Quarterly Update/Target price change

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Mahindra & Mahindra

Margin beats estimates

India | Automobiles

Margin expands 20bp QoQ to 12.8%

Mahindra & Mahindra (MM IN) Q3 revenue rose 17% YoY and 4% QoQ to INR 252.9bn, as we had estimated. Standalone EBITDA surged 15% YoY and 6% QoQ to INR 32.4bn, leading to an EBITDA margin of 12.8%, up 20bp QoQ, led by increasing farm segment's revenue contribution. EBIT margin for farm fell 50bp QoQ to 15.5% as Q3 had a one-off impact of 0.7% due to the World Cup ad spend while auto EBIT margin was up 40bp QoQ to 8.3%. Q3 EBIT/vehicle rose 16% QoQ for auto to INR 83,200 while for farm it fell 3% QoQ to INR 102,000. Farm machinery revenue was at INR 2.2bn, down 1% QoQ).

Management guided for a mid to high teens UV growth in FY25

M&M's order book reduced to 226k units as on Feb 1st vs 286k as on 1st Nov 2023. This was cancellation rate increasing to 10% in Nov-Jan'24 period owing to seasonality as per management. The incremental order intake is ~50k per month as per management. On the UV side, MM targets Q4FY24 exit production capacity of 49,000 vehicles per month. For FY25, MM targets mid to high teens growth for its SUV portfolio. For tractors, it expects a 5-6% contraction in FY24, led by weaker growth in South India. Q4 volume should decline ~10% YoY.

Valuation: reiterate Accumulate with a higher TP of INR 1,860

M&M's order book reduction owing to higher cancellation rate in the last few months would need monitoring. It needs to find ways to increase their volume contribution from lower priced variants of XUV 700 to sustain the volume momentum. The response for the new launches of Thar 5-door and XUV 300 refresh in the next six months will be keenly watched. The farm segment may post sluggish volume growth on high base. We expect margin to expand 120bp during FY23-26E. M&M margin delivery on auto segment has been impressive. We reiterate Accumulate with a higher SOTP-based TP of INR 1,860 from INR 1,688 as we roll forward to FY26. We value total automotive at ~20x P/E and the farm segment at 18x FY26E P/E with a subsidiary value of INR 400 (from INR 365).

Rating: Accumulate

Target Price: INR 1,860

Upside: 12%

CMP: INR 1,657 (as on 14 February 2024)

Key data*	
Bloomberg / Reuters Code	MM IN/MAHM.BO
Current /Dil. Shares O/S (mn)	1,244/1,243
Mkt Cap (INR bn/USD mn)	2,061/24,826
Daily Vol. (3M NSE Avg.)	2,424,855
Face Value (INR)	5

1 USD = INR 83.0

Note: *as on 14 February 2024; Source: Bloomberg

1,800 1,600 1,400 1,200 1,000 Feb-23 Jun-23 Oct-23 Feb-24 Vol. in mn (RHS) — M&M (LHS)

Source: Bloomberg

Shareholding (%)	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24
Promoter	19.4	19.4	19.3	19.3
Institutional Investors	66.9	67.0	67.1	67.1
Other Investors	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.6
General Public	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.0
Source: BSE				

Price performance (%)	3M	6M	12M
Nifty	12.3	12.4	21.8
Mahindra & Mahindra	7.6	7.1	21.6
Tata Motors	40.6	51.2	108.4

Source: Bloomberg

YE March (INR mn)	Q3FY24	Q3FY23	YoY (%)	Q2FY24	QoQ (%)	Q3FY24E	Var (%)
Revenue	252,885	216,537	16.8	243,099	4.0	250,402	1.0
Operating costs	220,521	188,395	17.1	212,440	3.8	220,104	0.2
EBITDA	32,364	28,142	15.0	30,659	5.6	30,299	6.8
EBITDA margin (%)	12.8	13.0	(19.8)	12.6	18.6	12.1	69.8
Depreciation & amortization	8,179	8,292	(1.4)	8,158	0.3	8,250	(0.9)
EBIT	24,186	19,851	21.8	22,501	7.5	22,049	9.7
Interest expense	348	686	(49.2)	329	5.7	400	(13.0)
Other Income	3,832	6,700	(42.8)	8,191	(53.2)	8,000	(52.1)
Pretax profit	31,207	25,865	20.7	43,671	(28.5)	42,957	(27.4)
Tax	6,668	4,296	55.2	9,153	(27.2)	9,451	(29.4)
Tax rate (%)	21.4	16.6		21.0		22.0	
Adjusted Net profit	24,540	21,569	13.8	34,518	(28.9)	33,507	(26.8)
Exceptionals	-	(6,289)		-		-	
Adj. EPS (INR)	20.7	18.2	13.8	29.2	(28.9)	28.3	(26.8)

YE	Revenue	YoY	EBITDA	EBITDA	Adj PAT	YoY	Fully DEPS	RoE	RoCE	Adj P/E	EV/EBITDA
March	(INR mn)	(%)	(INR mn)	margin (%)	(INR mn)	(%)	(INR)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)
FY23	849,603	47.0	104,424	12.3	79,782	57.1	66.5	15.9	15.6	24.9	18.2
FY24E	980,141	15.4	125,458	12.8	79,367	27.1	84.5	21.5	17.9	19.6	14.8
FY25E	1,076,533	9.8	143,179	13.3	89,411	4.0	87.8	19.2	17.8	18.9	12.7
FY26E	1,178,458	9.5	159,092	13.5	99,005	11.0	97.5	18.5	17.2	17.0	11.1

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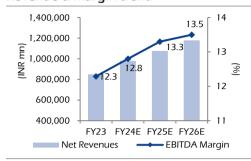


Standalone Financials (YE March)

Income Statement (INR mn)	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Revenues	849,603	980,141	1,076,533	1,178,458
EBITDA	104,424	125.458	143,179	159,092
Add:- Non operating Income	25,452	20,000	18,000	20,160
OPBIDTA	129,875	145,458	161,179	179,252
Less :- Depreciation & Amortization	31,545	32,752	37,153	41,971
EBIT	98,331	112,706	124,026	137,281
Less:- Interest Expenses	2,728	1,328	1,328	1,328
PBT	95,603	111,378	122,698	135,953
Less :- Taxes	15,821	32,011	33,288	36,949
Adjusted PAT	79,782	79,367	89,411	99,00
Add/Less: - Extra-ordinaries	(14,295)	0	0	(
Reported PAT	65,486	79,367	89,411	99,00
Balance Sheet (INR mn)	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26I
Share Capital	5,991	5,991	5,991	5,99
Reserves	427,577	503,602	582,660	670,414
Net worth	433,567	509,593	588,651	676,40
Borrowings	46,437	46,437	46,437	46,43
Deferred Tax (Net)	(14,703)	(14,703)	(14,703)	(14,703
Other liabilities	91,634	95,181	103,104	111,770
Total Liabilities	586,342	665,914	752,895	849,314
Gross Block	393,660	448,660	508,945	574,939
Less:- Accumulated Depreciation	223,898	256,650	293,803	335,77
Net Block	169,762	192,010	215,143	239,16
Add:- Capital work in progress	27,846	27,846	27,846	27,840
Investments	270,871	308,515	353,255	397,866
Net Working Capital	(42,226)	(32,157)	(25,070)	(18,326
Cash and Cash Equivalents	44,818	54,429	66,450	87,49
Other Assets	115,271	115,271	115,271	115,27
Total Assets	586,342	665,914	752,895	849,314
Cash Flow Statement (INR mn)	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26
Cash profit adjusted for non-cash items	84,458	134,119	142,564	158,975
Add/Less : Working Capital Changes	6,834	(6,522)	837	1,92
Operating Cash Flow	91,293	127,597	143,400	160,89
Less:- Capex	(43,542)	(55,000)	(60,286)	(65,994
Free Cash Flow	47,750	72,597	83,114	94,90
Financing Cash Flow	(37,838)	(25,342)	(26,353)	(29,251
Investing Cash Flow	(47,535)	(92,644)	(105,026)	(110,605
Net change in Cash	5,920	9,611	12,022	21,040
Ratio Analysis	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26I
Income Statement Ratios (%)				
Revenue Growth	47.0	15.4	9.8	9.5
EBITDA Growth	48.6	20.1	14.1	11.1
	40.0	20.1		
Adj. PAT Growth	57.1	27.1	4.0	11.0
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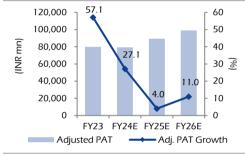
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Revenue & margin trend



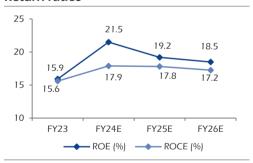
Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

Adjusted profit growth trend



Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

Return ratios



Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate



Q3FY24 conference call highlights

- <u>UV growth outlook:</u> For FY25, MM targets a mid to high teens growth for its SUV portfolio vs SIAM's 3-5% for PV and 10-12% for UV
- UV bookings: Open bookings stood at 226,000 units as on 1 February. Cancellations have been higher in December due to year-end vehicle identification number (VIN) change. Average monthly bookings continue to be at 50,000 per month and MM was able to supply 40,000 units
 - The longest waiting is for the *Thar 2* door variant. The *Scorpio* and the *Scorpio N* also saw healthy bookings. The *Bolero* has a few weeks waiting while MM has stopped taking bookings for the *XUV 300*. On the *XUV 700*, it is trying to change perception that it is a model with a long-waiting period
- Capacity: On the UV side, MM targets Q4FY24 exit production capacity of 49,000 vehicles per month. It expects Q4 sales run-rate to be flat due to the XUV 300 ramp-down for midcycle enhancement and variant-level production constraints. Specifically, for the Thar, the company is unable to ramp up production of the Thar 2WD due to shortage of engines. MM faces constraints on the Scorpio and the company is tweaking slight capacity. It faces issues of variant mismatch for the Scorpio N
- <u>Electric UV:</u> Management expects the XUV 400 to reach a 25% share in its compact eSUV category
- <u>Electric 3W</u>: Competition has increased in this segment, although the company holds a 59.5% market share in YTD FY24. MM believes e-3W will be a strong growth segment. EV penetration in this category has the potential to go up to 50% from ~11% currently
- New launches: The company remains mindful of ICE variants. New upgrade launches for this year are the *Thar 5D* and the refreshed *XUV 300*. Management believes it has adequate products which can fill the white space of the earlier *XUV 500*
- Auto margin: Standalone PBIT margin stood at 8.3% in Q3FY24, up 170bp YoY
- Farm segment: Management expects 5-6% contraction in tractors this year and a contraction of 10% in Q4

- Weak rural economy: The rural economy is struggling due to 1) an erratic temporal distribution of rainfall adversely affecting the Kharif output, 2) negative farm sentiments also seen in the slow progress of Rabi sowing, 3) Mandi arrivals from the Kharif season remain weak, indicating broad-based lower farm output, and 4) Gol spend on agriculture & rural development remains weak in Q3F24. This had an impact on the *Bolero* segment while consumers for the *Scorpio* remain unaffected
- Farm margin: Due to one-off World Cup ad spend in Q3, the farm segment had an impact of 0.7%. Farm standalone PBIT margin stood at 15.5%, down 50bp QoQ, while core tractor margin was at 16.9%, down 60bp QoQ. There has been an adverse impact on margin, due to weaker sales in South India
- Tractor inventory: Most OEM are adjusting the tractor stock in the market. The company stock for tractors is slightly higher than the ideal level of 30 days and there should be inventory correction in the next three months
- <u>Last-mile mobility (LMM)</u>: NIIF's India-Japan Fund (IJF) invested in LMM at a valuation of INR 66bn, up 10% than the previous valuation
- Truck and bus division: MM is committed to improve business dynamics for the MHCV business and expects it to grow to INR 100bn top-line business by increasing market share
- Implication of the Red Sea crisis: There has not been an impact on cost while there has been delay in exports of tractors. Currently, there is no delay in importing raw materials
- <u>Cash deployment:</u> MM would be disciplined in spending cash on books. It plans to deploy cash on growth gems. Mahindra Finance, EV and farm equipment are areas in focus
- PLI: The company has qualified for PLI. On the XUV 400, MM plans to apply PLI for Q2FY25 while for e3W, it has already applied



Exhibit 1: Change in estimates – Net sales reduction also owing to LMM volumes now not in standalone

(INR mn)		Earlier			Current		9,	6 variation	
	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net sales	1,033,224	1,111,768	1,180,190	986,740	1,061,660	1,157,548	(4.5)	(4.5)	(1.9)
EBITDA	132,769	146,753	158,145	126,796	141,201	156,269	(4.5)	(3.8)	(1.2)
EBITDA margin (%)	12.9	13.2	13.4	12.9	13.3	13.5	(0)	10	10
PAT	101,126	101,801	108,768	103,121	97,695	107,858	2.0	(4.0)	(8.0)
EPS (INR)	84.3	84.8	90.6	85.9	81.4	89.9	2.0	(4.0)	(8.0)
Core EPS (INR)	69.5	72.0	75.8	58.1	68.5	75.1	(16.5)	(4.8)	(1.0)
Volume	1,251,149	1,311,807	1,358,021	1,158,331	1,161,769	1,222,438	(7.4)	(11.4)	(10.0)
Target price (INR)		1,688			1,860			10.2	

Source: Elara Securities Estimate

Exhibit 2: SOTP valuation

SOTP valuation	PE (x)	FY26E
Domestic PV ICE	14	401
Non-PV (auto)	18	380
Total FES	16	511
Subsidiaries	20% hold co disc	400
EV company		168
Total		1,860

Source: Elara Securities Estimate



Coverage History



	Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
45	10-Feb-2022	Buy	INR 1,078	INR 853
46	2-May-2022	Buy	INR 1,140	INR 921
47	27-May-2022	Buy	INR 1,246	INR 953
48	28-Jun-2022	Buy	INR 1,314	INR 1112
49	8-Jul-2022	Buy	INR 1,418	INR 1,134
50	5-Aug-2022	Buy	INR 1,505	INR 1,236
51	11-Nov-2022	Buy	INR 1,637	INR 1,287
52	27-May-2023	Accumulate	INR 1,525	INR 1,282
53	4-Aug-2023	Accumulate	INR 1,634	INR 1,465
54	10-Nov-2023	Accumulate	INR 1,688	INR 1,540
55	14-Feb-2024	Accumulate	INR 1,860	INR 1,657

AC= Analyst Change, *Bonus Issue

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BUY	Absolute Return >+20%
ACCUMULATE	Absolute Return +5% to +20%
REDUCE	Absolute Return -5% to +5%
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