

Ashok Leyland: Robust Exports, New Launches Propel Growth

November 13, 2025 | CMP: INR 142 | Target Price: INR 161

BUY

Expected Share Price Return: 13.4% | Dividend Yield: 2.2% | Potential Upside: 15.6%

Sector View: Positive

Change in Estimates	✓
Change in Target Price	✓
Change in Recommendation	✗

Company Info	
BB Code	AL IN EQUITY
Face Value (INR)	1.0
52 W High/Low (INR)	148/95
Mkt Cap (Bn)	INR 836/ \$ 9.4
Shares o/s (Mn)	5,873
3M Avg. Daily Volume	1,48,66,244

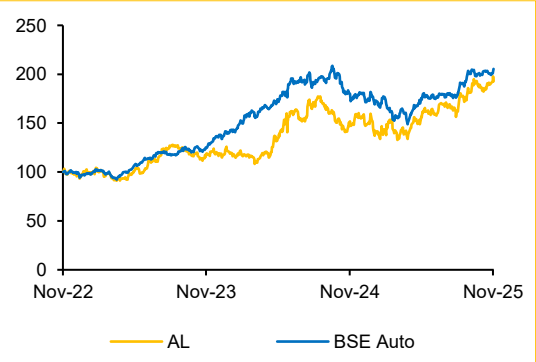
Change in CIE Estimates						
INR Bn	FY26E			FY27E		
	New	Old	Dev. (%)	New	Old	Dev. (%)
Revenue	414.4	418.1	(0.9)	444.1	453.3	(2.0)
EBITDA	53.1	53.1	(0.1)	58.6	58.0	1.0
EBITDAM%	12.8	12.7	10 bps	13.2	12.8	40 bps
PAT	35.6	34.9	2.1	39.5	38.4	2.9
EPS (INR)	6.1	5.9	2.1	6.7	6.5	2.9

Actual vs CIE Estimates			
INR Mn	Q2FY26A	CIE Est.	Dev. %
Revenue	95,881.8	97,834.0	(2.0)
EBITDA	11,621.6	11,642.2	(0.2)
EBITDAM %	12.1	11.9	22 bps
PAT	8,110.6	7,400.4	9.6

Key Financials					
INR Bn	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	383.7	387.5	414.4	444.1	475.8
YoY (%)	6.2	1.0	6.9	7.2	7.1
EBITDA	46.1	49.3	53.1	58.6	63.8
EBITDAM %	12.0	12.7	12.8	13.2	13.4
Adj PAT	26.2	33.0	35.6	39.5	43.3
EPS (INR)	4.6	5.4	6.1	6.7	7.4
ROE %	30.8	27.8	27.1	26.5	25.7
ROCE %	35.1	32.5	31.6	31.2	30.6
PE(x)	30.8	26.1	23.4	21.1	19.3
EV/EBITDA	17.8	16.7	15.7	14.0	12.9

Shareholding Pattern (%)			
	Sep-25	Jun-25	Mar-25
Promoters	51.51	51.52	51.52
FIIs	24.32	23.85	23.50
DIIIs	13.59	13.88	14.06
Public	10.58	10.75	10.92

Relative Performance (%)			
YTD	3Y	2Y	1Y
BSE Auto	105.3	65.0	14.1
AL	92.8	63.9	27.0



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Expanding Market Presence with Strong Product Momentum: AL delivered another quarter of resilient performance, consolidating its leadership in the domestic MHCV and bus segments while strengthening its foothold in LCVs and exports. MHCV market share stood firm at 31% in H1FY26 (up 50 bps YoY), while LCV share improved to 13.2%, outpacing industry growth. Export volumes surged 45% YoY in Q2FY26, supported by strong traction across GCC, Africa and SAARC markets.

The company's focus on premium product launches continues to enhance its competitive positioning. Upcoming 320HP and 360HP heavy-duty trucks, featuring advanced six-cylinder engines with 20–30% higher torque, are expected to drive margin-accretive growth in mining and construction segments.

In the LCV portfolio, the success of the 'Saathi' model and the planned launch of a bi-fuel (CNG/petrol or CNG/diesel) variant in the next two quarters would strengthen AL's addressable market in urban logistics. Additionally, its bus capacity expansion, from 12,000 to over 20,000 units after ramp-up at its AP and Lucknow plants, will support rising domestic and export demand.

We expect AL's diversified portfolio, focus on premiumisation and improving export mix to drive sustained revenue and margin growth. With a revival in fleet replacement demand, infrastructure momentum and an expanding alternative fuel lineup, the company is well-positioned to deliver profitable, long-term growth in FY26E and beyond.

View and Valuation: We revise our FY26/27E EPS estimate upwards by 2.2%/2.9%. We value AL's core business at 20x (unchanged) on the average FY27/28E EPS and arrive at a value of INR 142. We assign a value of INR 15 to HLFL and INR 4 to Switch Mobility (as detailed in Exhibit 1), leading to a revised target price of **INR 161**. We maintain our **BUY** rating on the stock.

Q2FY26, Revenue/EBITDA largely in line, while earnings beat our estimate

- Revenue was up 9.3% YoY to INR 95,882 Mn (vs CIE est. at INR 97,834 Mn), led by 7.7% YoY growth in volume and 1.6% YoY growth in ASP.
- EBITDA was up 14.2% YoY and up 19.9% QoQ to INR 11,622 Mn (vs CIE est. at INR 11,642 Mn). EBITDA margin was up 51 bps YoY and up 111 bps QoQ to 12.1% (vs CIE est. at 11.9%).
- APAT was up 24.3% YoY and up 36.6% QoQ to INR 8,111 Mn (vs CIE est. at INR 7,400 Mn).

AL (INR Mn)	Q2FY26	Q2FY25	YoY (%)	Q1FY26	QoQ (%)
Volumes (in units)	49,116	45,624	7.7	44,238	11.0
Net Sales	95,882	87,688	9.3	87,245	9.9
Material Expenses	68,237	62,410	9.3	61,628	10.7
Employee Expenses	6,478	5,987	8.2	6,122	5.8
Other Expenses	9,546	9,118	4.7	9,799	(2.6)
EBITDA	11,622	10,173	14.2	9,696	19.9
Depreciation	1,723	1,754	(1.8)	1,828	(5.7)
EBIT	9,899	8,419	17.6	7,867	25.8
Interest Cost	420	607	(30.8)	419	0.3
PBT	10,827	8,785	23.2	7,977	35.7
RPAT	7,711	7,701	0.1	5,937	29.9
APAT	8,111	6,527	24.3	5,937	36.6
Adj EPS (INR)	1.4	1.1	24.3	1.0	36.6

AL	Q2FY26	Q2FY25	YoY(bps)	Q1FY26	QoQ(bps)
Material Exp % of Sales	71.2	71.2	(0.5)	70.6	53.0
Employee Exp. % of Sales	6.8	6.8	(7.1)	7.0	(26.1)
Other Op. Exp % of Sales	10.0	10.4	(44.3)	11.2	(127.7)
EBITDA Margin (%)	12.1	11.6	51.9	11.1	100.8
APAT Margin (%)	8.5	7.4	101.5	6.8	165.4

Source: AL, Choice Institutional Equities

SOTP Valuation (Exhibit 1)

Note:

- The net worth of Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd. (HLFL) stood at INR 87,031Mn in FY25. We expect this to grow by 10.0% to INR 95,734Mn in FY26. The valuation is based on a Price-to-Book (P/B) multiple of 2x, leading to an estimated equity value of INR 1,91,468Mn. After applying a 25% holding company discount and factoring in AL's 61.1% stake, the stake value is computed at INR 15/share.
- For Optare Plc (Switch Mobility), we have assumed FY26 revenue of INR 18,000Mn. Applying a 2x market cap-to-revenue multiple, the business is valued at INR 36,000Mn. After holding company discount and considering AL's 92.6% stake, the resultant stake value is INR 4/share.

Core Business		HLFL		Optare Plc (Switch Mob.)	
APAT	41,383	FY26 Net worth Est.	95,734	FY26 Rev Est.	18,000
PE	20	P/B	2	Mkt Cap /Revenue	2
Value	8,27,667	Value	1,91,468	Value	36,000
Value/share	142	Value/share	32.6	Value/share	6.1
Holding Discount	0%	Holding Discount	25%	Holding Discount	25%
	142		24		5
Stake	100.0%	Stake	61.1%	Stake	92.6%
Stake Value	142	Stake Value	15	Stake Value	4
Value Per Share				161	

Source: AL, Choice Institutional Equities

AL delivered its best-ever Q2FY26 performance, with revenue rising 9.3% YoY to INR 95,880 Mn and EBITDA up 14.2% YoY to INR 11,620 Mn, translating into an EBITDA margin of 12.1%, a 50 bps improvement YoY

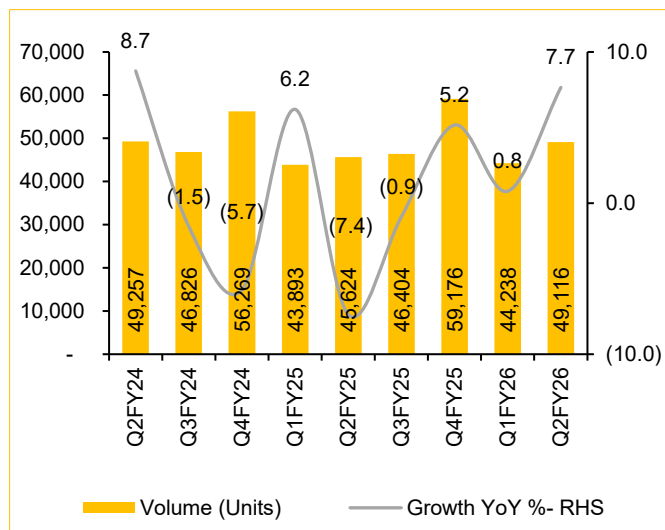
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Export performance remained a standout, with volumes up 45% YoY in Q2FY26 and 38% in H1FY26, supported by robust traction in GCC, Africa and SAARC markets

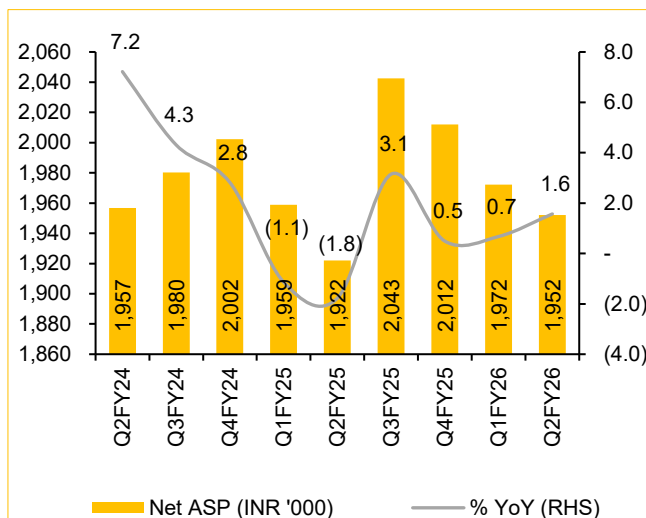
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Management–Call Highlights

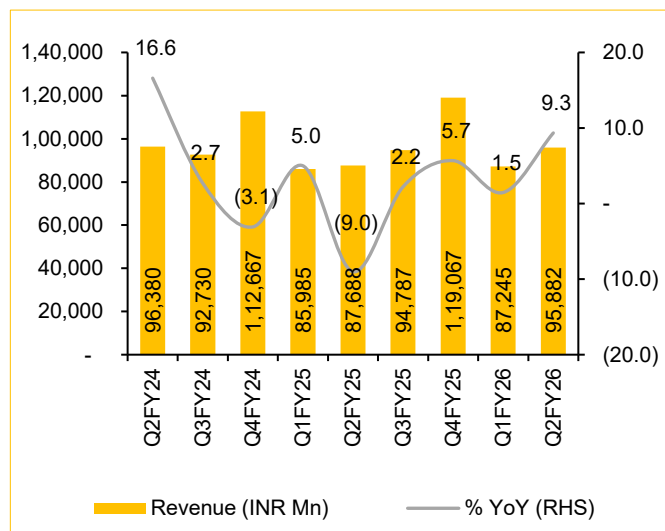
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- Material cost as a share of revenue remained stable at 71.2%, reflecting effective cost management despite tariff volatility and higher ACS adoption in MHCV trucks.
- The break-even volume for MHCV trucks has dropped significantly, from **6,000–7,000 units to nearly 1,000–1,200 units per month**, enhancing operational resilience against cyclical in the heavy-duty segment.
- AL closed the quarter with a positive net cash position of **~ INR 10,000 Mn, marking an INR 15,000 Mn swing YoY**. Operating working capital improved sharply, down **nearly 50% YoY due to the INR-5,000 Mn reduction in receivables**.
- For FY26E, capex is guided at **~ INR 10,000 Mn, with potential investments of up to INR 5,000 Mn in associates**, primarily Hinduja Leyland Finance (HLF,) depending on capital requirements.
- The GST rationalisation (28% to 18%) has reduced the cost of truck ownership by nearly 10%, expected to boost freight demand. Industry momentum strengthened in October, **with MHCV volumes up 7% YoY and LCV (2–4 ton) up 15% YoY**.
- AL maintained its domestic **MHCV market share at 31%, up 50 bps YoY** and its LCV (Vahan) market share **improved to 13.2%, up 90 bps YoY**.
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- Upcoming 320HP and 360HP heavy-duty trucks with advanced six-cylinder engines (**20–30% higher torque**) to launch in **Q3–Q4FY26E**, targeting mining and construction segments to drive margin-accretive premiumisation.
- The LCV segment remains strong, driven by the success of 'Saathi,' which now contributes **22–25% of 2–4 ton sales** with minimal cannibalisation. LCV capacity is set to increase, from **80,000 to 110,000–120,000 units within 6–9 months** through process optimisation, requiring limited capex.
- The company plans to launch a biofuel (**CNG/petrol or CNG/diesel**) variant in the next two quarters to fill a key gap in its LCV lineup. Bus body capacity will expand, from **12,000 to over 20,000 units** annually, after the ramp-up of the AP and Lucknow plants.
- Switch India sold nearly **600 buses and 600 e-LCVs in H1FY26**, turned EBITDA and PAT positive and aims to be free cash flow-positive by FY27E, supported by scale and strong product acceptance.

Volume was up 7.7% on a YoY basis

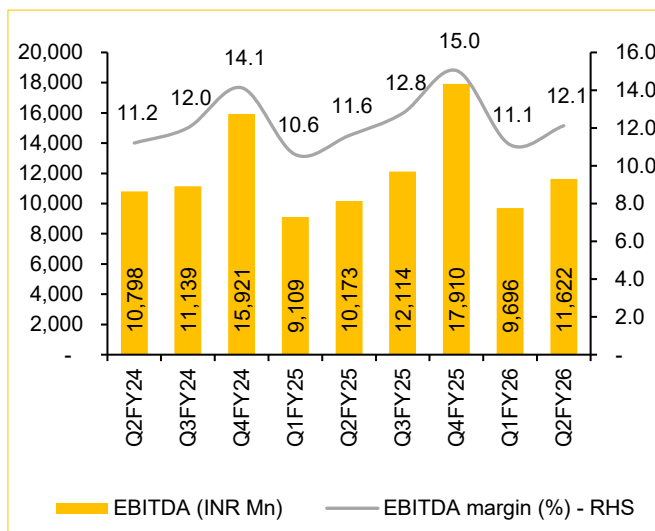
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ASP grew 1.6% on a YoY basis

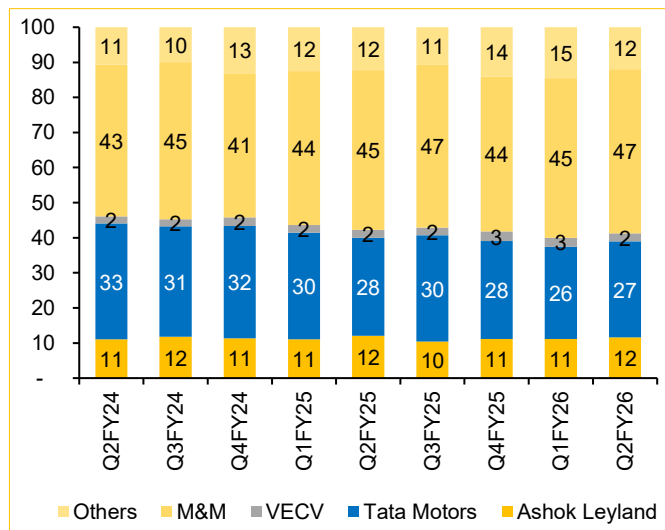
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Revenue increased 9.3% on a YoY basis

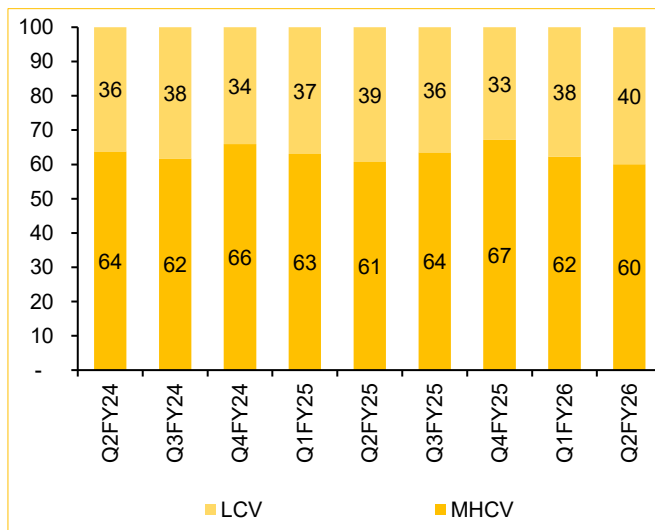
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EBITDA margin expanded 52 bps on a YoY basis

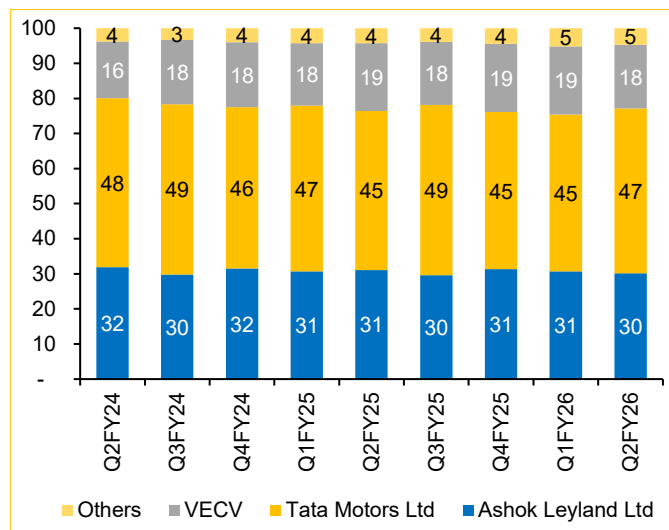
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LCV market share (%) trend

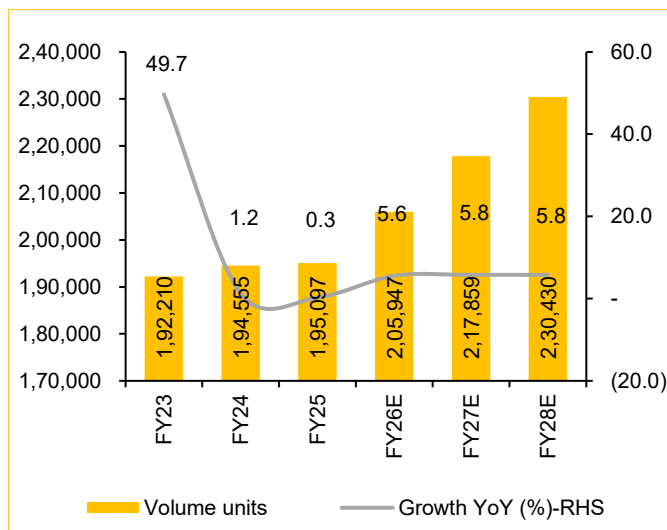
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LCV and MHCV split (%)

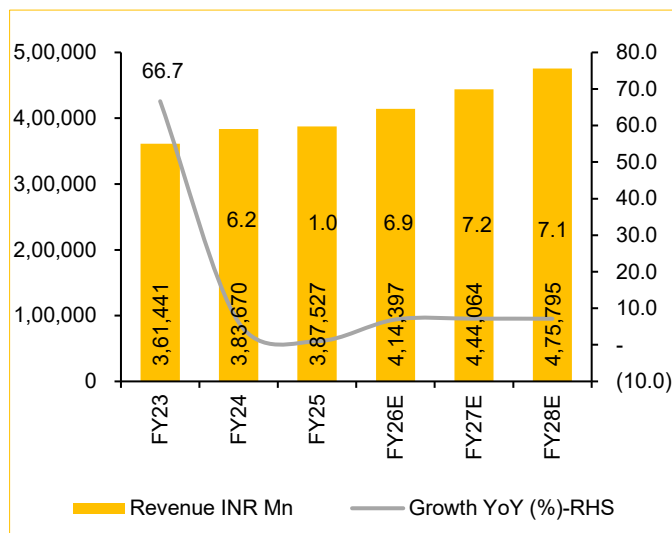
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MHCV market share (%) trend

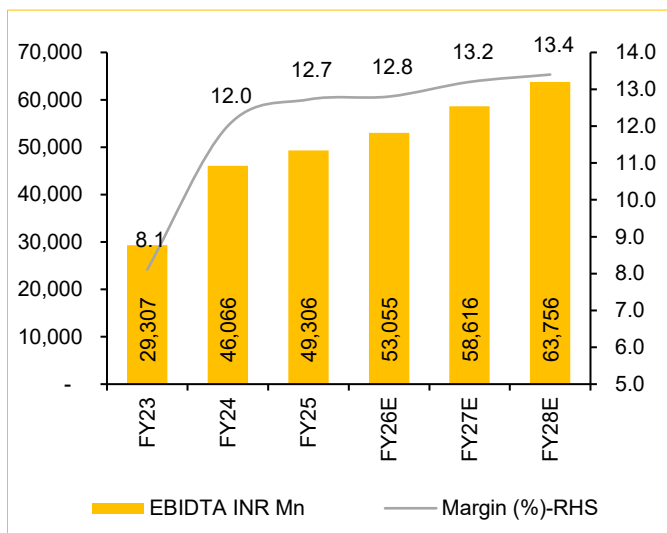
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Volume anticipated to expand at a CAGR of 4.6% over FY25–28E

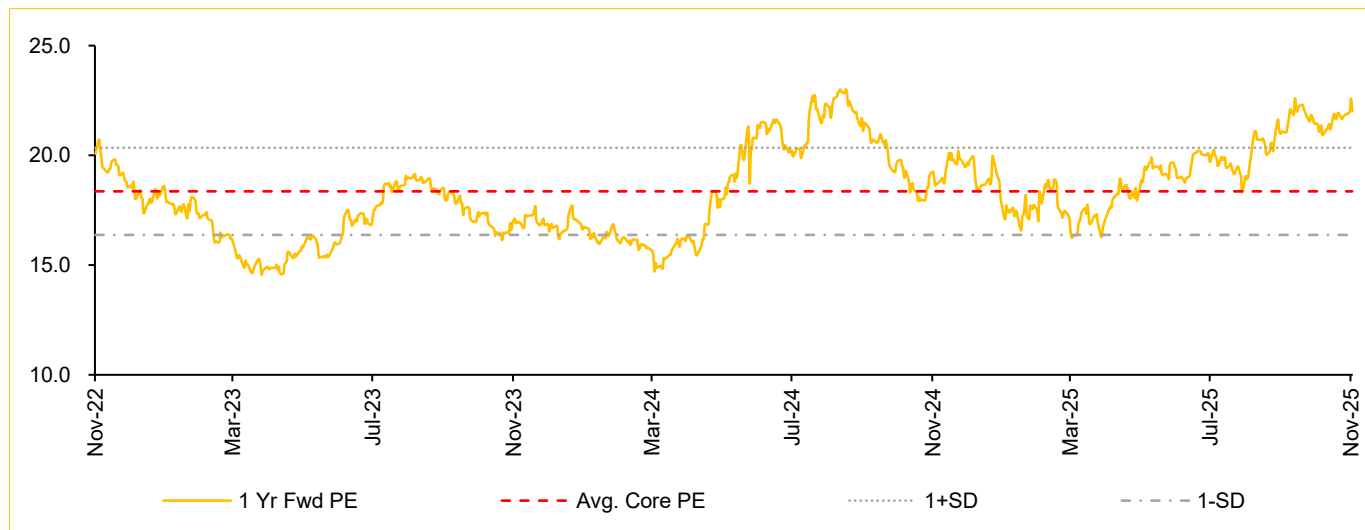
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Revenue expected to expand at a CAGR of 6.4% over FY25–28E

Source: AL, Choice Institutional Equities

EBITDA projected to increase at a CAGR of 6.9% over FY25–28E

Source: AL, Choice Institutional Equities

1-year forward PE band

Source: AL, Choice Institutional Equities

Income Statement (INR Mn)

Particular	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	3,83,670	3,87,527	4,14,397	4,44,064	4,75,795
Gross Profit	1,04,550	1,11,300	1,21,431	1,30,555	1,40,835
EBITDA	46,066	49,306	53,055	58,616	63,756
Depreciation	7,178	7,193	7,353	8,206	8,806
EBIT	38,888	42,112	45,702	50,410	54,950
Interest Expenses	2,494	2,169	1,704	1,581	1,458
Other Income	2,466	2,503	3,504	3,833	4,202
Exceptional Item	(937)	1,037	-	-	-
Reported PAT	26,179	33,033	35,579	39,496	43,270
Adjusted PAT	27,116	31,996	35,579	39,496	43,270
EPS	4.6	5.4	6.1	6.7	7.4

Ratio Analysis	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Growth Ratios (%)					
Revenue	6.2	1.0	6.9	7.2	7.1
EBITDA	57.2	7.0	7.6	10.5	8.8
PAT	109.3	18.0	11.2	11.0	9.6
Margins (%)					
EBITDA	12.0	12.7	12.8	13.2	13.4
PAT	7.1	8.3	8.6	8.9	9.1
Profitability (%)					
ROE	30.8	27.8	27.1	26.5	25.7
ROCE	35.1	32.5	31.6	31.2	30.6
ROIC	35.6	32.1	27.6	28.5	27.4
Working Capital					
Inventory Days	30	28	29	29	29
Debtor Days	34	27	34	34	34
Payable Days	60	69	67	67	67
Cash Conversion Cycle	4	(14)	(4)	(4)	(4)
Valuation Metrics					
PE(x)	30.8	26.1	23.4	21.1	19.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.8	16.7	15.7	14.0	12.9
Price to BV (x)	9.5	7.2	6.4	5.6	5.0
EV/OCF (x)	32.8	10.5	23.4	14.4	15.2

Source: AL, Choice Institutional Equities

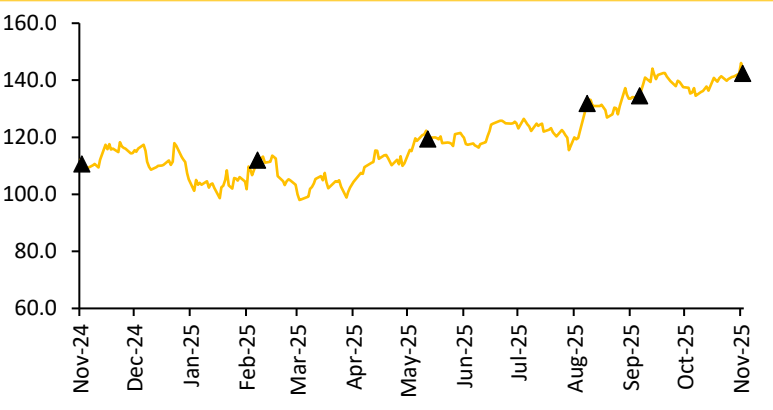
Balance Sheet (INR Mn)

Particular	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Worth	88,104	1,15,188	1,31,198	1,48,971	1,68,443
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Tax	5,563	5,479	5,479	5,479	5,479
Total Debt	22,545	14,354	13,354	12,354	11,354
Other Liabilities & Provisions	10,582	11,261	10,983	11,363	11,813
Total Net Worth & Liabilities	1,26,794	1,46,282	1,61,015	1,78,168	1,97,090
Net Fixed Assets	59,518	58,455	61,102	62,896	64,089
Capital Work in Progress	955	2,769	3,953	4,253	4,553
Investments	55,598	86,730	1,02,786	1,16,672	1,31,442
Cash & Bank Balance	34,382	27,060	16,790	24,236	24,928
Loans & Advances & Other Assets	5,906	14,169	9,633	11,132	13,461
Net Current Assets	4,817	(15,840)	(16,460)	(16,785)	(16,456)
Total Assets	1,26,794	1,46,282	1,61,015	1,78,168	1,97,090

Cash Flows (INR Mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Cash Flows from Operations	25,031	78,195	35,447	57,055	53,897
Cash Flows from Investing	9,021	(40,779)	(22,705)	(25,685)	(27,399)
Cash Flows from Financing	(19,175)	(30,235)	(22,550)	(23,924)	(25,806)

DuPont Analysis	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Tax Burden	71.5%	73.6%	74.9%	75.0%	75.0%
Interest Burden	97.5%	103.3%	103.9%	104.5%	105.0%
EBIT Margin	10.1%	10.9%	11.0%	11.4%	11.5%
Asset Turnover	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.4
Equity Multiplier	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
ROE	30.8%	27.8%	27.1%	26.5%	25.7%

Historical Price Chart: AL



Date	Rating	Target Price
May 26, 2024	BUY	121
July 28, 2024	BUY	135
November 10, 2024	HOLD	122
February 17, 2025	BUY	130
May 26, 2025	BUY	153
August 18, 2025	BUY	150
September 15, 2025	BUY	155
November 13, 2025	BUY	161

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Large Cap*	
BUY	The security is expected to generate upside of 15% or more over the next 12 months
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Mid & Small Cap*	
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SELL	The security is expected to show downside of 10% or more over the next 12 months
Other Ratings	
NOT RATED (NR)	The stock has no recommendation from the Analyst
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Sector View	
POSITIVE (P)	Fundamentals of the sector look attractive over the next 12 months
NEUTRAL (N)	Fundamentals of the sector are expected to be in statis over the next 12 months
CAUTIOUS (C)	Fundamentals of the sector are expected to be challenging over the next 12 months

*Large Cap: More Than INR 20,000Cr Market Cap
*Mid & Small Cap: Less Than INR 20,000Cr Market Cap

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