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Demand recovery strengthens earnings outlook.....

About the stock: Action Construction Equipment (ACE), established in 1995, is India's leading Material Handling and Construction Equipment manufacturing company and are market leaders in Mobile Cranes & Tower Cranes segment.

- Cranes, material handling and construction equipment (CMCE) segment contributes ~92% to total revenue while agri-equipment (AE) contributes ~8% to total revenue.

Investment Rationale:

- **Volume recovery gains traction as CEV-V transition impact eases:** After a subdued demand environment following the transition to CEV Stage V emission norms, customer acceptance has improved, leading to a recovery in equipment demand. Construction equipment volumes grew 17.2% YoY to 2,740 units in Q1FY27, while realizations increased 4.6% YoY to ₹27.1 lakh/unit, reflecting improving pricing power and a favourable product mix. With a strong leadership position in the mobile crane segment and sustained government infrastructure spending, ACE remains well placed to deliver healthy volume-led earnings growth.
- **Margin resilience supported by pricing actions and emerging growth drivers:** Despite elevated raw material costs, including a ~20% increase in steel prices, management expects to sustain operating EBITDA margins above 15% through calibrated price increases (~10%), operational efficiencies and product mix improvement. Additionally, the company expects defence (5–6%) and exports (6–7%) to contribute 10–12% of FY27 revenue, supported by execution of a repeat defence order (>₹100 crore), commissioning of a dedicated defence manufacturing facility with ~₹500 crore revenue potential, and meaningful contribution from the KATO JV from FY28, providing incremental growth beyond the domestic construction equipment business.

Rating and Target Price

- We expect Revenue and PAT to grow at 14.7% and 16.3% CAGR respectively over FY26-FY28E.
- We recommend **BUY** on ACE with a target price of **₹1,510 per share (based on 32x FY28E EPS)**



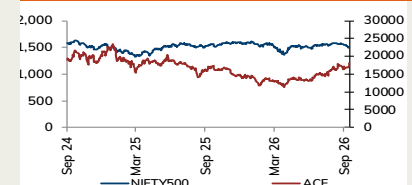
Particulars

	₹ (in crore)
Market Capitalisation	13423
Total Debt (FY26)	0
Cash and Inv. (FY26)	122
Enterprise Value	12254
52-week H/L (Rs.)	1196/745
Equity capital	23.82
Face value (Rs.)	2

Shareholding pattern

%	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26
Promoter	65.4	65.4	65.4	65.4
FII	10.3	10.	9.5	7.8
DII	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.5
Others	22.3	22.4	23.1	24.1

Price Chart



Key risks

- Slowdown in domestic & global capex
- increase in commodity prices
- Increase in competition

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Key Financial Summary

Rs. in crore	FY24	FY25	FY26	2 Year CAGR (FY24-FY26)	FY27E	FY28E	2 Year CAGR (FY26-FY28E)
Revenue	2,914	3,327	3,280	6.1	3,771	4,316	14.7
EBITDA	403	506	504	11.8	580	678	16.0
EBITDA margin (%)	13.8	15.2	15.4		15.4	15.7	
Net Profit	328.2	409.2	415.1	12.5	480.0	561.1	16.3
EPS (Rs)	27.6	34.4	34.9		40.3	47.1	
P/E (x)	44.5	35.7	35.2		30.4	26.0	
EV/EBITDA (x)	35.0	28.0	27.7		23.3	19.2	
RoCE (%)	44.2	43.8	35.3		30.0	28.1	
RoE (%)	26.7	25.3	20.6		19.4	18.7	

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