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Dear Sir / Madam,

**Sub:** Earning Presentation

Please find enclosed herewith the Earning Presentation for the quarter / half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,  
For LINC LIMITED

DIPANKAR DE  
*Company Secretary*

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# INDIA'S FIRST GUILT-FREE PENS

Every plastic pen carries the guilt of being a polluter. So we decided to fight back. Pentonic is now making pens that consist of 75% recycled plastic. Talk about having a clean sheet.



# Q2 FY25 EARNINGS PRESENTATION

Linc Limited  
(formerly Linc Pen and Plastics Limited)

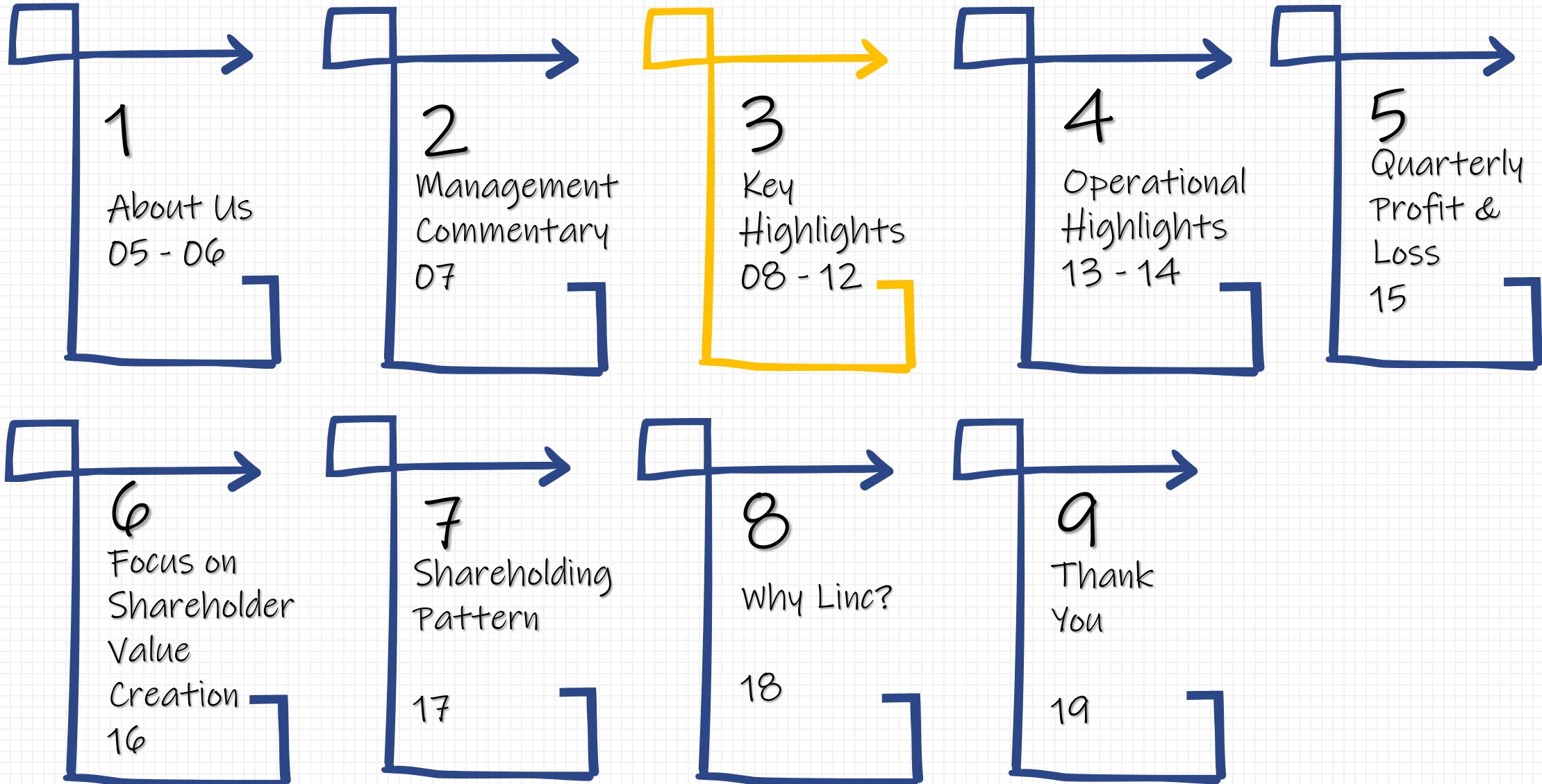
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# Inside This Presentation



# About Us

Linc Ltd., one of India's largest & oldest writing instrument company with national and international presence, has strong & extensive network across India along with SE Asia, Middle East, USA, UK, Europe, South America, & Africa



- Among Top 3 brands in India for Writing Instruments.
- Presence in the affordable segment for over 4 decades.



- Global brand from Mitsubishi Pencil Co. Ltd, Japan.
- Presence across all categories of Writing Instruments – Roller Pen, Gel Pen and Ball Pen.



pentonic  
driven by design

- New Writing Instrument brand launched in FY19 by Linc in MRP ₹10 and above segment.
- Known for its super smooth writing and sleek design.



- Asia's largest stationery giant.
- Presence across all stationery categories with over 2000 Products.



# About Us

Market Share\* of 6.6%

Writing Instrument Segment

1,847 Lacs

No. of Pens sold in Q2 FY25

>40 Countries

International Presence

17.2%

Export revenue % in Q2 FY25

35.4%

Q2 FY25 Pentonic Revenue Share

2,53,550

Touch Points in Sep' 24

## Q2 FY25 Financial Metrics

Revenue From Operations: ₹ 13,728 Lacs

Profit After Tax#: ₹ 879 Lacs

Gross Margin: 31.8%      PAT Margin: 6.4%

ROCE<sup>1</sup>: 20.0%      ROE<sup>1</sup>: 16.3%

\*Source: An assessment of writing and creative instruments industry and steel bottle industry in India – Crisil Jun'23

#PAT attributable to the owners of the Parent

1. ROCE & ROE are annualized



# Management Commentary

" We are pleased to announce that in celebration of Linc Limited's 30th anniversary, the Board has approved the issuance of bonus shares# at a 1:1 ratio. Additionally, a stock split# has been approved, whereby each equity share with a face value of ₹10 will be subdivided into two shares with a face value of ₹5.

For Q2 FY25, Linc achieved an operating income of ₹13,728 lakhs, representing a 4.6% year-over-year increase. Our flagship brand, Pentonic, demonstrated remarkable performance with accelerated growth of 23.7% for the quarter.

Our gross profit margin improved significantly, reaching 31.8%, an increase of 271 basis points year-over-year. This growth was driven by a favorable product mix shift, led by the strong performance of Pentonic. Profit After Tax (PAT) stood at ₹879 lakhs for Q2 FY25, reflecting a 14.0% year-over-year growth, with a PAT margin of 6.4%, up by 61 basis points.

In line with our commitment to long-term growth, we are excited to announce our strategic joint venture with Mitsubishi Pencil Company, Japan. We believe this collaboration will redefine benchmarks in the Indian writing instruments industry, open up opportunities in global markets, and strengthen our growth trajectory.

Our dedication to innovation, strategic market consolidation, and the enhanced presence of the Pentonic range will drive sustained growth. We are confident that these initiatives will reinforce our market leadership in the years ahead."

**Deepak Jalan**  
Managing Director, Linc Limited





# Key Highlights

## Operating Income

50,785

26,739

## Gross Profit

15,909

8,424

## Operating EBITDA

5,642

3,054

## Profit after Tax<sup>#</sup>

3,421

1,722

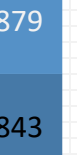
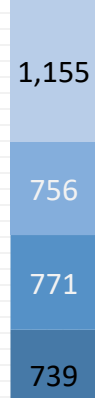
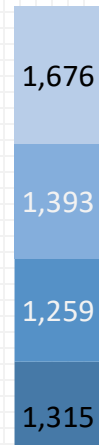
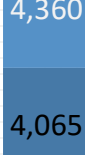
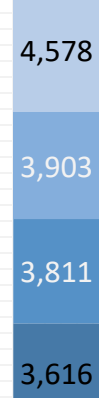
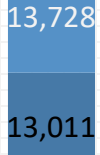
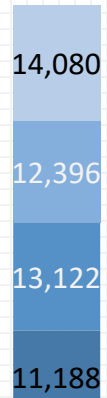
All numbers in ₹ Lacs.

Q4

Q3

Q2

Q1



## Other Highlights for Q2 FY25

- Net Debt as on 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2024 was ₹(475) lacs
- NCOA as on 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2024 was ₹ 2,718 lacs

- Net Debt / Equity was (0.02)
- Net Debt / Operating EBITDA was (0.08)

#PAT to the owners of the Parent

Q2 FY 25, Q1 FY 25, Q4 FY 24, Q3 FY 24 & FY 24 are consolidated; comparative figures are standalone

# Key Highlights (Cont.)

₹ Lacs

	Operating Income	Gross Profit	Operating EBITDA	Profit Before Tax	Profit After Tax	Cash Profit <sup>1</sup>
<b>Q2 FY25</b>	<b>13,728</b>	<b>4,360</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>1,257</b>
Growth YOY	4.6%	14.4%	29.5%	14.9%	14.0%	9.3%
Growth QOQ	5.5%	7.3%	14.3%	6.0%	4.2%	3.0%
Margin <sup>2</sup> (%)		31.8%	11.9%	8.6%	6.4%	
EPS/CEPS					5.91	8.45

**Note:**

1. Cash Profit = PAT add Depreciation

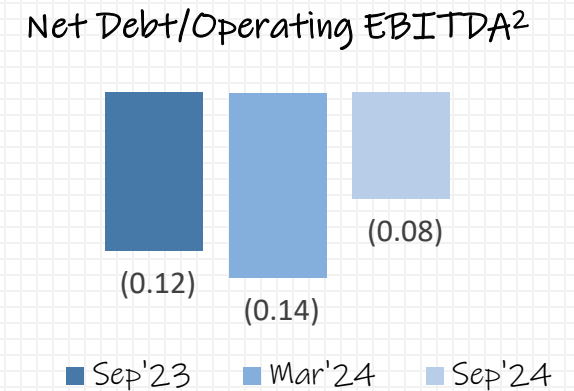
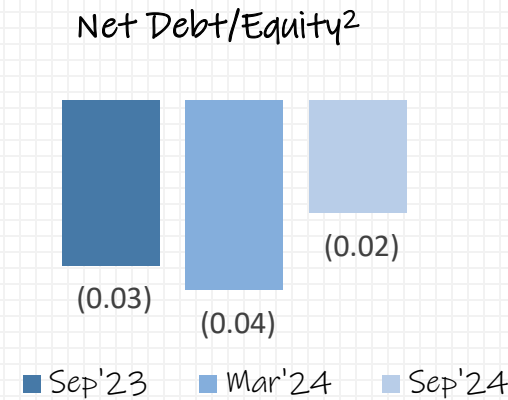
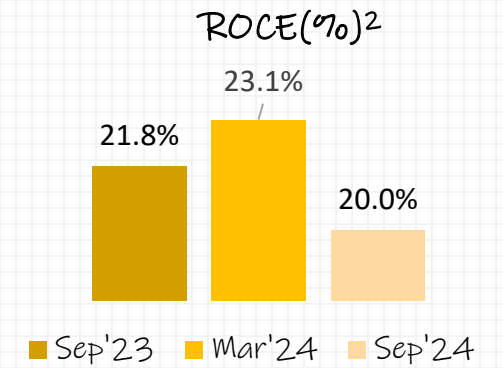
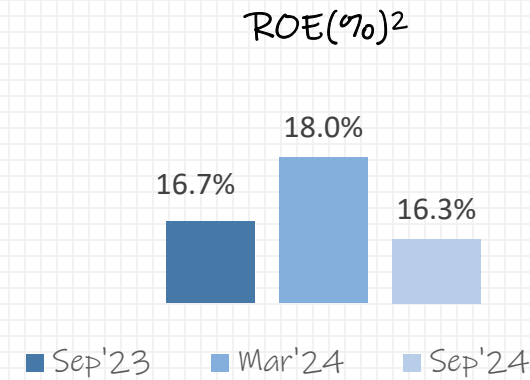
2. Gross Profit &amp; Op EBITDA Margins calculated on Operating Income

3. PAT is PAT attributable to the owners of the Parent

# Key Highlights (Cont.)

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Particulars	30-Sep-23	31-Mar-24	30-Sep-24
Net Worth	18,470	20,585	21,514
Gross Debt	-	692	680
Cash & Cash Equivalent <sup>1</sup>	597	1,456	1,156
Net Debt	(597)	(765)	(475)
Net Fixed Assets	10,949	12,359	12,543
Net Current Assets <sup>1</sup>	8,154	8,102	9,124
Total Assets	26,231	30,962	32,525
Fixed Asset Turnover <sup>2</sup>	4.87	4.75	4.30
Total Asset Turnover <sup>2</sup>	1.95	1.86	1.68
Cash Conversion Cycle <sup>2</sup>	79	81	87



**Note:**

- 1. Net current assets excludes cash & cash equivalents
- 2. Figures are YTD annualized

# Key Highlights (Cont.)

₹ Lacs

Revenue	Writing Instruments			Other Products		
	Own Brands		Licensed Brands	Own Brands		Licensed Brands
	Pentonic	Linc & Others	Uni-Ball	Pentonic	Linc & Others	Deli
<i>Q2 FY25</i>	4,433	4,811	2,396	365	812	750
<i>Sales Contribution (%)</i>	32.7%	35.4%	17.7%	2.7%	6.0%	5.5%
<i>Q2 FY24</i>	3,584	5,486	2,230	295	611	975
<i>Sales Contribution (%)</i>	27.2%	41.7%	16.9%	2.2%	4.6%	7.4%
<i>Q1 FY25</i>	5,106	4,778	1,936	143	770	526
<i>Sales Contribution (%)</i>	38.5%	36.0%	14.6%	1.1%	5.8%	4.0%
<i>Growth YoY</i>	23.7%	(12.3%)	7.5%	23.9%	32.9%	(23.1%)
<i>Growth QoQ</i>	(13.2%)	0.7%	23.8%	154.9%	5.3%	42.7%

# Key Highlights (Cont..)

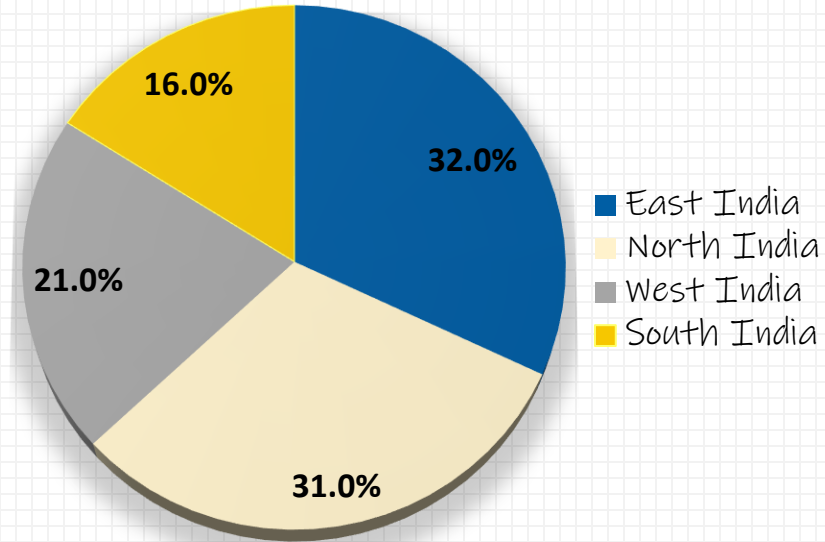
₹ Lacs

Revenue	Trade Channel				
	General Trade	Corporate	Modern Trade	E-Commerce	Exports
Q2 FY25	9,649	656	398	537	2,328
Sales Contribution (%)	71.1%	4.8%	2.9%	4.0%	17.2%
Q2 FY24	9,509	580	688	486	1,918
Sales Contribution (%)	72.1%	4.4%	5.2%	3.7%	14.6%
Q1 FY25	7,304	1,771	1,297	501	2,387
Sales Contribution (%)	55.1%	13.3%	9.8%	3.8%	18.0%
Growth YoY	1.5%	13.1%	(42.2%)	10.6%	21.4%
Growth QoQ	32.1%	(63.0%)	(69.3%)	7.2%	(2.5%)

# Operational Highlights

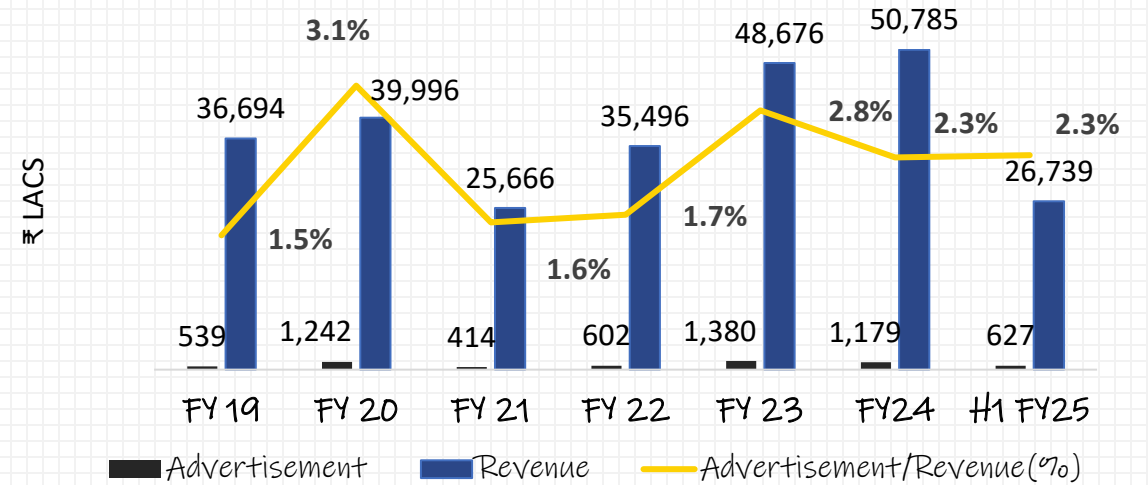
Revenue Share H1 FY25

Wider Penetration across India



- Increasing footprint in West and South India and steadily moving towards a more homogenous presence across India
- West and South India; has crossed 37% in H1 FY25

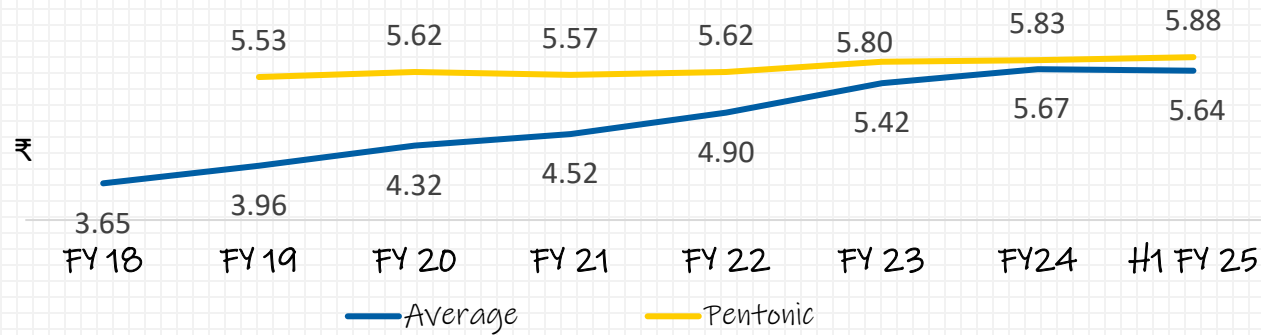
Focus on brand building



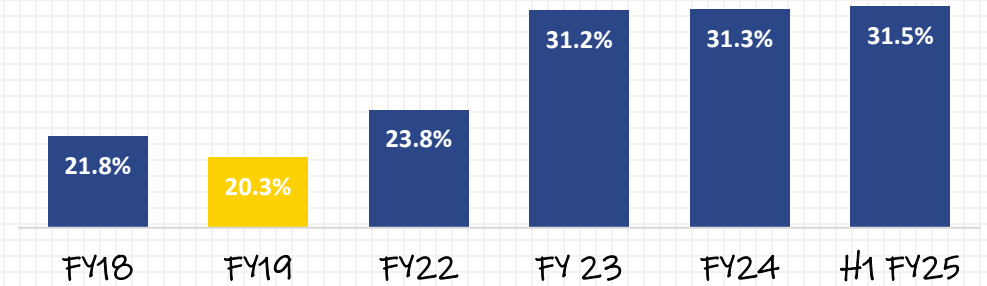
- Spent over ₹ 4,800 lacs on brands over last 5 years
- Step up brand spend going forward ~ 3% of revenue

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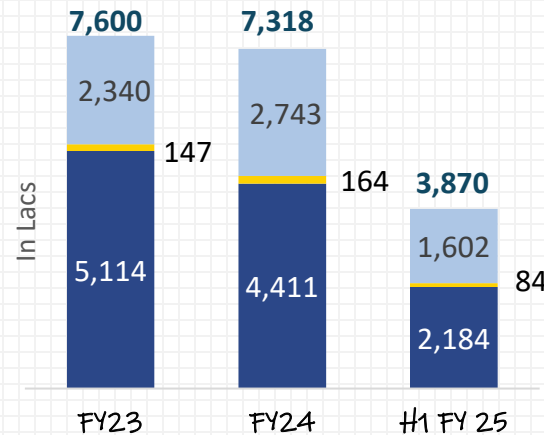
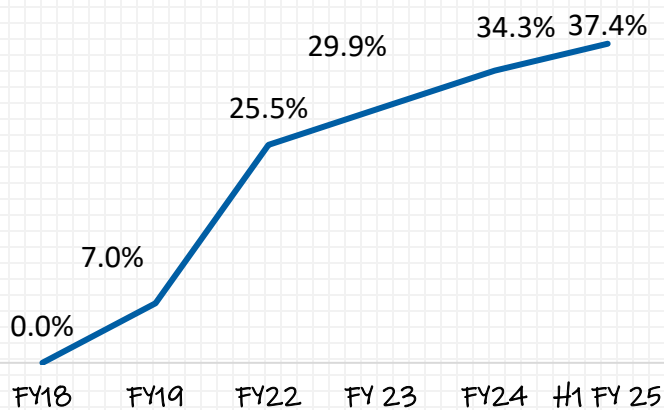
Growth in average realization of Pens (Rs)<sup>1</sup>



Evolving Company GP Margins



Focus on higher margin products



- Pentonic positioned at ₹ 10 + segment
- Pentonic GPM ~ 39%
- Significant increase in revenue share of 'Pentonic' over the last 5 years
- Consistent increase in average selling price
- Average realization increase possible due to focus on higher priced products

Note: 1. Does not include impact of subsidiary

Pentonic Share in Revenue

Volume of Pens Sold<sup>1</sup>

■ Linc ■ Uniball ■ Pentonic

# Quarterly Profit & Loss

₹ Lacs

Particulars	Q2 FY 25	Q2 FY 24	YoY Change	Q1 FY 25	QoQ Change	H1 FY25	H1 FY24	YoY Change	FY 24
Operating Income	<b>13,728</b>	<b>13,122</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>13,011</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>26,739</b>	<b>24,309</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>50,785</b>
Gross Profit	4,360	3,811	14.4%	4,065	7.3%	8,424	7,427	13.4%	15,909
Gross Profit (%)	<b>31.8%</b>	<b>29.0%</b>	<b>271 bps</b>	<b>31.2%</b>	<b>52 bps</b>	<b>31.5%</b>	<b>30.6%</b>	<b>95 bps</b>	<b>31.3%</b>
Operating EBITDA	1,629	1,259	29.5%	1,425	14.3%	3,054	2,574	18.7%	5,642
Operating EBITDA Margin (%)	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>228 bps</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>92 bps</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>84 bps</b>	<b>11.1%</b>
Other Income	0	193	(99.9%)	134	(99.8%)	134	328	(59.2%)	726
Finance Cost	72	46	56.6%	69	5.1%	141	118	19.4%	257
Depreciation	378	379	(0.4%)	377	0.2%	756	753	0.4%	1,498
PBT	1,180	1,026	14.9%	1,113	6.0%	2,292	2,031	12.9%	4,612
PAT <sup>1</sup>	<b>879</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>3,421</b>
PAT Margin <sup>1</sup> (%)	6.4%	5.8%	61 bps	6.4%	(1 bps)	6.4%	6.1%	28 bps	6.6%
EPS (₹)	<b>5.91</b>	<b>5.18</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>5.67</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>11.58</b>	<b>10.15</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>23.00</b>

Note: 1. PAT attributable to the owners of the parent

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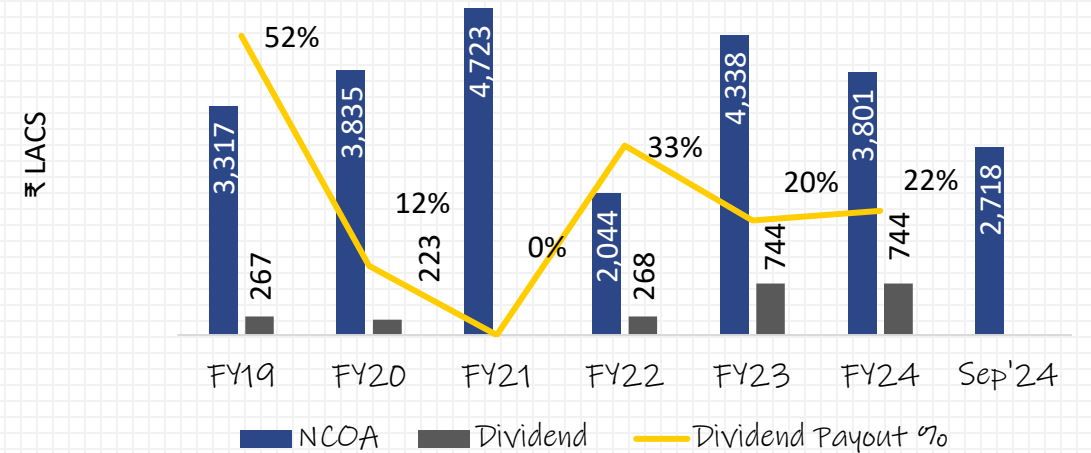
# Focus on Shareholder Value Creation

- Strong NCOA<sup>1</sup> at ₹ 2,718 lacs in H1 FY25
- Consistent Dividend Pay-out track record (Other than Covid years due to cash conservation)

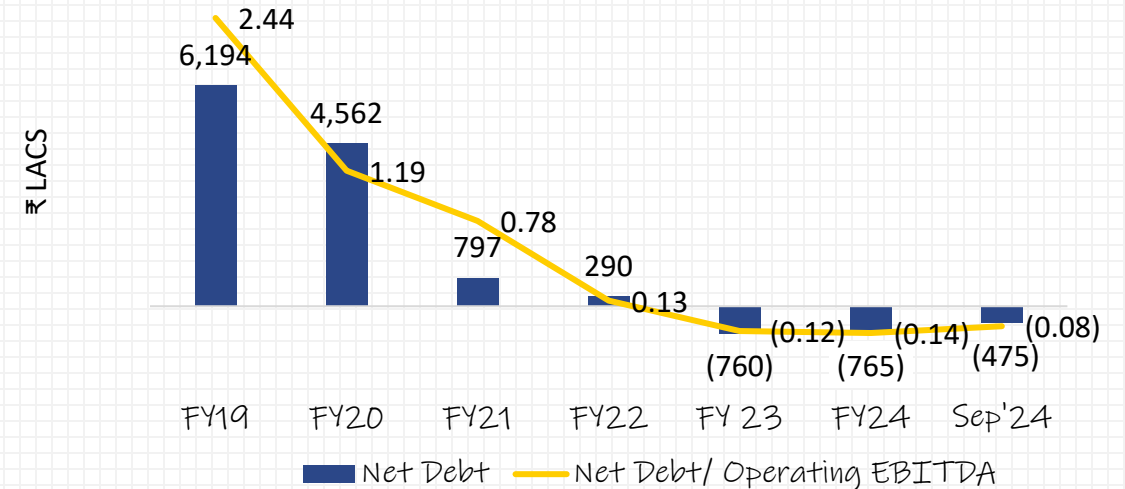
- Steady and significant decrease in Net Debt
- Capex commitment funded largely through internal cash generation
- Net Debt / Operating EBITDA reduced significantly from peak of 2.54 in FY 2018 to (0.08) in Sep'24

Note  
<sup>1</sup> NCOA is Net Cash generated from Operating Activities

Net Cash from Operating Activities Vs Dividend Payout

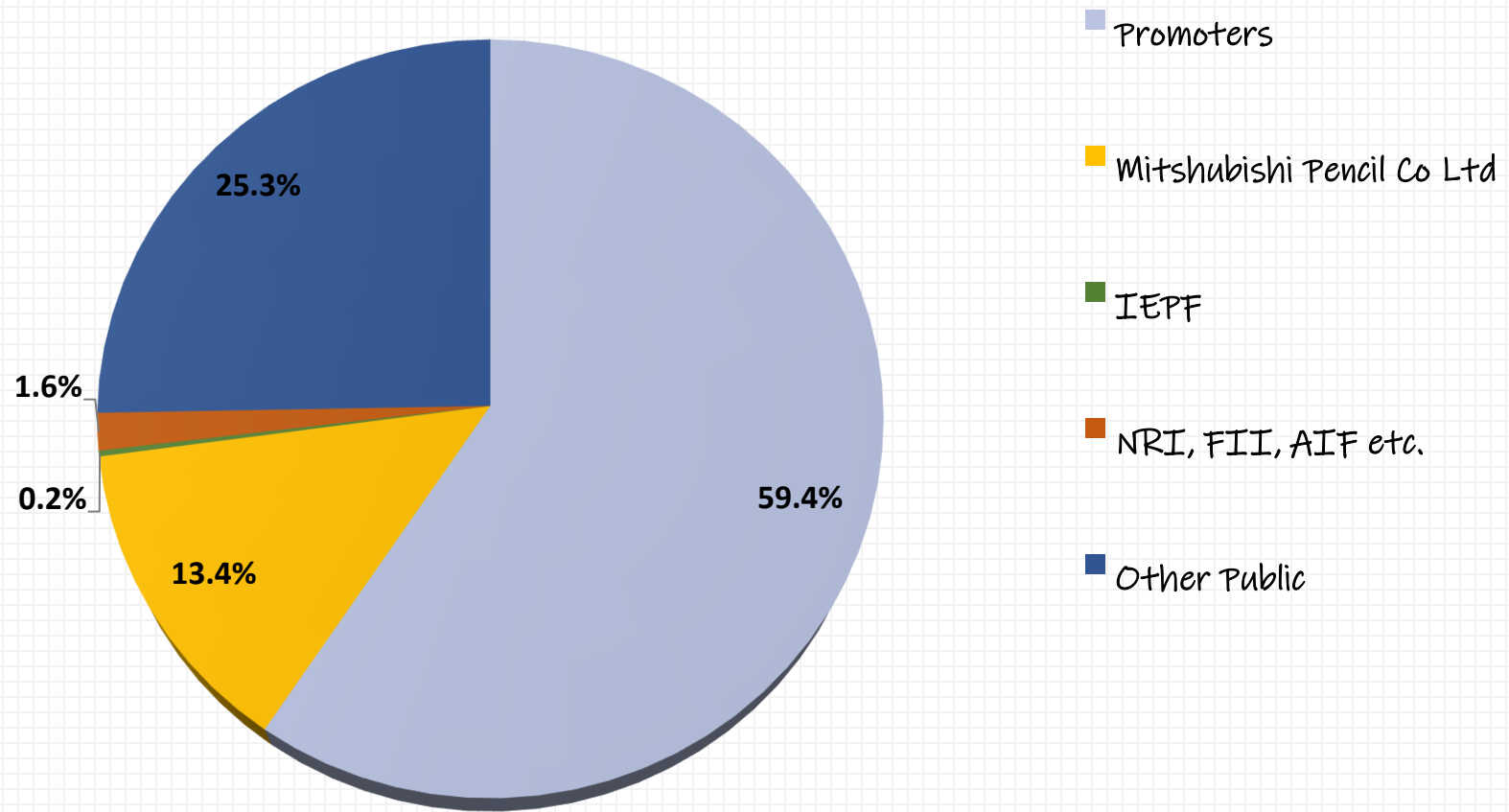


Net Debt and Net Debt/Operating EBITDA<sup>2</sup>

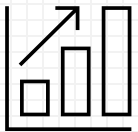


# Shareholding Pattern

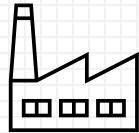
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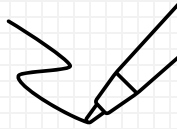
# Why Linc?



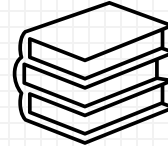
Focus on Premiumization, consistently augmenting the contribution of high-margin products to its overall revenue



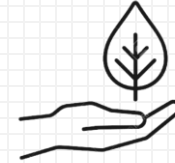
Geographic Expansion; Focusing on increasing its exports revenue and developing newer markets



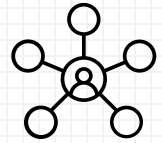
Inroads into Adjacent Categories; widening product portfolio by entering high-value & high-margin stationery segment



Strong Balance Sheet with negative net debt; strong top & bottom line growth



Consistently endeavors to practice good Corporate Governance founded on transparency, accountability, independent monitoring & environmental consciousness



Focus on making a more homogenous presence across India

# Thank You

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