

# Capital Goods

Companies	Revised	
	TP	Rating
L&T	4,100	BUY
ABB India	7,200	BUY
Siemens	6,300	NEUTRAL
Hitachi Energy	10,500	SELL
BEL	360	BUY
Thermax	3,500	SELL
Cummins India	4,100	BUY
KEC	910	NEUTRAL
KOEL	1,340	BUY
KPIL	1,360	BUY
Triveni Turbine	780	BUY
Zen Tech	2,400	BUY



## Time to be selective

### Shifting priorities

With a weaker capex growth of 7.3% for FY25RE and 10% growth for FY26BE, we believe the industrial sector will face challenges in growing inflows at the same pace as it did until now when capex growth was 30% during FY21-24. This 10% capex growth for FY26BE is also largely driven by higher allocations to other areas, such as innovation schemes, while allocations for roads and railways have remained flat for FY26BE. We, thus, believe that it would be prudent to be selective now for the capital goods sector, focusing on companies that are relatively less impacted by slower growth in government capex or have created alternate growth areas that can, to some extent, offset the impact of slow government spending. We align our valuation multiples to bake in lower valuations due to lower government capex and lower-than-expected private capex so far. We downgrade Hitachi Energy and Thermax to SELL, and Siemens to NEUTRAL. We continue to remain positive on areas such as power T&D, defense, data centers, and electronics, and would prefer L&T, ABB, and Cummins in the large-cap industrial space and Bharat Electronics in the defense space.

### Sector view: Selective stance now

- Though we believe that the underlying thesis on capex, particularly in power T&D, renewables, defense, and high-growth areas such as data centers, electronics, semiconductors, PLI-led capex, and battery storage—continues to stay but with lower-than-expected overall capex growth of 10% YoY for FY26, we do perceive risks to our assumptions on order inflows for the industrial sector. Additionally, with private capex across base industries yet to show signs of meaningful improvement, near-term support for lower-than-expected government capex allocation is not visible.
- Among our coverage universe, companies with high exposure to railways, water, road construction, and private capex are likely to be more impacted by lower order inflows over the next 1-2 years. In contrast, companies focused more on power T&D, renewables, defense, and high-growth areas will be relatively better placed.
- Given this scenario, we would now be selective in our view on the capital goods sector, with a more positive bias towards players with a diversified mix towards higher-growth areas as well as those involved in defense indigenization. We align our valuation multiples to bake in lower valuations due to lower government capex and lower-than-expected capex so far in the private sector. We would prefer L&T, ABB, and Cummins in the large-cap industrial space and BEL in the defense space.

### Major announcements in the budget for the sector

In the Union Budget 2025-26, the government has maintained its total capex outlay at INR11.2t, largely the same as in FY25BE. However, FY25 capex has been revised downward to INR10.2t. The allocation under key heads such as Railways (INR2.5t) and Roads (INR2.7t) remained flat vs. the revised estimate for FY25, while the capital allocation for Defense saw a notable hike of 13% to INR1.8t. Key announcements included asset monetization over 2025-30 to raise funds worth INR10t, the continuation of interest-free loans to states for capital investments, incentives for shipbuilding, nuclear energy, and power sector reforms.

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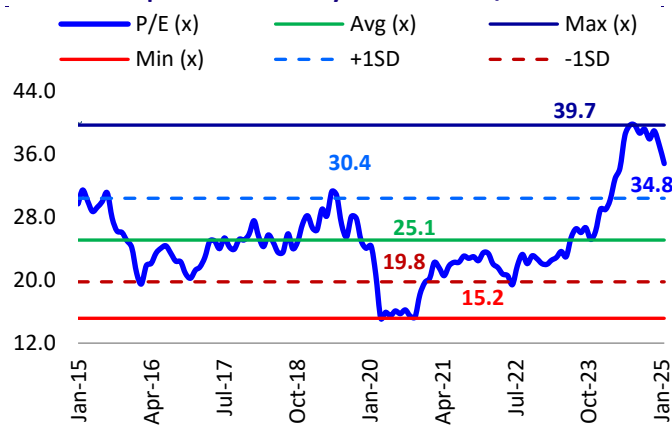
## Key exhibits

**Exhibit 1: Major announcements in the Budget for the sector**

Area	Key proposal	Impact
Capital Allocation	❖ The capital allocation was flat at INR11.2t for FY26 vs. INR11.1t in FY25BE. FY25 estimates were revised downward to INR10.2t.	Neutral
State – Interest-free Loans	❖ Continuation of 50-year interest-free loans for capex to state governments worth INR1.5t.	Neutral
Allocation for Defense	❖ The capital outlay for Defense has been hiked to INR1.8t for FY26 vs. INR1.6t in FY25RE.	Positive
Allocation for Railways	❖ Railway capital allocation is maintained at INR2.52t for FY26, flat vs. FY25RE. However, physical targets have been raised for coaches (9,423) and wagons (38,000). Metro projects received a higher allocation of INR312b for FY26 vs. INR247b in FY25RE.	Neutral
Allocation for Roads	❖ Capital allocation for roads and bridges is maintained at INR2.7t for FY26, flat vs. FY25RE allocation.	Neutral
Emphasis on Nuclear Energy	❖ Development of ~100GW of nuclear energy capacity by 2047. A dedicated fund worth INR200b (Nuclear Energy Mission) for R&D on Small Modular Reactors (SMRs). At least five indigenously developed SMRs to be operational by 2033.	Positive
Promotion of Shipbuilding	❖ Shipbuilding clusters will be facilitated to increase the range, categories, and capacities of ships. Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy will be revamped to address cost disadvantages.	Positive
Power Sector Reforms	❖ Incentives for electricity distribution reforms and augmentation of intra-state transmission capacity.	Positive
Asset Monetization	❖ Asset Monetization Plan 2025-30 launched to plow back capital of INR10t in new projects.	Positive
Jal Jeevan Mission	❖ Spending on Jal Jeevan Mission was limited in FY25; it has seen a higher allocation of INR670b for FY26.	Positive

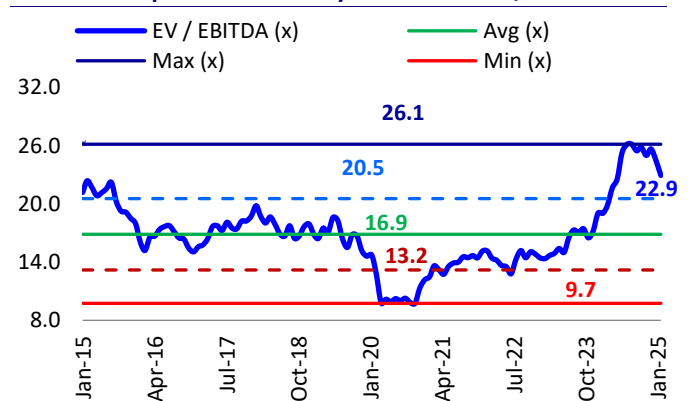
Source: Union Budget

**Exhibit 2: Capital Goods two-year forward P/E**



Source: Company, MOFSL

**Exhibit 3: Capital Goods two-year forward EV/EBITDA**



Source: Company, MOFSL

## Exhibit 4: Changes in valuation

Companies	CMP	Earlier			New			Comments
		TP	Rating	Val Multiple	TP	Rating	Val Multiple	
L&T	3,448	4,300	BUY	30x	4,100	BUY	28x	❖ Weaker government capex can weigh on order inflow assumptions for L&T. However, the company is simultaneously targeting opportunities in other geographies too to tide over slower capex growth.
ABB India	5,500	8,500	BUY	70x	7,200	BUY	60x	❖ We expect ABB to be relatively better placed than others, given its higher exposure to high-growth segments such as data centers, renewables, and electronics. Reduction in its valuation multiple takes into account its exposure to government-related capex segments.
Siemens	5,748	7,500	BUY	65x	6,300	NEUTRAL	55x	❖ The company's selective stance on transmission, slow pickup in railways, and lower visibility on growth in other non-T&D segments could keep inflows weak.
Hitachi Energy	12,206	13,300	NEUTRAL	62x	10,500	SELL	48x	❖ There is limited room for disappointment in earnings as valuations are quite high. Though Hitachi is exposed to the high-growth power T&D segment, its exposure to railways may impact inflows to some extent.
BEL	282	360	BUY	35x	360	BUY	35x	❖ Defense spending is expected to move up in FY26 and, hence, our view remains unchanged for BEL.
Thermax	3,876	4,400	NEUTRAL	50x	3,500	SELL	42x	❖ Lower-than-expected revival in private capex.
Cummins India	2,797	4,250	BUY	45x	4,100	BUY	42x	❖ Most segments of Cummins are dependent on high-growth areas and, hence, Cummins is better placed even if capex growth is lower. Our lower multiple takes into account the impact of flat spending on roads/rail on the industrial and powergen segments.
KEC	827	1,050	NEUTRAL	22x	910	NEUTRAL	20x	❖ The reduction in valuation multiple takes into account the exposure to water, railways, and transportation.
KOEL	873	1,540	BUY	29x	1,340	BUY	25x	❖ The reduction in valuation multiple is in line with Cummins' valuation multiple reduction.
KPIL	1,028	1,500	BUY	19x	1,360	BUY	17x	❖ The reduction in valuation multiple takes into account the exposure to water, railways, and transportation.
Triveni Turbine	660	880	BUY	48x	780	BUY	42x	❖ The export portfolio is currently more than 60% of the order book and hedges the company against a slowdown in domestic private capex.
Zen Tech	1,795	2,750	BUY	40x	2,400	BUY	35x	❖ Lower-than-expected inflows so far could weigh on the future financials of Zen.

Source: MOFSL

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