TVS Motor | BUY

Steady show; credible EV strategy at play

In 3QFY24, TVS Motor (TVSL) reported EBITDA margin of 11.2% (+110bps YoY, +20bps QoQ), broadly in-line with JMFe led by cost reduction efforts. Domestic 2W demand, so far, is led by urban regions and there are early signs of revival in the rural demand. Affordability and currency related challenges in the international markets have largely bottomed out. With respect to EVs, TVSL plans to ramp-up EV business by introducing new products and expanding dealer network going ahead. Overall, we expect TVSL's outperformance to continue on the volume front (led by premiumization and EV product launches), while higher operating leverage and astute cost management would help on the margin front. We estimate revenue / EPS CAGR of 16%/30% over FY23-26E. We maintain BUY with a Mar'25 TP of INR 2,100 (30x Mar'26E EPS [25x earlier]). Prolonged slowdown in international markets remain a key risk.

- 3QFY24 In-line performance: In 3QFY24, TVS Motor reported net sales of INR 82.5bn (+26% YoY, +1% QoQ), c.3% below JMFe. Volumes increased 25% YoY (2.5% QoQ). Blended realisation was flattish YoY / -1% QoQ. EBITDA margin stood at 11.2% (+110bps YoY, +20bps QoQ), broadly in-line with JMFe. Reported EBITDA stood at INR 9.2bn (+40%YoY, +3%QoQ). Adj. PAT for the quarter was INR 5.9bn (+68% YoY, +11% QoQ), 4% above JMFe, mainly led by lower than expected interest expense and higher other income (incl. gain on fair value of an investment).
- Demand environment: Domestic 2W volumes are gradually improving and demand recovery was led by premium segment (125cc+) in the semi-urban and urban region. The management indicated that there are early signs of revival in rural demand (as witnessed by strong festive growth) and expects recovery to be gradual. Improvement in retail financing (c.65% during 3Q) is aiding the volume recovery. Dealer inventory stands at an optimum level, below c.30 days. Overall, the management expects TVSL to outperform the industry in both domestic and export segments led by its extensive product portfolio. Demand in the international market continues to remain impacted by high inflation, and currency depreciation. However, management highlighted that the worst is behind and it expects steady recovery in exports going forward. The company remains watchful of the Red Sea and its possible impact in the near-term.
- Margin outlook: 110bps YoY EBITDA margin expansion during 3Q was led by cost reduction initiatives (incl. RM cost) partially offset by higher marketing spends. The company indicated that it will continue to judiciously invest towards brand building and marketing efforts. Overall, TVSL expects a) richer product mix, b) cost-reduction initiatives, c) higher operating leverage (especially for EVs) to be additional levers for margin expansion.
- Update on EV initiatives: The company indicated that ramp-up in iQube sales is led by positive customer response. Currently, TVS iQube is present across 400 touchpoints and the company plans to double its presence by Mar'24. The company plans multiple new launches (starting 4QFY24) and build a complete EV product portfolio over next 8 qtrs. Launch of E3W is also expected soon. TVSL's increasing focus on the EV segment through



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Recommendation and Price Target	
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Current Price Target (12M)	2,100
Upside/(Downside)	5.0%
Previous Price Target	1,650
Change	27.3%

Key Data – TVSL IN	
Current Market Price	INR2,001
Market cap (bn)	INR950.6/US\$11.4
Free Float	47%
Shares in issue (mn)	475.0
Diluted share (mn)	475.0
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR1,911.5/US\$23.0
52-week range	2,109/971
Sensex/Nifty	71,060/21,454
INR/US\$	83.1

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	6M	12M
1.7	53.1	103.4
1.8	43.0	74.5
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* To the BSE Sensex

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	2,07,905	2,63,781	3,17,446	3,66,981	4,11,203
Sales Growth (%)	24.1	26.9	20.3	15.6	12.1
EBITDA	19,617	26,747	35,431	43,610	50,121
EBITDA Margin (%)	9.4	10.1	11.2	11.9	12.2
Adjusted Net Profit	9,237	14,910	21,678	27,824	32,468
Diluted EPS (INR)	19.4	31.4	45.6	58.6	68.4
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	50.9	61.3	45.4	28.4	16.7
ROIC (%)	72.9	68.3	80.0	107.8	132.7
ROE (%)	20.5	27.4	31.2	31.0	28.2
P/E (x)	102.9	63.7	43.8	34.2	29.3
P/B (x)	19.7	15.7	12.1	9.4	7.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	49.2	36.4	27.3	21.8	18.6
Dividend Yield (%)	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 24/Jan/2024

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new launches as well as strategic tie-ups globally will help build scale. The company started exporting iQube during 3Q in select geographies. PLI application is in advanced stages of approval.

■ Investment, capex and subsidiary performance: 1) Capex guidance for FY24 stands at INR c.10bn. Investment guidance for FY24 stands at INR c.11bn. The management reiterated that all recent investment has been towards future mobility business and this will yield returns over the coming years. The investments will also help the company to enter and expand in developed markets. 2) TVS Credit: AUM stands at INR253bn; Disbursements during 3Q were at INR 70bn; GNPA as on Dec 31, 2023 stood at 3.1%; PBT came-in at INR 2.29bn vs. INR 1.80bn QoQ.

Exhibit 1. Quarterly financial resu	ults						
·	3QFY24	3QFY23	% YoY	2QFY24	% QoQ	3QFY24E	% A/E
Operating Matrices							
2W (Units)	1,062,777	835,938	27.1	1,031,372	3.0	1,062,777	0.0
3W (Units)	38,066	43,485	-12.5	43,006	-11.5	38,066	0.0
Total Volumes (Units)	1,100,843	879,423	25.2	1,074,378	2.5	1,100,843	0.0
Domestic (Units)	852,297	633,071	34.6	797,356	6.9	852,297	0.0
Exports (Units)	248,546	246,352	0.9	277,022	-10.3	248,546	0.0
Average Realisation (Net, INR)	74,897	74,429	0.6	75,808	-1.2	77,324	-3.1
Sales	82,450	65,454	26.0	81,446	1.2	85,121	-3.1
RM	60,756	49,429	22.9	60,276	0.8	63,160	-3.8
As a % of sales	73.7	75.5	-180bps	74.0	-30bps	74.2	-50bps
Employee Exp	4,036	3,409	18.4	3,929	2.7	4,086	-1.2
As a % of sales	4.9	5.2	-30bps	4.8	10bps	4.8	10bps
Other Costs	8,414	6,027	39.6	8,244	2.1	8,427	-0.2
As a % of sales	10.2	9.2	100bps	10.1	10bps	9.9	30bps
EBITDA	9,244	6,589	40.3	8,998	2.7	9,448	-2.2
EBITDA Margin (%)	11.2	10.1	110bps	11.0	20bps	11.1	10bps
Other Income	734	65	1031.0	462	58.7	500	46.8
Interest	448	316	41.5	523	-14.4	550	-18.6
Depreciation	1,781	1,583	12.5	1,701	4.7	1,775	0.3
PBT	7,750	4,755	63.0	7,237	7.1	7,623	1.7
Exceptional Item	0	0	NA	0	NA		NA
Tax	1,817	1,227	48.0	1,871	-2.9	1,915	-5.1
Tax rate (%)	23.4	25.8	-240bps	25.9	-240bps	25.1	-170bps
PAT (Reported)	5,934	3,528	68.2	5,366	10.6	5,708	3.9
PAT (Adjusted)	5,934	3,528	68.2	5,366	10.6	5,708	3.9
EPS (INR)	12.5	7.4	68.2	11.3	10.6	12.0	3.9

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 2. TVSL - change in assumptions (standalone)										
TVSL	New assumption			OI	Old assumption			% Change		
	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	
Revenue (INR mn)	317,446	366,981	411,203	312,069	361,059	401,809	1.7%	1.6%	2.3%	
Volume (mn units)	4.2	4.7	5.1	4.1	4.6	5.0	1.2%	1.1%	1.8%	
Growth (%)	13.7%	11.2%	8.8%	12.4%	11.3%	7.9%				
EBITDA (INR mn)	35,431	43,610	50,121	34,955	43,009	49,029	1.4%	1.4%	2.2%	
EBITDAM (%)	11.2%	11.9%	12.2%	11.2%	11.9%	12.2%	-	-	-	
PAT (INR mn)	21,678	27,824	32,468	20,687	26,623	30,959	4.8%	4.5%	4.9%	
EPS (INR)	45.6	58.6	68.4	43.6	56.0	65.2	4.8%	4.5%	4.9%	

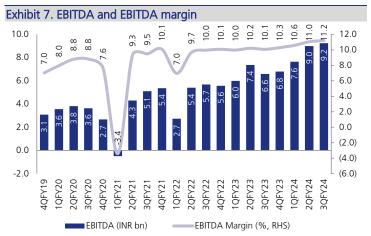
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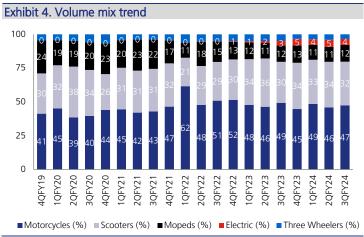
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Financial Tables (Standalone)

Income Statement					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	2,07,905	2,63,781	3,17,446	3,66,981	4,11,203
Sales Growth	24.1%	26.9%	20.3%	15.6%	12.1%
Other Operating Income	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	2,07,905	2,63,781	3,17,446	3,66,981	4,11,203
Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp	1,58,082	1,99,928	2,34,343	2,68,807	3,00,167
Personnel Cost	11,364	13,451	15,872	17,777	19,910
Other Expenses	18,842	23,655	31,799	36,788	41,006
EBITDA	19,617	26,747	35,431	43,610	50,121
EBITDA Margin	9.4%	10.1%	11.2%	11.9%	12.2%
EBITDA Growth	37.3%	36.3%	32.5%	23.1%	14.9%
Depn. & Amort.	6,114	6,312	6,932	7,724	8,487
EBIT	13,503	20,435	28,499	35,886	41,634
Other Income	-1,069	-401	24	724	1,087
Finance Cost	0	0	0	0	0
PBT before Excep. & Forex	12,434	20,034	28,524	36,610	42,721
Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	0
PBT	12,434	20,034	28,524	36,610	42,721
Taxes	3,197	5,123	6,846	8,786	10,253
Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Net Profit	9,237	14,910	21,678	27,824	32,468
Adjusted Net Profit	9,237	14,910	21,678	27,824	32,468
Net Margin	4.4%	5.7%	6.8%	7.6%	7.9%
Diluted Share Cap. (mn)	475.0	475.0	475.0	475.0	475.0
Diluted EPS (INR)	19.4	31.4	45.6	58.6	68.4
Diluted EPS Growth	50.9%	61.3%	45.4%	28.4%	16.7%
Total Dividend + Tax	2,138	2,375	3,800	4,750	4,750
Dividend Per Share (INR)	4.5	5.0	8.0	10.0	10.0

Balance Sheet					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Shareholders' Fund	48,220	60,478	78,356	1,01,430	1,29,148
Share Capital	475	475	475	475	475
Reserves & Surplus	47,745	60,003	77,881	1,00,955	1,28,673
Preference Share Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loans	19,627	26,634	26,634	21,634	19,134
Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-)	1,979	1,982	1,982	1,982	1,982
Total - Equity & Liab.	69,826	89,094	1,06,972	1,25,046	1,50,264
Net Fixed Assets	37,311	42,236	44,811	46,659	48,270
Gross Fixed Assets	72,309	81,514	91,791	1,01,299	1,10,870
Intangible Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Less: Depn. & Amort.	39,243	45,555	52,487	60,211	68,698
Capital WIP	4,245	6,277	5,507	5,571	6,098
Investments	47,160	56,839	67,839	77,839	87,839
Current Assets	34,007	40,849	61,193	77,130	99,583
Inventories	11,227	12,363	17,394	20,109	22,532
Sundry Debtors	9,507	9,551	14,785	16,087	18,025
Cash & Bank Balances	4,013	2,420	10,847	20,951	37,045
Loans & Advances	9,260	16,515	18,167	19,983	21,982
Other Current Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Current Liab. & Prov.	48,651	50,830	66,871	76,582	85,429
Current Liabilities	39,914	41,306	56,531	65,353	73,228
Provisions & Others	8,737	9,524	10,339	11,229	12,201
Net Current Assets	-14,645	-9,981	-5,678	548	14,155
Total – Assets	69,826	89,094	1,06,972	1,25,046	1,50,264

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Cash Flow Statement				((INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Profit before Tax	12,434	20,034	28,524	36,610	42,721
Depn. & Amort.	6,114	6,312	6,932	7,724	8,487
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	0	0	0	0	0
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	-1,422	-6,257	4,124	3,879	2,487
Others	0	0	0	0	0
Taxes Paid	-3,197	-5,123	-6,846	-8,786	-10,253
Operating Cash Flow	13,930	14,966	32,734	39,426	43,442
Capex	-10,536	-11,238	-9,507	-9,571	-10,098
Free Cash Flow	3,394	3,728	23,227	29,855	33,344
Inc (-) / Dec in Investments	-14,015	-9,679	-11,000	-10,000	-10,000
Others	0	0	0	0	0
Investing Cash Flow	-24,550	-20,916	-20,507	-19,571	-20,098
Inc / Dec (-) in Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Dividend + Tax thereon	-2,138	-2,375	-3,800	-4,750	-4,750
Inc / Dec (-) in Loans	8,037	7,006	0	-5,000	-2,500
Others	-589	-277	0	0	0
Financing Cash Flow	5,311	4,354	-3,800	-9,750	-7,250
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	-5,310	-1,596	8,427	10,105	16,094
Opening Cash Balance	9,298	4,013	2,420	10,847	20,951
Closing Cash Balance	3,988	2,417	10,846	20,951	37,045

Dupont Analysis							
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E		
Net Margin	4.4%	5.7%	6.8%	7.6%	7.9%		
Asset Turnover (x)	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.0		
Leverage Factor (x)	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2		
RoE	20.5%	27.4%	31.2%	31.0%	28.2%		

Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
BV/Share (INR)	101.5	127.3	165.0	213.5	271.9
ROIC	72.9%	68.3%	80.0%	107.8%	132.7%
ROE	20.5%	27.4%	31.2%	31.0%	28.2%
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.1
P/E (x)	102.9	63.7	43.8	34.2	29.3
P/B (x)	19.7	15.7	12.1	9.4	7.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	49.2	36.4	27.3	21.8	18.6
EV/Sales (x)	4.6	3.7	3.0	2.6	2.3
Debtor days	17	13	17	16	16
Inventory days	20	17	20	20	20
Creditor days	77	64	73	74	74

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History of Recommendation and Target Price							
Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.				
4-Feb-20	Hold	490					
13-Apr-20	Hold	325	-33.7				
28-May-20	Hold	360	10.8				
30-Jul-20	Hold	395	9.7				
24-Aug-20	Buy	560	41.8				
30-Oct-20	Buy	615	9.8				
28-Jan-21	Buy	700	13.8				
28-Apr-21	Buy	780	11.4				
29-Jul-21	Buy	780	0.0				
21-Oct-21	Buy	825	5.8				
7-Feb-22	Buy	825	0.0				
5-May-22	Buy	850	3.0				
28-Jul-22	Buy	1,000	17.6				
6-Nov-22	Buy	1,300	30.0				
25-Jan-23	Buy	1,225	-5.8				
4-May-23	Buy	1,275	4.1				
24-Jul-23	Buy	1,400	9.8				
30-Oct-23	Buy	1,650	17.9				



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