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- In Q1FY25, Bajaj Auto delivered a well balanced performance supported by healthy volume growth, dollar realization and superior product mix in domestic market. Revenue during the quarter was up by 15.7% to Rs.119bn (vs est of Rs.120bn) backed by 7.4% growth in volume and 7.9% increase in ASP on YoY basis. Dollar realization and PLI incentive helps to sustain the margin above 20% which is better than our and street expectation, margin expanded by 130bps on YoY basis to 20.2% (est of 19.6%). EBIDTA grew by 23.6% to Rs.24.15bn (est Rs23.68bn). EBIDTA/Vehicle continues to improve to Rs. 21,916/vehicle by 15.1% YoY attributed to better domestic sales mix. PAT for the quarter jumped by 19.4% YoY to Rs. 19.9bn vs est of Rs.19.9bn.
- For export strategy company categorizes its key export markets in three broad categories to improve the export like focusing more on stress market, launching new models in growing markets and expanding network. Brazil expansion as per plan, initial capacity of the plant will be 20000 units/month capacity which is scalable to increase to 50000 units/month. Management expect export in Q2 to be better than Q1. However, dollar availability is still a major concern in key export market.
- With the introduction of this CNG+Petrol hybrid two-wheeler (Freedom), we anticipate a substantial impact on the electric vehicle (EV) transition. This shift is driven by several economic factors such as Total Cost of Ownership (TCO), resale value, and driving range. Additionally, the current and expanding network of CNG stations is expected to accelerate the penetration of CNG two-wheelers over electric two-wheelers. We expect this will also help to bring back commuter segment customer. Given the increasing fuel prices and vehicle prices (post BS-VI and Covid) which impacted the TCO of entry level bikes, the segment has not done well as compared to industry growth post Covid. With the launch of CNG based fuel vehicle we expect Bajaj to up lift the entry level in medium term. Further increasing CNG station will also help adoption of CNG based 2W for mass transportation. We believe this will help Bajaj to further improve its market share in 2W segment. The 110- 125CC segment, being the second largest category, accounted for approximately 15% of the overall volume pre-Covid and has increased to around 28% post-Covid where Bajaj Auto holds a notable market share of about 29% in the segment as of FY24. Company is targeting a potential market size of 400-500 thousand/month with starting capacity of 10k units/month scalable to 40k units/month.
- View & Valuation: We remain positive on the growth story of Bajaj auto supported by 1) increasing emphasis on export market to improve sales; 2) increasing mix of 125+ CC portfolio; 3) successful launch of Triumph in new product category; and 4) aggressive launch plan in CNG based 2W, and electric variant (under affordable category). Given the increasing share of premium product portfolio like Triumph, healthy growth in EV portfolio (2W+3W) and improving profitability of chetak, we continue to maintain our BUY rating on the stock. We value the stock using SOTP-based methodology with a TP of Rs. 10,321 (27x FY26E core EPS + KTM stake + Cash).

Quarterly performance

Particulars	Q1FY25	Q1FY24	YoY (%)	Q4FY24	QoQ (%)
Volumes (in units)	11,02,056	10,25,956	7.4	10,68,576	3.1
Net Sales	1,19,280	1,03,098	15.7	1,14,847	3.9
Material Expenses	83,527	74,127	12.7	80,702	3.5
Gross Profit/vehicle	32,443	28,238	14.9	31,954	1.5
Employee Expenses	4,350	3,842	13.2	3,872	12.3
Other Operating Expenses	7,251	5,590	29.7	7,210	0.6
EBITDA	24,153	19,539	23.6	23,063	4.7
Depreciation	937	835	12.2	906	3.5
EBIT	23,216	18,704	24.1	22,157	4.8
Interest Cost	207	121	71.0	228	(9.3)
PBT	26,218	22,046	18.9	25,416	3.2
RPAT	19,883	16,648	19.4	19,360	2.7
APAT	19,883	16,648	19.4	19,360	2.7
Adj EPS (Rs)	71.2	58.8	21.1	69.3	2.7

Margin Analysis	Q1FY25	Q1FY24	YoY (bps)	Q4FY24	QoQ (bps)
EBITDA/Vehicle	21,916	19,045	15.1%	21,582	1.5%
Material Exp % of Sales	70.0	71.9	(187.4)	70.3	(24.3)
Employee Exp. % of Sales	3.6	3.7	(8.0)	3.4	27.5
Other Op. Exp % of Sales	6.1	5.4	65.7	6.3	(19.9)
EBITDA Margin (%)	20.2	19.0	129.6	20.1	16.8
Tax Rate (%)	24.2	24.5	(32.5)	23.8	33.6
APAT Margin (%)	16.7	16.1	52.2	16.9	(18.8)
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Source: Company, CEBPL

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Shareholding Pattern (%)						
	Mar-24	Dec-23				
Promoters	55.06	54.95				

Adj. TTM EPS (Rs)

FY26E EPS (Rs)

Promoters	55.06	54.95	54.99
FII's	14.53	14.64	14.37
DII's	8.47	8.66	9.03
Public	21.94	21.75	21.61

Relative Performance (%) YTD 3Y 2Y 1Y BSE AUTO 147.82 102.66 61.97 BAJAJ 147.01 143.60 100.97

Year end March (INR bn)

Particular	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	446.9	513.1	575.1
Gross Profit	129.4	153.3	171.1
EBITDA	88.2	108.3	121.9
EBITDA (%)	19.7	21.1	21.2
EPS (INR)	264.1	314.3	354.2

Rebased Price Performance



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Changes in Estimates

Income Statement		FY25E			FY26E	
(INR Mn.)	New	Old	Dev. (%)	New	Old	Dev. (%)
Net sales	5,13,054	5,13,054	0.0	5,75,101	5,75,101	0.0
EBITDA	1,08,344	1,08,344	0.0	1,21,924	1,21,924	0.0
EBITDA margin(%)	21.1	21.1	0 bps	21.2	21.2	0 bps
APAT	89,004	89,004	0.0	1,00,303	1,00,303	0.0
EPS	314.3	314.30	0.0	354.2	354.20	0.0

Source: Company, CEBPL

SoTP Based Valuation

Particular	Value
FY26E Core EPS (Rs/share)	308
Target P/E (x)	27
Base business (Rs) (a)	8,317
Per share value of KTM (b)	764
FY26E Cash/share (Rs) (c)	1,239
Target price (a+b+c) (Rs/share)	10,321

Management Call - Highlights

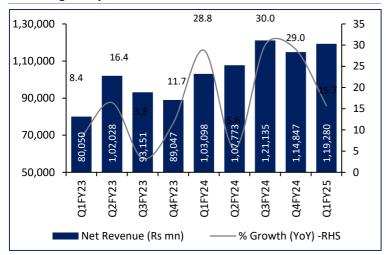
To focus on five key areas:

- Drive growth in the 125CC segment.
- Achieve 80% market share in 3W.
- Ensure steady improvement in exports.
- Attain Chetak sales of 15,000 units.
- Scale up Triumph production and focus on exporting.

Other Highlights:

- Alliance in Triumph, E-3W company new plant in Brazil, sub 1 lakh chetak, and CNG.
- Oversees revival is not broad based, Africa & Nigeria not doing well. Nigeria sales now stood at 15000 units/month vs 50000 units/month. Middle east up 20%, 17% growth in Asia, LATM-26% growth on YoY basis. Brazil plant is 20000 units/month capacity expected to increase to 50000 units/month.
- Expect export in Q2 to be better than Q1.
- Above 125CC segment is doing well and expects to gain majority market share.
- Pulsar 200NS has a 20000 booking.
- 17% portfolio comes from the recent launch of N and NS series.
- CNG-Bike, immediate market share is 400-500k/month, Maharashtra, Gujarat, will be the first phase of launch. Initial capacity will be 10k/month and can expand to 40k/months.
- Commodities- Aluminum, copper, rubber, have seen increase however Nickle, lead and palladium moderated
- EV material largely flat during the quarter.
- 16% top line growth was driven by higher sales and sales mix and not by price increase.
- EV-FY23 revenue was Rs.500cr, in FY24- Rs.2000cr and in Q1FY25 14% domestic revenue from EV portfolio by revenue.
- Margin expansion led by dollar realization,
- Cash balance stood at Rs.16700cr of which added Rs.1750cr in Q1FY25.
- To mitigate the rising commodity prices, pass on the half of the RM pressure.
- Chetak share improved led by capacity addition, streamlining of supply chain and increase in distribution network with this company expected to achieve 2nd position.
- CNG- vehicles would cater to daily travelers like 30-40 km/day.
- E-3W, margin level would be similar to 3W with PLI Recognition is based on 13% of sales.
- E-3W footprint is now in 114 towns which cover 70% of the market. Company focuses more on North and North-east.
- Other operations consist of PLI which is lower than 15bps in margin contribution.
- EV-3W sales 9350 units, spare revenue Rs.1350cr, finance penetration-75% and 3W-90%

Revenue grew by 15.7% YoY



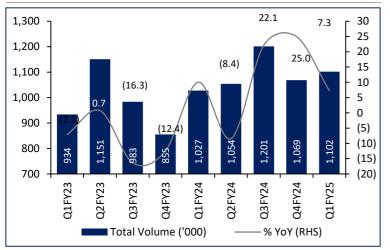
Source: Company, CEBPL

Margin improved 130bps YoY



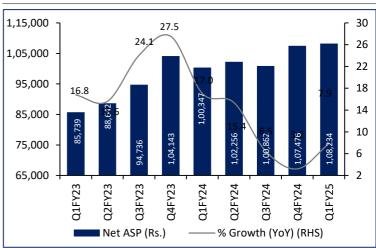
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Volume grew 7.3% on YoY basis



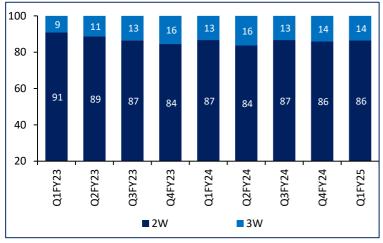
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ASP grew 7.9% YoY



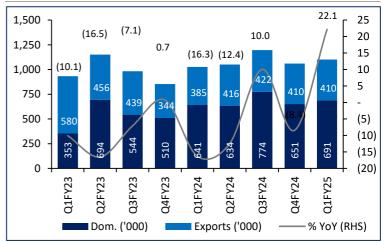
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2/3W sales mix (%)

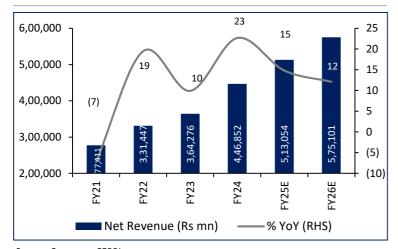


Source: Company, CMIE, CEBPL

Domestic and Export volume trend

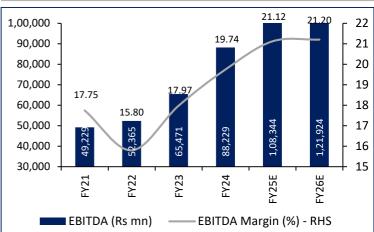


Revenue to grow at 16.4% CAGR over FY23-26E



Source: Company, CEBPL

EBIDTA margin to improve led by better mix



Source: Company, CEBPL

1 Year Forward PE Band



Income statement (Standalone in INR Mn.)

Particular	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	3,31,447	3,64,276	4,46,852	5,13,054	5,75,101
Gross profit	88,149	1,03,729	1,29,418	1,53,344	1,71,093
EBITDA	52,365	65,471	88,229	1,08,344	1,21,924
Depreciation	2,692	2,824	3,498	3,726	3,985
EBIT	49,674	62,647	84,731	1,04,618	1,17,940
Interest expense	87	395	535	535	535
Other Income (Including EO Items)	12,314	11,814	14,025	15,707	17,592
Reported PAT	50,189	56,256	74,788	89,004	1,00,303
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	50,189	56,256	74,788	89,004	1,00,303
EPS (Rs)	173	199	264	314	354
NOPAT	38,323	47,583	64,517	77,731	87,629

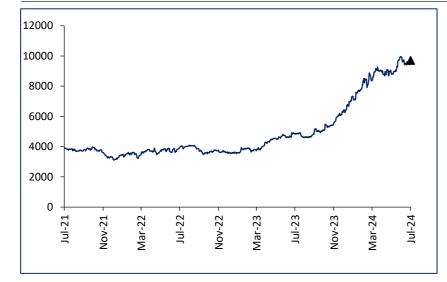
Balance sheet (Standalone in INR Mn.)

Particular	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Net worth	2,66,688	2,54,259	2,48,605	2,88,902	3,40,215
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax	4,033	3,452	5,069	5,069	5,069
Total debt	-	-	8,341	-	-
Other liabilities & provisions	1,604	1,586	1,575	1,582	1,589
Total Net Worth & liabilities	2,72,325	2,59,297	2,63,590	2,95,554	3,46,873
Net Fixed Assets	18,340	27,160	31,987	33,080	33,845
Capital Work in progress	768	819	243	750	800
Investments	2,38,188	2,29,233	2,44,925	2,76,632	3,39,128
Cash & bank balance	5,883	2,858	5,366	(9,253)	(20,761)
Loans & Advances & other assets	11,670	9,554	10,575	10,863	11,150
Net Current Assets	3,359	(7,470)	(24,140)	(25,771)	(38,050)
Total Assets	2,72,325	2,59,297	2,63,590	2,95,554	3,46,873
Capital Employed	2,66,688	2,54,259	2,56,946	2,88,902	3,40,215
Invested Capital	2,60,036	2,50,582	2,51,336	2,97,405	3,60,176
Net Debt	(5,883)	(2,858)	2,974	9,253	20,761
FCFF	36,900	47,055	67,034	90,030	1,17,895

Cash Flows (INR Mn.)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
CFO	42,076	55,119	74,783	95,356	1,22,695
Capex	(5,176)	(8,064)	(7,749)	(5,326)	(4,800)
FCF	36,900	47,055	67,034	90,030	1,17,895
CFI	(959)	13,338	(5,233)	(37,034)	(67,295)
CFF	(40,563)	(71,789)	(63,180)	(57,582)	(49,525)

Ratio Analysis	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Growth Ratios (%)					
Revenue	19.5	9.9	22.7	14.8	12.1
EBITDA	6.4	25.0	34.8	22.8	12.5
PAT	10.2	12.1	32.9	19.0	12.7
Margin ratios (%)					
EBITDA	15.8	18.0	19.7	21.1	21.2
PAT	15.1	15.4	16.7	17.3	17.4
Performance Ratios (%)					
OCF/EBITDA (X)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0
OCF/IC	16.2	22.0	29.8	32.1	34.1
RoE	18.8	22.1	30.1	30.8	29.5
ROCE	18.6	24.6	33.0	36.2	34.7
RoIC (Post tax)	14.7	19.0	25.7	26.1	24.3
ROIC (Pre tax)	19.1	25.0	33.7	35.2	32.7
Fixed asset Turnover (x)	7.2	6.3	6.7	7.2	7.6
Turnover Ratios (Days)					
Inventory	14	14	14	11	11
Debtor	17	18	17	18	18
Payables	40	41	46	41	41
Cash Conversion Cycle	(3)	(10)	(24)	(20)	(20)
Financial Stability ratios (x)					
Net debt to Equity	(0.0)	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	0.1
Net debt to EBITDA	(0.1)	(0.0)	0.0	0.1	0.2
Interest Cover	573.6	158.7	158.4	195.5	220.4
Valuation metrics					
Fully diluted shares (mn)	289.4	283.0	283.2	283.2	283.2
Price (Rs)	9708	9708	9708	9708	9708
Market Cap(Rs. Mn)	28,09,175	27,46,947	27,49,083	27,49,083	27,49,083
PE(x)	56	49	37	31	27
EV (Rs.mn)	28,03,292	27,44,090	27,52,057	27,58,336	27,69,844
EV/EBITDA (x)	54	42	31	25	23
Book value (Rs/share)	922	899	878	1,020	1,201
Price to BV (x)	10.5	10.8	11.1	9.5	8.1
EV/OCF (x)	67	50	37	29	23

Historical recommendations and target price: Bajaj Auto



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1. 31-03-2022	OUTPERFORM,	Target Price 4,239
2. 28-04-2022	ADD,	Target Price 4,230
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4. 17-10-2022	ADD,	Target Price 4,078
5. 26-01-2023	ADD,	Target Price 4,115
6. 26-04-2023	ADD,	Target Price 4,519
7. 25-07-2023	ADD,	Target Price 5,241
8. 19-10-2023	ADD,	Target Price 5,733
9. 25-01-2024	ADD,	Target Price 7,860
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