

AkzoNobel India (AKZO) - ADD

Q2FY26 Result Update

Current Market Price (CMP) Rs.3246	Fair Value (FV) Rs.3710
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Rationale:

- Company reported de-growth in earnings/EBIDTA and revenue during the quarter.
- There was muted consumer sentiment, competitive intensity and strategic review.
- Company reported sustained growth in B2B with healthy orders, but B2C was muted for the company.
- A potential revival of the ‘Dulux’ brand under the new owner “JSW Paints” bodes positive for the stock.
- Maintain ADD with a revised TP of Rs 3710 at 33x FY28E.
- We expect earnings to grow 14.4% in FY27E and grow by 10.4% in FY28E.
- Stock is trading at 28.9x FY28E earnings.

 Positives:

- It was a difficult quarter for the decorative paints business.
- Company relaunched propositions in Mass (Promise) and Exterior Emulsions (Weather shield Projects).

 Negatives:

- B2B – Growth momentum continued on a high base.
- In Industrial segment, there was growth in power and Mining businesses in Protective.



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Holding Period: 12 Months

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