

Nilkamal

HOLD

Subdued margins despite healthy sales growth

Summary

Nilkamal Ltd.'s (NILK) Q1FY26 result was ahead of our estimate on net sales, however, margins disappointed. The B2B segment of the Company achieved a growth of 19% in value & 22% in volume terms. The mattress and foam business grew by 51% in Q 1 FY26 through diverse product offerings, brand engagement initiatives and market presence through higher channel partners. The Bubbleguard business grew by 22% in Q1FY26, Nilkamal Edge- Intuitional furniture business shows degrowth by 30% while furniture trade business grew by 3% YoY. The Retail & E-commerce segment clocked turnover of Rs92crs a growth of 15% over Q1FY25. The E-commerce business clocked turnover of Rs41crs, higher by 18% YoY while the retail through stores has growth of 12% YoY. We have marginally cut our margins estimates for FY26E/FY27E. Maintain HOLD with a revised TP of Rs1,760 (earlier TP Rs1,893), assigning 20x PER on FY27E.

Key Highlights and Investment Rationale

- **Impressive sales growth led by higher volume:** NILK had yet another quarter of volume driven net sales growth in Q1FY26. Net sales was up by 18.9% YoY to Rs8.8bn, while EBITDA was up by 2.9% YoY to Rs580mn. Higher branding, servicing, and employee cost has weighed on operating profit. The company reported net profit of Rs153mn, lower by 16.4% YoY. At the end of Q1FY26, the total number of stores under COCO, FOFO arrangements are 87.
- **Focus on capacity expansion to drive net sales growth:** NILK has been focused on expanding capacity gradually to keep the net sales growth momentum intact. We believe over a longer term, the company's efforts on streamlining the business segments, focus on widening retail network and strengthening brand recall paves the way for healthy earnings growth in future. HOLD with a TP of Rs1,760.

TP Rs1,760

CMP Rs1,685

Potential upside/downside 4%

Previous Rating HOLD

Price Performance (%)

	-1m	-3m	-12m
Absolute	(5.6)	4.1	(12.9)
Rel to Sensex	(2.6)	3.0	(12.2)

V/s Consensus

EPS (Rs)	FY25E	FY26E
IDBI Capital	62.5	88.0
Consensus	80.8	105.8
% difference	(22.6)	(16.9)

Key Stock Data

Bloomberg / Reuters	NILK IN / NKML.BO
Sector	Plastic Building Material
Shares o/s (mn)	15
Market cap. (Rs mn)	25,146
3-m daily avg Trd value (Rs mn)	0.8
52-week high / low	Rs2,050 / 1,497
Sensex / Nifty	81,186 / 24,768

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoters	64.5
FII	1.0
DII	14.3
Public	20.2

Financial snapshot

Year	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	31,309	31,963	33,127	37,197	42,001
Change (yoy, %)	15	2	4	12	13
EBITDA	3,082	2,904	2,824	2,770	3,382
Change (yoy, %)	39	(6)	(3)	(2)	22
EBITDA Margin (%)	9.8	9.1	8.5	7.4	8.1
Adj.PAT	1,340	1,224	1,068	932	1,313
EPS (Rs)	89.8	82.0	71.6	62.5	88.0
Change (yoy, %)	60.6	(8.6)	(12.8)	(12.7)	40.9
PE(x)	18.9	20.7	23.7	27.2	19.3
Dividend Yield (%)	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.8	9.3	9.8	10.0	8.1
RoE (%)	10.7	9.0	7.4	6.2	8.3
RoCE (%)	13.4	11.0	9.1	7.7	10.1

Source: IDBI Capital Research

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Exhibit 1: Financial snapshot

Particulars (mn)	Q1FY26	Q4FY25	QoQ (%)	Q1FY25	YoY (%)
Total revenues	8,831	8,940	(1.2)	7,427	18.9
Total expenditure	8,251	8,088	2.0	6,863	20.2
EBIDTA	580	852	(31.9)	563	2.9
EBIDTA margin (%)	6.6	9.5	-296bps	7.6	-102bps
Depreciation	336	311	8.1	291	15.6
Interest cost	111	113	(1.3)	93	20.0
Other income	38	22	72.0	37	2.5
PBT	171	451	(62.1)	217	(21.4)
Tax	42	120	(64.9)	54	(21.5)
Minority interest and exceptional items	25	12	112.5	20	24.2
Adj. net profit	153	342	(55.2)	183	(16.4)
Adj. EPS (INR)	10.3	22.9	(55.2)	12.3	(16.4)

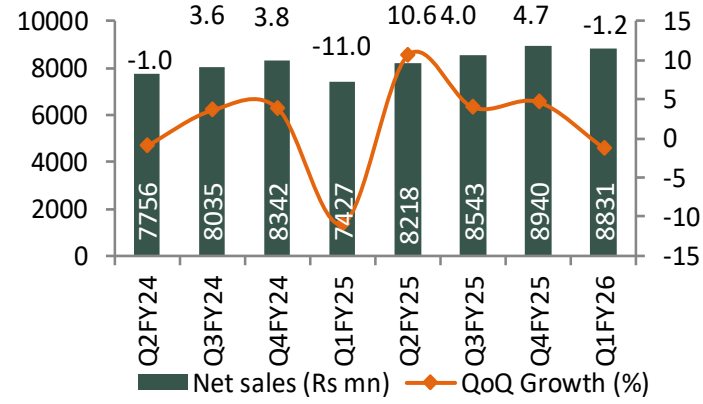
Source: Company; IDBI Capital Research

Exhibit 2: Actual vs. estimates

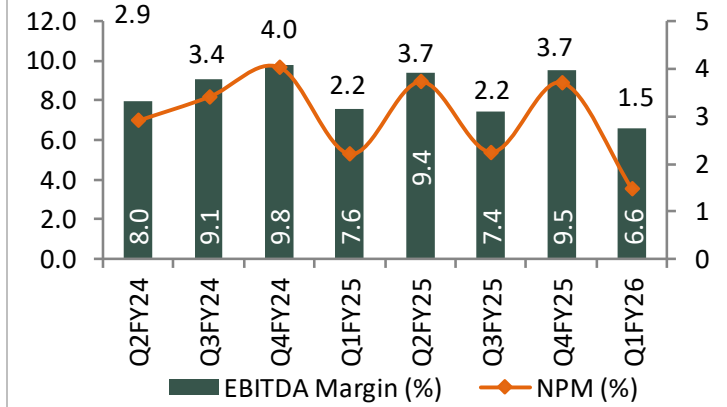
Particulars (mn)	Q1FY26A	Q1FY26E	Variance (%)
Net Sales	8,831	7,724	14.3
EBITDA	580	703	-17.5
EBITDA Margin (%)	6.6	9.1	-253.2bps
Net Profit	153	234	-34.5
EPS, Rs	10.3	15.7	-34.5

Source: Company; IDBI Capital Research

Exhibit 3: Net Sales and EBITDA Margin Performance



Source: Company; IDBI Capital Research



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Financial Summary

Profit & Loss Account

(Rs mn)

Year-end: March	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Net sales	27,301	31,309	31,963	33,127	37,197	42,001
<i>Change (yoy, %)</i>	30.5	15	2	4	12	13
Operating expenses	(25,088)	(28,227)	(29,059)	(30,304)	(34,427)	(38,619)
EBITDA	2,213	3,082	2,904	2,824	2,770	3,382
<i>Change (yoy, %)</i>	-12.6	39	(6)	(3)	(2)	22
<i>Margin (%)</i>	8.1	9.8	9.1	8.5	7.4	8.1
Depreciation	(1,010)	(1,134)	(1,154)	(1,201)	(1,307)	(1,377)
EBIT	1,203	1,948	1,750	1,622	1,463	2,005
Interest paid	(284)	(366)	(369)	(408)	(448)	(493)
Other income	119	110	133	117	129	141
Pre-tax profit	1,038	1,693	1,514	1,331	1,144	1,653
Tax	(261)	(430)	(382)	(340)	(288)	(416)
<i>Effective tax rate (%)</i>	25.1	25.4	25.3	25.5	25.2	25.2
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net profit	777	1,263	1,131	992	856	1,237
Exceptional items	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted net profit	834	1,340	1,224	1,068	932	1,313
<i>Change (yoy, %)</i>	(26.3)	61	(9)	(13)	(13)	41
EPS	55.9	89.8	82.0	71.6	62.5	88.0
Dividend per sh	15.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	18.0	20.0
<i>Dividend Payout %</i>	32.2	26.7	29.3	33.5	34.6	27.3

Balance Sheet

(Rs mn)

Year-end: March	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Shareholders' funds	12,015	13,142	14,099	14,872	15,405	16,284
Share capital	149	149	149	149	149	149
Reserves & surplus	11,866	12,993	13,950	14,723	15,256	16,135
Total Debt	1,747	1,887	2,474	3,726	3,768	3,811
Other liabilities	122	153	159	147	176	217
Curr Liab & prov	5,642	5,564	5,466	6,687	7,213	7,777
Current liabilities	5,460	5,380	5,263	6,440	6,944	7,485
Provisions	182	184	203	247	269	291
Total liabilities	7,511	7,604	8,100	10,559	11,157	11,805
Total equity & liabilities	19,533	20,754	22,208	25,444	26,575	28,102
Net fixed assets	7,130	7,967	8,055	10,044	9,774	9,437
Investments	354	320	706	467	471	474
Other non-curr assets	713	597	1,099	821	896	979
Current assets	11,336	11,870	12,349	14,113	15,434	17,213
Inventories	6,613	6,560	5,959	6,886	7,575	8,257
Sundry Debtors	3,139	4,334	4,637	4,622	5,177	5,695
Cash and Bank	684	240	845	1,395	1,399	1,911
Loans and advances	900	735	908	1,210	1,284	1,350
Total assets	19,533	20,754	22,208	25,444	26,575	28,102

Cash Flow Statement

(Rs mn)

Year-end: March	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Pre-tax profit	1,038	1,693	1,514	1,331	1,144	1,653
Depreciation	1,010	1,134	1,154	1,201	1,307	1,377
Tax paid	(266)	(399)	(377)	(352)	(259)	(374)
Chg in working capital	(1,129)	(1,226)	200	304	(720)	(640)
Other operating activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash flow from operations (a)	653	1,202	2,491	2,485	1,471	2,015
Capital expenditure	(1,690)	(1,971)	(1,242)	(3,190)	(1,037)	(1,039)
Chg in investments	(6)	35	(386)	239	(4)	(3)
Other investing activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash flow from investing (b)	(1,696)	(1,937)	(1,627)	(2,951)	(1,042)	(1,043)
Equity raised/(repaid)	0	-	-	(0)	-	-
Debt raised/(repaid)	1,438	140	587	1,251	43	43
Dividend (incl. tax)	(269)	(358)	(358)	(358)	(322)	(358)
Chg in minorities	(3)	0	2	3	-	-
Other financing activities	(345)	509	(490)	(144)	(174)	(178)
Cash flow from financing (c)	821	291	(259)	752	(454)	(493)
Net chg in cash (a+b+c)	(221)	(444)	605	286	(24)	480

Financial Ratios

Year-end: March	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Market Book Value (Rs)	805.1	881	945	997	1,032	1,091
Adj EPS (Rs)	55.9	89.8	82.0	71.6	62.5	88.0
Adj EPS growth (%)	-26.3	61	-9	-13	-13	41
EBITDA margin (%)	8.1	9.8	9.1	8.5	7.4	8.1
Pre-tax margin (%)	3.8	5.4	4.7	4.0	3.1	3.9
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
ROCE (%)	9.4	13	11	9	8	10
ROE (%)	7.1	11	9	7	6	8

DuPont Analysis

Asset turnover (x)	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5
Leverage factor (x)	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7
Net margin (%)	3.1	4.3	3.8	3.2	2.5	3.1

Working Capital & Liquidity ratio

Inventory days	88	76	68	76	74	72
Receivable days	42	51	53	51	51	49
Payable days	32	29	27	36	34	33

Valuations

Year-end: March	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
PER (x)	30.4	18.9	20.7	23.7	27.2	19.3
Price/Book value (x)	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6
EV/Net sales (x)	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.9	8.8	9.3	9.8	10.0	8.1
Dividend Yield (%)	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2

Source: Company; IDBI Capital Research

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