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## Resilient topline & tight cost control drive earnings beat



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- Resilient topline performance despite subdued demand: Britannia's consolidated revenue grew 9% to INR 43.7bn (inline with our estimate), while standalone revenue grew 9.2% yoy driven by necessary pricing interventions (Britannia had implemented 2% price hike in Q3 & further hikes were expected in 4Q).
- Weaker gross margins entirely offset by lower than expected overheads driving strong earnings beat: Britannia's consol. gross margin compressed 481bps yoy to 39.3% (inline with our estimate), due to inflationary trends in key commodities. Standalone GMs fell by 504bps yoy to 37.3%. Impact of steep GM compression was largely offset by lower staff costs (+1.5% yoy) and savings in other overheads (-8% yoy), resulting in lower consol. EBITDA margin compression of 122bps to 18.4% (136bps above our estimate of 17%). Consol. EBITDA/PAT grew c.2-4% to INR 8.1bn/5.6bn (9%/11.7% above our estimate).
- Britannia effectively navigated through the challenging operating environment and generated savings of c.3% of revenue - driven by strategic pricing actions, quick adaptation of emerging channels and robust cost efficiency initiatives.
- Company expanded its direct distribution footprint to 2.9mn outlets.
- Going ahead, management will focus on healthy and profitable growth, while keeping a close eye on commodity prices.
- Conference call is scheduled on Monday (12<sup>th</sup> May) at 9AM (Diamond pass link).

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Exhibit 1.4QFY25 result snapshot – Revenue	performance	tad better;	savings in overl	heads drive s	harp earnir	ngs beat (	INR mn)	
	CONSOLIDATED	FINANCIALS		PARENT COMPANY				
	4QFY25	4QFY24	YoY growth	4QFY25E	% var	4QFY25	4QFY24	YoY growth
Net Sales	43,756	40,141	9.0%	43,378	0.9%	42,189	38,629	9.2%
Other Operating Income	566	553	2.4%	1,190	-52.4%	636	613	3.8%
Gross Profit	17,773	18,269	-2.7%	18,196	-2.3%	16,377	16,974	-3.5%
Gross Profit Margin - % of Net Sales	39.3%	44.1%	-481 bps	39.2%	12 bps	37.3%	42.4%	-504 bps
Staff Cost	1,645	1,620	1.5%	1,800	-8.6%	1,275	1,249	2.1%
Other Expenses	8,076	8,774	-8.0%	9,002	-10.3%	7,314	8,021	-8.8%
EBITDA	8,052	7,875	2.3%	7,394	8.9%	7,787	7,704	1.1%
EBITDA margin - % of Net Sales	18.4%	19.6%	-122 bps	17.0%	136 bps	18.5%	19.9%	-149 bps
Depreciation	810	799	1.3%	837	-3.3%	738	727	1.6%
EBIT	7,242	7,075	2.4%	6,556	10.5%	7,049	6,977	1.0%
Interest Expense	307	264	15.9%	350	-12.4%	301	258	16.5%
Other Income	630	573	9.9%	629	0.2%	716	552	29.8%
РВТ	7,566	7,384	2.5%	6,835	10.7%	7,464	7,270	2.7%
Reported Net Profit	5,599	5,383	4.0%	5,015	11.7%	5,571	5,302	5.1%

Source: Company, JM Financial

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