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Chemicals Sector Review – Q3FY26

Gradual recovery, Divergent pricing, Select upside

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Volumes recover, pricing uneven, trade tailwinds emerging: The chemical companies in our coverage universe reported revenue/EBITDA growth of 14/18% y/y (down 2/7% q/q) in Q3FY26. Commentary across domestic chemicals universe indicates a gradual volume-led recovery with pricing still uneven. US tariff normalization is a near-term positive for export-exposed names, while EU FTA and China anti-involution represent medium-term structural tailwinds, contingent on execution and enforcement. The sector narrative is shifting from pure destocking to early-cycle normalization, though China-linked pricing pressure persists in multiple chains.

Selective strength now; Q4 to test broader rebound: In Q3FY26, the CDMO and fluorochemical-led players delivered earnings beat, while agro and pigment-exposed players lagged amid pricing pressure and destocking. Refrigerants/CDMO earnings remain in a multi-quarter upcycle with others still in early recovery, as visibility improves but numbers lag. Q4FY26 is shaping up better with (a) SRF expecting improvement on pent-up agro orders; (b) Jubilant Ingrevia seeing pricing catalysts (B3; Acetyls); (c) NOCIL's 3-4% FY26 volume guidance implies a sharp rebound in Q4FY26 (>12% growth) on resilient domestic demand; (d) Sudarshan Chemicals expecting pigment recovery as destocking eases; and (e) Galaxy Surfactants seeing gradual improvement, as reformulation ramps-up.

Capex phases diverge; Inflection near for select names: The sector is in three capex phases: (a) peak investment; (b) ramp-up; and (c) harvest. SRF's Rs22-23bn FY26 and strong outlook for FY27 given large Odisha commitment ahead; Fine Organics entered a major capacity unlock phase with India SEZ and US Phase-I projects; NOCIL is in capex phase (TDQ expansion); Jubilant Ingrevia's Rs20bn capex cycle nearing completion (Rs5bn FY27); Aarti Industries is at the end of its cycle (~Rs11bn FY26 peak), awaiting the next earnings leg and Navin Fluorine is in the harvest mode post heavy investments. On risk-reward, Navin Fluorine and Jubilant appear best positioned given execution visibility and utilisation-led upside.

CY26 for Global Companies - Stabilization, Not Acceleration: Globally, CY26 is shaping up as a year of gradual normalization rather than a broad demand rebound, with the companies prioritizing cash generation, cost control and deleveraging. Dow Inc. highlighted a largely unchanged demand backdrop, with packaging relatively stable (aided by ~5% ethylene capacity rationalization) but infrastructure and mobility remain weak. Celanese and Eastman flagged continued acetate tow destocking. In contrast, Chemours reported strong Opteon refrigerant growth, underscoring refrigerants as a structural bright spot, mirroring fluorochemical strength seen in India.

Top Picks: Fine Organic Industries, Jubilant Ingrevia

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Top Picks

Fine Organic Industries (FINEORG)

- FINEORG is undergoing a significant capacity expansion with the India SEZ (JNPT) and US Phase-I projects set to commercialise 18-24 months post the Apr-25 EC, unlocking saturated domestic sites for higher-value products.
- The SEZ land parcel exceeds all existing sites combined, while the US parcel is 5x larger, providing long-term scale visibility. With US approvals in place, Phase-I is de-risked, paving the way for a faster Phase-II. Global validations support onboarding larger customers and deeper wallet share.
- The US, ~26% of global additives market (vs. India's <4%), offers a strong localization opportunity given strict manufacturing date norms limiting ocean freight viability.
- Despite near-term utilisation constraints, end-FY27/early-FY28 capacity addition underpins a multi-year growth runway.
- Expansion is largely self-funded, supported by ~Rs13bn cash and ~Rs9bn expected FY26-27 cash generation (with project debt as needed).
- At 28/24x FY27/28e EPS trough multiples, we maintain BUY rating on the stock with a 12-month TP of Rs6,400, valuing it at 34x FY28e EPS.
- **Key Risks:** (a) US execution; (b) SEZ timelines; (c) and input volatility.

Jubilant Ingrevia (JUBLINGR)

- JUBLINGR's growth pivot is anchored in a structural mix shift towards higher-margin Specialty Chemicals (~Rs20bn revenue) and Nutrition (~Rs7bn), with Fine Chemicals and CDMO expected to form ~two-thirds of Specialty by FY27, reducing dependence on Pyridine.
- Human-grade Vitamin-B3 adds ~Rs2bn of high-margin revenue, moderating cyclicality. CDMO has emerged as the core growth engine, with 16 confirmed molecules (~Rs14bn peak potential) and 100+ pipeline opportunities; a large agro contract (~Rs5bn annually) is slated to reach full run-rate by Q1FY27. CDMO revenue is guided to scale from ~Rs3bn in FY26 to ~Rs12bn by FY28, delivering >Rs2.5bn EBITDA.
- Organizational overhaul (70–80% leadership refresh) and R&D expansion (100 to 150) support execution, backed by capacity addition and ~Rs6bn annual capex.
- With expected RoCE of >15% by FY27-28e, current valuation at ~14.4/11.4x FY27/28 EV/EBITDA appears undemanding. We maintain BUY rating on the stock with an SOTP-based TP of Rs975 (implied FY28 17.5x E/EBITDA).
- **Key Risks:** (a) Specialty/CDMO execution; (b) B3 ramp-up; and (c) acetyl downcycle persistence.

Trade tailwinds strengthen

US Tariffs Rollback and Replacement u/s 122

- Rollback of US IEEPA tariffs and their replacement under Section 122 has reduced India's effective US tariff burden to 15%, with Annex-II exemptions (including pharma APIs, select chemical intermediates and energy-linked inputs) largely retained.
- While many molecules saw partial relief under Annex-II, others still had some tariff impact earlier, making the shift incrementally positive for export-oriented chemical players i.e., Aarti, SRF, NFIL and NOCIL.
- The key monitorable is the expiry of Section 122 on July 24, 2026, after which tariff outcomes will hinge on fresh Section 301 actions.

EU-India Free Trade Agreement

- **Market size & access:** The EU is a ~€635bn chemicals market (turnover), while India exports only \$9bn currently. With >90% of Indian goods exports becoming duty-free over time, addressable opportunity expands meaningfully.
- **Tariff impact:** EU chemical import duties of up to 12.8% move to near-zero under the FTA (tariffs are in the range of zero to 6.5%, while some specific categories i.e., cosmetics are up to 12.8%), delivering a ~5-10% pricing advantage to Indian exporters vs. non-FTA suppliers.
- **Export opportunity:** Chemicals form ~15% of India's EU exports and export volume for compliant players could scale materially over 5-7 years, led by specialty, agro intermediates and pharma chemicals.
- **China+1 tailwind:** The EU sources ~13% of chemicals from China; even a small sourcing shift creates a significant opportunity for India (currently <3% of EU's sourcing).
- **Investment & partnerships:** The EU is India's second largest chemical trade partner, and the deal should accelerate FDI, JVs and long-term contracts, especially in specialty chemicals and CDMO.
- **Risks & filters:** REACH and ESG compliance may act as a barrier, but they favour the organized players, while higher EU imports into India remain limited to niche segments.
- **Our view:** The deal is structurally positive for Indian chemicals, with winners being export-oriented players focused on specialty and value-added chemistries. Companies having relatively higher EU exposure: SRF, Navin Fluorine, Jubilant Ingrevia, Vinati Organics

Fig 1 – EU Chemical Imports – China vs India Share Comparison

| EU's Chemical Imports | | China Share % | | | India Share % | | |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| HS Code | Product Category | FY24 | FY25 | YTD FY26 | FY24 | FY25 | YTD FY26 |
| 28 | Inorganic Chemicals | 10.8 | 10.7 | 12.0 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 2.0 |
| 29 | Organic Chemicals | 11.7 | 11.8 | 12.0 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.0 |
| 32 | Dyes, Pigments, Paints | 12.2 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.2 |
| 33 | Essential oils and resinoids, perfumery, cosmetic | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| 34 | Soaps, Surfactants, Lubricants, etc | 8.6 | 9.8 | 10.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| 38 | Misc. Chemicals | 12.6 | 13.6 | 22.6 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| Overall | | 11.3 | 11.4 | 13.0 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 |

Source: Industry, Anand Rathi Research, ^Share in imports - Inter EU trade eliminated

Fig 2 – Indian Chemical Companies - US & EU Revenue Exposure

| Company name | Sales (Rs m) FY25 | Total Exports % | Europe % | EU % | US % | US % (Net of Exempted list) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Aarti Industries | 72,713 | 60% | 14% | 14% | 16% | 15% |
| Atul | 55,833 | 39% | 8% | 6% | 8% | 3% |
| Clean Science | 9,666 | 61% | 13% | 13% | 5% | 0% |
| Fine Organic Industries | 22,691 | 57% | 10% | 10% | 18% | 4% |
| Gujarat Fluorochemicals | 47,370 | 59% | 24% | 22% | 18% | 11% |
| Jubilant Ingrevia | 41,776 | 46% | 24% | 18% | 7% | 2% |
| Laxmi Organic Industries | 29,854 | 36% | 6% | 6% | 10% | 1% |
| Navin Fluorine | 23,494 | 57% | 30% | 27% | 22% | 8% |
| NOCIL | 13,927 | 35% | 4% | 4% | 5% | 5% |
| Sudarshan Chemical Industries | 33,456 | 41% | 9% | 8% | 7% | 1% |
| SRF | 146,931 | 50% | 17% | 16% | 8% | 3% |
| Deepak Nitrite | 82,819 | 16% | 6% | 6% | 2% | 0% |
| Vinati Organics | 22,482 | 56% | 22% | 20% | 24% | 5% |
| Total | 603,012 | 45% | 14% | 13% | 10% | 5% |

Source: Anand Rathi Research, Geographic export mix includes analyst estimates; FY25 reflects the pre-tariff regime base

Performance vs Expectations: Variance Analysis

Fig 3 – Actual vs Consensus Estimates Deviation

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26E (Estimates) | | Rev | | | EBITDA | | | Deviation | | Brief Reason |
|---|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|--|
| Security Name | Rev | EBITDA | Q3FY26 | YoY | QoQ | Q3FY26 | YoY | QoQ | Rev | EBITDA | |
| Acutaas Chemicals | 3,556 | 1,114 | 3,932 | 43% | 28% | 1,507 | 119% | 58% | 11% | 35% | Superior product mix, operating leverage benefits led by CDMO-driven scale-up in Advanced Intermediates. |
| Aarti Industries | 20,863 | 2,893 | 23,190 | 26% | 10% | 3,220 | 39% | 11% | 11% | 11% | Sharp volume recovery in MMA, NT and DCB; Energy application vol grew 78% y/y (up 13% q/q) in Q3. |
| Atul Ltd. | 15,762 | 2,820 | 15,736 | 11% | 1% | 2,884 | 29% | 8% | 0% | 2% | In-line operating performance on recovery in 2,4-D exports; Performance Chemicals margins remained soft |
| Balaji Amines | 3,458 | 584 | 3,313 | 6% | -3% | 567 | 24% | -5% | -4% | -3% | Balanced demand across amines, derivatives, and specialty chemicals |
| Chemplast Sanmar | 11,625 | 563 | 8,351 | -21% | -19% | -585 | -282% | -235% | -28% | -204% | Suspension PVC impacted on weak demand, production & dumping issues; CMC impacted on Agro slowdown |
| Clean Science & Technology | 2,364 | 861 | 2,197 | -9% | -10% | 725 | -26% | -17% | -7% | -16% | Product mix pressure and lower contribution from top products weighed on profitability. |
| Deepak Nitrite | 19,495 | 2,124 | 19,750 | 4% | 4% | 2,109 | 25% | 3% | 1% | -1% | Advanced intermediates weak on pricing pressure/global oversupply; Phenolics remained resilient. |
| Fine Organic Industries | 5,258 | 1,113 | 5,548 | 8% | -7% | 1,015 | 2% | -25% | 6% | -9% | Subdued export volumes resulting in adverse operating leverage. |
| Gujarat Fluorochemicals | 12,432 | 3,566 | 11,360 | -1% | -6% | 2,750 | -6% | -24% | -9% | -23% | Weakness led by lower prices of R22, R125 and bulk chemicals |
| Galaxy Surfactants | 13,012 | 1,078 | 13,295 | 28% | 0% | 1,194 | 13% | 8% | 2% | 11% | Reformulation pressure, tariffs, GST correction - kept volumes flat; lower input costs lifted GM. |
| Jubilant Ingrevia | 10,536 | 1,210 | 10,510 | -1% | -6% | 1,266 | -8% | -7% | 0% | 5% | Pricing pressure across portfolio offsetting a healthy volume growth |
| Laxmi Organic | 8,017 | 677 | 6,780 | -14% | 0% | 130 | -83% | -4% | -15% | -81% | Essentials stable; Specialties weakness on pricing and key-Agro product phase-out |
| Neogen Chemicals | 2,163 | 330 | 2,200 | 9% | 5% | 320 | -7% | 7% | 2% | -3% | Volume growth across base business led by toll manufacturing reliance amid Dahej plant rebuilding. |
| Navin Fluorine International | 8,042 | 2,392 | 8,924 | 47% | 18% | 3,076 | 109% | 25% | 11% | 29% | Specialty Chemicals grew on Nectar campaigns and pipeline deliveries; HPP/CDMO stayed flat. |
| NOCIL | 3,248 | 257 | 3,158 | -1% | -1% | 268 | 12% | 20% | -3% | 4% | Drop in conversion cost led to healthy EBITDA improvement, despite gross spread dropping to a new low |
| PI Industries | 17,688 | 4,726 | 13,757 | -28% | -27% | 3,023 | -41% | -44% | -22% | -36% | CSM and Agrochem exports under pressure; domestic business faced volume/pricing decline. |
| Privi Specialty | 6,504 | 1,503 | 6,046 | 23% | -11% | 1,513 | 30% | -17% | -7% | 1% | Sequential softness due to holidays in export markets and tariff impacting US |
| Rossari Biotech | 5,749 | 731 | 5,817 | 13% | -1% | 689 | 6% | -4% | 1% | -6% | EBITDA impacted by EO constraints and higher operating cost towards new/existing facilities |
| SRF | 38,076 | 8,228 | 37,125 | 6% | 2% | 7,800 | 26% | 1% | -2% | -5% | Weakness in Specialty Chemicals, Performance Films & Foils offset by stronger Fluorochemicals (R-32). |
| Sudarshan Chemical | 24,081 | 1,351 | 21,030 | 216% | -12% | 379 | -52% | -71% | -13% | -72% | Weak Europe and North America demand, higher-than-expected Heubach destocking impacted volumes. |
| Tatva Chintan Pharma Chem | 1,314 | 246 | 1,313 | 53% | 6% | 255 | 259% | 15% | 0% | 4% | PASC was the key growth driver on order fulfillments and scale-up, SDA and PTC saw mild softness |
| Tata Chemicals | 38,770 | 5,370 | 35,500 | -1% | -8% | 3,450 | -21% | -36% | -8% | -36% | Global soda ash oversupply and pricing pressure continued to hurt the US and overseas businesses |
| Vinati Organics | 5,704 | 1,732 | 5,291 | 1% | -3% | 1,608 | 13% | -10% | -7% | -7% | ATBS volumes up, but IBB/ antioxidants soft; higher fixed costs led by new ATBS capacity |
| Total | 2,77,716 | 45,468 | 2,64,124 | 10% | -4% | 39,163 | 4% | -14% | -5% | -14% | |
| Total (Ex-Sudarshan Chemical Industries) * | 2,53,635 | 44,117 | 2,43,094 | 4% | -3% | 38,784 | 5% | -12% | -4% | -12% | |

Source: Bloomberg, Anand Rathi Research, *Sudarshan Chemical Industries base quarter not comparable due to Heubach Acquisition.

Valuation Summary

Fig 4 – Valuations – Indian companies

| (Rs bn) | Rating | Mcap | Revenue | EBITDA | PAT | PE (x) | | | EV/EBITDA (x) | | | ROE (%) | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | FY25-28e | FY25-28e | FY25-28e | FY26e | FY27e | FY28e | FY26e | FY27e | FY28e | FY26e | FY27e | FY28e |
| Coverage | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aarti Industries Ltd | Hold | 163 | 16% | 21% | 35% | 39.0 | 28.7 | 20.3 | 17.4 | 14.1 | 11.0 | 7.2 | 9.2 | 11.9 |
| Atul Ltd | Buy | 194 | 14% | 17% | 25% | 29.3 | 23.7 | 20.7 | 16.4 | 13.4 | 11.4 | 11.2 | 12.5 | 12.9 |
| Fine Organic Industries Ltd | Buy | 139 | 16% | 16% | 12% | 30.4 | 28.0 | 24.0 | 23.1 | 20.5 | 16.3 | 18.2 | 17.1 | 17.3 |
| Galaxy Surfactants Ltd | Hold | 68 | 12% | 7% | 7% | 22.8 | 20.1 | 17.8 | 13.1 | 11.4 | 9.9 | 11.9 | 12.3 | 12.6 |
| Jubilant Ingrevia Ltd | Buy | 97 | 15% | 22% | 26% | 34.1 | 25.4 | 19.0 | 18.2 | 14.2 | 11.3 | 9.3 | 11.6 | 14.0 |
| NOCIL Ltd | Hold | 25 | 9% | 23% | 22% | 34.6 | 20.9 | 15.8 | 18.6 | 11.5 | 8.7 | 4.1 | 6.5 | 8.2 |
| Rossari Biotech Ltd | Hold | 28 | 12% | 11% | 9% | 21.6 | 19.7 | 15.8 | 10.9 | 9.4 | 7.9 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 11.6 |
| Sudarshan Chemical Industries Ltd | Buy | 71 | 47% | 40% | 42% | 235.2 | 28.7 | 15.2 | 16.5 | 9.9 | 6.7 | 0.9 | 7.0 | 12.2 |
| Vinati Organics Ltd | Hold | 156 | 16% | 17% | 15% | 34.9 | 29.3 | 25.1 | 23.5 | 19.5 | 16.5 | 15.1 | 15.9 | 16.3 |
| Non-Coverage | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aether Industries Ltd | NR | 130 | 33% | 34% | 30% | 55.8 | 42.7 | 33.7 | 35.0 | 29.1 | 22.6 | 9.2 | 11.0 | 12.9 |
| Alkyl Amines Chemicals | NR | 77 | 12% | 16% | 16% | 42.1 | 31.7 | 26.6 | 25.6 | 19.9 | 16.8 | 12.5 | 15.0 | 15.9 |
| Balaji Amines Ltd | NR | 35 | 9% | 21% | 13% | 20.6 | 16.8 | 13.6 | 13.5 | 10.6 | 8.6 | 7.9 | 8.9 | 10.0 |
| Clean Science & Technology Ltd | NR | 76 | 17% | 10% | 11% | 32.1 | 26.3 | 21.2 | 20.4 | 16.9 | 13.8 | 15.5 | 16.6 | 17.9 |
| Deepak Nitrite Ltd | NR | 220 | 7% | 9% | 7% | 43.4 | 30.2 | 30.6 | 26.2 | 18.1 | 16.2 | 9.0 | 11.8 | 12.3 |
| Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd | NR | 375 | 17% | 23% | 31% | 53.4 | 39.2 | 30.6 | 28.3 | 21.8 | 17.7 | 9.3 | 11.2 | 12.7 |
| Laxmi Organic Industries Ltd | NR | 38 | 12% | 7% | 12% | 41.3 | 31.9 | 23.5 | 18.0 | 13.5 | 10.9 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 7.3 |
| Navin Fluorine International Ltd | NR | 333 | 26% | 39% | 47% | 54.0 | 43.9 | 36.6 | 33.1 | 27.7 | 23.3 | 19.2 | 18.7 | 19.2 |
| Neogen Chemicals Ltd | NR | 36 | 42% | 42% | 51% | 116.4 | 61.0 | 29.3 | 34.4 | 20.1 | 11.7 | 3.5 | 6.8 | 12.1 |
| PI Industries Ltd | NR | 463 | 4% | 3% | 2% | 32.8 | 30.5 | 26.7 | 22.7 | 20.5 | 18.1 | 13.3 | 12.8 | 13.1 |
| Privi Speciality Chemicals Ltd | NR | 117 | 25% | 21% | 43% | 37.8 | 30.7 | 22.2 | 19.9 | 16.3 | 12.3 | 22.6 | 22.3 | 24.1 |
| SRF Ltd | NR | 794 | 12% | 20% | 31% | 43.0 | 34.7 | 28.3 | 23.9 | 20.1 | 16.9 | 13.8 | 15.1 | 16.0 |
| Tatva Chintan Pharma Chem Pvt Ltd | NR | 28 | 26% | 72% | 148% | 63.3 | 41.6 | 32.5 | 30.0 | 20.8 | 16.5 | 5.9 | 8.3 | 9.7 |
| Sector Average | | | 18% | 20% | 23% | 50.2 | 30.7 | 23.7 | 21.8 | 17.1 | 13.7 | 10.9 | 12.3 | 13.8 |

Source: Bloomberg, Anand Rathi Research Note: UR-Under Review, NR-Not Rated, Tatva excluded from sector average

Fig 5 – Valuations - Global companies

| (Rs bn) | Curr | Mcap | Revenue | EBITDA | PAT | PE (x) | | | EV/EBITDA (x) | | | ROE (%) | | |
|--|------|-------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | FY25-28e | FY25-28e | FY25-28e | FY26e | FY27e | FY28e | FY26e | FY27e | FY28e | FY26e | FY27e | FY28e |
| Albemarle Corp | USD | 19.8 | 6% | -231% | -206% | 24.0 | 18.1 | 15.7 | 11.1 | 10.2 | 9.4 | 8.6 | 12.1 | 12.0 |
| BASF SE | EUR | 43.6 | -2% | 5% | 29% | 17.9 | 19.2 | 15.4 | 9.5 | 9.0 | 8.2 | 5.8 | 7.6 | 7.4 |
| Celanese Corp | USD | 5.9 | 0% | 123% | -182% | 11.2 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 9.0 | 8.4 | 8.0 | 10.8 | 12.6 | 13.8 |
| Chemours Co/The | USD | 2.6 | 5% | 18% | 79% | 10.7 | 7.1 | 5.2 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 66.7 | 83.9 | 41.3 |
| Clariant AG | CHF | 2.6 | 0% | 6% | 7% | 11.3 | 9.8 | 8.7 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 8.6 | 11.4 | 12.3 |
| Croda International PLC | GBP | 4.2 | 4% | 9% | 16% | 21.1 | 18.9 | 16.8 | 12.1 | 11.0 | 10.1 | 7.6 | 9.0 | 10.2 |
| Daicel Corp | JPY | 434.8 | 3% | 4% | 1% | 8.2 | 9.3 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 12.6 | 11.1 | 11.5 |
| DSM-Firmenich AG | EUR | 16.2 | -4% | 4% | 60% | 17.2 | 15.1 | 13.9 | 9.9 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 5.3 |
| Eastman Chemical Co | USD | 9.0 | 0% | -3% | -3% | 13.6 | 11.8 | 10.4 | 8.8 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 11.3 | 12.7 | 13.8 |
| Ecolab Inc | USD | 86.1 | 6% | 11% | 12% | 35.7 | 31.3 | 28.2 | 21.5 | 19.9 | 18.5 | 23.1 | 24.1 | 24.3 |
| Glanbia PLC | EUR | 4.0 | 3% | 13% | 30% | 15.0 | 14.0 | 12.8 | 11.0 | 10.5 | 9.8 | 15.6 | 16.0 | 16.4 |
| International Flavors & Fragrances Inc | USD | 20.8 | 0% | -207% | 76% | 18.2 | 16.9 | 15.6 | 12.5 | 11.8 | 11.2 | 7.5 | 8.0 | 8.3 |
| Kerry Group PLC | EUR | 11.6 | 2% | 8% | 9% | 14.3 | 13.0 | 11.7 | 10.8 | 10.1 | 9.4 | 11.9 | 12.4 | 12.6 |
| Lonza Group AG | CHF | 37.7 | 11% | 24% | 40% | 29.7 | 24.7 | 21.6 | 17.4 | 15.2 | 13.4 | 12.8 | 14.3 | 15.0 |
| Symrise AG | EUR | 10.6 | 2% | 4% | 8% | 21.1 | 18.8 | 17.2 | 12.0 | 11.6 | 10.9 | 11.5 | 12.8 | 13.1 |
| Wanhua Chemical Group Co Ltd | CNY | 266.0 | 10% | 14% | 14% | 21.3 | 16.8 | 13.8 | 12.6 | 10.5 | 8.6 | 12.2 | 14.3 | 16.1 |
| Zhejiang NHU Co Ltd | CNY | 90.5 | 7% | 4% | 10% | 13.8 | 13.4 | 12.0 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 8.5 | 20.2 | 18.1 | 17.2 |
| Ex-India Average | | | 3% | 9% | 22% | 17.9 | 15.9 | 14.0 | 11.1 | 10.2 | 9.4 | 16.0 | 18.0 | 15.5 |
| Global Average | | | 11% | 14% | 23% | 34.1 | 23.3 | 18.8 | 16.5 | 13.6 | 11.5 | 13.4 | 15.2 | 14.6 |

Source: Bloomberg, Anand Rathi Research Note: * FY25/28E is equivalent to CY24/27E (global peers), Albemarle, Celanese and IFF excluded from sector average

FY27/28 Earnings Estimate Changes

Fig 6 – Change in Consensus Estimates Post Q3FY26

| Year Company | 2027 | | | 2028 | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| | Revenue | EBITDA | PAT | Revenue | EBITDA | PAT |
| Alkyl Amines | -3.6% | -4.4% | -5.4% | -3.7% | -5.2% | -6.3% |
| Acutaas Chemicals | 5.6% | 13.4% | 13.1% | 8.5% | 15.6% | 16.6% |
| Aarti Industries | 2.5% | 0.9% | 2.7% | 2.2% | 1.5% | 3.0% |
| Atul Ltd | -2.1% | 1.7% | 0.9% | -1.5% | -1.7% | 5.7% |
| Balaji Amines | 0.0% | 10.7% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 12.0% | 0.0% |
| Chemplast Sanmar | -6.8% | -19.9% | -75.4% | -5.0% | -7.7% | -21.9% |
| Clean Science and Technology | -12.7% | -17.2% | -17.9% | -11.3% | -16.2% | -18.0% |
| Deepak Nitrite | -3.3% | -7.0% | -9.1% | -1.9% | -5.1% | -7.5% |
| Fine Organic Industries | -0.9% | -3.1% | -3.7% | -2.8% | -4.9% | -5.4% |
| Gujarat Fluorochemicals | -8.7% | -9.1% | -11.8% | -7.8% | -7.9% | -10.2% |
| Galaxy Surfactants | 1.8% | -0.7% | -1.1% | 2.0% | -1.6% | -2.5% |
| Jubilant Ingrevia | -5.2% | -7.5% | -9.5% | -9.3% | -11.8% | -14.1% |
| Laxmi Organics | -3.4% | -15.7% | -24.1% | -2.4% | -14.9% | -20.7% |
| Neogen Chemicals | 0.7% | -2.7% | 3.6% | 0.3% | 0.0% | -2.2% |
| Navin Fluorine International | 3.4% | 10.1% | 12.9% | 3.7% | 9.7% | 12.4% |
| Nocil Ltd. | -2.2% | -7.4% | -7.0% | 1.2% | -5.9% | -4.2% |
| PI Industries | -9.8% | -12.4% | -12.6% | -9.8% | -11.3% | -11.5% |
| Privi Specialty Chemicals | -4.5% | -3.3% | 2.1% | -1.0% | -1.0% | 0.4% |
| Rossari Biotech | -4.5% | -9.4% | -14.3% | -7.1% | -11.4% | -16.8% |
| Sudarshan Chemical Industries | -3.4% | -4.6% | -6.5% | -3.3% | -5.8% | -8.9% |
| SRF | -3.1% | -3.1% | -4.3% | -2.8% | -3.0% | -4.1% |
| Tatva Chintan Pharma Chem | -0.4% | -2.1% | -6.6% | -0.6% | 3.5% | -2.0% |
| Tata Chemicals | -2.8% | -10.7% | -25.5% | -1.8% | -8.2% | -34.9% |
| Vinati Organics | -5.2% | -4.3% | -3.5% | -5.1% | -5.5% | -3.4% |

Source: Bloomberg, Anand Rath Research

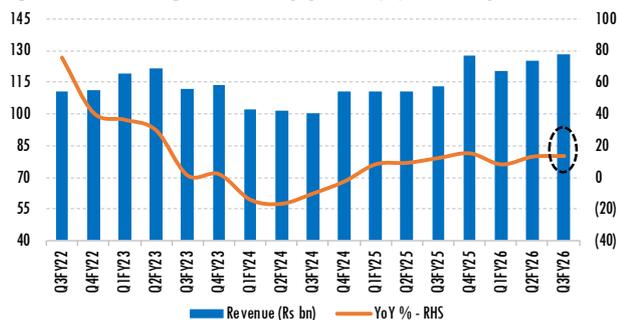
Fig 7 – Chemical Sector Valuations (1 yr fwd)



Source: Bloomberg, Anand Rath Research, 23 leading companies included

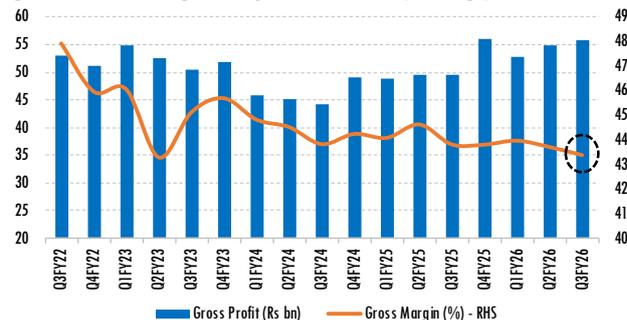
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Fig 8 – Revenue grows 14% y/y, 2% q/q aided by volume



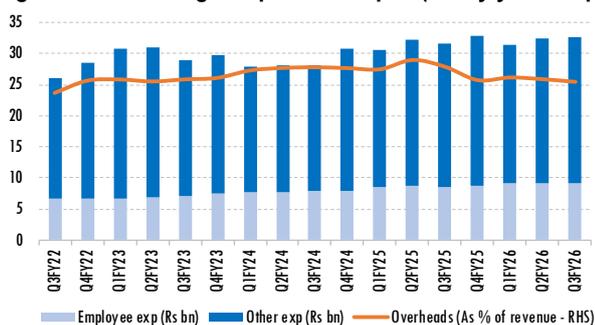
Source: Companies, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 9 – Gross margin at cyclical low on pricing pressure



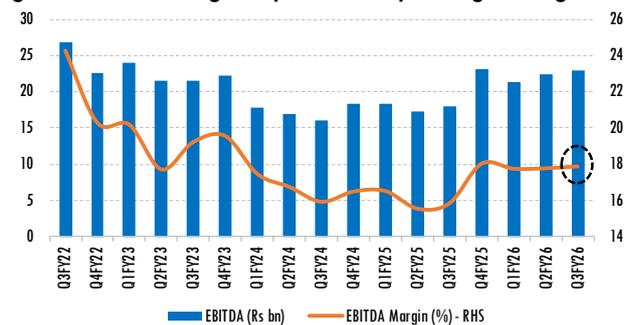
Source: Companies, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 10 – Cost savings help contain opex (+3% y/y / +1% q/q)



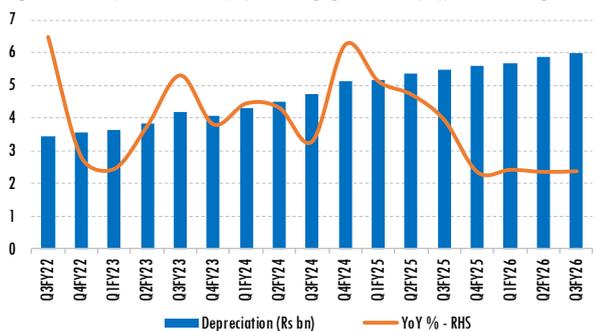
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Fig 11 – EBITDA margin improves on operating leverage



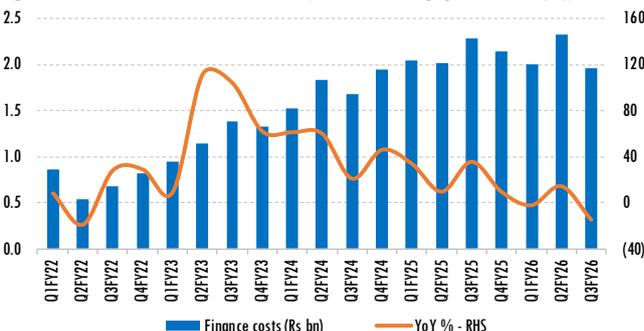
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Fig 12 – Depreciation (up 10% y/y & 2% q/q), intensity wanes



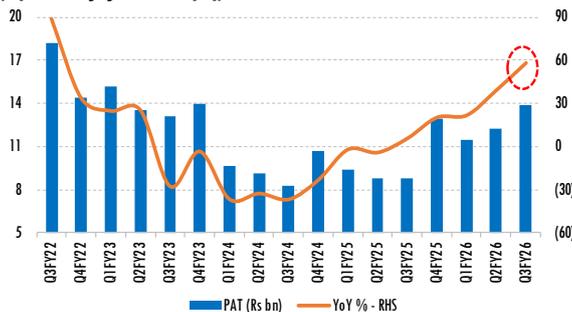
Source: Companies, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 13 – Finance costs soften (down 14% y/y & 16% q/q)



Source: Companies, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 14 – PAT (up 34% y/y & 3% q/q) on lower finance cost and ETR



Source: Companies, Anand Rathi Research

Note - Aggregates include Coverage Universe, SRF, NFIL

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Coverage companies

Fig 15 – Aarti Industries

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---------|---|
| Revenue | 23,190 | 26.0 | 10.4 | Reported a strong performance in Q3FY26, with EBITDA rising by 39% y/y and 11% q/q to Rs3.2bn. EBITDA margin rose 133bps y/y (flat q/q) to 13.9%, driven by a sharp recovery in volume in MMA, NT and DCB. APAT stood at Rs1.5bn (up 228% y/y and 80% q/q), after adjusting for exceptional charge of Rs150mn (for Labour Code). Strong gasoline-naphtha spreads boosted MMA output (~69kt, 96% utilisation), while DCB volume rose on robust PDCB demand. Non-energy segments remained mixed, while agro and dyes saw volume recovery (amid Chinese price pressure), PDA chain remained subdued, and higher exports increased WC sequentially. |
| EBITDA | 3,220 | 39.4 | 10.7 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 13.9 | 133 bps | 3 bps | |
| APAT | 1,509 | 228.0 | 79.6 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 4.2 | 228.0 | 79.6 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 16 – Atul Ltd.

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---------|--|
| Revenue | 15,736 | 11.1 | 1.4 | Adj. EBITDA stood at Rs2.9bn, post labour law provision adjustment, aided by stability in Life Sciences Chemicals Revenue at Rs4.5bn (up 9% y/y and 3% q/q) on better product-mix and spread improvements in 2-4, despite tariff headwinds leading to stable margin. Flat revenue in Performance Chemicals at Rs115.5bn (up 11% y/y and flat q/q) was likely on seasonal slowdown in offtakes, thus, impacting margin on q/q comparison. APAT came in at Rs1.9bn (up 61% y/y and 8% q/q) on higher other income (up 145% y/y; down 20% q/q), lower finance cost and (up 14%y/y; down 24% q/q) lower ETR (19.8%). |
| EBITDA | 2,884 | 28.7 | 7.8 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 18.3 | 251 bps | 109 bps | |
| APAT | 1,939 | 60.9 | 8.2 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 65.9 | 60.9 | 8.2 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 17 – Fine Organic Industries

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|
| Revenue | 5,548 | 8.1 | -7.1 | Stable demand with subdued export volume led to revenue of Rs5.5bn (up 8 y/y and down 7% q/q). Slight rise in RM prices led to 139bps y/y and 353bps q/q contraction in gross margin. Adj. EBITDA stood at Rs1bn (up 2% y/y; and down 25% q/q) post adjustment for labour code impact and margin came in at 18.3%, impacted by lower gross margin and muted volume due to seasonality and maintenance shutdown, resulting in adverse operating leverage. APAT at Rs792m (down 4% y/y and 27 q/q) due to lower operating profit and other income. |
| EBITDA | 1,015 | 2.4 | -24.9 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 18.3 | -102 bps | -434 bps | |
| APAT | 792 | -4.4 | -27.1 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 25.8 | -4.4 | -27.1 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 18 – Galaxy Surfactants

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|----------|---------|---|
| Revenue | 13,295 | 27.6 | 0.3 | Revenue came in at Rs13.2bn (up 28% y/y and flat q/q) led by flat y/y and q/q volume, pressured by US tariffs, GST-led inventory correction in India and client reformulation. EBITDA rose 13% y/y (up 8% q/q) to Rs1.2bn, aided by gross margin gains on 8% q/q fall in input cost leading to 40bps rise in gross margin and supporting EBITDA margin at 9% (down 116bps y/y and 64bps q/q). APAT, adjusted for Rs119m provision towards new Labour Code, grew by 6% y/y and 3% q/q to Rs686m. |
| EBITDA | 1,194 | 13.1 | 8.0 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 9.0 | -116 bps | 64 bps | |
| APAT | 686 | 6.1 | 3.1 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 19.3 | 6.1 | 3.1 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 19 – Jubilant Ingrevia

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|----------|---------|---|
| Revenue | 10,510 | -0.5 | -6.2 | Revenue stood at Rs10.5bn (flat y/y and down 6% q/q) on subdued pricing, with SC and CI down 2% y/y each, while NHS grew 6% y/y on strong volume. Margin was stable in SC (25.4%) aided by Fine Chemicals, softer in NHS (11%) on B3/Choline correction and steady in CI. Higher depreciation (up 13% y/y and 9% q/q) dragged APAT by 19% y/y/q/q (adjusted for Rs130mn exceptional loss). The management sees pricing bottoming with early recovery in Pyridine, B3 and Acetic Acid. Large agro-innovator CDMO project (minimum offtake, >20% EBITDA margin) remains on track for Mar-26 dispatches. |
| EBITDA | 1,266 | -8.5 | -6.6 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 12.0 | -105 bps | -5 bps | |
| APAT | 563 | -18.9 | -19.0 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 3.6 | -18.9 | -19.0 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 20 – NOCIL

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---------|---|
| Revenue | 3,158 | -0.7 | -1.5 | Revenue came in at Rs3.16 bn (flat y/y and q/q), with strong domestic volume growth being offset by lower export volume due to seasonal effects and reduced orders from the US market on tariff uncertainties, coupled with lower realisations due to competitive pressure. EBITDA rose to Rs268m, with margin rising 94bps y/y and 153bps q/q to 8.5%, aided by lower conversion cost. APAT increased 1% y/y and 7% q/q to Rs130m, with lower other income largely offset by reduced tax outgo and adjustments related to New Labour Code. |
| EBITDA | 268 | 11.6 | 20.2 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 8.5 | 94 bps | 153 bps | |
| APAT | 130 | 0.5 | 7.0 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 0.8 | 0.5 | 7.0 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 21 – Rossari Biotech

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---------|---|
| Revenue | 5,817 | 13.4 | -0.8 | Revenue grew by 13% y/y with ~10-12% volume-led growth. Exports accounted for 33% of Q3 sales and up 26% in 9M. EBITDA margin fell to 3.5-year low of 11.8% (with core B2B at ~14% vs. normalised 15-16%) due to pricing pressure, EO constraints and higher operating cost from new/existing facilities. HPPC remained subdued (up 10% y/y and down 6% q/q). Institutional Cleaning / B2C fell 15% y/y and 9% q/q, intensifying concerns given its already loss-making profile. TSC and AHN delivered strong growth stabilising consolidated revenue, driven by higher exports. APAT impacted 11% q/q, led by higher depreciation and interest cost. |
| EBITDA | 689 | 6.3 | -4.2 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 11.8 | -79 bps | -43 bps | |
| APAT | 328 | 3.4 | -11.1 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 5.9 | 3.3 | -11.1 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 22 – Sudarshan Chemical Industries

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|----------|--|
| Revenue | 21,030 | 215.6 | -11.9 | Delivered a weak Q3FY26, led by weaker demand (especially in Europe & North America) and higher-than-expected customer inventory destocking especially in acquired (Heubach) portfolio. Revenue fell 12% q/q (y/y not comparable) to Rs21bn, with Heubach/Legacy business contributing Rs14.8/6bn (down 12% q/q and 8% q/q). Adj. EBITDA plummeted to Rs409m, with Heubach at Rs380m loss (margin at -2.6% vs. 1.5% in Q2) and Legacy pigment business at Rs815m (+3%y/y; 13.7% margin). Demand recovery is expected from Q4FY26, as destocking slows and global orders normalise (improvement already visible in Jan-Feb'26). EBITDA is expected to remain compressed over the next 3 quarters on €30-40m inventory reduction in Heubach. |
| EBITDA | 379 | -52.0 | -71.3 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 1.8 | -1005 bps | -374 bps | |
| APAT | (730) | -332.9 | -478.2 | |
| EPS (Rs) | -9.3 | -305.2 | -478.2 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 23 – Vinati Organics

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|---------|----------|--|
| Revenue | 5,291 | 1.4 | -3.1 | Revenue stood at ~Rs5.3bn (down 3% q/q), supported by volume uptick in ATBS portfolio offset by pressure in IBB and antioxidants. EBITDA came in at Rs1.6bn (up 13% y/y and down 10% q/q) below expectations on higher fixed costs of additional ATBS capacity commenced in Nov-25. APAT at ~Rs1.1bn (up 14% y/y and down 16% q/q) on higher depreciation and sequentially lower other income. |
| EBITDA | 1,608 | 12.6 | -10.0 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 30.4 | 302 bps | -230 bps | |
| APAT | 1,085 | 13.5 | -15.9 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 10.5 | 13.5 | -15.9 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Broader sector performance

Fig 24 – Acutaas Chemicals

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|----------|---------|--|
| Revenue | 3,932 | 43.0 | 28.4 | Revenue grew by 43% with record profitability, led by 76% gross profit growth and >2x EBITDA y/y on the back of a superior product-mix and strong operating leverage. Advanced Intermediates was the primary engine delivering 47% y/y growth, with CDMO-driven scale-up and disciplined margin-focused API growth. Specialty chemicals saw early recovery (Baba Fine Chemicals), while cost efficiency, especially energy savings from solar, further boosted margin. |
| EBITDA | 1,507 | 119.4 | 58.0 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 38.3 | 1335 bps | 719 bps | |
| APAT | 1,062 | 134.5 | 47.8 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 13.2 | 19.2 | 49.5 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 25 – Anupam Rasayan

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|----------|---------|---|
| Revenue | 5,124 | 31.3 | -29.9 | Reported revenue grew 31% y/y but down 30% q/q to Rs5bn, aided by scale-up of commercial molecules, higher asset utilisation and strong execution with significant contribution from Lols/contracts. Pharma (up 85% y/y) and Performance Materials (up 245% y/y), Japan traction (~17% revenue this quarter). Performance was sequentially weak on stronger base effect. EBITDA stood at Rs1.3bn (up 3% y/y and down 6% q/q) with q/q margin recovery to 25%. Export contribution remained strong at 58% of revenue, reflecting a diversified global customer base. |
| EBITDA | 1,275 | 2.6 | -6.1 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 24.9 | -698 bps | 631 bps | |
| APAT | 606 | 114.9 | 36.5 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 4.31 | 67.9 | 9.7 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 26 – Chemplast Sanmar

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|---|
| Revenue | 8,351 | -21.0 | -19.2 | Revenue stood at Rs8.4bn (up 21% y/y and down 19% q/q) on weak suspension PVC (hit by seasonal softness, feedstock issues, and continued dumping) and agro slowdown-led margin pressure in CMC causing Rs1.2bn net loss. The management expects PVC recovery ahead (domestic price hikes + China's export rebate withdrawal from Apr-26), while Specialty Chemicals delivered 13% y/y volume growth and is progressing on MPB 3/4 and the R-32 project. Value-added chemicals were impacted by global pricing and Mettur issues but should normalize by Mar-26. |
| EBITDA | -585 | -282.4 | -235.3 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | -7.0 | -1003 bps | -1119 bps | |
| APAT | -1,209 | 147.8 | 136.8 | |
| EPS (Rs) | -7.5 | 141.3 | 132.3 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 27 – Clean Science Technology

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|
| Revenue | 2,197 | -8.8 | -10.2 | Revenue declined 10% q/q and 9% y/y, led by volume softness across regions. Demand weakness persisted in US/EU, order postponements in India, and continued pressure in Agchem. Product mix pressure and lower contribution from top products (75% in Q3 vs. 80% q/q) weighed on profitability. Adj. EBITDA margin fell to 33% (down 791bps y/y and 262bps q/q), as MEHQ volume was impacted on industry-wide pricing pressure. BHA was affected by tariffs, while 4-MAP saw permanent customer loss. HALs outperformed with 55% y/y growth with volume rising to 810-tonne. Thus, APAT fell to ~Rs0.5bn (down 30% y/y and 17% q/q) despite higher other income. |
| EBITDA | 725 | -26.4 | -16.8 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 33.0 | -791 bps | -262 bps | |
| APAT | 461 | -30.1 | -17.2 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 4.32 | -30.1 | -17.2 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 28 – Deepak Nitrite

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---------|--|
| Revenue | 19,750 | 3.8 | 3.8 | Revenue stood at Rs19.7 bn (up 4% y/y and q/q), driven by higher phenolics volume. EBITDA rose to Rs2.1bn with 11% margins, though advanced intermediates stayed weak due to pricing pressure and global oversupply. Phenolics margin remained relatively resilient. APAT stood at Rs1bn, affected by exceptional labour-code provisioning. Near-term outlook remains mixed amid Chinese oversupply and soft global spreads. |
| EBITDA | 2,109 | 25.1 | 3.2 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 10.7 | 182 bps | -6 bps | |
| APAT | 1,091 | 11.2 | -8.1 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 8 | 11.2 | -8.1 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 29 – Epigral Ltd

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|----------|---|
| Revenue | 5,971 | -7.5 | 1.7 | Revenue stood at Rs6bn (down 8% y/y and up 2% q/q), driven by mix-led gains rather than volume, while EBITDA fell to Rs1 bn (down 43% y/y and 22% q/q; 17% margin) on weaker realisation, higher RM cost and high-cost PVC/CPVC inventory. Derivatives and specialty contribution improved to ~52% of revenue, though utilisation remained soft at ~78%, with CPVC the main drag due to sharp PVC price correction and weak monsoon demand. |
| EBITDA | 1,027 | -43.7 | -22.4 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 17.2 | -1108 bps | -533 bps | |
| APAT | 391 | -62.3 | -23.6 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 9.07 | -62.6 | -23.6 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 30 – GHCL

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|----------|---------|--|
| Revenue | 7,565 | -2.8 | 4.9 | Revenue stood at Rs7.5bn (down 3% y/y and up 5% q/q) due to weak domestic realisation and a planned shutdown. Sales volume grew ~5-7% y/y, offsetting a 20ktpa shutdown impact. EBITDA dropped to Rs1.5bn (down 31% y/y) with margin compressing to 21% on continued pricing pressure, leading to an APAT at Rs1.1bn (down 37% y/y). The Kutch greenfield soda ash project is progressing slower than expected (FY30). With no ADD and MIP expiry, oversupply from low-priced imports is expected to keep soda ash prices subdued near-term. |
| EBITDA | 1,587 | -31.0 | 0.9 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 21.0 | -857 bps | -83 bps | |
| APAT | 1,060 | -37.1 | -0.6 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 11.3 | -36.4 | 0.9 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 31 – Gujarat Fluorochemicals

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|
| Revenue | 11,360 | -1.0 | -6.1 | Revenue stood at Rs11.3bn (flat y/y and down 6% q/q) impacted by weak R-22/R-125 pricing and delayed R-32 start-up, partially offset by steady fluoropolymer growth. Weakness was led by lower realisation, tariff-led pressure in exports and seasonal slowdown across global markets. EBITDA came in at Rs2.7 bn (down 6% y/y and 24% q/q), with margin at 24% (down 140 bps y/y and 587bps q/q). APAT declined to Rs900m (down 29% y/y and 50% q/q) with an exceptional charge Rs130m related to labour code adjustments. R32 ramp-up is delayed to FY27. LiPF6 supplies commenced in Dec-25 and other products (binders, cathode materials) under qualification. |
| EBITDA | 2,750 | -6.5 | -24.5 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 24.2 | -140 bps | -587 bps | |
| APAT | 899 | -28.0 | -49.8 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 8.2 | -28.0 | -49.8 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 32 – Laxmi Organic Industries

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|------------------------|--------|----------|---------|--|
| Revenue | 6,780 | -13.8 | 0.2 | Revenue fell by 14% y/y (flat q/q) to Rs6.8bn post adjustment for one-time impact of liability reversal. Adj. EBITDA plunged 83% to Rs130m, with margin at 1.9%. Essentials saw stable volume despite ETAC pricing drag, while Specialties fell 30% y/y on price moderation, a one-time base effect, and an Agro product phase-out, with margin remaining suppressed by feedstock softness and cost absorption. It reported Adj. Loss of Rs109m on account of lower other income, higher interest costs and adjustment for liability reversal, labour reform provisioning. |
| Adj. EBITDA | 130 | -82.6 | -4.6 | |
| Adj. EBITDA Margin (%) | 1.9 | -759 bps | -10 bps | |
| APAT | (109) | -137.3 | 93.7 | |
| EPS (Rs) | -0.4 | -137.3 | 93.7 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 33 – Navin Fluorine International

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|----------|---------|--|
| Revenue | 8,924 | 47.2 | 17.7 | Strong performance with revenue of Rs8.9bn (up 47% y/y and 18% q/q), led by volume growth in Specialty Chemicals on the back of Nectar and other deliveries in pipeline. HPP and CDMO remained sequentially flat. EBITDA margin reached 34.5%, driven by Specialty Chemicals and CDMO yielding operating leverage. APAT stood at Rs2bn (up 141% y/y and 36% q/q) adjusted for labour code provisioning, owing to improved operating profitability. |
| EBITDA | 3,076 | 108.8 | 24.9 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 34.5 | 1017 bps | 201 bps | |
| APAT | 2,013 | 140.8 | 35.7 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 39.3 | 140.8 | 35.7 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 34 – Neogen Chemicals

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|----------|---------|---|
| Revenue | 2,200 | 9.2 | 5.4 | Revenue stood at Rs2.2bn (up 9% y/y and 5% q/q), aided by volume growth across base chemicals, partly offset by disruption from Dahej fire and continued reliance on toll manufacturing. EBITDA stood at Rs320m (down 8% y/y and up 7% q/q) with EBITDA margin at 14.5% (down 265bps y/y and up 20bps q/q). APAT declined sharply to Rs38m (down 62% y/y and up 14% q/q) impacted by higher tolling cost, reconstruction expenses, and elevated insurance and finance cost and due to higher interest cost and operating inefficiency post-fire. Dahej recommissioning is expected in Q1FY27 and battery chemicals ramp-up intact. Near-term profitability is expected to remain subdued until plant normalisation. |
| EBITDA | 320 | -7.6 | 6.8 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 14.5 | -265 bps | +19 bps | |
| PAT | 38 | -61.8 | 13.6 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 1.4 | -61.8 | 13.6 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 35 – SRF

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---------|--|
| Revenue | 37,125 | 6.3 | 2.0 | Mixed performance with revenue at Rs37bn (up 6% y/y and 2% q/q) and EBITDA at Rs7.8bn (up 26% y/y and 0.8% q/q). Chemicals segment anchored by Fluorochemicals remained the standout, with EBIT rising 36% y/y and margin expanding to 27.2%, though slightly softer q/q (down 169 bps), while Performance Films & Foils weakened q/q with EBIT down 20% and margin contracting by 139bps. Technical Textiles faced margin pressure. Profitability remained strong with PBT rising by 42% y/y and 2% q/q, while PAT was impacted by labour-code adjustments. |
| EBITDA | 7,800 | 25.9 | 0.8 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 21.0 | 326 bps | -26 bps | |
| APAT | 4,876 | 79.9 | 25.6 | |
| EPS (Rs) | 16.4 | 79.9 | 25.6 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 36 – Tata Chemicals

| (Rs m) | Q3FY26 | y/y (%) | q/q (%) | Comments |
|-------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|
| Revenue | 35,500 | -1.1 | -8.4 | Revenue stood at Rs35bn (broadly flat y/y and down 8% q/q), while EBITDA dropped to Rs3.5bn (down 21% y/y and 36% q/q) with margin falling to 9.7% (down 237bps y/y and 413bps q/q) on persistent pricing pressure. Domestic prices remain weak amid continued low-cost imports, though higher volume provided partial support. APAT missed estimates due to Rs540m exceptional loss. With no ADD imposition and MIP expiry in Dec-25, oversupply from cheap imports is expected to keep soda ash prices subdued in the near-term. |
| EBITDA | 3,450 | -20.5 | -35.8 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 9.7 | -237 bps | -413 bps | |
| APAT | -390 | NA | NA | |
| EPS (Rs) | -1.53 | NA | NA | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Management commentary

Fig 37 – Key highlights from management commentary across domestic companies

| Company | Outlook |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Aarti Industries | FY26 capex is guided at ~Rs11bn (vs. Rs10bn earlier) with Zone 4 total at Rs16-18bn; FY27 capex to be significantly lower. MMA capacity will rise from ~290kt to ~360kt by Q4FY26. In the near-term, US tariff reduction (from 50%+ to 18%) should support realisation and volume across MMA, DCB and PDA. In the medium-term, the management targets MMA at 30-40% of portfolio and expects anti-involution and EU/US trade deals to aid margin recovery. Key drivers include Zone 4 ramp-up, DCB debottlenecking (120 to 140ktpa) and JV revenue of Rs3-4bn. |
| Acutaas Chemicals | The management raised FY26 revenue growth guidance to ~30% (from 25%) and upgraded EBITDA margin guidance to 32-35% (from 28-30% earlier), backed by a strong OB. CDMO is targeting Rs10bn revenue by FY28, with four products validated and meaningful contribution expected from FY27. Battery chemicals (VC/FEC, 4ktons total capacity) is expected to begin commercialisation by Q1FY27 with confirmed FY27 orders; Phase-II capex (~Rs400m) to be completed by Q1FY27. FY26 capex is ~Rs2.2bn plus ~Rs1.3bn Indichem investment. Semiconductor JV revenue is expected from CY27 with asset turns ~1x and margins above pharma. |
| Anupam Rasayan | Lols/contracts contributed >Rs2.5bn in 9MFY26, exports accounted for 58% of revenue. WC stood at ~250 days, which it aims to reduce to 220-200 in the near-term and ~180 by FY27. The management expects growth momentum into next year, aided by OB execution and Jayhawk acquisition (EPS-accretive). |
| Chemplast Sanmar | The management expects suspension PVC to reach PBT breakeven in Feb-Mar aided by Rs7-8/kg price hike and rollback of discounts, with Chinese export rebate withdrawal (13% or US\$70-80/MT) effective Apr-26 seen as structurally positive. Paste PVC prices were raised Rs2,000/MT with demand up 8% y/y in 9M and facility at full utilisation. CMCD's Rs10bn revenue target is deferred by a few quarters but guided for FY27-28 with 20-25% steady-state margin. R-32 capacity (14ktpa) targets ~11ktpa in first full year with Rs5.5-6bn revenue. Caustic prices seen range-bound at Rs30,000-34,000/MT. |
| Clean Science & Technology | The management indicated current pricing stress may persist for 1-2 quarters. HALS volume grew 6% q/q to ~810 tonne (9M: 2k tonne; up 55% y/y), targeting ~50% utilisation over two years. Hydroquinone/catechol plant commissioned in Dec-25. ~15% captive HQ use, balance external sales; Performance Chemicals 2 are likely to commercialise in Q1FY27. HQ margin is expected between HALS and parent levels. |
| Deepak Nitrite | Nitric acid plant was commissioned mid-Dec'25. The company expects near-100% internal consumption from Q4, normalising AI margin after spot purchases compressed Q3 profitability. The management expects Q4 to improve sequentially and Q1FY27 to be better, aided by ADD removal on US sodium nitrite exports (earlier ~5ktpa under ~105% tariff overhang). Integration across ammonia-to-amines, MIBK/MIBC commissioning in Q4, fluorination ramp-up in Q1FY27, ~15 new products in pipeline and polycarbonate commissioning targeted in the medium term (by Dec-27). |
| Epigral | The management expects Q4 margin to improve to ~21-23%, as PVC prices recover and high-cost inventory impact fades. CPVC demand is ~280ktpa in FY26, guided to grow 10-12% annually, reaching ~500ktpa by FY30; capacity expansion (commissioning Sep-26) may see 6-12 months of lower utilisation before normalisation. Chlorotoluene volume is ramping with meaningful P&L contribution from FY27. ECH realisation stood at Rs170/kg, aided by higher glycerin cost. Net debt/EBITDA is 1x, providing capex headroom. |
| Galaxy Surfactants | Reformulation capability ready with volume to pick up from Q4, supporting a gradual recovery in India and AMET as supplies normalise. A key client in India and improving US demand on trade deal are expected to drive volume through FY27, while RM softness is unlikely to affect profitability due to pricing discipline. Early traction is visible in Q4FY26, with deeper Tier II-III customer engagement planned to offset Tier-I volatility. |
| GHCL | The management expects India Soda Ash demand growth of ~5% in FY26 and ~5.5-6% in FY27, led by solar glass demand rising from ~11k tonne/month to ~28k tonne by Mar-27. Bromine (2,800tpa) and Vacuum Salt commissioning is targeted by Q4FY26, with higher margin but limited revenue contribution. Greenfield soda ash remains land-delayed, with potential commissioning by 2030. Key risks include elevated imports, lack of ADD and global oversupply. |
| Gujarat Fluorochemicals | The management expects refrigerant profitability to improve as the US tariffs reduce from 50% to 18% and R-32 ramps up; Phase-I capacity targets 20ktpa with longer-term intent up to ~30ktpa by Dec-27. Fluoropolymers grew 14% y/y, with strong semicon-led PFA demand and continued elastomer share gains; near-term softness stemmed from tariff uncertainty and inventory destocking. Battery materials see commercial LiPF6 supplies (formula-linked pricing), binder revenues from H2FY27, and CAM ramp post-qualification, with current capacities targeted for full utilisation by FY28. |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Key highlights from management commentary across domestic companies

| Company | Outlook |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Jubilant Ingrevia | FY26 EBITDA is expected to exceed the 8% 9M growth rate, with a stated multiyear aspiration of ~20% EBITDA CAGR. Pricing across pyridine and vitamin B3 has bottomed with recent 7-8% B3 price uptick and acetic acid recovery; Q4 is expected to improve sequentially. The agro CDMO plant will commence dispatches by Mar-26, operating at >20% EBITDA margin with full-potential ramp from start (Q1FY27). Confirmed CDMO wins now total 16 molecules (~Rs 14bn peak over 3-4 years). |
| Laxmi Organic Industries | Acetic acid rebounded from US\$320-330 to US\$360-380, with ethyl acetate spreads improving from US\$90-100 to ~US\$130; near-term pricing expected above US\$340. Dahej Phase-II (of Rs7.1bn capex; ~65% specialties) completes by Q4; FY27 expected to see qualification-led ramp-up, stronger in FY28. Fluoro intermediates revenue target of Rs700-800m in FY26 remains on track. |
| Navin Fluorine | The management guided for sustainable annual EBITDA margin of ~30% +/- 200bps rather than quarterly peaks. R-32 utilisation remained at 100%, while incremental 15ktpa R-32 capacity is on track for Q3FY27 commissioning. cGMP-4 Phase-1 has commenced commercial supplies with full utilisation expected in FY27, supporting three-year visibility. In the near-term, all three verticals show sequential growth momentum with improved realisation in HPP and CDMO. In the medium-term, Wave-2 capex including MPP debottlenecking and Chemours project (Q1FY27 completion) underpin growth, alongside advanced materials and electronic-grade fluorochemicals optionality. |
| Neogen Chemicals | The management reiterated FY27 battery chemicals revenue of Rs4-5bn, assuming Dahej approvals by Jun-26 and electrolyte sales from Q2, while Pakhajan salt sales in Q4 are kept as backup. Pakhajan commissioning by H1/H2 FY27 for electrolyte/salts, with 30ktpa electrolyte capacity and 5.5ktpa salt capacity; salt utilisation is targeted at ~80%. Base business is expected to deliver double-digit growth in FY27. |
| NOCIL | Volume growth guided at 3-4% despite flat 9M. Domestic volume grew by high single digit and strong double-digit y/y, while exports fell 8-9% in 9MFY26 due to US tariffs; lost US volume (~50%) are expected to recover within 2-3 months. FY27 export growth is guided in double-digit, aided by tariff normalisation and India-EU FTA (from CY27). TDQ capacity (20% expansion) will start trials in H1CY26, with gradual ramp-up from FY27; new products can add 10-12% to current volume over time. The management targets ~150bps annual margin improvement over 2-4 years. |
| Rossari Biotech | The management guides consolidated margin at 12-13% over the next year, with B2B at ~15%, pending EO supply normalisation by Q3FY27; optimal utilisation of 15ktpa ethoxylation plant (10-15% currently) is targeted over 2 years, reaching ~90% by FY27-end. FY26 capitalisation is ~Rs 2 bn; major capacity capex is complete. KSA greenfield is under evaluation (initial US\$8m equity approval; capex higher). Key drivers include bio-surfactants (~300 tonnes FY27), premix plant, export expansion; key monitorable are EO availability, muted domestic textile demand and B2C drag. |
| SRF | The management maintained FY26 capex guidance of Rs22-23bn and indicated first-phase Odisha investment for next-generation gases at Rs15-20bn in FY27. Q4 is expected to be significantly better on pent-up agro POs. Pharma is ~10% of specialty, targeted to reach at least 20%, aided by a second plant (Rs1.8bn, commissioning in ~8 months). HFC capacities are fully utilised; growth hinges on quota maximisation and firm global prices. |
| Sudarshan Chemical Industries | The management expects Q4 business EBITDA at €9-10m vs. €6.5m run-rate, supported by customer restocking from Jan-26 and value capture of Rs400m realised so far. Over the next three quarters, inventory will be reduced by €30-40m, temporarily lowering reported EBITDA by €9-12m due to overhead absorption but improving cash flows and net debt. Long term, synergy-led cost optimisation and gradual ramp-up target €90-100m EBITDA on normalised demand, with fixed-cost reduction and portfolio synergy as key drivers; risks include demand volatility and high fixed-cost sensitivity. |
| Tata Chemicals | The management indicated soda ash demand remains flat in the near-term amid oversupply, with pricing expected to stay at current subdued levels given elevated inventories. US domestic realisations are down ~US\$5/tonne y/y, while exports to Southeast Asia are being curtailed below US\$155-160/tonne, implying temporary volume moderation. UK turnaround remains ~6 months behind; earlier guidance of Rs2.5 bn FY26 EBITDA and Rs600-650m quarterly run-rate is now deferred, though break-even is targeted in Q4 and profitability next year. Capex remains India-focused: Rs5.2bn iodised salt (210ktpa), Rs7.8bn silica (50ktpa), Rs1.4bn dense ash (350ktpa), all targeting >16-18% returns. |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Global Chemicals – Outlook

Fig 38 – Albemarle Corporation

| (\$m) | CY25 | CY24 | y/y (%) | Comments/ Outlook |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|---------|---|
| Revenue | 5,143 | 5,377 | -4.4 | Delivered solid CY25 with 7% volume growth and strong cost discipline, driving \$1.3bn OCF and \$692m FCF despite softer lithium pricing. Lithium demand expected at 25% y/y in 2026, driven by energy storage systems. For FY26, Energy Storage expects flat volume but stronger EBITDA, supported by accretive impact of idling Kemerton Train 1 and underpinned by ~40% of salts volume sold via long-term, index-linked contracts with price floors. Specialties to face margin normalisation and softer early-year volume due to JBC flooding impact, while Ketjen's contribution becomes immaterial post-divestiture in Q12026. |
| Adj EBITDA | 1,098 | 1,140 | -3.7 | |
| Adj EBITDA Margin (%) | 21.3% | 21.2% | 15 bps | |
| Net Income | -267.00 | -1,179.0 | -NA | |
| Adj EPS (\$/ sh) | -0.79 | -2.34 | NA | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research (Reported Non-GAAP numbers)

Fig 39 – Celanese Corp.

| (\$m) | CY25 | CY24 | y/y (%) | Comments/ Outlook |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|---------|---|
| Revenue | 9,544 | 10,268 | -7.1 | Faced lower-than normal demand levels in key end-markets like automotive, paints, coatings, and construction, with volume and pricing decline. Strong cost actions supported \$773m in FCF despite an operating loss driven by goodwill impairment. For CY26, Celanese expects another strong free cash-generation year (\$650-750m) supported by continued cost reduction, footprint optimisation, and pipeline improvements, even as end-market demand remains muted. Engineered Materials is positioned for mix enrichment and cost-driven margin support, with Q1 EBIT guided at \$210-230m despite ongoing volume softness. Acetyl Chain is set for lower early-2026 earnings due to acetate tow dividend timing and methanol maintenance, with Q1 EBIT of \$110-125m aided by productivity and footprint actions amid persistent vinyls and tow weakness. |
| Op. Profit | -786 | -720 | NA | |
| Op. profit Margin (%) | -8.0 | -7.0 | | |
| PAT | -1151 | -1534 | NA | |
| EPS(\$/ sh) | -10 | -14 | NA | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research (Reported GAAP numbers)

Fig 40 – Corteva

| (\$m) | CY25 | CY24 | y/y (%) | Comments/ Outlook |
|------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---|
| Revenue | 17,401 | 16,908 | 2.9 | For 2026, Corteva expects low- to mid-single-digit revenue growth and EBITDA of \$4-4.2bn (vs. \$3.8bn in 2025), driven by Crop Protection volume gains in new products/biologicals, seed growth from mix and licensing, and productivity benefits partly offset by tariffs. Bayer litigation resolution provides long-term clarity on technology access, licensing and regulatory certainty, accelerates royalty neutrality to 2026, and positions the company for a projected \$1bn net royalty benefit by 2035, as it transitions toward a net-licensor model. |
| Adj. EBITDA | 3,849 | 3,376 | 14.0 | |
| Adj. EBITDA Margin (%) | 22.9% | 20.0% | 294 bps | |
| Adj. EPS (\$/ sh) | 3.3 | 2.6 | 30.2 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research (Reported GAAP numbers, adj. are Non-GAAP)

Fig 41 – Chemours

| (\$m) | CY25 | CY24 | y/y (%) | Comments/ Outlook |
|------------------------|-------|-------|---------|---|
| Revenue | 5,808 | 5,782 | 0.4 | The company delivered \$5.8bn sales and \$742m CY25 Adj. EBITDA, driven by 56% y/y Opteon growth and strong TSS results. For 2026, guidance calls for 3–5% sales growth, \$800-900m Adj. EBITDA, \$275-325m capex, and >25% FCF conversion. Growth will be led by TSS with 30-40% higher Opteon sales in Q1, as AIM Act regulations accelerate low-GWP adoption. Favorable mix, aftermarket demand and cost actions support margins. In contrast, TT and APM expect a weak Q1, each guiding to sales declines and breakeven-level EBITDA due to lower minerals demand and operational issues. |
| Adj. EBITDA | 742 | 768 | -3.4 | |
| Adj. EBITDA Margin (%) | 12.8 | 13.3 | -51 bps | |
| Adj. EPS (\$/ sh) | 0.95 | 1.19 | -20.2 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research (Reported GAAP numbers, adj. are Non-GAAP)

Fig 42 – Dow Chemical

| (\$m) | CY25 | CY24 | y/y (%) | Comments/ Outlook |
|------------------------|--------|--------|----------|--|
| Revenue | 39,968 | 42,964 | -7.0 | In 2026, Packaging & Specialty Plastics is expected to stabilise gradually amid weak pricing and maintenance headwinds, while Industrial Intermediates should see modest improvement from cost reductions. Performance Materials remains the relative bright spot, supported by lower fixed cost, improving coatings demand and firmer siloxane pricing. Packaging is expected to remain broadly stable aided by ~5% global ethylene capacity rationalisation; infrastructure demand improves outside North America on expected rate cuts; consumer demand weak in EMEA but resilient in the US; mobility growth moderates globally. |
| Adj. EBITDA | 3,256 | 5,482 | -40.6 | |
| Adj. EBITDA Margin (%) | 8.1% | 12.8% | -461 bps | |
| Adj. EPS (\$/ sh) | -0.93 | 1.71 | -154.4 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research (Reported GAAP numbers, adj. are Non-GAAP)

Fig 43 – DIC Corp

| (JPYbn) | CY25 | CY24 | y/y (%) | Comments/ Outlook |
|-------------------|-------|-------|---------|---|
| Revenue | 1,052 | 1,071 | -1.8 | Delivered a resilient CY25 despite soft demand, with net sales of Yen1,052bn and operating income of Yen52bn, supported by high-value-added product momentum, firm pricing discipline, and a strong turnaround in Color & Display after structural reforms. In CY26, DIC anticipates a moderate recovery, driven by improving overseas demand, a richer high-value-added mix, and continued cost discipline (lifting sales to Yen1,100bn and operating income to Yen56bn. Segment-wise, Packaging & Graphic is set for modest growth with slight margin softness, Color & Display for the sharpest rebound on restructuring gains and better mix, and Functional Products for steady expansion underpinned by robust electronics demand and further mix upgrades. |
| EBITDA | 109 | 96 | 14.2 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 10.4% | 8.9% | 145 bps | |
| PAT | 32 | 21 | 52.1 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 44 – Eastman Chemical

| (\$m) | CY25 | CY24 | y/y (%) | Comments/ Outlook |
|----------------------|-------|-------|----------|---|
| Revenue | 8,752 | 9,382 | -7 | Delivered a tough CY25 with sales down to 7% y/y and Adjusted EBIT falling 28%, as Chemical Intermediates swung to losses on sharp pricing pressure and Asian competition, Fibers declined on destocking and capacity resets, and Advanced Materials and Additives & Functional Products faced weak demand in construction, consumer, and auto markets. Strong cash generation (~\$1 bn), \$100m cost savings, and \$60m incremental earnings from Kingsport methanolysis partially cushioned the downturn. Eastman expects earnings improvement in CY26, supported by \$125-150m further cost reduction, better manufacturing utilisation, and normalisation in Advanced Materials and AFP demand, guiding to EPS of \$5.5-6, as macro conditions stabilise. |
| Adj. EBIT | 930 | 1,298 | -28.4 | |
| Adj. EBIT Margin (%) | 11.0 | 13.8 | -321 bps | |
| Adj. EPS (\$/ sh) | 4.0 | 7.7 | -46.7 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research (Reported GAAP numbers, Adj. are Non-GAAP)

Fig 45 – FMC

| (\$m) | CY25 | CY24 | y/y (%) | Comments/ Outlook |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|---------|--|
| Revenue | 3,467 | 4,246 | -18 | CY26 recovery to be gradual: For CY26, FMC guides to revenue of \$3.6-3.8bn (-5% y/y) and Adj. EBITDA of \$670-730m (down 17% y/y) at the midpoint, citing continued competitive intensity, limited pricing upside and only modest volume recovery. New active ingredient sales are guided at \$300-400m. Strategy shifts to mix and asset-light growth: FMC is prioritising new formulations, mixtures and next-gen actives, while accelerating licensing, outsourcing, and asset monetisation to improve capital efficiency and BS strength. CTPR/ diamides now lifecycle-managed: FMC continues to manage diamides as post-patent products, prioritising volume, formulations and mix over pricing. |
| Adj EBITDA | 843 | 903 | -7 | |
| Adj EBITDA Margin (%) | 24% | 21% | 306 bps | |
| Adj. EPS | 2.96 | 3.48 | -15 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research; (Reported GAAP numbers, *Adj. numbers are Non-GAAP)

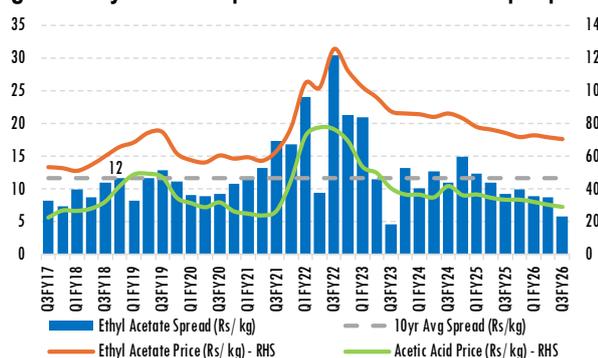
Fig 46 – Kureha

| (JPYm) | 9MFY26 | 9MFY25 | y/y (%) | Comments/ Outlook |
|----------------------|---------|---------|----------|---|
| Revenue | 162,015 | 177,973 | -9 | Revenue declined 9% y/y due to lower selling prices driven by PVDF mix and the prior withdrawal of the ML film business, while profit trends diverged—PVDF and PPS saw gains (write-down reversal, better pricing and costs), but PGA profits fell despite higher revenue because of production-related margin pressure. Full-year guidance remains unchanged, with PVDF expected to soften on weaker North American EV demand, though profits should improve on absence of inventory losses y/y; Iwaki capacity expansion remains on schedule for spring 2026, starting operations in Q4FY26 (i.e., 1QCY27). PGA growth continues despite US resin-plant inventory constraints amid production troubles. 2H impact is limited, while the next FY impact is under review. |
| Op Profit | 9,428 | 12,800 | -26 | |
| Op Profit Margin (%) | 5.8% | 7.2% | -137 bps | |
| PAT | 7,896 | 9,843 | -20 | |

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

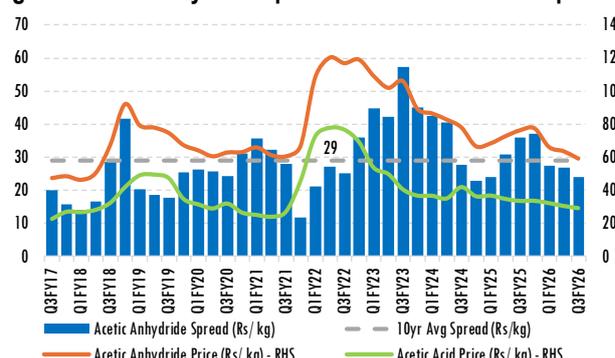
Spread Trends in Key Chemicals

Fig 47 - Ethyl Acetate spread declines on lower input prices



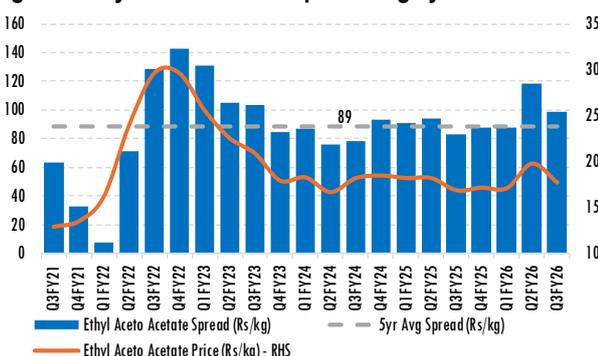
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Fig 48 - Acetic Anhydride spread falls on lower acetic prices



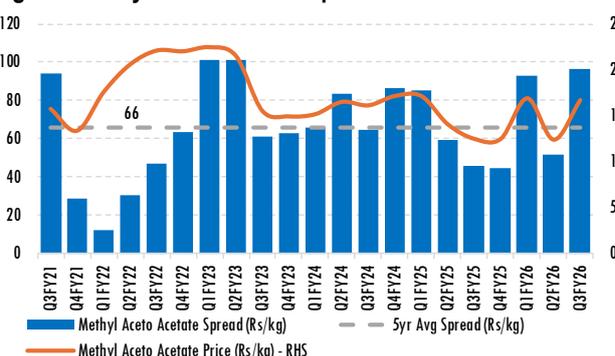
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Fig 49 – Ethyl Aceto Acetate spread largely stable



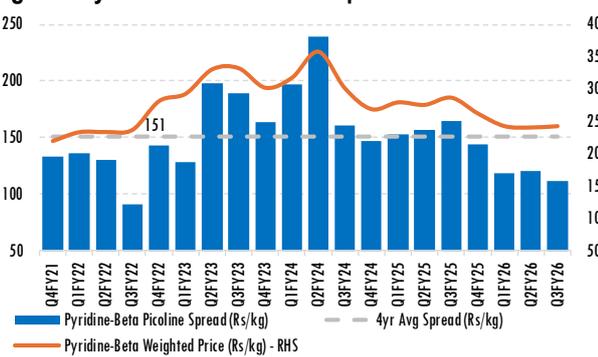
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Fig 50 – Methyl Aceto Acetate spread volatile



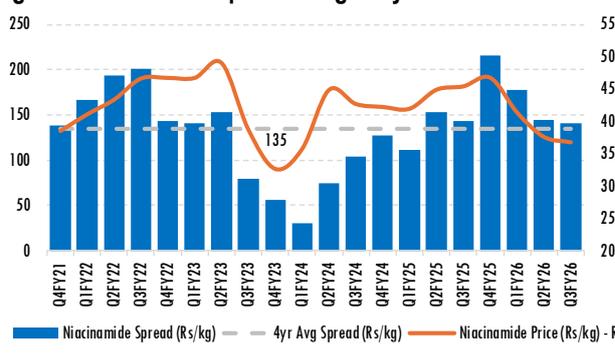
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Fig 51 – Pyridine – Beta Picoline spread moderates



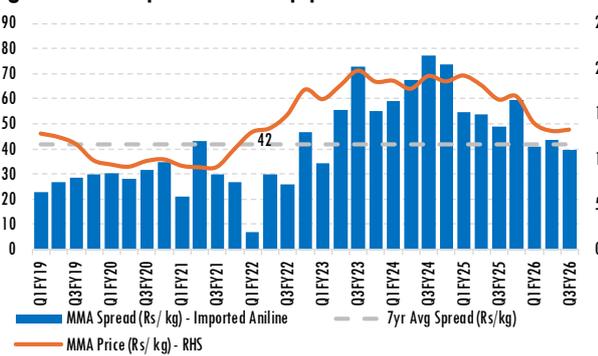
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Fig 52 – Niacinamide spread marginally lower



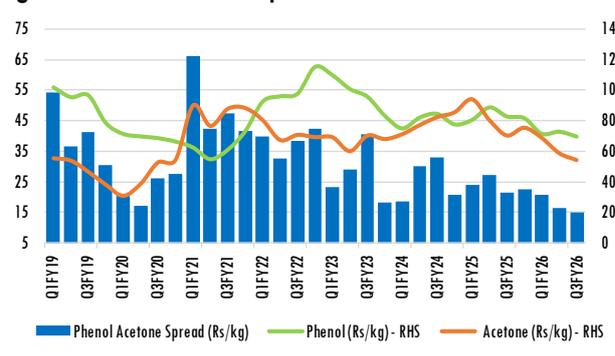
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Fig 53 – MMA spread stable q/q



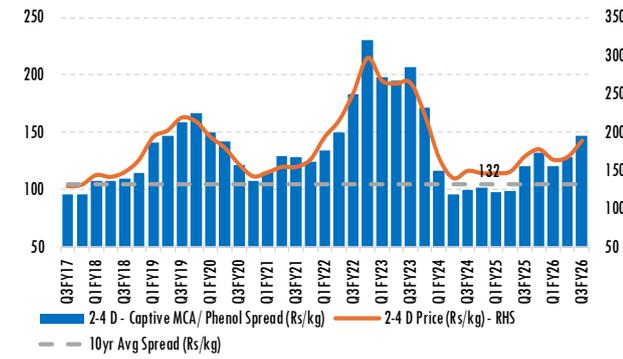
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Fig 54 – Phenol Acetone spread moderates



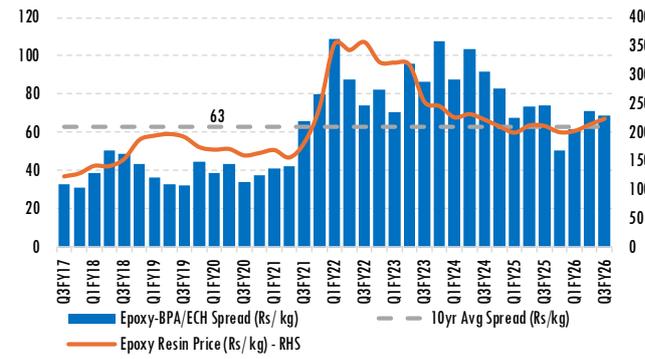
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Fig 55 – 2-4 D spread improves further



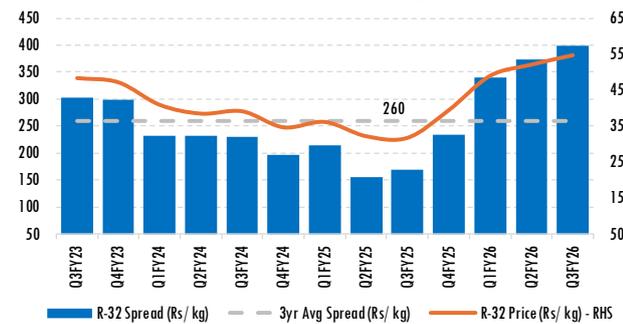
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Fig 56 – Epoxy Resin spread stable



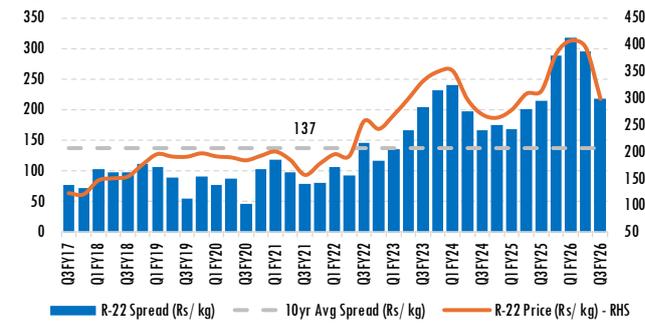
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Fig 57 – R-32 spreads improves on rising demand



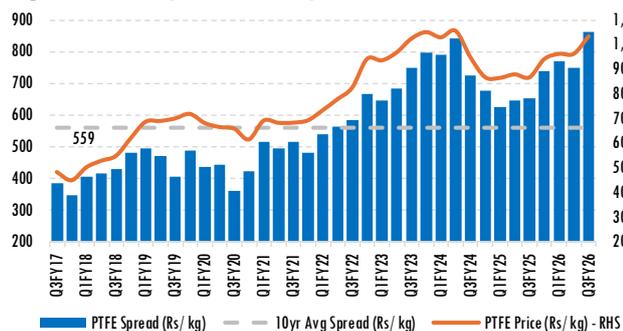
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Fig 58 – R-22 spread falls on price correction



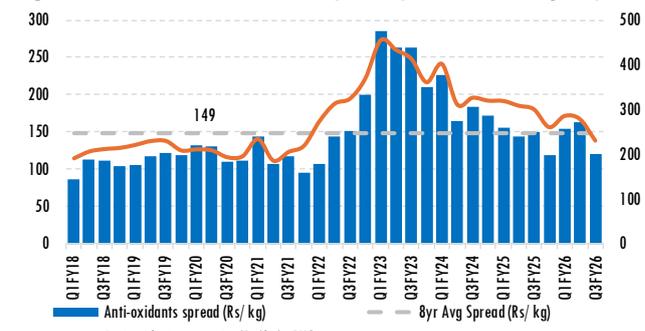
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Fig 59 – PTFE spread firms up



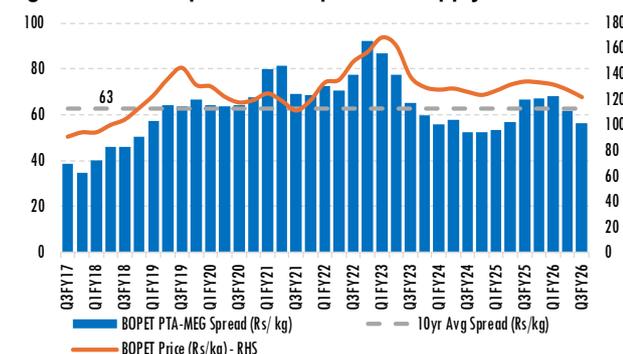
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Fig 60 – Rubber Antioxidants spread pressure led by imports



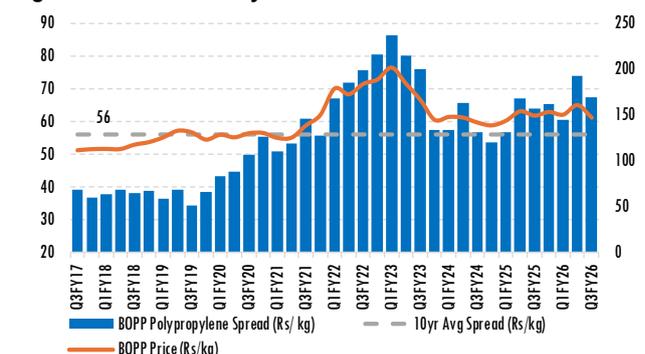
Source: Industry, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 61 – BOPET spread inch up on RM supply cuts in China



Source: Industry, Anand Rathi Research

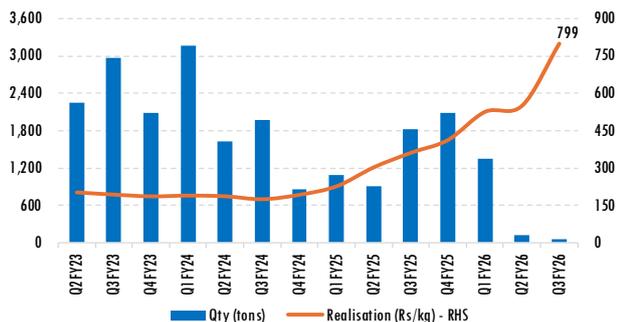
Fig 62 – BOPP relatively stable



Source: Industry, Anand Rathi Research

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Fig 63 – R32 imports drop on rising domestic supplies



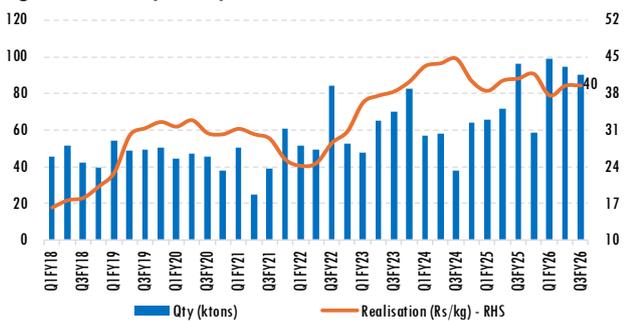
Source: Industry, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 64 – R134a imports moderate while prices rise



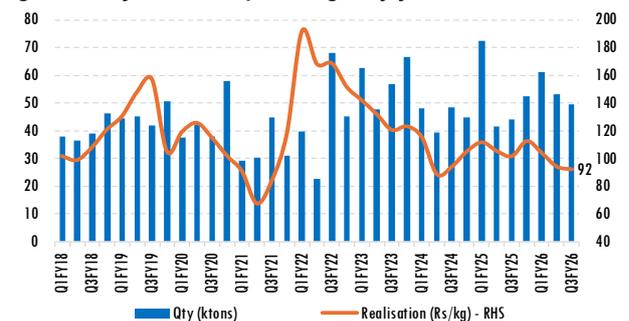
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Fig 65 – Fluorspar imports rise on AHF led demand



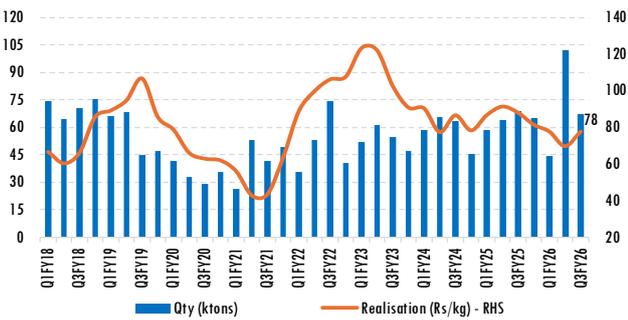
Source: Industry, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 66 – Acrylonitrile imports higher y/y, realisations flat



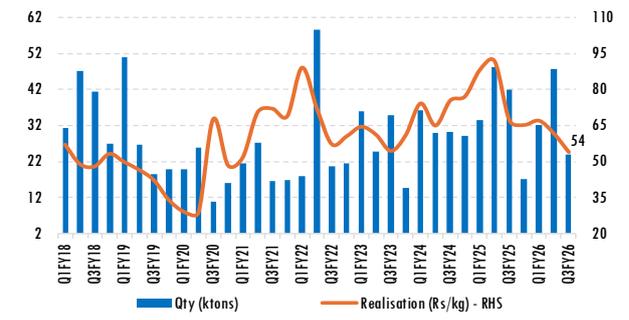
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Fig 67 – Phenol imports normalize in Q3



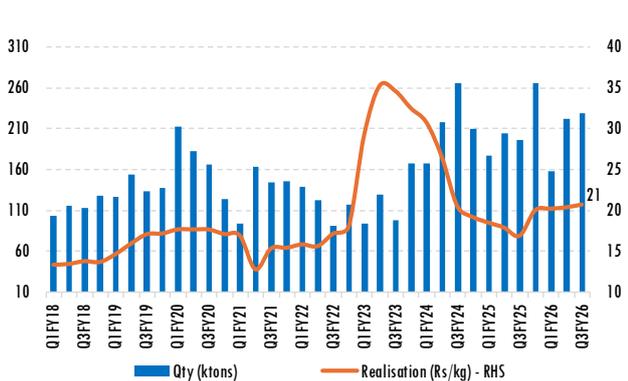
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Fig 68 – Acetone imports decline in Q3, prices lower



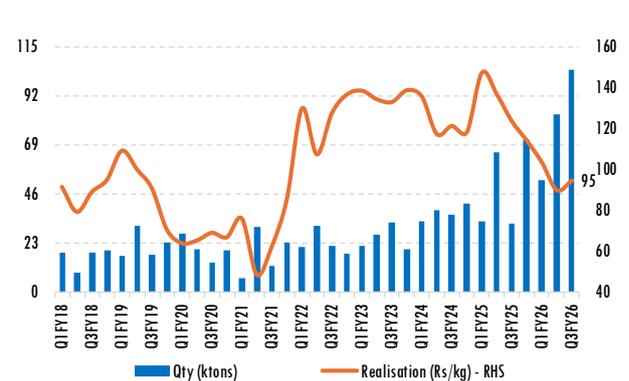
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Fig 69 – Soda Ash imports trend higher; ADD not confirmed



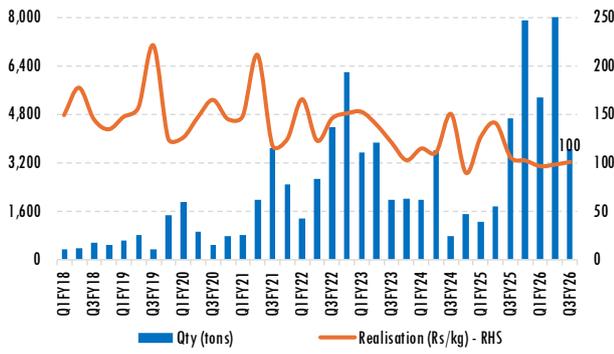
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Fig 70 – Aniline imports surge on Aarti's MMA led demand



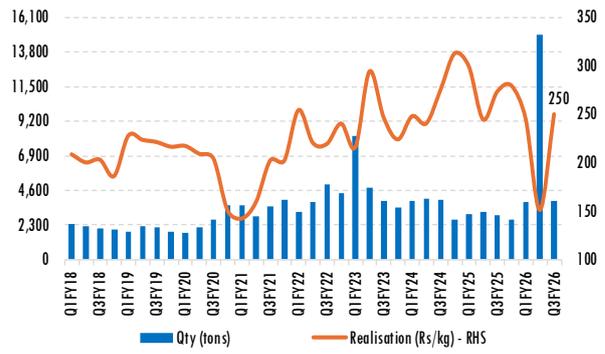
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Fig 71 – BOPET imports decline q/q though still elevated



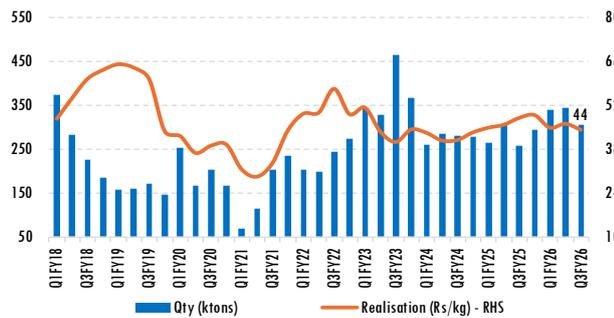
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Fig 72 – BOPP imports drop after JPL fire led surge in Q2.



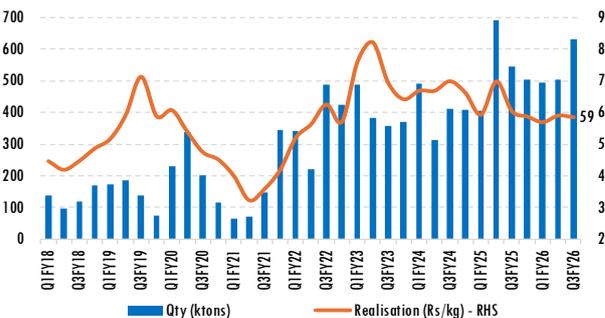
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Fig 73 – MEG imports remain stable



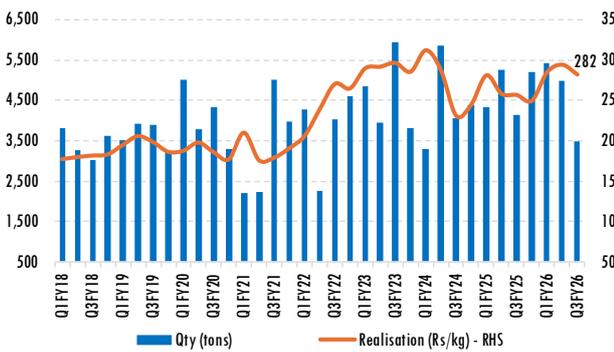
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Fig 74 – PTA imports higher in Q3



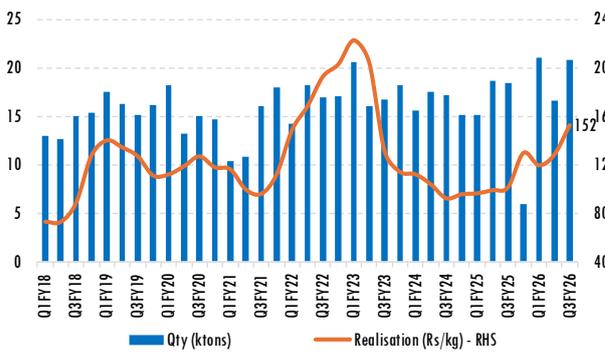
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Fig 75 – TiO2 imports moderate on downstream seasonality



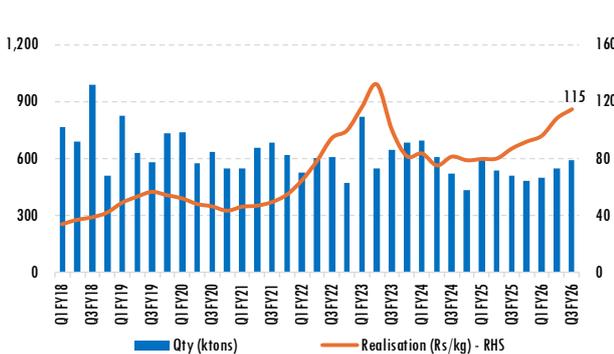
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Fig 76 – Epichlorohydrin imports rise on new Epoxy capacity



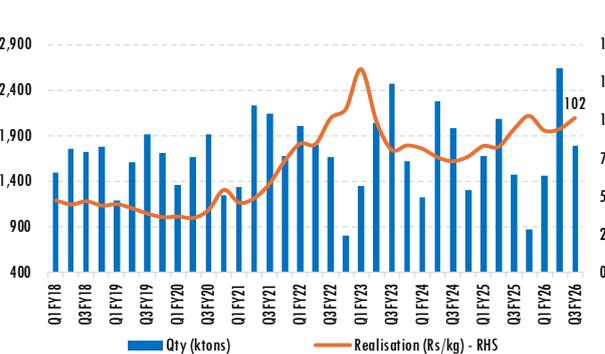
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Fig 77 – Phosphoric Acid imports inch up, prices rise



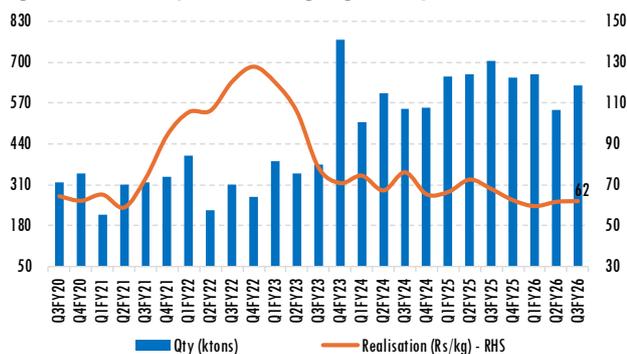
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Fig 78 – Crude Palm Oil import prices firm up



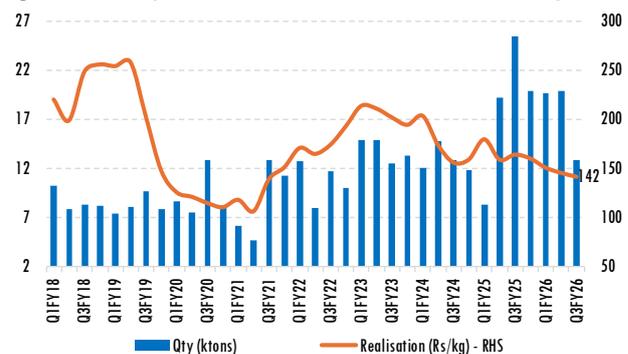
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Fig 79 – PVC Susp. witnessing higher imports from China



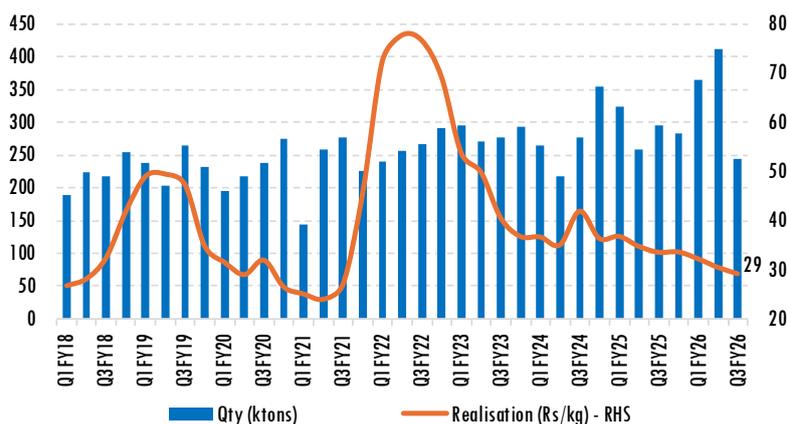
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Fig 80 – TDI imports retreat after ADD review-driven spike



Source: Industry, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 81 – Acetic Acid imports moderate in Q3, after a surge in last couple of qtrs



Source: Industry, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 82 – Global Chemicals Price Trends

| Commodity | Curr/Unit | Latest Price | Flgthly Chg (%) | Change (m/m %) | Q4FY26 (Avg QTD) | Q3FY26 (Avg) | Change (q/q %) | Q4FY25 (Avg) | Change (y/y %) |
|--|------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Chlor-Alkali and chlorine downstream | | | | | | | | | |
| Caustic Soda | USD/MT | 405 | 3% | 0% | 405 | 445 | -9% | 529 | -23% |
| Soda Ash | USD/MT | 151 | -1% | -1% | 154 | 152 | 1% | 181 | -15% |
| Ethylene Dichloride | USD/MT | 135 | 29% | 29% | 111 | 113 | -2% | 188 | -41% |
| Vinyl Chloride Monomer | USD/MT | 485 | 11% | 17% | 433 | 507 | -15% | 581 | -25% |
| Epichlorohydrin | CNY/MT | 12,250 | 0% | 2% | 12,114 | 11,749 | 3% | 9,300 | 30% |
| PVC | USD/MT | 740 | 9% | 16% | 663 | 650 | 2% | 748 | -11% |
| PVC Suspension | USD/MT | 740 | 6% | 9% | 680 | 696 | -2% | 768 | -11% |
| Methanol downstream | | | | | | | | | |
| Methanol | USD/MT | 295 | -3% | -5% | 304 | 318 | -5% | 334 | -9% |
| Acetic Acid | CNY/MT | 2,640 | 2% | -6% | 2,686 | 2,440 | 10% | 2,805 | -4% |
| Ethyl Acetate | CNY/MT | 5,425 | 0% | 0% | 5,391 | 5,304 | 2% | 5,399 | 0% |
| Formaldehyde | INR/KG | 28 | 0% | 0% | 28 | 28 | -2% | 35 | -20% |
| Formic Acid | INR/KG | 80 | 0% | -6% | 82 | 84 | -3% | 85 | -4% |
| Vinyl Acetate | CNY/MT | 5,900 | 0% | 0% | 5,908 | 5,722 | 3% | 5,884 | 0% |
| MTBE | USD/Gal | 197 | -2% | 10% | 189 | 220 | -14% | 221 | -15% |
| Cumene downstream | | | | | | | | | |
| Phenol | USD/MT | 833 | 2% | 11% | 778 | 779 | 0% | 941 | -17% |
| Acetone | CNY/MT | 4,825 | -2% | 2% | 4,677 | 4,305 | 9% | 6,318 | -26% |
| Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS) | | | | | | | | | |
| Acrylonitrile | USD/MT | 1,325 | 0% | 0% | 1,325 | 1,325 | 0% | 1,481 | -11% |
| Butadiene | USD/MT | 1,215 | 0% | 8% | 1,120 | 817 | 37% | 1,323 | -15% |
| Styrene | USD/MT | 1,010 | -5% | 2% | 987 | 844 | 17% | 1,073 | -8% |
| ABS | USD/MT | 1,310 | 5% | 7% | 1,246 | 1,240 | 1% | 1,477 | -16% |
| Polypropylene (PP) and Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) | | | | | | | | | |
| PP | USD/MT | 890 | 2% | 3% | 866 | 870 | 0% | 1,000 | -13% |
| PET | CNY/MT | 6,335 | 0% | 2% | 6,220 | 5,777 | 8% | 6,250 | 0% |
| PTA | USD/MT | 690 | -1% | 3% | 687 | 644 | 7% | 680 | 1% |
| MEG | USD/MT | 445 | -5% | -1% | 459 | 479 | -4% | 555 | -17% |
| Polyethylene (PE) and Polystyrene (PS) | | | | | | | | | |
| HDPE | USD/MT | 900 | 2% | 2% | 879 | 894 | -2% | 984 | -11% |
| LDPE | USD/MT | 1,040 | 0% | 2% | 1,023 | 1,043 | -2% | 1,183 | -13% |
| LLDPE | USD/MT | 870 | 2% | 4% | 849 | 879 | -3% | 1,013 | -16% |
| Polystyrene | USD/MT | 1,200 | 3% | 6% | 1,151 | 1,151 | 0% | 1,357 | -15% |
| Others | | | | | | | | | |
| Caprolactam | CNY/MT | 9,925 | 1% | 6% | 9,562 | 8,700 | 10% | 10,525 | -9% |
| Nylon 6 | INR/KG | 200 | 0% | 0% | 200 | 200 | 0% | 149 | 34% |
| Fluorspar 97% | CNY/MT | 3,390 | 0% | 1% | 3,366 | 3,497 | -4% | 3,658 | -8% |
| Acrylic Acid | USD/MT | 784 | 0% | 2% | 765 | 801 | -4% | 931 | -18% |
| Maleic Anhydride | USD/MT | 672 | 0% | 1% | 660 | 660 | 0% | 804 | -18% |
| Phthalic Anhydride | CNY/MT | 6,050 | -1% | -4% | 6,125 | 5,704 | 7% | 7,104 | -14% |
| Titanium Dioxide | USD/MT | 2,012 | 0% | 1% | 1,993 | 1,932 | 3% | 2,072 | -4% |
| Linear Alkylbenzene | USD/MT | 1,650 | -1% | 1% | 1,651 | 1,647 | 0% | 1,622 | 2% |
| TDI | CNY/MT | 14,500 | 0% | 4% | 14,150 | 13,951 | 1% | 13,297 | 6% |
| Ethanol | USD/Gallon | 1.59 | 9% | 4% | 1.55 | 1.71 | -9% | 1.54 | 0% |
| Rock Phosphate | USD/ST | 203 | 0% | 0% | 203 | 203 | 0% | 203 | 0% |
| Phosphoric Acid | USD/MT | 1,290 | 0% | 0% | 1,290 | 1,287 | 0% | 1,060 | 22% |
| Ammonia | USD/MT | 670 | 1% | 5% | 659 | 662 | 0% | 583 | 13% |
| Sulfuric Acid | CNY/MT | 1,030 | 6% | 12% | 956 | 834 | 15% | 463 | 106% |
| Building Blocks | | | | | | | | | |
| Benzene | USD/MT | 785 | 0% | 11% | 740 | 679 | 9% | 883 | -16% |
| Toluene (Korea) | USD/MT | 720 | -3% | 5% | 702 | 665 | 6% | 770 | -9% |
| Ethylene | USD/MT | 690 | 1% | -2% | 700 | 748 | -6% | 924 | -24% |
| Propylene | USD/MT | 840 | 1% | 6% | 798 | 753 | 6% | 858 | -7% |
| Feedstocks | | | | | | | | | |
| Crude Oil (Brent) | USD/BBL | 72 | 5% | 12% | 66 | 63 | 5% | 75 | -12% |
| Indonesian Coal - 6322Kcal | USD/MT | 106 | 0% | 3% | 104 | 104 | 0% | 123 | -15% |
| Naphtha | USD/MT | 613 | 2% | 8% | 573 | 563 | 2% | 658 | -13% |
| Natural Gas | USD/MMBtu | 3.0 | -11% | -40% | 3.8 | 4.1 | -7% | 4 | -3% |
| Indonesian Coal - 6322Kcal | USD/MT | 106 | 0% | 3% | 104 | 104 | 0% | 123 | -15% |
| Oleochemical Feedstocks | | | | | | | | | |
| Crude Palm Oil | MYR/MT | 4,044 | -2% | -2% | 4,061 | 4,174 | -3% | 4,715 | -14% |
| Palm Kernel Oil | MYR/MT | 7,193 | -2% | 0% | 7,120 | 7,243 | -2% | 7,674 | -7% |
| Rapeseed Oil | EUR/MT | 1,086 | 2% | 4% | 1,057 | 1,100 | -4% | 1,088 | -3% |
| Canola Oil | BRL/MT | 8,800 | 1% | -1% | 8,887 | 9,534 | -7% | 9,792 | -9% |
| Olive Oil | EUR/MT | 4,433 | 6% | 5% | 4,232 | 4,542 | -7% | 4,066 | 4% |
| Mustard Oil | INT/Tin | 2,290 | -5% | -5% | 2,366 | 2,378 | 0% | 2,123 | 11% |
| Castor Oil | USD/MT | 1,958 | 0% | -1% | 1,964 | 1,966 | 0% | 1,865 | 5% |
| Sunflower Oil | USD/MT | 1,430 | 1% | 1% | 1,403 | 1,329 | 6% | 1,206 | 16% |
| Soyabean Oil | BRL/MT | 5,916 | 1% | -1% | 5,986 | 6,413 | -7% | 6,018 | -1% |
| Freight | | | | | | | | | |
| Baltic Dry Index (RHS) | Index | 2,043 | 6% | 16% | 1,876 | 2,136 | -12% | 1,122 | 67% |
| Containerized Freight Index (Shanghai) | Index | 1,251 | -1% | -20% | 1,449 | 1,405 | 3% | 1,813 | -20% |
| Currencies | | | | | | | | | |
| USD/INR | | 91.0 | 0% | -1% | 90.8 | 89.1 | 2% | 87 | 5% |
| CNY/INR | | 13.2 | 1% | 0% | 13.1 | 12.6 | 4% | 12 | 10% |
| EUR/USD | | 1.2 | 0% | 0% | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1% | 1 | 12% |

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