutdown. The growth is similar at mini steel plants (gaining new customers) and large steel plants (gaining market share)
- *JV with Marvel Group*: The plant will be setup in Gujarat as very large modern cement players are coming up with their new capacities. Capacity of 25000 tonnes will be set up in state of the art greenfield facility. Currently selling fired bricks of ~7000 tonnes by importing from China. Full ramp up expected in 2 years.
- Incremental contribution in FY26 from Magnesia bricks is ~48crs and ~60crs at Vizag plant
- Non-ferrous segment to contribute ~15 to 17% of the overall revenue in next 5 years
- For the alumina bricks, all major cement players have been signed.
- Focus is on automation and cost optimisation

Overseas operations:

- Situation in export markets is under stress and the management expects *slight recovery to happen from Q4FY25 especially in America*
- New products being introduced in El Ceramics (USA)
- Some greenshoots seen in Germany (Hoffman) basis the client queries
- Global steel demand to see growth in CY25 vs de-growth in CY24

Other KTA's:

- Gross margins were impacted on account of 6-9% price reduction basis the contract signed in June coupled with very high alumina prices (doubled in 1 year)
- Expecting price adjustments from Q1FY26 thereby positively impacting gross margins
- ~2 new key hirings left to be done, Employee cost should stabilise going forward with minor increase
- ~160-170crs capex done in 9MFY25

Valuations and Outlook:

IFGL Refractories' Q3FY25 performance was impacted by challenges in overseas operations, overshadowing strong domestic market growth. The company has been focusing on the Indian market growing at 25% CAGR since FY20 outperforming peers.

With the new capacity of casting flux and magnesia bricks coming online, along with the entry into the non-ferrous segment and new customers already secured, growth should be robust for FY26. Additionally, with the new joint venture starting production in March 2026 and the new greenfield capital expenditure in Odisha also beginning to contribute, FY27 could see significant revenue growth.

We cut our EPS estimates for FY26/27 by 29%/19% based on how 9MFY25 has panned out.

At CMP of 367, the stock is trading at 15x/9x FY26E/27E.

We continue to remain optimistic about the company's mid-to-long-term prospects and believe the downside is very limited (available at 0.8 Price/sales). We maintain our BUY recommendation with a target price of Rs 638 based on a SOTP valuation methodology based on FY27E.

Comparison of India business

	FY20	FY24	CAGR 20-24
Vesuivus India	8,666	16,880	18%
IFGL Refractories	2,480	5 <i>,</i> 983	25%

Q3FY25 Snapshot

IFGL Refractories	Q3FY25	Q3FY24	YoY Growth	Q2FY25 Q	Q Growt
Particulars (Rs Mns)	2 7 2 2		0.50/		= 00
Revenue from operations	3,788	3,662	3.5%	4,111	-7.9%
Other income	29	42	-30.5%	39	-26.1%
Total Income	3,817	3,703	3.1%	4,150	-8.0%
Cost of goods sold	1,925	1,890	1.8%	2,010	-4.2%
Employee Benefit expenses	702	625	12.2%	682	2.9%
Other expenses	995	1,188	-16.3%	1,094	-9.0%
EBITDA (excl other income)	167	(42)		326	
Less : Depreciation	180	157	14.6%	177	1.7%
PBIT	-13	-199		149	
Less: Interest cost	35	27	29.8%	34	2.6%
PBT (before exceptional)	-48	-226	-78.5%	115	
Other Income	29	42		39	
PBT (after exceptional)	(20)	(184)		154	
Less : Tax	2	-200		33	
PAT	(22)	15		121	
EPS	-0.6	0.4		3.4	
Gross Margins	49.19%	48.38%		51.11%	
EBITDA Margins	4.40%	-1.14%		7.93%	
Net profit Margin	-0.57%	0.41%		2.91%	
Revenue Split within standalone	2,327	1,970	18.2%	2,536	-8.2%
Within India	1,776	1,407	26.2%	1,792	-0.9%
Outside India	552	562	-1.9%	745	-25.9%
	552	502	1.370	715	23.37
Gross margins					
Consolidated	49.2%	48.4%		51.1%	
Standalone	46.4%	44.9%		47.1%	
EBITDA margins					
Consolidated EBITDA Margins	5.2%	-0.01%		8.9%	
Standalone EBITDA Margins	9.5%	-5.2%		13.1%	
Subsidiary EBITDA margins	-1.8%	6.0%		2.1%	

* Consolidated P/L

Source: Company, Dalal & Broacha Research

Quarterly Trend

Particulars	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25
Consolidated Sales	3,681	4,239	4,555	3,662	3,939	4,145	4,111	3,788
Standalone Sales	2,103	2,270	2,597	1,969	2,094	2,416	2,536	2,327
YoY growth					- 0.4%	6.4%	- 2.3%	18.2%
Domestic	1,325	1,421	1,553	1,407	1,613	1,614	1,792	1,776
YoY growth					21.7%	13.6%	15.3%	26.2%
Export	778	849	1,044	562	482	802	745	552
YoY growth					- 38.1%	-5.6%	- 28.7%	- 1.9%
Subsidiary sales	1,579	1,969	1,958	1,693	1,845	1,730	1,575	1,461
YoY growth					16.9%	- 12.1%	- 19.6%	-1 3.7%
Consolidated EBITDA	561	594	717	(0)	420	530	365	196
Subsidiary EBITDA	98	132	139	102	42	86	32	(26)
Standalone EBITDA	463	463	578	(103)	378	444	333	222
Consolidated PAT	294	296	380	15	125	246	121	(22)
Standalone PAT	229	225	301	(31)	156	220	137	50
Subsidiary PAT	65	71	79	46	(30)	26	(16)	(72)
Gross margins								
Consolidated	48.9%	50.2%	50.1%	48.4%	48.2%	51.0%	51.1%	49.2%
Standalone	46.5%	50.7%	49.7%	44.9%	47.5%	50.6%	47.1%	46.4%
*EBITDA margins								
Consolidated EBITDA Margins	15.25%	14.02%	15.74%	-0.01%	10.66%	12.79%	8.88%	5.17%
Standalone EBITDA Margins	22.03%	20.39%	22.27%	-5.21%	18.04%	18.39%	13.13%	9.54%
Subsidiary EBITDA margins	6.21%	6.69%	7.09%	6.05%	2.29%	4.98%	2.05%	-1.81%
PAT margins								
Consolidated PAT margins	7.99%	6.99%	8.34%	0.42%	3.18%	5.95%	2.94%	-0.58%
Standalone PAT margins	10.91%	9.92%	11.59%	-1.56%	7.43%	9.11%	5.39%	2.16%
Subsidiary PAT margins	4.11%	3.61%	4.03%	2.72%	-1.64%	1.53%	-1.00%	-4.93%
* EBITDA includes other income	• •			I				

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P&L (Rs mn) FY20 FY21 **FY22 FY23 FY24** FY25E FY26E FY27E Net Sales 9,173 10,220 12,595 13,865 16,395 15,934 17,614 20,041 4.591 4.740 7,228 8.315 7.967 8.807 10,020 Total Operating Expenses 6.146 2,906 **Employee Cost** 1,504 1,518 1,739 1,948 2,503 2,686 2,642 Other Expenses 2,162 2,408 3,284 3,160 4,034 4,078 4,315 4,810 **Operating Profit** 916 1,554 1,426 1,529 1,544 1,202 1,849 2,305 Depreciation 704 483 486 511 556 643 731 465 PBIT 974 432 1,068 915 901 498 1,119 1,840 Other income 110 205 159 132 188 188 188 188 36 31 34 48 110 136 60 Interest 119 PBT (Before exceptional 506 1,242 1,039 1,057 978 550 1,187 1,968 PBT (post exceptional) 300 1,242 1,039 1.057 978 550 1,187 1,968 Provision for tax 105 586 265 265 162 138 297 492 **Reported PAT** 195 656 775 792 817 891 1,476 413 Balance Sheet (Rs mn) FY20 FY21 FY22 FY23 FY24 FY25E FY26E FY27E Equity capital 360 360 360 360 360 360 360 360 Reserves 7,729 8,545 8,980 9,690 10,360 10,521 11,051 12,166 Net worth 8,089 8,905 9,340 10,050 10,721 10,881 11,411 12,527 Non Current Liabilites 366 677 666 1.119 1.053 1.241 1.116 991 Current Liabilites 1,836 2,258 2,854 3,090 3,130 3,281 3,350 3,501 TOTAL LIABILITIES 10,292 11,830 12,861 14,259 14,904 15,402 15,877 17,018 Non Current Assets 4,606 4,809 5,898 6,522 5,817 6,086 5,912 4,555 **Fixed Assets** 3,437 1,913 2,296 3,480 4,470 4,034 4,571 4,664 Goodwill 1,036 2,454 1,978 1,738 1,470 1,202 934 2,173 Non Current Investments 5 62 194 194 113 113 113 113 Deferred Tax Asset 32 Other Financial Assets 22 55 23 64 32 32 32 124 169 105 71 183 169 169 169 Other Non Current Assets Current Assets 5,686 7,275 8,052 8,361 8,381 9,585 9,790 11,106 Current investments 939 1,217 1,155 1,130 1,152 1,152 1,152 1,152 Inventories 1,417 1,678 2,594 3,020 3,007 2,925 3,233 3,679 Trade Receivables 2,105 2,282 2,720 3,498 3,250 3,274 3,619 4,118 1,107 1,908 1,279 580 1,969 1,510 1,871 Cash and Bank Balances 716 Short Term Loans and Adv 21 39 90 15 62 62 62 62 Other Current Assets 97 151 214 118 194 204 214 225 15,402 15,877 TOTAL ASSETS 10,292 11,830 12,861 14,259 14,903 17,018

IFGL Refractories

Cash flow statement (Rs in mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Cash flow from operating activities							
Profit before tax	1,242	1,039	1,057	978	550	1,187	1,968
Depreciation & Amortization	486	511	556	643	704	731	465
Interest expenses	31	34	48	110	136	119	60
Operating profit before working capital change	1,759	1,585	1,661	1,731	1,390	2,037	2,492
Working capital adjustment	(129)	(1,032)	(1,215)	192	12	(470)	(678)
Gross cash generated from operations	1,629	552	446	1,924	1,402	1,568	1,814
Direct taxes paid	586	265	265	231	138	297	492
Others	(351)	244	118	171	1,330	268	478
Cash generated from operations	1,394	44	63	1,522	2,594	1,539	1,800
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Cash flow from investing activities							
Сарех	(310)	(656)	(1,358)	(826)	(1,041)	(1,000)	(500)
Investment	(70)	25	59	-	-	-	-
Others	(684)	391	72	(346)	(268)	(268)	(268)
Cash generated from investment activities	(1,064)	(240)	(1,227)	(1,172)	(1,309)	(1,268)	(768)
Cash flow from financing activities							
Proceeds from issue of share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowings/ (Repayments)	(28)	317	798	140	375	(250)	(250)
Interest paid	(31)	(34)	(48)	(110)	(136)	(119)	(60)
Dividend paid	-	(360)	(252)	(252)	(252)	(360)	(360)
Others Cash generated from financing activities	13 (46)	8 (70)	- 498	- (243)	- (13)	- (729)	0.00 (670.58)
	379	(285)	((22))	120		(458)	. ,
Net cash increase/ (decrease)	579	(285)	(622)	129	1,272	(456)	362
Ratios	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
OPM	15.2%	11.3%	11.0%	9.4%	7.5%	10.5%	11.50%
NPM	6.3%	6.1%	5.7%	4.9%	2.6%	5.0%	7.29%
Tax Rate	47.2%	25.4%	25.1%	16.5%	25.0%	25.0%	25.00%
Growth Ratios (%)							
Net Sales	11.4%	23.2%	10.1%	18.2%	-2.8%	10.5%	13.78%
Operating Profit	69.6%	-8.2%	7.3%	0.9%	-22.1%	53.8%	24.61%
PBIT	147.0%	-14.3%	6.5%	-7.5%	-44.7%	124.4%	64.50%
РАТ	237.1%	18.1%	2.2%	3.1%	-49.5%	115.7%	65.70%
Per Share (Rs.)							
Net Earnings (EPS)	18.2	21.5	22.0	22.7	11.5	24.7	40.9
Cash Earnings (CPS)	31.7	35.7	37.4	40.5	31.0	45.0	53.84
Dividend	10.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	10.0	10.0
Book Value Free Cash Flow	247.1 34.9	259.2 30.1	278.9 -17.0	297.5 -35.9	301.9 19.3	316.6 43.1	347.58 14.9
Valuation Ratios P/E(x)	20.2	17.1	16.7	16.2	32.0	14.9	8.96
P/B(x)	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	14.9	1.06
EV/EBIDTA(x)	7.6	9.0	9.2	9.2	11.0	7.3	5.58
Div. Yield(%)	2.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.7	2.72
FCFF Yield(%)	9.5	8.2	(4.6)	(9.8)	5.3	11.7	4.07
Return Ratios (%)							
ROE	7.4%	8.3%	7.9%	7.6%	3.8%	7.8%	11.78%
	13.5%	10.5%	9.6%	8.8%	5.3%	9.9%	14.45%

Source: Company, Dalal & Broacha Research

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