

BUY TP: Rs 240 | ▲ 27%

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Mixed Q2: margin surprise offsets weak volume

- Reported weak pipe sales volume in Q2 due to muted demand environment, but beats EBITDA estimate on sharp margin improvement
- Pipe volume growth guidance revised down from high-single to lowdouble-digit rate to mid-single-digit in FY26
- Maintain BUY on strong earnings growth prospects with improving margin profile; TP remains unchanged at Rs 240 per share

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Mixed Q2: FNXP Q2FY26 sales volume came well below our estimate (-5.8% YoY vs +5.0% estimated), but sharply beats our EBITDA estimate by 62.5% on account of sharp improvement in operating margin (+619bps QoQ to 15.2% vs 9.4% estimated), due to a sharp increase in the share of non-agri pipe. Overall, FNXP APAT grew by 204% YoY in Q2FY26 on a low base.

Highlights: FNXP appears to have again lost market share, as it reported the weakest pipe volume growth vs all the major listed pipe companies in Q2FY26 (ASTRA: +20.6%; SI: +17.2%; APOLP: +9.0%; PRINCPIP: -1.2%; FNXP: -5.8%). Despite the weak & volatile PVC resin prices, FNXP blended EBITDA per unit improved sharply from Rs10.2/kg in Q1FY26 to Rs19.9/kg in Q2FY26, due to higher share of non-agri pipe (from 30% in Q1FY26 to 44% in Q2FY26). Net cash balance has gone down from Rs25.3bn in Jun'25 to Rs23.6bn in Sep'25.

Outlook: FNXP targets to grow its pipe volume at mid-single-digit (vs earlier guidance of high-single to low-double digit) rate in FY26. EBITDA margin is expected to be 10-12% for FY26. Capex is estimated to be Rs 1-2bn in FY26. No greenfield capex is planned in the near future.

Maintain BUY with unchanged TP of Rs 240: We maintain BUY as we expect: a) healthy earnings growth prospects over a weak base (EPS to grow at 15.0% CAGR over FY25-FY28E) b) structural improvement in margin profile (11.5% in FY25 to 14.2% in FY28E) on rising share of non-agri pipe sales c) reasonable valuation (trades at 18.2x on 1YF P/E vs 5Y average of 25.0x). We have slightly cut our EPS estimates (-0.2%/-1.9% for FY27E/FY28E), based on weak pipe sales volume in Q2FY26, but we have kept our TP unchanged at Rs 240 per share due to the roll forward of our valuation from Jun'27 to Sep'27 estimate. Our target P/E multiple remains unchanged at 22x.

Key changes

Target	Rating	
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Ticker/Price	FNXP IN/Rs 189	
Market cap	US\$ 1.3bn	
Free float	48%	
3M ADV	US\$ 1.4mn	
52wk high/low	Rs 289/Rs 154	
Promoter/FPI/DII	52%/6%/12%	

Source: NSE | Price as of 10 Nov 2025

Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	41,420	46,202	54,454
EBITDA (Rs mn)	4,758	6,358	7,757
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	4,802	5,983	6,597
Adj. EPS (Rs)	7.8	9.7	10.7
Consensus EPS (Rs)	12.9	9.3	11.3
Adj. ROAE (%)	8.2	9.5	9.9
Adj. P/E (x)	24.3	19.5	17.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	20.4	15.0	12.1
Adj. EPS growth (%)	1.0	24.6	10.3

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

Stock performance



Source: NSE





Fig 1 - Quarterly performance - Consolidated

Particulars	Q2FY26	Q2FY25	YoY (%)	Q1FY26	QoQ (%)	H1FY26	H1FY25	YoY (%)	BOBCAPS Q2FY26E	Variance (%)
Revenue	8,587	8,284	3.7	10,432	(17.7)	19,019	19,689	(3.4)	8,491	1.1
RM	4,922	5,811	(15.3)	7,028	(30.0)	11,951	12,497	(4.4)		
Gross Profit	3,665	2,473	48.2	3,403	7.7	7,068	7,192	(1.7)		
Employee	520	565	(7.9)	584	(10.9)	1,104	1,140	(3.2)		
Others	1,843	1,803	2.2	1,884	(2.1)	3,727	3,880	(3.9)		
EBITDA	1,302	106	1,131.5	936	39.1	2,238	2,172	3.0	801	62.5
D&A	274	264	3.8	266	3.1	541	525	2.9		
EBIT	1,027	-159	(747.7)	670	53.4	1,697	1,647	3.0		
Interest cost	43	68	(36.8)	55	(22.0)	98	135	(27.1)		
Int. & other income	677	846	(20.0)	695	(2.6)	1,372	1,400	(2.0)		
PBT	1,661	619	168.2	1,310	26.8	2,971	2,913	2.0		
Tax	425	213	100.1	328	29.7	753	1,668	(54.8)		
PAT	1,236	407	203.8	982	25.9	2,217	1,244	78.2		
Adj. PAT	1,236	407	203.8	931	32.8	2,166	2,078	4.2	1,052	17.4
As % of net revenues			(bps)		(bps)			(bps)		
Gross margin	42.7	29.9	1,282	32.6	1,006	37.2	36.5	63		
Employee	6.1	6.8	(76)	5.6	46	5.8	5.8	1		
Others	21.5	21.8	(30)	18.1	341	19.6	19.7	(11)		
EBITDA margin	15.2	1.3	1,388	9.0	619	11.8	11.0	73		
Tax rate	25.6	34.3	(872)	25.0	57	25.4	57.3	(3,192)		
APAT margin	14.4	4.9	948	8.9	547	11.4	10.6	84		
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Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 2 - Key operating metrics

Particulars	Q2FY26	Q2FY25	YoY (%)	Q1FY26	QoQ (%)	H1FY26	H1FY25	YoY (%)
Pipe sales volume (kt)	65	69	(5.8)	92	(29.1)	157	160	(1.6)
Pipe sales realisation (Rs/kg)	131	118	11.2	113	16.1	121	123	(1.9)
Blended EBITDA per unit (Rs/kg)	19.9	1.5	1,207.0	10.2	96.1	14.2	13.6	4.6

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Earnings Call Highlights

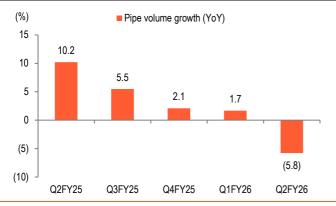
- PVC resin price outlook: PVC prices have bottomed out with the government's decision on ADD is anticipated within the next week, which will provide support to the resin prices in the near future. ADD implementation could lead to Rs 3-6/kg increase depending on the origin of resin.
- Guidance: FNXP targets to grow its pipe volume at a mid-single-digit (vs earlier guidance of high-single to low-double-digit) rate in FY26. EBITDA margin is also expected to improve to 10-12% in FY26.
- Pipe: Sales volume declined by 5.8% YoY in Q2FY26 given the muted agri demand and heavy monsoon.
- **Pipe volume mix:** Non-agri volumes grew by 7% in Q2FY26, but agri pipe volume was down 13% YoY in Q2FY26. The share of non-agri pipe improved from 39% in



Q2FY25 to 44% in Q2FY26. FNXP aims to ramp up non-agri pipe the share to 50% over long term to boost margin, as non-agri typically offers higher margin.

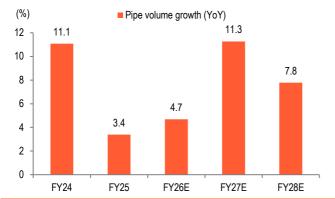
- Capex: Annual capex is planned at Rs 1-2bn for the new net capacity additions (not maintenance), to support growth with addition of 60-80 ktpa every year. Over the last 6-9 months, FNXP has added 50 ktpa, taking the total capacity to 520 ktpa.
 - Net cash: balance has gone down from Rs25.3bn in Jun'25 to Rs23.6bn in Sep'25.

Fig 3 – FNXP pipe volume de-grew by 5.8% YoY in Q2FY26 on muted demand environment



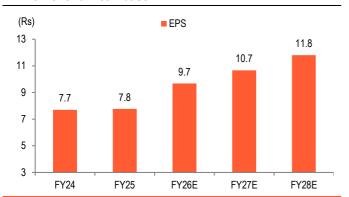
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Fig 5 – FNXP pipe volume is projected to grow at 7.9% CAGR over FY25-FY28E



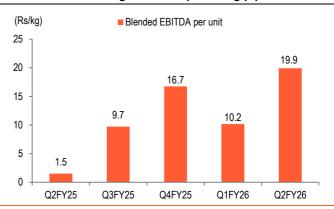
Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 7 – EPS to grow at a healthy 15.0% CAGR over FY25-FY28E over a weak base



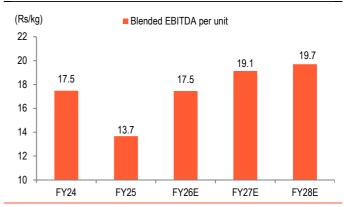
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Fig 4 – FNXP blended EBITDA per unit improved sharply in Q2FY26 due to high share of plumbing pipe revenue



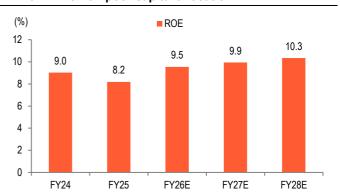
Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 6 – FNXP Pipe EBITDA per unit to structurally improve on higher non-agri pipe sales



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 8 – FNXP return ratio profile to remain weak over FY26E-FY28E on poor capital allocation



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



Valuation Methodology

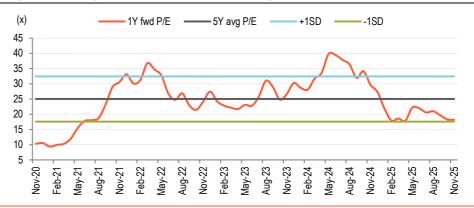
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Fig 9 - Revised estimates

Consolidated (Rs bn)		New			Old			Change (%)	
Consolidated (NS DII)	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	46.2	54.5	60.4	42.6	48.5	53.9	8.5	12.2	12.2
EBITDA	6.4	7.8	8.6	5.5	7.4	8.4	16.0	4.7	2.2
EBITDA margin	13.8	14.2	14.2	12.9	15.3	15.6	89	(102)	(140)
Adjusted PAT	6.0	6.6	7.3	5.6	6.6	7.4	6.5	(0.2)	(1.9)
Adjusted EPS	9.7	10.7	11.8	9.1	10.7	12.0	6.5	(0.2)	(1.9)

Source: BOBCAPS Research

Fig 10 - Trading at 18.2x 1YF P/E vs. 5Y average of 25.0x



Source: Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 11 - Key assumptions

Particulars (%)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Pipes volume growth	11.1	3.4	4.7	11.3	7.8
Pipe realisation growth	(8.4)	(5.2)	7.5	5.9	3.0
Blended EBITDA per unit (Rs/kg)	17.5	13.7	17.5	19.1	19.7

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Key Risks

Key downside risks to our estimates:

- Steep decline in PVC resin prices
- Weak demand for agricultural pipe
- Market share loss in the plumbing pipe



Financials

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Total revenue	43,174	41,420	46,202	54,454	60,444
EBITDA	5,882	4,758	6,358	7,757	8,606
Depreciation	1,160	1,067	1,050	1,124	1,198
EBIT	4,721	3,691	5,308	6,634	7,408
Net interest inc./(exp.)	(365)	(296)	(184)	(172)	(172)
Other inc./(exp.)	1,800	2,466	2,354	2,154	2,316
Exceptional items	33	0	0	0	2,010
EBT	6,123	5,861	7,478	8,616	9,552
Income taxes	1,770	2,432	2.020	2,219	2.455
Extraordinary items	0	(4,170)	0	0	2,400
Min. int./Inc. from assoc.	382	402	524	200	200
Reported net profit	4,736	8,000	5,983	6.597	7,297
Adjustments	21	(3,198)	0	0,337	1,231
Adjusted net profit	4,757	4,802	5,983	6,597	7,297
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Balance Sheet					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Accounts payables	2,886	4,442	4,954	5,839	6,482
Other current liabilities	4,285	3,026	3.026	3,026	3,026
Provisions	45	99	110	130	144
Debt funds	3,820	2,211	2,211	2,211	2,211
Other liabilities	3,201	3,074	3,074	3,074	3,074
Equity capital	1,237	1,237	1,237	1,237	1,237
Reserves & surplus	55,106	59,732	63,241	67,056	71,570
Shareholders' fund	56,343	60,969	64,478	68,292	72,807
Total liab. and equities	70,579	73,819	77,853	82,572	87,743
Cash and cash eq.	22,465	22,694	24,519	25,648	28,082
Accounts receivables	4,576	3,793	4,230	4,986	5,534
Inventories	7,280	7,824	8,594	10,462	11,784
Other current assets	7,200	448	499	588	653
Investments	23,711	27,656	27,656	27,656	27,656
Net fixed assets	10,411	9,871	10,821	11,697	12,499
CWIP	189	732	732	732	732
	143	213	213	213	213
Intangible assets	215	51	51	51	51
Deferred tax assets, net	791	539	539	539	
Other assets Total assets	70,579	73,819	77.853	82,572	539
TOTAL ASSELS	10,319	13,019	11,000	02,372	87,743
Cash Flows					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Cash flow from operations	4,385	3,958	4,128	3,930	5,072
Capital expenditures	(817)	(1,140)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
	(4,454)	(3,945)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Change in investments Other investing cash flows					
Cash flow from investing	1,767 (3,505)	6,636 1,551	2,354 354	2,154 154	2,316 316
Equities issued/Others	(3,303)		0	0	
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Debt raised/repaid	(1,445)	(1,609)			
Interest expenses	(1,546)	(2,226)	(2,473)	(2,783)	(2,783)
Dividends paid	(365)	(296)	(184)	(172)	(172)
Other financing cash flows	4,122	(1,148)	(2.650)	(2.055)	(2.055)
Cash flow from financing	767	(5,279)	(2,658)	(2,955)	(2,955)
Chg in cash & cash eq.	1,647	229	1,824	1,130	2,433
Closing cash & cash eq.	22,465	22,694	24,519	25,648	28,082

Per Share					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Reported EPS	7.7	12.9	9.7	10.7	11.8
Adjusted EPS	7.7	7.8	9.7	10.7	11.8
Dividend per share	2.5	3.6	4.0	4.5	4.5
Book value per share	91.1	98.6	104.3	110.4	117.7
Valuations Ratios					
Y/E 31 Mar (x)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
EV/Sales	2.3	2.3	2.1	1.7	1.5
EV/EBITDA	16.9	20.4	15.0	12.1	10.7
Adjusted P/E	24.5	24.3	19.5	17.7	16.0
P/BV	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6
DuPont Analysis					
Y/E 31 Mar (%)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Tax burden (Net profit/PBT)	77.7	81.9	80.0	76.6	76.4
Interest burden (PBT/EBIT)	129.7	158.8	140.9	129.9	128.9
EBIT margin (EBIT/Revenue)	10.9	8.9	11.5	12.2	12.3
Asset turnover (Rev./Avg TA)	61.2	56.1	59.3	65.9	68.9
Leverage (Avg TA/Avg Equity)	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
Adjusted ROAE	9.0	8.2	9.5	9.9	10.3
Ratio Analysis					
Y/E 31 Mar	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
YoY growth (%)					
Revenue	(1.8)	(4.1)	11.5	17.9	11.0
EBITDA	80.9	(19.1)	33.6	22.0	10.9
Adjusted EPS	83.0	1.0	24.6	10.3	10.6
Profitability & Return ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	13.6	11.5	13.8	14.2	14.2
EDIT				40.0	40.
EBIT margin	10.9	8.9	11.5	12.2	12.3
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Adjusted debt/equity (0.3) (0.3)

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research | Note: TA = Total Assets

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Current ratio

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