Tata Steel (TATSTE)



CMP: ₹ 170

Target: ₹ 210 (24%)

Target Period: 12 months

December 12, 2025

Shares roadmap to achieve 40 MTPA capacity in India

About the stock: Tata Steel (TSL), part of the TATA group, is one of the world's most geographically diversified steel producers with operations across regions.

Annual Crude Steel Production Capacity: India- 26.6 million ton (MT), Netherland- 7 MT, UK- 3.2 MT (upcoming), and Thailand- 1.7 MT.

Event Update: Tata Steel has outlined long term growth strategy for its Indian operations. It includes: 1) 4.8 MTPA expansion at Neelachal Ispat Nigam (NINL) 2) Signing a MOU with Llyod Metals to collaborate in iron ore mining infrastructure and steel making 3) Setting up 6 MTPA greenfield capacity in Maharashtra 4) Acquired 50% equity in Thriveni Pellets for consideration of ₹636 crore.

Key Highlights:

- TSL has secured board approval for the Phase-1 expansion of 4.8 MTPA capacity at NINL. It will primarily serve the long-products segment through the installation of a 2 MTPA rebar mill, a 0.5 MTPA coil mill, and a high-end wire rod mill. It will be executed in 4 years, capex to be finalized by March'26. In the long term, TSL aims to scale NINL's capacity to 10 MTPA.
- TSL has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Lloyd Metals and Energy to collaborate on iron ore mining, slurry pipelines, pellet production, and steelmaking. In addition, TSL plans to set up a 6 MTPA greenfield steelmaking facility in Maharashtra, to be executed in two phases. The project timelines and capex are currently under discussion.
- TSL has acquired a 50% equity stake in Thriveni Pellets Pvt Ltd, operating a 4 MTPA pellet plant at Jajpur and a 212-km slurry pipeline, for a consideration of ₹636 crore, valuing the entity at ~₹1,272 crore, i.e. P/B multiple of 0.9x. Its proximity to TSL's Kalinganagar and NINL plants with expected cost savings of ~₹60 crore/month, with payback period of 1 year.
- On the downstream front, TSL is setting up a 2.5 MTPA Thin Slab Caster and Rolling facility at Meramandali. It will be integrated with blast furnace relining program, expected to add 2.5 MTPA of upstream capacity by FY29.
- Additionally, TSL plans to set up a 0.7 MTPA Hot Rolled Pickling and Galvanizing Line at its existing Cold Rolling Complex in Tarapur, Maharashtra, which will cater to the high-value automotive segment.
- TSL will also establish a 1 MTPA demonstration plant based on HIsarna technology, which enables the use of lower-grade iron ore without coking coal for producing steel with estimated capex of ~₹2,500 -3,000 crore.

Rating and Target Price

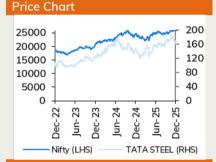
We are encouraged by TSL's capacity expansion plans aimed at achieving 40 MTPA capacity in India by 2030, along with its growing downstream portfolio and raw material integration. However, high capex intensity of these projects, could strain the B/S in the interim period. Nonetheless, we maintain our BUY rating on Tata Steel with SOTP-based target price of ₹210 (8.5x/4x EV/EBITDA to India/Europe business on Avg. FY27-28E).

BUY

TATA STEEL

Particulars	
Particulars	₹ crore
Market capitalisation	2,12,065
Total Debt (FY25)	88,964
Cash & Investment (FY25)	12,090
EV (₹ crore)	2,88,938
52 week H/L (₹)	187 / 123
Equity capital (₹ crore)	1,247
Face value (₹)	1.0

Shareholding pattern							
	Dec-24	Mar-25	June-25	Sept-25			
Promoter	33.2	33.2	33.2	33.2			
FII	18.5	18.3	17.2	17.3			
DII	23.5	24.5	26.1	26.9			
Other	24.8	24.0	23.5	22.6			



Recent event & key risks

- TSL announces 4.8 MTPA capacity expansion at NINL, 6 MTPA greenfield capacity - Maharashtra
- Key Risk: (i) Delay in steel prices recovery will impact performance across India & Europe operations (ii) high capex intensity increasing leverage on B/S in interim period.

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Key Financial Sum	mary				`				
Key Financials	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	5 year CAGR (FY20-25)	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	3 year CAGR (FY25-28E)
Net Sales	2,43,959	2,43,353	2,27,296	2,16,840	9.8%	2,34,095	2,52,419	2,63,052	6.7%
EBITDA	63,490	32,300	22,306	25,298	9.1%	33,367	39,630	44,719	20.9%
EBITDA Margins (%)	26.0	13.3	9.8	11.7		14.3	15.7	17.0	
Net Profit	40,154	8,760	(4,437)	3,421	NA	10,843	15,249	18,441	75.3%
EPS (₹/share)	32.9	7.2	(3.6)	2.7		8.7	12.2	14.8	
P/E	5.2	23.7	(47.8)	62.0		19.6	13.9	11.5	
RoNW (%)	35.2	8.5	33.0	4.1		11.6	14.3	15.5	
RoCE (%)	25.4	10.8	6.2	7.2		10.3	12.6	13.8	

Key Table and Charts

Exhibit 1: Key Assumptions					
	Units	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Indian Operation (Standalone+NINL)					
Sales Volume	MT	20.9	22.5	23.5	24.0
Blended Realisation	₹/tonne	66,007	64,514	65,895	66,856
Revenue	₹ crores	1,38,218	1,45,110	1,54,860	1,60,160
EBITDA	₹ crores	28,932	32,232	36,745	39,888
EBITDA/tonne	₹/tonne	13,817	14,330	15,635	16,651
Netherland Operation					
Sales Volume	MT	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.6
Blended Realisation	₹/tonne	91,046	99,541	1,05,100	1,09,850
Revenue	₹ crores	56,904	62,365	68,494	72,320
EBITDA	₹ crores	819	3,141	4,236	4,608
EBITDA/tonne	₹/tonne	1,310	5,013	6,500	7,000
UK Operation					
Sales Volume	MT	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6
Blended Realisation	₹/tonne	99,566	99,805	1,03,100	1,10,090
EBITDA	₹ crores	(4,152)	(2,500)	(2,000)	(250)
EBITDA/tonne	₹/tonne	(16,542)	(9,804)	(7,692)	(962)

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Particulars	Units	Avg FY27-28
Tata Steel Indian Operations (Standalone+NINL)		
Sales volume	in MT	23.7
EBITDA/tonne	₹/tonne	16,148
EBITDA	₹ in crore	38,317
EV/EBITDA Multiple	X	8.5
Target EV (A)	₹ in crore	3,25,692
Tata Steel European Operations		
Sales volume	in MT	8.9
EBITDA/tonne	₹/tonne	3,715
EBITDA	₹ in crore	3,297
EV/EBITDA Multiple	X	4.0
Target EV (B)	₹ in crore	13,189
Total Consolidated Target EV (A+B)	₹ in crore	3,38,881
Gross Debt	₹ in crore	82,964
Net Cash and Cash Equivalents	₹ in crore	10,152
Less: Net Debt	₹ in crore	72,812
Implied Market Cap	₹ in crore	2,66,069
No. of Equity Shares	in crore	1,247
Target price	₹/share	210
CMP	₹/share	170
Upside (%)	in %	24%

Source: ICICI Direct Research

Financial Summary

Exhibit 3: Profit and loss	statemen	t	:	₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Total Operating Income	2,18,543	2,34,095	2,52,419	2,63,052
Growth (%)	(5)	7	8	4
Raw Material Expenses	95,001	97,252	1,06,016	1,07,851
Employee Expenses	24,889	26,268	27,766	28,936
Other Operating Expense	73,354	77,208	79,007	81,546
Total Operating Exp.	1,93,244	2,00,728	2,12,789	2,18,333
EBITDA	25,298	33,367	39,630	44,719
Growth (%)	13	32	19	13
Depreciation	10,421	11,471	12,116	12,890
Interest	7,341	7,133	6,677	6,313
Other Income	1,541	1,263	1,033	914
Share of Associate	191	230	200	200
PBT	9,077	16,026	21,869	26,430
Exceptional Item	855	553	-	-
Total Tax	5,239	4,711	6,621	7,989
PAT post Minority Interest	3,421	10,843	15,249	18,441
Growth (%)	(177)	217	41	21
EPS (₹)	2.7	9.0	12.2	14.8

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 4: Cash flow statement ₹ crore							
(Year-end March)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E			
Profit after Tax	3,421	10,843	15,249	18,441			
Add: Depreciation	10,421	11,471	12,116	12,890			
(Inc)/dec in Current Assets	4,796	-5,188	-4,822	-2,798			
Inc/(dec) in CL and Provisions	-2,342	6,249	6,085	3,531			
Others	7,341	7,133	6,677	6,313			
CF from operating activities	23,637	30,507	35,305	38,376			
(Inc)/dec in Investments	63	-150	-150	-150			
(Inc)/dec in Fixed Assets	-19,575	-17,500	-20,000	-25,000			
Others	3,082	0	0	0			
CF from investing activities	-16,429	-17,650	-20,150	-25,150			
Issue/(Buy back) of Equity	0	0	0	0			
Inc/(dec) in loan funds	7,390	-2,000	-4,000	0			
Dividend & interest outgo	-11,831	-12,123	-12,291	-12,550			
Inc/(dec) in Share Cap	0	0	0	0			
Others	203	0	0	0			
CF from financing activities	-4,238	-14,123	-16,291	-12,550			
Net Cash flow	2,970	-1,266	-1,136	676			
Opening Cash	8,678	11,648	10,382	9,246			
Closing Cash	11,648	10,382	9,246	9,922			

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

(Year-end March) Liabilities	FY25	FY26E		
Liabilities		11200	FY27E	FY28E
Equity Capital	1,247	1,247	1,247	1,247
Reserve and Surplus	89,922	95,775	1,05,410	1,17,614
Total Shareholders funds	91,170	97,023	1,06,658	1,18,862
Total Debt	88,964	86,964	82,964	82,964
Deferred Tax Liability	14,430	14,430	14,430	14,430
Minority Interest / Others	13,343	13,443	13,543	13,643
Total Liabilities	2,07,907	2,11,860	2,17,595	2,29,899
Assets				
Gross Block	2,65,314	2,89,437	3,04,437	3,29,437
Less: Acc Depreciation	1,20,359	1,31,829	1,43,946	1,56,835
Net Block	1,44,956	1,57,607	1,60,491	1,72,602
Capital WIP	41,622	35,000	40,000	40,000
Total Fixed Assets	1,86,578	1,92,607	2,00,491	2,12,602
Investments	12,153	12,303	12,453	12,603
Inventory	44,590	48,102	51,867	54,052
Debtors	5,260	6,414	6,916	7,207
Loans and Advances	120	129	139	145
Other Current Assets	6,447	6,960	7,505	7,821
Cash	11,648	10,382	9,246	9,922
Total Current Assets	68,064	71,986	75,672	79,147
Current Liabilities	29,314	32,068	34,578	36,034
Provisions	9,695	10,605	11,436	11,917
Current Liabilities & Prov	71,489	77,737	83,822	87,353
Net Current Assets	-3,424	-5,751	-8,150	-8,206
Others Assets	12,601	12,701	12,801	12,901
Application of Funds	2,07,907	2,11,860	2,17,595	2,29,899

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 6: Key ratios				
(Year-end March)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Per share data (₹)				
EPS	2.7	8.7	12.2	14.8
Cash EPS	11.1	17.9	21.9	25.1
BV	73.1	77.8	85.5	95.3
DPS	3.6	4.0	4.5	5.0
Cash Per Share	9.3	8.3	7.4	8.0
Operating Ratios (%)				
EBITDA Margin	11.6	14.3	15.7	17.0
PAT Margin	1.6	4.6	6.0	7.0
Inventory days	75.1	75.0	75.0	75.0
Debtor days	8.9	10.0	10.0	10.0
Creditor days	49.3	50.0	50.0	50.0
Return Ratios (%)				
RoE	4.1	11.6	14.3	15.5
RoCE	7.2	10.3	12.6	13.8
RoIC	9.6	13.2	16.4	17.7
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	62.0	19.6	13.9	11.5
EV / EBITDA	11.4	8.6	7.2	6.4
EV / Net Sales	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1
Market Cap / Sales	1.0	0.9	8.0	8.0
Price to Book Value	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.8
Solvency Ratios				
Debt/EBITDA	3.5	2.6	2.1	1.9
Debt / Equity	1.0	0.9	8.0	0.7
Current Ratio	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Quick Ratio	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research



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