ACPL & CHCC: 1QFY27 result previews

- We present 1QFY27 earnings expectations for Attock Cement Pakistan Ltd (ACPL) and Cherat Cement Ltd (CHCC).
- ACPL is expected to post EPS of Rs7.32 in 1QFY27, up 20% YoY, supported by a 12% YoY increase in net sales, primarily driven by a sharp 24% rise in domestic dispatches. The stronger domestic sales mix is also expected to support gross margins at 27.8%, despite higher coal prices. On a sequential basis, we expect earnings to increase by 5%.
- Conversely, CHCC's earnings are expected to decline 10% YoY to Rs9.65/sh, primarily due to a 17% YoY drop in dispatches amid nil exports to Afghanistan, further compounded by margin pressure from higher coal and freight costs in the North.

ACPL: Earnings to rise on strong local dispatch

Attock Cement Pakistan Ltd (ACPL) is scheduled to announce its 1QFY27 results today (20th Oct). We expect an EPS of Rs7.32, up 20% YoY, supported by a 12% YoY increase in net sales, driven by a sharp 24% YoY rise in domestic dispatches, which is expected to more than offset a 19% decline in exports. Gross margins to remain healthy at ~28%, as a higher domestic sales mix and firm export prices are likely to offset the impact of higher coal prices during the quarter. Lower S&D expenses, reflecting reduced export dispatches, are also expected to support PAT. On a sequential basis, we expect earnings to increase 5%, primarily driven by similar factors. We do not expect a cash dividend payout alongside the results.

ACPL – Key Stats from Earnings Preview

(Rs mn)	1QFY27E	1QFY26	YoYΔ	4QFY26	QoQΔ
Net sales	11,845	10,543	12%	11,213	6%
Gross profit	3,288	3,006	9%	2,882	14%
PAT	**1,006**	**835**	**20%**	**956**	**5%**
EPS (Rs)	7.32	6.07	20%	6.95	5%

Source: Company announcements, JS Research

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Bloomberg Code: ACPL PA
Market Price: Rs230.03
Market Cap: Rs32bn, US$114mn
1-yr ADTO: 0.1mn shares, Rs36mn, US$0.1mn
1-yr High / Low: Rs304.22 / 210.06
Estimated free float: 14mn shares (10%)

CHCC: YoY earnings drop on Nil Afghan exports; QoQ up

Cherat Cement Ltd (CHCC) is scheduled to announce its 1QFY27 results on 22nd Oct. We expect a 10% YoY decline in earnings to Rs9.65/sh, primarily due to a 17% YoY drop in dispatches amid nil exports to Afghanistan. Furthermore, we expect a 5.5ppts YoY drop in gross margins, on higher local and international coal costs coupled with increased freight costs. On a QoQ basis, earnings are likely to increase 8%, largely led by a 10.6% QoQ increase in local dispatches.

CHCC – Key Stats from Earnings Preview

(Rs mn)	1QFY27E	1QFY26	YoYΔ	4QFY26	QoQΔ
Net sales	10,012	10,285	-3%	8,893	13%
Gross profit	3,084	3,738	-17%	2,440	26%
PAT	**1,876**	**2,095**	**-10%**	**1,737**	**8%**
EPS (Rs)	9.65	10.79	-10%	8.94	8%
DPS (Rs)	-	-		4.00	

Source: Company announcements, JS Research

Bloomberg Code: CHCC PA
Market Price: Rs266.57
Market Cap: Rs52bn, US$187mn
1-yr ADTO: 0.3mn shares, Rs100mn, US$0.4mn
1-yr High / Low: Rs365.43 / 231.50
Estimated free float: 117mn shares (60%)

Key multiples

	FY26		FY27F		Market Cap (Rs mn)
	PE(x)	DY	PE(x)	DY	
CHCC	7.14	2%	6.62	2%	51,793
ACPL	9.25	0%	9.01	2%	31,612

Source: Company announcements, JS Research

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