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Financials & Valuations (INR b)

Y/E March	2025	2026E	2027E
Sales	124.0	135.3	148.4
EBITDA	16.3	16.9	19.0
Adj. PAT	8.8	9.0	10.4
EPS (INR)	48.2	49.4	56.8
EPS Gr. (%)	-2.7	2.6	15.0
BV/Sh. (INR)	403	443	488
Ratios			
RoE (%)	12.5	11.7	12.2
RoCE (%)	12.4	11.7	12.5
Payout (%)	19.9	20.2	20.2
Valuations			
P/E (x)	19.8	19.3	16.7
P/BV (x)	2.4	2.2	2.0
Div. Yield (%)	1.2	1.1	1.3
FCF yield (%)	3.9	2.9	6.0
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Persistent margin pressure leads to PAT miss

- 1QFY26 standalone revenue grew ~7% YoY to INR33.5b (in line).

 Domestic revenue increased by 10%+, led by robust demand from OEMs in the 4W and 2W segments and healthy volumes in the aftermarket segment. In addition, its HUPS and tubular batteries business delivered a strong seasonal performance, while its allied business gained market momentum and penetration. In the industrial segment, Amara saw strong traction in UPS/data centers, with 13% growth. The new energy business was driven by healthy volumes in the stationary business.
- Gross margin stood at 29% (+120bp YoY/+270bp QoQ), likely impacted by a higher traded portion in tubular batteries in 1Q.
- EBITDA margin declined 220bp YoY to 11.5% (flat QoQ) and below our estimate of 12%. Margins are likely to have been impacted by the continued impact of higher non-lead alloy costs and higher power costs.
- As a result, EBITDA declined 10.2% YoY to INR3.9b (in line).
- However, other income came in much lower than expected at INR139m (est. INR245m).
- As a result, PAT declined 20.7% YoY to INR1.9b (below est. of INR2.1b).
- **Valuation view:** The stock trades at 19.3x/16.7x FY26E/FY27E EPS.

Quarterly Performance										(INR M)		
Y/E March (INR m)	FY25			FY26E			FY25	FY26E				
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE	-		1QE	VAR (%)
Net Sales	31,312	31,358	31,640	29,739	33,499	33,240	34,488	34,047	1,24,049	1,35,274	32,564	2.9
YoY Change (%)	13.0	11.6	9.8	6.3	7.0	6.0	9.0	14.5	10.2	9.0	4.0	
RM Cost (% of sales)	68.9	67.6	66.9	67.7	70.5	68.5	68.3	66.7	67.8	68.5	68.6	190bp
Staff Cost (% of sales)	5.9	6.1	6.0	6.1	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.9	0bp
Other Exp (% of sales)	11.5	12.2	13.9	14.7	12.0	13.0	12.5	14.5	13.1	13.0	13.5	-150bp
EBITDA	4,304	4,407	4,158	3,422	3,867	4,155	4,552	4,335	16,291	16,909	3,908	-1.1
Margins (%)	13.7	14.1	13.1	11.5	11.5	12.5	13.2	12.7	13.1	12.7	12.0	-50bp
Depreciation	1,183	1,220	1,233	1,284	1,292	1,289	1,304	1,331	4,921	5,216	1,250	3.4
Interest	90	131	107	95	104	135	145	167	422	550	120	-13.8
Other Income	256	185	293	200	139	200	267	344	933	950	245	-43.1
PBT before EO expense	3,287	3,240	3,111	2,244	2,610	2,931	3,370	3,182	11,881	12,093	2,783	-6.2
Extra-Ord expense	0	0	-1,111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PBT after EO	3,287	3,240	4,222	2,244	2,610	2,931	3,370	3,182	11,881	12,093	2,783	-6.2
Tax	841	833	1,103	576	670	733	859	785	3,353	3,048	696	
Tax Rate (%)	25.6	25.7	26.1	25.7	25.7	25.0	25.5	24.7	28.2	25.2	25.0	
Adj PAT	2,446	2,407	2,298	1,668	1,940	2,198	2,511	2,396	8,815	9,046	2,087	-7.0
YoY Change (%)	23.1	6.3	-9.1	-26.8	-20.7	-8.7	9.3	43.7	-2.7	2.6	-14.7	

E: MOFSL Estimates