Ashiana Housing Ltd — Aug 2025 Quarterly Analysis

1. VERDICT & BUSINESS QUALITY SNAPSHOT

Result: Operational Beat / Financial Inline **One-line:** The long-term thesis remains firmly intact as Ashiana scales its Senior Living platform and maintains pricing power, though the "P&L breakout" is deferred to FY27 as the company clears out its final low-margin legacy phases.

Dimension	This Quarter	Signal / Evidence	Sentiment
Beat/Miss vs Guidance / Prior Quarter	Operational Beat	Presales of □430.97 Cr (up 83% YoY); Realizations hit □7,245/ sq ft (up 36% YoY).	□
Earnings Quality	High (Core driven)	Pre-tax OCF of □108.10 Cr is 8.5x reported PAT, reflecting strong collection cycles.	□
Guidance Confidence	Strong	Reaffirmed FY26 presales target of □2,000 Cr and Senior Living target of □500 Cr.	□
Management Credibility	Strong	Transparent about Advik Phase 1 delay (pushed to Q3) and legacy margin drags.	□
Business Quality Signal	Improving	Pivot to higher-margin Senior Living/Kid-Centric niche is accelerating (Panvel/Bangalore).	□
Key Q&A Exchange	Q# 9 + Margins	Mgmt confirmed FY27 is the "true" breakout year for 15-20% PAT margins.	□
The Street's Primary Anxiety	Margin Timing	Frustration over low 7.2% EBITDA margins; Mgmt linked this to specific legacy project deliveries.	□
Capital Cycle Stage	Investment	Aggressive expansion in Panvel (Mumbai) and Bangalore via JDA/Outright purchase.	□
Margin / Return Ratio Trajectory	Deteriorating (Temp)	EBITDA margins fell to 7.2% (vs 12.8% in Q4) due to low-margin legacy project mix.	□
Pricing Power	Expanding	Realizations up 6.9% QoQ and 36% YoY; no signs of stagnation in micro-markets.	□
FCF Conversion & Quality	Strong	Record cumulative collections allow expansion without equity dilution.	□
Competitive Moat Signals	Widening	9th consecutive year as #1 Senior Living brand; entering high-barrier Mumbai/Bangalore markets.	□
Balance Sheet Strength	Adequate	D/E at 0.34; liquid enough to fund land without new capital raises.	□
Working Capital Efficiency	Improving	Equivalent Area Constructed (EAC) up 25% YoY to 6.15 Lakh sq ft.	□
Mgmt Guidance Track Record	Reliable	Consistent operational delivery; Advik delay is a minor regulatory slippage.	□
Key Vulnerability / Red Flag	Regulatory/ Timing	Advik Ph 1 handover slip and dependency on "touch and go" permissions.	□
Management Tone	Confident	Bullish on demand; focused on execution and land Refilling.	□

Key Takeaways (Positives & Negatives): * **Positives:** Presales momentum is robust, with the □430.97 Cr value being 83% higher YoY, driven by both volume and a 36% jump in realizations. The Senior Living pivot is gaining geographic depth with new agreements in Panvel (Mumbai) and Bangalore. Earnings quality is superb from a cash perspective; the company generated □108.10 Cr in pre-tax OCF, proving that the business is self-funding its growth. * **Negatives:** Reported profitability is currently "masked" by the delivery of older, low-margin inventory (Anmol Phase 2, Shubham Phase 4B), which dragged EBITDA margins down to 7.2%. Regulatory friction remains a bottleneck, as evidenced by Advik Phase 1 slipping from Q2 to Q3 due to pending permissions. * **Street Concern:** Analysts are hyper-focused on when the massive price hikes seen in Gurgaon and Senior Living will hit the P&L. Management explicitly identified FY27 as the year when the mix shifts entirely to high-margin phases. * **Forward Watchpoint:** Closure of the Bangalore JDA and Panvel land purchase are critical to meeting the medium-term □1,000 Cr Senior Living presales target.

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2. BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

2A. KEY METRICS

DATA SOURCE: PPT figures primary; Concall used for commentary.

Metric	Current Qtr	YoY Change	QoQ Change	Trend	Mgmt Commentary
Presales (□Cr)	430.97	↑ 83.1%	↓ 25.0%	↑	Growth driven by volume and product mix (Jaipur/Bhiwadi launches).
Equiv. Area Constructed (L-sqft)	6.15	↑ 25.3%	↑ 53.8%	↑	Significant ramp-up in execution after winter NCR construction bans.
Pre-tax Operating Cash Flow (□Cr)	108.10	↑ 29.9%	↓ 30.9%	↑	YoY growth remains strong; QoQ decline due to high Q4 collection base.
Realization/sqft (□)	7,245	↑ 36.4%	↑ 6.9%	↑	**Pricing Power:** Driven by price revisions and higher mix of premium units.
Revenue Potential Locked (□Cr)	4,682.43	N/A	↑ 7.3%	↑	Value of area booked to be recognized over next 3-4 years.
Revenue (□Cr)	302.72	↑ 135.6%	↑ 31.9%	↑	Higher revenue due to handovers in Gurugram and Chennai.
PAT (□Cr)	12.72	↑ 333%	↓ 37.5%	↑	YoY jump as Q1FY25 was a loss; QoQ drop due to legacy project mix.
Land Bank (Acres)	66.53	N/A	↓ 9.5%	↓	Current land available for future development (56.60 L-sqft).
D/E Ratio	0.34	↑ 100%	→	↓	Stable QoQ; YoY increase due to land acquisition funding.

2B. SEGMENT BREAKDOWN (Q1 FY26 Presales Mix)

Segment (Region)	Area Booked (L-sqft)	% of Mix	Margin (Qualitative)	Trend	vs Co. Avg	Key Development
Bhiwadi	2.26	38%	Moderate	↑	Inline	Strong contribution from Advik and Tarang Ph-6.
Jaipur	1.61	27%	Moderate	↓	Inline	Nitara and Ekansh driving volumes.
Gurugram	0.77	13%	High	→	Above Avg	Amarah demand remains high; inventory limited.
Chennai	0.59	10%	High	↑	Above Avg	Swarang and Vatsalya performing well.
Pune	0.54	9%	Moderate	→	Inline	Malhar and Amodh sustaining sales.
Jodhpur	0.18	3%	Moderate	→	Inline	Steady performance from Dwarka Phase 5.

3. MANAGEMENT OUTLOOK & EXECUTION TRACKER

Dimension	Category	Management Target / Claim	Required Run-Rate / Mathematical Feasibility	Historical Delivery	Risk Flag
Guidance	Presales	₹2,000 Cr for FY26.	₹523 Cr/qtr needed for remaining 3 qtrs. Highly feasible.	Met FY25 target.	Low
Guidance	Senior Living Sales	₹500 Cr for FY26.	₹1,000 Cr/yr target in medium term. On track.	Strong brand ranking (#1).	Low
Guidance	Revenue	₹10,000 - ₹12,000 Cr cumulative (FY26-30).	Needs ₹2,000 Cr+ avg annual revenue. Feasible as launches scale.	Missed FY25 due to timing.	Moderate
Guidance	Margins	15% - 20% PAT margin (FY27 onwards).	Requires delivery of high-realization Gurgaon/Pune phases.	Low current margins (4.2%).	Moderate
Guidance	Capex / Outlay	₹425 Cr outlay for FY26.	Includes construction and land partner payouts for ongoing projects.	Funded via OCF/ Debt.	Low
Strategy	Geography	NCR, Mumbai-Pune, Chennai, Bangalore.	Active projects in 3/4; Bangalore MOU signed.	Entering Panvel/ Bangalore.	Low
Macro	Regulatory	No major delays expected.	Advik Ph-1 is "touch and go" for Q2/Q3.	Advik Ph-1 slipped to Q3.	High
Balance	Liquidity	No capital raise planned.	₹125 Cr line from IFC still available.	Very liquid (OCF-rich).	Low

4. ANALYST Q&A

Q#	Relevance	Analyst / Firm	Theme Cluster	Category	Underlying Concern	Management Response & Investment Implication	Evaded / Not Addressed	Credibility	Verdict
1	3.0	Abhishek / S&S Capital	Brand Visibility	Business Overview	What are we doing to increase brand visibility on a global scale vs brands like Antara?	Management stated they participate in global forums like Ageing Asia and have been ranked India's #1 Senior Living brand for 9 years. High independent rankings validate the niche moat and pricing power in Senior Living.	None	4.0	Directional with evidence
2	4.5	Abhishek / S&S Capital	Expansion	Management Outlook	Which states/ markets are we scouting for opportunity beyond current focuses?	Management confirmed focused pursuit of Senior Living in NCR, Mumbai (Panvel), Pune, Chennai, and Bangalore, with Hyderabad in early exploration. Strategic focus on Tier-1 metros for Senior Living de-risks the sales velocity for premium units.	None	4.5	Specific timeline given
3	4.0	Viraj / SiMPL	Profitability	Financials	Are the low-margin projects now out of the system or still impacting results?	Management noted Phase 3 of Anmol and Malhar remain as legacy drags, with Malhar continuing into next year. Investors should expect	None	4.0	Clear and quantified

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						"muted" margins through FY26, with a sharp structural re-rating starting FY27.			
4	3.5	Viraj / SiMPL	Inventory	Financials	How should we view the ₹1,300 Cr of unsold inventory?	Management clarified this is mostly work-in-progress inventory for FY28/29 deliveries, with only ₹47 Cr of unsold stock due in FY26. This suggests no inventory overhang risk for projects nearing completion.	None	4.5	Specific timeline given
5	4.5	Viraj / SiMPL	Senior Living	Strategy	Is the ₹425 Cr outlay in line with the ₹1,000 Cr annual presales aspiration?	Management explained the ₹425 Cr is purely for ongoing project construction/ payouts and excludes new land acquisitions which will be much higher. The commitment to a ₹1,000 Cr annual Senior Living run-rate remains a core growth pillar.	Specific land outlay	3.5	Vague but consistent
6	4.0	Vaibhav Agarwal / Yes Bank	Capital Structure	Capex and Allocation	Are you focusing on internal accruals or looking for further debt increase?	Management stated they are very liquid, have an unused ₹125 Cr IFC line, and have no plans for	None	5.0	Specific and verifiable

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						equity capital raises. Zero dilution risk ensures all future ROE expansion accrues directly to existing shareholders.			
7	4.0	Ayush Shah / Individual	Execution	Management Outlook	Why was Advik Phase 1 handover delayed from Q2 to Q3 FY26?	Management cited a pending regulatory permission as the sole hurdle, noting the project is physically complete with an OC. Regulatory timing remains the only non-market risk to the FY26 revenue guidance of ₹1,200 Cr.	None	4.0	Directional with evidence
8	3.5	Shubham Sehgal / SiMPL	Pricing	Business Overview	Are there micro-markets where realizations are stagnant or dipping?	Management indicated secular price increases across all markets with no signs of stagnation anywhere. Confirms a "sellers' market" environment that supports the company's aggressive realization targets.	None	4.0	Directional with evidence
9	5.0	Shubham Sehgal / SiMPL	Margins	Financials	What kind of margin profile can we expect	Management guided for a cumulative PAT margin of	None	4.5	Quantified and verified

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					for the next 2-3 years?	~18% for FY26-30, acknowledging FY26 will be lower before FY27-30 hits the 15-20% range. This sets a clear floor for valuation models once legacy projects are flushed.			

PATTERN FLAGS & SENTIMENT * **The "FY27 Breakout" Narrative:** A recurring theme was the disconnect between high sales prices (₹7k+/sqft) and low current margins. Management's posture was transparent but firm—they will not "smooth" earnings and are resigned to showing lower margins until the specific legacy project phases (Anmol Ph-3, Malhar) are completed. This resolve suggests a management team that prioritizes long-term cash flow over quarterly P&L aesthetics. * **Senior Living Scale-up:** Analysts are testing the depth of the Senior Living moat. Management responded by highlighting their #1 ranking and geographic spread (Panvel/Bangalore). The move into Mumbai/Bangalore signals a shift from a "North-centric" developer to a national Senior Living platform.

Analyst Sentiment Verdict: □Positive. Analysts remained constructive despite the PAT miss QoQ, as the operational numbers (presales and realizations) were undeniably strong. The management's clarity on the "legacy drag" timing successfully shifted the focus toward a massive FY27/28 earnings catch-up.

GUIDANCE GAPS REVEALED IN Q&A | Topic | What Mgmt Claimed (Opening/PPT) | What Q&A Revealed | Gap / Walk-back | Risk to Thesis | | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | | Advik Ph 1 Handover | Q2 FY26 (Prior guidance) | Pushed to Q3 FY26 | Regulatory permission slippage. | Low; project is physically complete. | | FY26 Margins | Cumulative targets | Lower than 18% in FY26 | FY26 margins will be "muted" compared to the 18% long-term avg. | Moderate; P&L will look weak for 3 more quarters. |

5. WHAT CHANGED vs PRIOR QUARTER

What Changed	Prior Quarter (Q4FY25)	This Quarter (Q1FY26)	Direction
Realization/sqft	₹6,774	₹7,245	↑
PAT Margin	8.86%	4.20%	↓
EBITDA Margin	12.82%	7.20%	↓
Revenue Locked	₹4,364.29 Cr	₹4,682.43 Cr	↑
Advik Ph 1 Timeline	Expected Q2FY26	Expected Q3FY26	↓
Senior Living Strategy	NCR/Chennai Focus	Panvel/Bangalore active pursuit	↑
EAC (Execution)	4.00 Lakh sq ft	6.15 Lakh sq ft	↑

Investor Notes: * **CFO/PAT Divergence:** The 8.5x CFO/PAT ratio (₹108 Cr OCF vs ₹12.7 Cr PAT) is the "tell" for this quarter. Cash is being collected from high-margin Gurgaon/Jaipur sales, but the P&L is recognizing low-margin legacy deliveries. * **The "Margin J-Curve":** Management has essentially called a bottom on margins for FY26. The 7.2% EBITDA margin is likely the trough as higher-realization phases begin delivery in late FY26. * **Self-Funding Growth:** With ₹108 Cr OCF in a "muted" quarter, Ashiana is proving it can fund its ₹425 Cr annual outlay and land acquisitions without dilution. * **Regulatory Sensitivity:** The Advik delay highlights that the biggest risk to the thesis is not demand, but the speed of Indian bureaucracy in granting Occupancy Certificates.