## Subdued revenue growth, higher ad spends impact operational performance

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Subdued performance: Havells India posted subdued performance for the quarter as revenue grew by $6.9 \%$ YoY/ $13.2 \%$ QoQ to Rs $4,414 \mathrm{Cr}$ mainly led by Cables \& Wires segment as a result of strong demand from infrastructure and housing development. Its other segment; Switchgears, ECD (Electronic Consumer Durables) and Llyod reported low to mid-single digit growth as compared to last year, indicating lower than anticipated demand across the durables category. Consequently, PAT grew by $1.5 \%$ YoY/ $15.6 \%$ QoQ to Rs 288 Cr with a margin of $6.5 \%$.

Mixed trend in margin: Gross profit came in at Rs $1,469 \mathrm{Cr}$, up by $7.9 \%$ YoY/13.2\% QoQ while margin was sustained at $33.3 \%$ which expanded by $29 b p s$ YoY. EBITDA was reported at Rs $3.9 \%$ YoY/ $18.3 \%$ QoQ to Rs 440 Cr while margin declined by 30bps YoY to $10 \%$. Raw materials in proportion to sales largely remained in a similar range, however, ad spends were higher by $38 \%$ YoY/108.4\% QoQ amid festive period which suppressed margin expansion impacting profitability further.

Cables \& Wires continue to drive the growth: Revenue from C\&W segment came in at Rs $1,573 \mathrm{Cr}$, up by $11.4 \% \mathrm{YoY} / 7 \%$ QoQ largely driven by healthy volume in the wires category. The segment profit was flat against last year while it declined by $4.3 \%$ sequentially to Rs 163 Cr , impacting from product mix. It is under process of expanding its underground cables capacity by $25 \%$ which will be operational by FY25, shall result in double digit volume growth in the cables category.

Llyod continues to post losses: Despite the festive period, Llyod revenue grew by $7.5 \%$ YoY to Rs 656 Cr indicating high competition amid low consumer demand. Its contribution margin improved by 370bps YoY to $7.4 \%$, however, EBIT loss extended further to Rs 65 Cr as compared to Rs 60 Cr in the same period last year due to ad spends on the segment. As the company looks to expand its capacity, enter into new geographies and aims to gain market share, it will continue to focus on brand building activities and channel penetration which will drive the topline growth while the profitability of the segment could remain impacted in the coming quarters.

Outlook \& Valuations: Havells has wide presence in consumer durables space like Switchgears, Cables, Lighting, ECD, TV and ACs. The commencement of expanded capacity of Cables and Llyod business shall transcribe into volume growth across these segments. Governments focus on improving infrastructure, sustained momentum in real estate activities as well as penetration in the international markets shall drive volume and revenue growth for the company. Financially, we anticipate its revenue/EBITDA/PAT to grow at a CAGR of $14.8 \% / 20.8 \% / 23.6 \%$ over FY23-26E. Factoring this, we maintain our Buy with a target price of Rs. 1,551, valuing the company at a PE of $48 x$ on FY26E EPS.

## Financial Summary - consolidated

| Particulars, Rs cr | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net revenue | 16,911 | 19,490 | 22,049 | 25,576 |
| EBITDA | 1,615 | 1,828 | 2,310 | 2,845 |
| EBITDAM (\%) | 9.6 | 9.4 | 10.5 | 11.1 |
| PAT | 1,072 | 1,242 | 1,618 | 2,025 |
| PATM (\%) | 6.3 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 7.9 |
| EPS (Rs) | 17.1 | 19.8 | 25.8 | 32.3 |
| PE (x) | 75.9 | 65.5 | 50.3 | 40.2 |
| RoE (\%) | 17.0 | 17.8 | 20.6 | 22.6 |

Decent revenue growth mainly driven by cables \& wires segments

Higher ad spends suppressed margin growth

Concall \& other key highlights: 1) B2B segment contributed $25 \%$ of revenue growing faster than B2C as it saw muted growth. 2) Strong volume growth in lighting business, however, value erosion kept the revenue growth subdued. 3) Management anticipates a healthy contribution from Llyod business in Q4FY24 as it is a seasonally strong quarter.
4) Fans market share above $20 \%$ for the quarter. 5) Company intends to penetrate the international markets mainly UAE and USA with gradual premiumization across products. 6) Capacity expansion of refrigerator business still under consideration.

P\&L Account Quarterly - consolidated

| Particulars, Rs cr | Q3FY24 | Q3FY23 | Y-o-Y (\%) | Q2FY24 | Q-0-Q (\%) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net sales | $\mathbf{4 , 4 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 1 2 8}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 9 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 . 2}$ |
| Material costs | 2,945 | 2,766 | 6.5 | 2,602 | 13.2 |
| Gross Profit | $\mathbf{1 , 4 6 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 3 6 2}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 2 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 . 2}$ |
| Gross Margin (\%) | $\mathbf{3 3 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 3 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 9}$ bps | $\mathbf{3 3 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{0}$ bps |
| Employee cost | 378 | 328 | 15.1 | 378 | (0.1) |
| Other overheads | 651 | 610 | 6.8 | 548 | 18.8 |
| EBITDA | $\mathbf{4 4 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 7 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 . 3}$ |
| EBITDA Margin (\%) | $\mathbf{1 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{- 3 0}$ bps | $\mathbf{9 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ bps |
| Depreciation | 95 | 75 | 27.2 | 80 | 19.1 |
| Other income | 56 | 40 | 41.0 | 52 | 6.5 |
| EBIT | 401 | 389 | 3.2 | 345 | 16.3 |
| EBIT Margin (\%) | 9.1 | 9.4 | -33 bps | 8.8 | 25 bps |
| Interest | 10 | 7 | 40.1 | 9 | 9.3 |
| PBT | $\mathbf{3 9 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 3 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 . 5}$ |
| Tax | 103 | 98 | 5.1 | 86 | 19.2 |
| Effective tax rate (\%) | $\mathbf{2 6 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{6 5}$ bps | $\mathbf{2 5 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{6 0}$ bps |
| Reported PAT | $\mathbf{2 8 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 . 6}$ |
| PAT margin (\%) | $\mathbf{6 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{- 3 5}$ bps | $\mathbf{6 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 4}$ bps |
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Source : RBL Research
Cost analysis

| As a \% of net sales | Q3FY24 | Q3FY23 | Y-0-Y | Q2FY24 | Q-0-Q |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Material costs | 66.7 | 67.0 | -29 bps | 66.7 | 0 bps |
| Employee cost | 8.6 | 8.0 | 61 bps | 9.7 | -114 bps |
| Other overheads | 14.8 | 14.8 | -2 bps | 14.1 | 70 bps |
| Total costs | $\mathbf{9 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{8 9 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 0} \mathbf{~ b p s}$ | $\mathbf{9 0 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{- 4 3} \mathbf{~ b p s}$ |

 business

Llyod continued to post losses

## Segmental Performance

| Particulars, Rs cr | Q3FY24 | Q3FY23 | Y-o-Y (\%) | Q2FY24 | Q-0-Q (\%) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Switchgears | 521 | 514 | 1.2 | 534 | -2.4 |
| Cables | 1,573 | 1,412 | 11.4 | 1,470 | 7.0 |
| Lighting \& Fixtures | 434 | 423 | 2.4 | 400 | 8.4 |
| ECD | 962 | 936 | 2.8 | 733 | 31.2 |
| Llyod | 656 | 610 | 7.5 | 497 | 31.9 |
| Others | 269 | 232 | 16.2 | 266 | 1.2 |

Segmental EBIT

| Particulars, Rs cr | Q3FY24 | Q3FY23 | Y-0-Y (\%) | Q2FY24 | Q-0-Q (\%) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Switchgears | 126 | 127 | -1.1 | 141 | -10.8 |
| Cables | 163 | 163 | 0.3 | 171 | -4.3 |
| Lighting \& Fixtures | 61 | 53 | 15.1 | 57 | 7.7 |
| ECD | 107 | 123 | -12.6 | 85 | 26.5 |
| Llyod | $(65)$ | $(60)$ | - | $(75)$ |  |
| Others | 4 | 7 | -39.5 | 4 | 8.7 |

## Story in charts



Source : RBL Research

| Infrastructure and housing development driving segmental growth | Stable revenues albeit low consumer demand |
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| Gradually pickup in demand sequentially | Continues to remain under pressure due to low demand |
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| Source: RBL Research |  |
| High competition leds to marginal YoY growth | Significant rise in ASP |
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## P\&L Account - consolidated

| Particulars, Rs cr | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net sales | $\mathbf{1 6 , 9 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 , 4 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 , 0 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 , 5 7 6}$ |
| Expenditure |  |  |  |  |
| Total Raw material cost | 11,705 | 13,283 | 14,946 | 17,270 |
| Employee cost | 1,268 | 1,605 | 1,678 | 1,907 |
| Other expenses | 2,322 | 2,775 | 3,114 | 3,554 |
| Total expenditure | 15,296 | 17,663 | 19,738 | 22,732 |
| EBITDA | $\mathbf{1 , 6 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 8 2 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 3 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 8 4 5}$ |
| EBITDAM (\%) | $\mathbf{9 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{9 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 . 1}$ |
| Other income | 178 | 199 | 249 | 292 |
| Depreciation | 312 | 343 | 378 | 415 |
| PBIT | $\mathbf{1 , 4 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 6 8 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 1 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 7 2 2}$ |
| Interest expenses | 34 | 27 | 24 | 22 |
| PBT | $\mathbf{1 , 4 4 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 6 5 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 1 5 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 7 0 0}$ |
| Tax | 375 | 414 | 539 | 675 |
| Reported profit | $\mathbf{1 , 0 7 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 2 4 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 6 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 0 2 5}$ |
| PATM (\%) | $\mathbf{6 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 9}$ |
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Source : RBL Research

## Balance Sheet - consolidated

| Particulars, Rs cr | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Share Capital | 62.7 | 62.7 | 62.7 | 62.7 |
| Reserves \& Surplus | 6,552 | 7,262 | 8,284 | 9,495 |
| Total Shareholder's <br> Fund | $\mathbf{6 , 6 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{7 , 3 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{8 , 3 4 7}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 5 5 7}$ |
| Non-Current Liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Other long term <br> liabilities | 198 | 193 | 253 | 291 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 362 | 364 | 345 | 415 |
| Long term provision | 137 | 102 | 124 | 153 |
| Current Liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Trade payables | 2,643 | 2,947 | 3,114 | 3,664 |
| Short term provisions | 275 | 348 | 358 | 288 |
| Other current liabilities | 915 | 1,350 | 1,158 | 1,083 |
| Total Liabilities | $\mathbf{1 1 , 1 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 , 6 3 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 6 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 , 4 5 1}$ |
| Fixed Assets | 2,392 | 2,752 | 2,962 | 3,555 |
| Current work in process | 166 | 213 | 186 | 213 |
| Intangible assets | 1,393 | 1,423 | 1,367 | 1,356 |
| Non current investment | 20 | 24 | 27 | 31 |
| Other non-current assets | 79 | 63 | 54 | 72 |
| Current Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Current investments | 181 | 213 | 282 | 382 |
| Inventories | 3,709 | 4,702 | 5,118 | 5,795 |
| Trade receivables | 976 | 1,046 | 1,130 | 1,338 |
| Cash \& Cash equivalents | 1,899 | 1,957 | 2,294 | 2,379 |
| Other current assets | 329 | 238 | 279 | 330 |
| Total Assets | $\mathbf{1 1 , 1 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 , 6 3 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 6 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 , 4 5 1}$ |
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## Cashflow - consolidated

| Particulars, Rs cr | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reported PBT | 1,447 | 1,656 | 2,157 | 2,700 |
| Depreciation | 312 | 343 | 378 | 415 |
| Tax paid | (375) | (414) | (539) | (675) |
| Working capital Change | (813) | (191) | (626) | (633) |
| Operating Cash Flow (a) | 570 | 1,394 | 1,370 | 1,808 |
| Capex | (716) | (779) | (506) | $(1,024)$ |
| Free Cash Flow | (145) | 615 | 864 | 784 |
| Investments | 217 | 12 | 6 | (22) |
| Investing Cash Flow (b) | (499) | (767) | (500) | $(1,046)$ |
| Debt Issuance/ (Repaid) | (396) | - | - |  |
| Dividend Paid | (282) | (533) | (595) | (814) |
| Others | (82) | (37) | 63 | 137 |
| Financing Cash Flow ( c ) | (760) | (570) | (532) | (678) |
| Net Cash Flow (a+b + c) | (688) | 58 | 338 | 84 |
| Closing Cash | 1,899 | 1,957 | 2,294 | 2,379 |

## Key ratios - consolidated

| Particulars | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Per Share Ratios (Rs) |  |  |  |  |
| Dividend per share | 4.5 | 8.5 | 9.5 | 13.0 |
| EPS | 17.1 | 19.8 | 25.8 | 32.3 |
| CEPS | 22.1 | 25.3 | 31.9 | 38.9 |
| Book value per share | 105.6 | 116.9 | 133.2 | 152.5 |
| Profitability Ratios (\%) |  |  |  |  |
| EBITDA Margin | 9.6 | 9.4 | 10.5 | 11.1 |
| PBT Margin | 8.6 | 8.5 | 9.8 | 10.6 |
| Net Profit Margin | 6.3 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 7.9 |
| RoCE | 21.6 | 23.0 | 26.6 | 29.2 |
| RoE | 17.0 | 17.8 | 20.6 | 22.6 |
| Dividend Payout | 26.3 | 42.9 | 36.8 | 40.2 |
| Efficiency |  |  |  |  |
| Fixed Asset Turnover (x) | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.4 |
| Debtors Velocity (Days) | 21.1 | 19.6 | 18.7 | 19.1 |
| Inventory (Days) | 80.0 | 88.1 | 84.7 | 82.7 |
| Interest Cover Ratio (x) | 44.0 | 62.6 | 90.1 | 124.9 |
| Current ratio (x) | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| Valuation Ratios (x) |  |  |  |  |
| P/E | 75.9 | 65.5 | 50.3 | 40.2 |
| P/B | 12.3 | 11.1 | 9.7 | 8.5 |
| EV/EBITDA | 49.2 | 43.4 | 34.2 | 27.8 |

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