

Hero MotoCorp (HMCL IN)

Q1FY27 Result Update

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☒ Estimate Change | ☒ Target | ☐ Reco.

Change in Estimates

	Current		Previous	
	FY27E	FY28E	FY27E	FY28E
Rating	Accumulate		Accumulate	
Target Price	6,000		5,600	
Sales (INR mn)	536,943	589,491	527,300	575,191
% Chng.	1.8	2.5		
EBITDA (INR mn)	75,172	87,539	73,822	83,978
% Chng.	1.8	4.2		
EPS (INR)	296.4	344.7	286.7	324.5
% Chng.	3.4	6.2		

Key Data

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BSE Code	500182
NSE Code	HEROMOTOCO
52-W High / Low	INR 6,390 / INR 4,422
Face Value	2
Sensex / Nifty	78,955 / 24,636
Market Cap	INR 1,125 bn / \$ 11,814 mn
Shares Outstanding	200.14 mn
3M Avg. Daily Value	INR 3,821.13 mn

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoters	34.73
FIs	31.09
Mutual Funds	13.63
Domestic Institutions	10.73
Public & Others	9.83
Promoter's Pledge (INR bn)	-

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	3M	6M	12M
Absolute	13.7	8.7	(2.3)	25.6
Relative	12.7	7.4	3.4	28.1

Key Financials - Standalone

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
Sales (INR mn)	407,564	468,301	536,943	589,491
EBITDA (INR mn)	58,677	68,708	75,172	87,539
Margin (%)	14.4	14.7	14.0	14.9
PAT (INR mn)	46,100	53,581	59,322	68,986
EV (INR mn)	1,006,487	966,848	963,476	953,487
Total Debt (INR mn)	-	-	-	-
C&C Eq. (INR mn)	3,532	6,037	5,028	11,200
EPS (INR)	230.5	267.8	296.5	344.8
Gr. (%)	12.7	16.2	10.7	16.3
DPS (INR)	165.0	185.0	200.0	230.0
Yield (%)	3.0	3.3	3.6	4.1
RoE (%)	24.4	25.9	26.3	28.0
RoCE (%)	26.9	29.3	29.6	31.6
EV/Sales (x)	2.5	2.1	1.8	1.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.2	14.1	12.8	10.9
PE (x)	24.1	20.7	18.7	16.1
P/BV (x)	5.6	5.1	4.7	4.3

Strong Quarter with Focus Cost Savings

Quick Pointers

- HMCL expects the 2W industry to grow in double-digits in FY27 (up from high-single digits estimated previously)
- Low scooter inventory (especially EVs) to be addressed via ongoing capacity expansion

HMCL reported strong Q1FY27 standalone numbers, beating estimates on all fronts. Revenue was driven by better mix (+8%) and pricing, while cost savings and operating leverage helped partially mitigate some of the commodity headwinds. Its near-term focus shifts to volume and absolute EBITDA growth while retaining mid-term margin guidance of 14-16%. It continues to grow market share in scooters (both ICE & EVs), premium range, global markets, and allied business with focus on cost savings. We estimate volume/realization CAGR of 6.6%/5.2% over FY26-28E translating to revenue/EBITDA/APAT CAGR of 12.2%/12.9%/13.5%. Retain 'Accumulate' rating with TP of INR6,000 (previous INR5,600). We value the core business at 16x P/E FY28E and its stake in Hero Fincorp at INR55 and Ather Energy at INR429.

Standalone revenue grows 35.7% YoY to INR130.0bn: It beat BBGe/PLe by +4.6%/+4.3% as realization was INR77.5k (+10.6% YoY, +3.8% QoQ). Gross margin stood at 28.5% (-475bps YoY, -300bps QoQ), while EBITDA margin was 13.3% (-115bps YoY, -120bps QoQ) +20bps above BBGe and PLe. EBITDA stood at INR17.3bn (+25.0% YoY, -7.0% QoQ), while APAT stood at INR14.5bn (+29.2% YoY, +3.8% QoQ) beat BBGe/PLe by +15.4%/+15.9% driven by better-than-expected other income.

Stable EV market share at 10.9% (+400bps YoY): VIDA, HMCL's e2W, is seeing unit economics improving, with Q1 investment of INR2.3bn (flat QoQ). It had market share of 20%+ in 53 towns and was amongst top 2 in 62 towns. PLI of INR0.48bn was accrued in Q1, covering 60% of its portfolio, which it expects to go to 100% by Dec'26. This along with improving scale, BOM cost reduction, LEAP savings, unique value proposition and calibrated price increases should improve margin trajectory for FY27 as some EV models now recorded positive gross margin. EV revenue stood at INR6.6bn, (~5% of revenue). ICE EBITDA margin was 15.9% (-90bps QoQ) cushioned by strong operating leverage, cost savings, and higher profitability in parts business.

Quarter Summary

Y/e Mar	Q1'27E	Q1'27A	% Var.	Q1'26A	YoY gr. (%)
Net Sales (INR mn)	1,24,579	1,29,988	4.0	95,789	36.0
EBITDA (INR mn)	16,320	17,266	6.0	13,817	25.0
Margin (%)	13.1	13.3	20 bps	14.4	-110 bps
PAT (INR mn)	12,545	14,545	16.0	11,257	29.0

Source: Company, PL

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Strong demand led capacity expansion undertaken for motorcycles and scooters: The company has added ~2k units/day for Splendor and ~2.5k units/day in scooters, including a doubling of Destini capacity, while Xoom capacity expansion is underway. EV capacity is being scaled up by 3x over FY26 to ~45k units/month by FY27-end (as of Aug'26 it stands at ~30k units/month and 2nd expansion phase will be in Q4FY27), and ICE scooter capacity has already been increased by ~1.5k units/day. Scooter production is currently running at ~65k units/month, with further additions expected to more than double output over time. To support global demand, HMCL has invested INR7.5bn in a second global parts center at Tirupati, which will more than double parts-handling capacity by end of 2027. The company will also leverage its Neemrana plant to accelerate growth in the premium segment.

Exhibit 1: Quarterly Estimates

(INR mn)	Q1FY27	YoY gr. (%)	Q2FY27E	YoY gr. (%)	Q3FY27E	YoY gr. (%)	Q4FY27E	YoY gr. (%)
Sales	1,29,988	35.7	1,31,538	8.5	1,33,877	8.6	1,37,306	7.3
EBITDA	17,266	25.0	18,284	0.3	19,144	5.8	20,074	8.2
Margin (%)	13.3	-114 bps	13.9	-114 bps	14.3	-38 bps	14.6	12 bps
Adj. PAT	14,545	29.2	14,280	-0.8	14,869	6.1	15,678	11.9

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 2: Q1FY27 Result Overview

Y/e Mar (INR mn)	Q1FY27	Q1FY26	YoY gr. (%)	Q1FY27E	% Var.	Q4FY26	QoQ gr. (%)	FY27E	FY26	YoY gr. (%)
Net Revenues	1,29,988	95,789	35.7	1,24,579	4.3	1,27,965	1.6	5,36,943	4,68,301	13.4
Raw Materials	92,897	63,904	45.4	86,084	7.9	87,656	6.0	3,73,712	3,15,629	15.1
% of Net Sales	71.5	66.7	475 bps	69.1	237 bps	68.5	297 bps	69.6	67.4	100 bps
Gross Margin (%)	28.5	33.3	-475 bps	30.9	-237 bps	31.5	-297 bps	30.4	32.6	-100 bps
Personnel	6,991	6,260	11.7	7,101	(1.5)	6,814	2.6	29,532	27,105	11.7
% of Net Sales	5.4	6.5	-116 bps	5.7	-32 bps	5.3	5 bps	5.5	5.8	-9 bps
Manufacturing & Other Exp	12,834	11,808	8.7	15,074	(14.9)	14,940	(14.1)	58,527	56,860	13.1
% of Net Sales	9.9	12.3	-245 bps	12.1	-223 bps	11.7	-180 bps	10.9	12.1	-4 bps
Total Expenditure	1,12,723	81,972	37.5	1,08,260	4.1	1,09,410	3.0	4,61,771	3,99,594	14.6
EBITDA	17,266	13,817	25.0	16,320	5.8	18,556	(7.0)	75,172	68,708	6.7
EBITDA Margin (%)	13.3	14.4	-114 bps	13.1	18 bps	14.5	-122 bps	14.0	14.7	-87 bps
Depreciation	2,053	1,928	6.5	2,100	(2.2)	2,039	0.7	8,482	7,980	5.9
EBIT	15,213	11,889	28.0	14,220	7.0	16,517	(7.9)	66,690	60,728	6.8
Interest Expenses	63	56	11.9	59	6.4	55	13.4	241	228	4.0
Non-operating income	4,409	3,037	45.2	2,455	79.6	2,086	111.3	12,647	10,410	8.8
Extraordinary Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,190	(100.0)
PBT	19,559	14,870	31.5	16,616	17.7	18,548	5.4	79,096	69,720	8.9
Tax-Total	5,014	3,613	38.8	4,071	23.2	4,537	10.5	19,774	17,038	9.7
Tax Rate (%) - Total	25.6	24.3	134 bps	24.5	113 bps	24.5	118 bps	25.0	24.4	16 bps
Reported PAT	14,545	11,257	29.2	12,545	15.9	14,011	3.8	59,322	52,682	8.7
PAT Margin	11.2	11.8	-56 bps	10.1	112 bps	10.9	24 bps	11.0	11.2	-47 bps

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 3: Operating Metrics

Y/e Mar (INR)	Q1FY27	Q1FY26	YoY gr. (%)	Q1FY27E	% Var.	Q4FY26	QoQ gr. (%)	FY27E	FY26	YoY gr. (%)
Sales Volume (nos)	16,77,313	13,67,070	22.7	16,77,313	-	17,14,285	(2.2)	70,12,103	64,68,834	8.2
Net Realisation/Vehicle	77,498	70,069	10.6	74,273	4.3	74,646	3.8	76,574	72,393	4.9
Material cost / vehicle	55,385	46,745	18.5	51,323	7.9	51,132	8.3	53,295	48,792	6.4
Gross Profit / vehicle	22,113	23,323	(5.2)	22,950	(3.6)	23,514	(6.0)	23,278	23,601	1.6
Employee cost /vehicle	4,168	4,579	(9.0)	4,234	(1.5)	3,975	4.9	4,212	4,190	3.3
Other expenses / vehicle	7,652	8,637	(11.4)	8,987	(14.9)	8,715	(12.2)	8,347	8,790	4.5
EBITDA/vehicle	10,294	10,107	1.8	9,730	5.8	10,824	(4.9)	10,720	10,621	(1.4)
Net Profit/vehicle	8,671	8,234	5.3	7,479	15.9	8,173	6.1	8,460	8,144	0.5

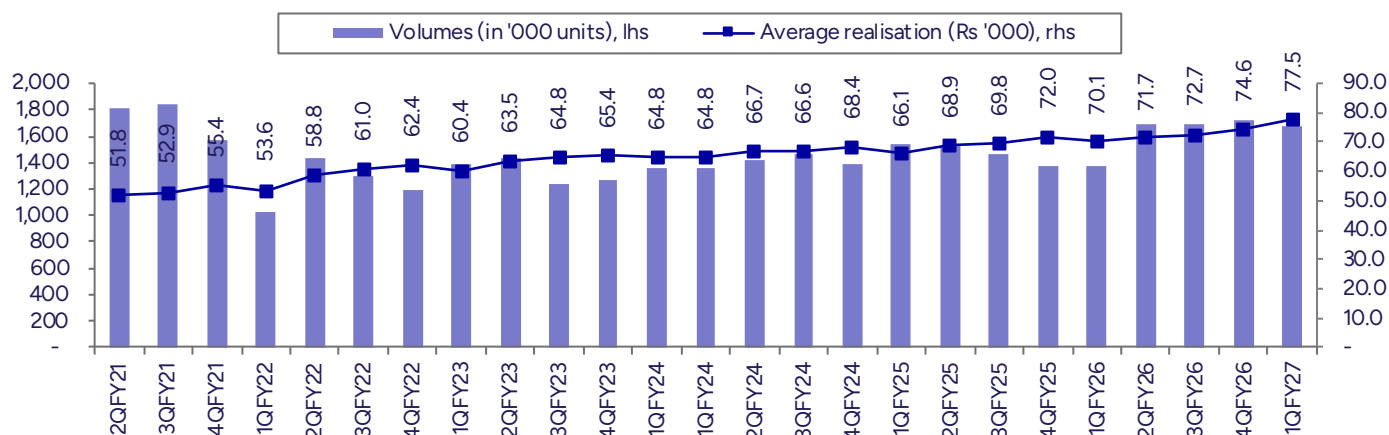
Source: Company, PL

Conference Call Highlights

- HMCL expects Q2 growth momentum similar to that of Q1 and expects positive growth in H2FY27.
- PAM revenue in Q1FY27 was INR16.89bn (+30% YoY). PAM growth trends remain strong driven by wider reach, deeper penetration, operational efficiency initiatives, and market share gains from the grey market and growing into accessories (via VIDA, premium and IB). GPC 2.0 is further helping it.
- Gross margin declined by 300bps QoQ due to a ~4.5% net raw material inflation impact. A marginal uptick in commodity costs is expected in Q2 but management plans to offset this through product mix improvement, cost savings and deferring non-essential costs.
- Selective price increases across models and geographies and cost optimization were taken. Since Feb'26-end cumulative blended price hikes of ~4.5% for ICE portfolio has been taken across models and a marginal hike was done in July'26. Low double-digit price increase for EVs have been implemented with enhanced functionality and product features. It also took selective price cuts for some variants in some regions which helped boost demand especially in entry-level models.
- Premia network stands at 132 stores, covering 55% of premium industry footprint. Harley-Davidson network expanded to 21 full-line dealerships.
- Capex of INR15bn is expected for FY27 (FY26a: INR9bn vs. guidance of INR10-11bn, FY25a/24a: INR9bn/INR8bn).
- VIDA possesses 2-3 days channel inventory while for Xoom and some Destini variants' channel stock only half of the average channel inventory was observed. On the other hand, motorcycles inventory stood at 6 weeks, with an expected increase in levels to prepare for the festive season.
- Global business dispatches grew 63% YoY in Q1FY27 with market share improving to 6.8% (+110bps YoY) as it strengthened its presence in South America with a strategic re-entry into Ecuador. Management plans to expand into more geographies (currently 53 countries) and add new products.
- Export volumes have grown by ~40% in last 2 years and the management aims to maintain similar growth momentum going forward.
- Management outlined an active product pipeline, with multiple premium motorcycle launches planned over the next 12 months, alongside festive-season product refreshes and broader facelifts at a later stage. In the EV segment, key launches slated for next year include the electric motorcycles from the 2 new platforms revealed in EICMA last year.

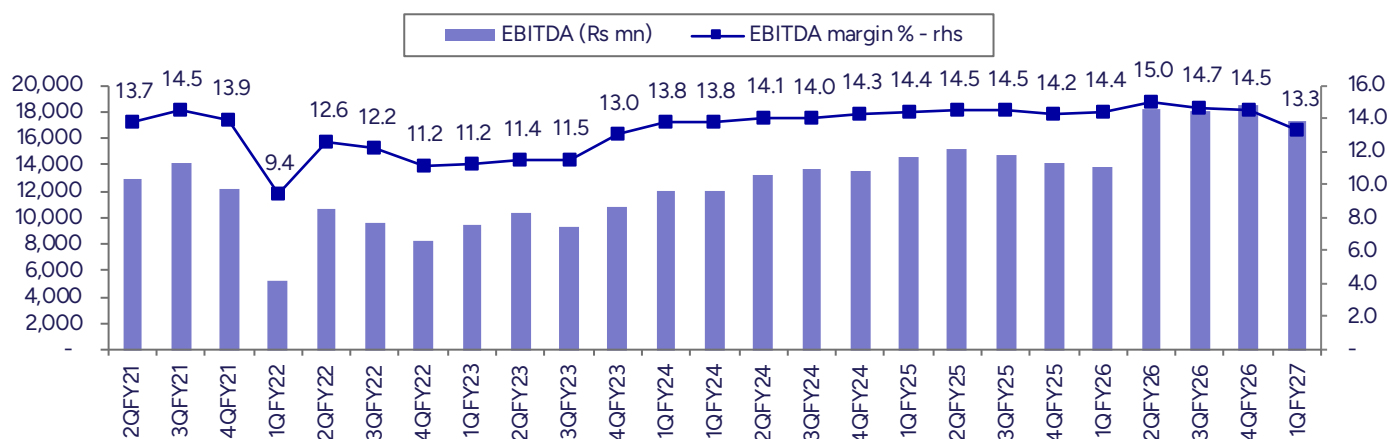
- Delhi remains a key EV market especially after the Delhi EV policy announcement, with EV enquiries doubling recently. HMCL ranks second in the Delhi EV market with a 16.7% share.

Exhibit 4: Volumes improving YoY since last 4 quarters



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 5: Q1FY27 EBITDA margin below the guided range of 14-16% due to RM inflation



Source: Company, PL

Financials

Income Statement (INR mn)

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
Net Revenues	407,564	468,301	536,943	589,491
YoY gr. (%)	8.8	14.9	14.7	9.8
Cost of Goods Sold	270,687	315,629	373,712	403,802
Gross Profit	136,877	152,672	163,231	185,690
Margin (%)	33.6	32.6	31.0	32.0
Employee Cost	25,952	27,105	29,532	32,422
Other Expenses	52,248	56,860	58,527	65,728
EBITDA	58,677	68,708	75,172	87,539
YoY gr. (%)	11.6	17.1	9.4	16.5
Margin (%)	14.4	14.7	14.0	14.9
Depreciation and Amortization	7,759	7,980	8,482	9,563
EBIT	50,918	60,728	66,690	77,976
Margin (%)	12.5	13.0	12.4	13.2
Net Interest	199	228	241	253
Other Income	10,559	10,410	12,647	14,258
Profit Before Tax	61,278	69,720	79,096	91,981
Margin (%)	15.0	14.9	14.7	15.6
Total Tax	15,179	17,038	19,774	22,995
Effective Tax Rate (%)	24.8	24.4	25.0	25.0
Profit After Tax	46,100	52,682	59,322	68,986
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associate	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	46,100	53,581	59,322	68,986
YoY gr. (%)	-	-	-	-
Margin (%)	11.3	11.4	11.0	11.7
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	(899)	-	-
Reported PAT	46,100	52,682	59,322	68,986
YoY gr. (%)	16.2	14.3	12.6	16.3
Margin (%)	11.3	11.2	11.0	11.7
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Equity Shares O/s (mn)	200	200	200	200
EPS (INR)	230.5	267.8	296.5	344.8

Source: Company, PL

Balance Sheet (INR mn)

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	116,492	121,432	136,540	153,701
Tangibles	116,492	121,432	136,540	153,701
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Acc: Dep / Amortization	63,070	67,064	75,546	85,109
Tangibles	63,070	67,064	75,546	85,109
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Net Fixed Assets	53,421	54,368	60,994	68,592
Tangibles	53,421	54,368	60,994	68,592
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Capital Work In Progress	10,517	12,729	12,829	12,929
Goodwill	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Investments	49,014	56,199	61,819	68,001
Net Deferred Tax Assets	(6,726)	(7,727)	(7,881)	(8,039)
Other Non-Current Assets	-	-	-	-
Current Assets				
Investments	100,082	137,770	142,150	145,968
Inventories	14,576	18,582	20,595	24,226
Trade Receivables	36,744	25,932	33,835	38,761
Cash & Bank Balance	3,532	6,037	5,028	11,200
Other Current Assets	10,335	9,734	10,707	11,778
Total Assets	279,201	322,445	349,212	382,832
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	400	400	400	400
Other Equity	197,669	215,381	234,682	257,645
Total Network	198,069	215,781	235,083	258,046
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term Borrowings	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Other Non Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	-	-	-	-
Trade Payables	55,661	75,188	80,909	90,443
Other Current Liabilities	18,745	23,749	25,338	26,305
Total Equity & Liabilities	279,201	322,445	349,212	382,832

Source: Company, PL

Cash Flow (INR mn)

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
PBT	61,278	69,720	79,096	91,981
Add. Depreciation	7,759	7,980	8,482	9,563
Add. Interest	199	228	241	253
Less Financial Other Income	10,559	10,410	12,647	14,258
Add. Other	(10,559)	(10,410)	(12,647)	(14,258)
Op. Profit before WC Changes	58,677	67,518	75,172	87,539
Net Changes-WC	(2,739)	31,824	(3,739)	749
Direct Tax	(14,176)	(16,038)	(19,619)	(22,838)
Net Cash from Op. Activities	41,762	83,305	51,814	65,451
Capital Expenditures	(8,552)	(11,139)	(15,207)	(17,261)
Interest / Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
Others	10,310	3,225	7,027	8,076
Net Cash from Inv. Activities	1,758	(7,914)	(8,181)	(9,185)
Issue of Share Cap. / Premium	5,107	2,049	-	-
Debt Changes	-	-	-	-
Dividend Paid	(33,000)	(37,019)	(40,020)	(46,023)
Interest Paid	(199)	(228)	(241)	(253)
Others	-	-	-	-
Net Cash from Fin. Activities	(28,092)	(35,197)	(40,261)	(46,276)
Net Change in Cash	15,427	40,194	3,372	9,990
Free Cash Flow	33,210	72,166	36,607	48,190

Source: Company, PL

Quarterly Financials (INR mn)

Y/e Mar	Q2FY26	Q3FY26	Q4FY26	Q1FY27
Net Revenues	121,264	123,284	127,965	129,988
YoY gr. (%)	15.9	20.7	28.8	35.7
Raw Material Expenses	80,939	83,131	87,656	92,897
Gross Profit	40,324	40,153	40,310	37,091
Margin (%)	33.3	32.6	31.5	28.5
EBITDA	18,234	18,101	18,556	17,266
YoY gr. (%)	20.3	22.6	31.1	25.0
Margin (%)	15.0	14.7	14.5	13.3
Depreciation / Depletion	1,970	2,044	2,039	2,053
EBIT	16,265	16,056	16,517	15,213
Margin (%)	13.4	13.0	12.9	11.7
Net Interest	57	60	55	63
Other Income	2,328	2,959	2,086	4,409
Profit before Tax	18,537	17,765	18,548	19,559
Margin (%)	15.3	14.4	14.5	15.0
Total Tax	4,609	4,280	4,537	5,014
Effective Tax Rate (%)	24.9	24.1	24.5	25.6
Profit After Tax	13,928	13,486	14,011	14,545
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associate	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	13,928	14,389	14,011	14,545
YoY gr. (%)	15.7	19.6	29.6	29.2
Margin (%)	11.5	11.7	10.9	11.2
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	(903)	-	-
Reported PAT	13,928	13,486	14,011	14,545
YoY gr. (%)	15.7	12.1	29.6	29.2
Margin (%)	11.5	10.9	10.9	11.2
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Avg. Shares O/s (mn)	200	200	200	200
EPS (INR)	69.6	71.9	70.0	72.7

Source: Company, PL

Key Financial Metrics

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
Per Share (INR)				
EPS	230.5	267.8	296.5	344.8
CEPS	269.3	307.7	338.8	392.5
BVPS	990.3	1,078.4	1,174.8	1,289.6
FCF	166.0	360.6	182.9	240.8
DPS	165.0	185.0	200.0	230.0
Return Ratio (%)				
RoCE	26.9	29.3	29.6	31.6
ROIC	44.9	72.7	63.9	65.4
RoE	24.4	25.9	26.3	28.0
Balance Sheet				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	-	-	-	-
Net Working Capital (Days)	(14)	(35)	(28)	(27)
Valuation (x)				
PER	24.0	20.7	18.7	16.0
P/B	5.6	5.1	4.7	4.3
P/CEPS	20.6	18.0	16.3	14.1
EV/EBITDA	17.1	14.0	12.8	10.8
EV/Sales	2.4	2.0	1.7	1.6
Dividend Yield (%)	2.9	3.3	3.6	4.1
FCFF Yield (%)	2.9	6.4	3.2	4.3
PEG Ratio	1.8	1.2	1.7	0.9

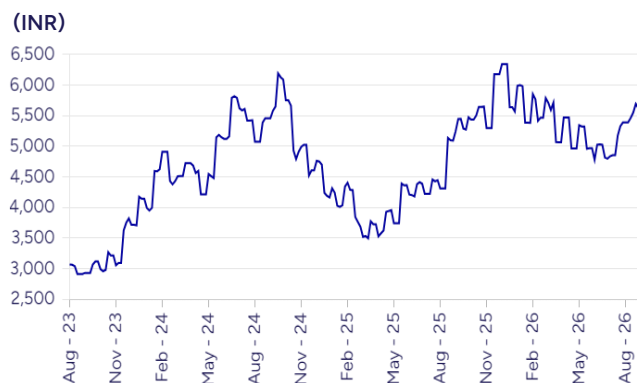
Source: Company, PL

Key Operating Metrics

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E
Volume (units)	5,899,488	6,468,792	7,012,103	7,353,784
Net realisation (Rs/unit)	69,085	72,394	76,574	80,162

Source: Company, PL

Price Chart



Recommendation History

No.	Date	Rating	TP (INR)	Share Price (INR)
1	08-Jul-26	Accumulate	5600	4995
2	08-May-26	Accumulate	6066	5322
3	09-Apr-26	Accumulate	6000	5288
4	20-Feb-26	Accumulate	6300	5465
5	06-Feb-26	Accumulate	6575	5754
6	08-Jan-26	Accumulate	6620	5981
7	28-Nov-25	Accumulate	6555	6175
8	18-Nov-25	Accumulate	6190	5799
9	08-Oct-25	Accumulate	6049	5513
10	08-Apr-25	Accumulate	4036	3574

Analyst Coverage Universe

Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (INR)	Share Price (INR)
1	Bajaj Auto	HOLD	10850	10404
2	Eicher Motors	Accumulate	8300	7779
3	Hero MotoCorp	Accumulate	5600	4995
4	Mahindra & Mahindra	BUY	3950	3284
5	Maruti Suzuki	Accumulate	15000	14234
6	TVS Motor Company	Accumulate	4200	3792

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