

JK PAPER LTD (JKP) – ADD

Q2FY26 Result Update

Current Market Price (CMP) Rs. 386	Fair Value (FV) Rs. 425
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Rationale:

- During Q2FY26, JK Paper's (JKP) performance was below our estimates on the top-line and bottom line front.
- Paper and Paper Board segment continues to face headwinds from elevated wood costs and lower sales realizations due to cheaper imports.
- During the quarter, the company reported revenue of Rs1,749cr (grew ~4% growth YoY).
- EBITDA during the quarter de-grew ~15% YoY to Rs224cr (down ~9% QoQ).
- Currently, the stock is trading at PE of 5.0x FY28E EPS.
- Hence, we recommend ADD rating, with revised target price of Rs425.

Positives:

- JKP is the market leader in Branded Copier Paper in India and amongst the top producers of Coated Paper and Packaging Products in the Country.
- The implementation of a minimum import price (MIP) for virgin paper board, which should benefit domestic manufacturers.

Negatives:

- JKP report PAT of ~Rs75cr, which down ~42% YoY (up 8% QoQ).
- (EBITDA - earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, PAT-Profit After Tax)



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Holding Period: 12 months

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