

# TEEJAY LANKA PLC [TJL.N0000]

### DOWNGRADE TO SELL AND DISCONTINUE COVERAGE

### "ORDERS SHRINK, CAPACITY SINKS, SENTIMENT AT THE BRINK"

Fair Value: FY27E - LKR 42.0

### **Previous Report in Aug-25 - MAINTAIN HOLD**

In our previous earnings report, we maintained our earnings forecasts for TJL at LKR 2.9Bn for FY26E and LKR 3.4Bn for FY27E and our target prices at LKR 50.0 and LKR 55.0 per share for FY26E and FY27E, respectively.

### TJL's 2QFY26 quarterly results are well below FCR's expectations

TJL reported earnings of LKR 149.9Mn, marking an 80.2%YoY decline and underperforming our forecasts by 79.8%. The shortfall was mainly driven by a 10.4% drop in revenue, stemming from an approximate 6.0% decline in volumes and a c.5.0% reduction in pricing. The volume decline was largely attributable to the Indian plant, where a 50.0% tariff imposed in late August significantly affected output. The reduction of average selling price was largely due to easing raw material costs, leading customers to demand price cuts. Group-level capacity utilization fell to 69.0% (compared with around 77.0% in 2QFY25). Additionally, a 30.0%YoY increase in OPEX further pressured the bottom line.

### FCR downgrades the earnings to LKR 1.4Bn and LKR 2.1Bn for FY26E and FY27E

We have further revised TJL's earnings forecasts downward by 50.0% and 38.0% to LKR 1.4Bn and LKR 2.1Bn for FY26E and FY27E, respectively, following the earlier downgrade in 1QFY26 as the company underperformed our expectations in 2QFY26 amid persistent uncertainty surrounding U.S. tariff rates. Capacity utilization is now expected to remain between 65.0%-70.0% for FY26E and FY27E, compared with our earlier estimate of 80.0%, as pressures from the U.S. market continue to weigh on demand, further compounded by an already compressed order book for 3QFY26E. The newly imposed 50.0% tariff on exports to India is also likely to intensify these challenges. Average selling price is projected to decline by around 5.0% to 6.0% this year before gradually stabilizing, supported by a steady cotton and synthetic raw material outlook. Margins are expected to narrow further due to weaker operating leverage. As a result, investor sentiment toward TJL is likely to remain subdued. However, the expected LKR depreciation may support the topline growth. Accordingly, we downgrade our target price for TJL to LKR 42.0 for FY27E. Additionally, TJL's share price has underperformed the broader market over the past year, declining by 13.6%. Given the revised target price, the annualized return for FY27E stands at 10.0%, which falls well below our minimum required return of 17.0%. Thereby, we have revised our recommendation to DOWNGRADE TO SELL AND **DISCONTINUE COVERAGE**, from the previously maintained **HOLD**.

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Price Performance (%)	1 mth	3 mths	12 mths
TJL	-6.4%	-18.3%	-13.6%
ASPI	1.1.%	40.0%	75.6%

## Price movement of TJL vs ASPI (indexed and rebased to 100)



Source: CSE

### Minimum Return for BUY:

**Buy Below FY27E - [AER of 17% with DPS]: LKR 33.3**TJL categorized as 'Grade b' counter

### **Disclosure on Shareholding:**

First Capital Group or the covering analyst did not hold 1% or more of the total outstanding share capital of TJL during the five trading days prior to the issuance of this document.

# Sensitivity analysis of cotton price growth and capacity utilization level to TJL's revenue for FY27E

	Capacity utilization level					
		50.0%	60.0%	70.0%	80.0%	90.0%
Growth in	-2.5%	47,840.6	56,875.3	65,909.4	74,943.8	83,978.4
cotton fabric	-1.5%	48,187.1	57,290.8	66,394.4	75,498.1	84,601.8
	0.5%	48,879.9	58,122.2	67,364.5	76,606.7	85,849.1
average selling price	1.5%	49,226.4	58,537.9	67,849.5	77,161.0	86,472.6
seiling price	2.5%	49,572.8	58,953.7	68,334.5	77,715.3	87,096.2

<sup>\*\*</sup>Revenue figures are in LKR millions



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