RESULT REPORT Q1 FY25 | Sector: Automobile

Bajaj Auto Ltd

PLI benefits, higher spares lend margins support

Valuation and View - Sharp re-rating to limit upside as catalyst play out

BJAUT's 1QFY25 reported results though were in-line, this was supported by higher spares and accrued PLI benefits (<50bp support). EBITDA margins expanded ~130bp YoY (+20bp QoQ) at 20.2% was due to 1) favorable currency and product mix, 2) benign RM, and 3) operating leverage. We believe, margins likely to be range bound given positive impact of favorable mix (increasing share of premium ICE 2W and 3W), operating leverage to off-set by expected RM inflation coupled with higher share of EVs (even though PLI benefits have started to accrue). Overall demand outlook is improving as 1) domestic 2W industry volumes expected to grow 7-8%, 2) domestic 3Ws to continue current volume momentum led by conversion from diesel to CNG and from e-rick to e-auto, 3) exports – 2Ws to see gradual recovery.

Bajaj Auto continue to up the game in domestic EV as it targets volume ramp-up for Chetak as well as EV 3W, led by new launches and network expansion. This will further be supported by captive financing arm (BACL), with ~50% of BJAUT network covered already. The near-term focus is to 1) increase distribution for Chetak (to ~500 stores in 1HFY25 from 200 in FY24) and EV 3W to 200 cities (from 140 with ~70% coverage). 2) New EV 2W launch in 2QFY25E and 3Ws as it target to be full range player in 3W. BJAUT has witnessed the most re-rating in the past on the back of its market share gains in the 125cc+ domestic motorcycles segment and improved margins, and a one-of-a-kind policy to reward its shareholders. After the sharp rally, however, the stock at ~28x/24.4x FY25E/26E EPS offer limited upside. Therefor we retained an ADD with roll forwarded TP of Rs10,532 (earlier Rs9,966) at 25x Sep'26 EPS (v/s Mar'26 earlier).

Result Highlights - PLI benefits, higher spares lend margin support

- Revenues grew ~15.7% YoY/+3.9% QoQ at ~Rs119.3b (est Rs118.2b) led by 7.3% YoY (+3% QoQ) increase in volumes while ASP grew 7.9% YoY/+0.7% QoQ at ~Rs108.2k/unit (est ~Rs107.3k/unit).
- Gross margins expanded ~190bp YoY (+20bp QoQ) at 30% (est 29.3%). Sustained cost control and benign RM helped EBITDA growth of ~23.6% YoY at ~Rs24.1b (est ~Rs23.5b). Consequently, margins expanded 130bp YoY/+10bp QoQ at 20.2% (est 19.9%). The management indicated within EVs, cost rationalization helped offset drag from volumes ramp-up. Overall PLI benefits (<50bp positive swing) and higher spares sales (~11% of revenues), supported margins.
- Steady op. performance partially offset by lower other income at Rs3.2b (est ~Rs3.7b, -8% QoQ), Adj. PAT came in line at ~Rs19.9b (+19.4% YoY/+2.7% QoQ, est ~Rs19.8b, cons ~Rs19.8b).

Exhibit 1: Actual vs estimates

D	Astrol	Est	imate	% va	riation	Remarks
Rs m	Actual	YES Sec	Consensus	YES Sec	Consensus	
Sales	119,280	118,208	117,933	0.9	1.1	In-line performance.
EBITDA	24,153	23,491	23,590	2.8	2.4	Though supported by
EBITDA %	20.2	19.9	20.0	40bp	20bp	accrual of PLI benefits.
Adjusted PAT	19,883	19,791	19,794	0.5	0.5	belieffes.

Source: Company, YES Sec



Reco	:	ADD
СМР	:	Rs 9,707
Target Price	:	Rs 10,532
Potential Return	:	+8.5%

Stock data (as on July 16, 2024)

Nifty	24,613
52 Week h/I (Rs)	10,039 / 4,541
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	27,00,604 / 32,322
Outstanding Shares (mn)	279
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	3,835
Div yield (%):	0.9
Bloomberg code:	BJAUT IN
NSE code:	BAJAJ-AUTO

Stock performance



Shareholding pattern (As of Mar'24 end)

Promoter	55.1%
FII+DII	23.1%
Others	21.9%

∆ in stance

(1-Yr)	New	Old
Rating	ADD	ADD
Target Price	10,532	99,66

Δ in earnings estimates

	FY25F	FY26E
EPS (New)	345.2	397.7
EPS (Old)	338.7	401.0
% change	+1.9%	(0.8%)

Financial Summary

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Y/E MARCH	2024	2025E	2026E
Sales	446.9	538.7	627.6
EBITDA	88.2	111.3	130.1
Adj. PAT	77.5	96.4	111.0
Adj. EPS (INR)	277.5	345.2	397.7
EPS Gr. (%)	27.5	24.4	15.2
BV/Sh. (INR)	890	1,088	1,316
RoE (%)	30.8	34.9	33.1
RoCE (%)	37.8	42.4	40.6
Payout (%)	28.8	39.8	39.7
P/E (x)	35.0	28.1	24.4
P/BV (x)	10.9	8.9	7.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	28.0	21.8	18.2
Div. Yield (%)	0.8	1.2	1.4

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Exhibit 2: Quarterly snapshot

Net Revenues Raw Materials % of Net Sales Personnel % of Net Sales Manufacturing & Other Exp % of Net Sales	119,280 83,527 70.0% 4,350 3.6% 7,251 6.1%	103,098 74,127 71.9% 3,842 3.7% 5,590	15.7 12.7 13.2	114,847 80,702 70.3% 3,872	446,852 317,434 71.0% 15,376	364,276 260,548 71.5% 14,449	22.7 21.8
% of Net Sales Personnel % of Net Sales Manufacturing & Other Exp	70.0% 4,350 3.6% 7,251	71.9% 3,842 3.7%	13.2	70.3% 3,872	71.0%	71.5%	21.8
Personnel % of Net Sales Manufacturing & Other Exp	4,350 3.6% 7,251	3,842 3.7%		3,872			
% of Net Sales Manufacturing & Other Exp	3.6% 7,251	3.7%			15,376	14.440	
Manufacturing & Other Exp	7,251			0.407		14,447	6.4
		5,590		3.4%	3.4%	4.0%	
% of Net Sales	6.1%		29.7	7,210	25,813	23,788	8.5
		5.4%		6.3%	5.8%	6.5%	
Total Expenditure	95,128	83,558	13.8	91,784	358,623	298,785	20.0
EBITDA	24,153	19,539	23.6	23,063	88,229	65,491	34.7
EBITDA Margin (%)	20.2%	19.0%		20.1%	19.7%	18.0%	
Depreciation	937	835	12.2	906	3,498	2,824	23.9
EBIT	23,216	18,704	24.1	22,157	84,731	62,667	35.2
Interest Expenses	207	121	71.0	228	535	395	35.5
Non-operating income	3,209	3,463	(7.3)	3,487	14,025	11,814	18.7
Extraordinary Expenses	-	-		-	-	-	
PBT	26,218	22,046	18.9	25,416	98,220	74,086	32.6
Tax-Total	6,335	5,399	17.3	6,056	23,432	17,810	31.6
Tax Rate (%) - Total	24.2%	24.5%		23.8%	23.9%	24.0%	
Reported PAT	19,883	16,648	19.4	19,360	74,788	56,276	32.9
Adj. PAT	19,883	16,648	19.4	20,199	77,464	61,569	25.8
PAT Margin	16.7%	16.1%		17.6%	17.3%	16.9%	
Key operating metrics							
Sales Volume (nos)	1,102,056	1,027,407	7.3	1,068,576	4,350,933	3,927,857	10.8
Net Realisation/Vehicle	108,234	100,347	7.9	107,476	102,703	92,742	10.7
Material cost / vehicle	75,792	72,149	5.0	75,523	72,958	66,333	10.0
Gross Profit / vehicle	32,443	28,198	15.1	31,954	29,745	26,408	12.6
Employee cost /vehicle	3,947	3,739	5.6	3,624	3,534	3,679	(3.9)
Other expenses / vehicle	6,580	5,441	20.9	6,748	5,933	6,056	(2.0)
EBITDA/vehicle	21,916	19,018	15.2	21,582	20,278	16,674	21.6
Net Profit/vehicle	18,042	16,204	11.3	18,903	17,804	15,675	13.6

Source- Company, YES Sec

KEY CON-CALL HIGHLIGHTS

Exports

- Exports revenues grew double digit YoY with LATAM emerged as the largest region clocking highest ever revenues in 1QFY25. Focus continues to remain to drive top line and profitability.
- Small but steady revival seen in exports. Number of stressed countries reducing while Africa led by Nigeria is still under pressure.
 - Nigeria retailed have increased to ~15k from low of ~5k vs ~50k peak volumes.
 Africa retails declined ~40% but other markets such as MENA +20%, Asia +70% (led by Philippines), LATAM +26%. BJAUT is outperforming in markets which are growing.
- Brazil plant capacity is scalable to ~50k units per annum vs 20k now. Expect Brazil to be top 3 market ahead.
- Egypt Qute export have begun with run rate of 500 per month. Expect 2Q to be better than 1Q.

Domestic

- Outlook Expect domestic 2W industry growth of 6-8% in FY25E. >125cc segment to grow faster than industry where BJAUT would likely outperform led by new launches.
- Motorcycles portfolio -
 - Pulsar NS400Z have ~2,400 bookings and have delivered ~1,000 units last quarter. N, NZ and higher variants of the brand account for ~70% of the portfolio.
 - Freedom 125 Targeting mileage conscious customer in 110-125CC segment. ~60% of the targeted customer have access to CNG stations leading to opportunity size of 400-500k customers. Current capacity of ~10k in 2Q and plant to ramp up to 40k by 4Q. The management hinted at couple of CNG launches (one at lower and one at higher end) of the existing line-ups. The current platform is fungible for more variants and ground-up work is not required.
 - Have launched Freedom 125 in MH and Gujarat to begin with and expect to launch it in Delhi and Kerala in 2QFY25. There are few scooters' customers basis early booking trends.
 - CNG availability CNG is available in 335 town of 500 top towns (70% of market).
 Density is high in 50% market where is in rest 50% is very low. For example, Delhi have CNG only ~250 stations and another ~400 are shared stations with other fuel options.
 - Bookings Have bookings of ~4.2k of which ~90% from MH and Gujarat (whereas bookings were opened Pan India). Most bookings are for top end variants whereas dispatched ~100 units. Customer profile is spread across wide spectrum and not concentrated.
- EVs segment revenues increased to ~14% of domestic revenues (vs 6%/2% 1QFY24/FY23) of which ~60% is from E 3W and ~40% from EV 2W.
 - Chetak Network expansion targeted from ~200 stores as of FY24 to ~500 in 1HFY25E and ~1000 by Sep'24. Expect couple of new Chetak launches over 1HFY25E (one of them will be better priced product targeting volumes). Network expansion, distribution and making it more affordable in terms of have helped market share gains. Factors such as build quality, metal body, on-board chargers, premium styling are helping it to differentiate vs competition.
 - E 3W network ramped-up to ~140 cities with 70% coverage (vs ~60 cities in Mar'24 or ~30% of the market is addressed), with exit market share of ~30%. Expect



network expansion to ~200 cities ahead. **E Auto run-rate is ~10% or ~3k of domestic monthly volumes (~9.3k in 1QFY25).** Seeing fast migration from diesel 3W/ E-rick to E Auto. Co's market share stands at 60-70% in the Northern market. **Co wants to be full range player in all 3W market.**

- o **EV revenues** Rs5.3 in FY23, ~Rs20b FY24 and expect to increase further in FY25E.
- Triumph sold ~60k units since launch (of which ~19k in 1QFY25) with revenues of ~Rs12b
 - Network to be scaled up to ~150 cities in 1HFY25E (vs ~100/56/41 cities as of 1QFY25/4QFY24/3QFY24).
 - Seeing good inquiry and post sales traction in metros and mini metros, led by product awareness. Focus is to build local awareness in terms of heritage, ride experience etc. which should allow volumes.
 - Export to ~100 locations currently (in 57 countries) and support UK to expand in overseas markets. Product have been received well in markets like UK and Europe and decent reception in NA and Asian.
- Captive Finance arm (Bajaj Auto Credit Limited) have commenced operation and started to build book from Jan'24. BACL have covered ~50% of BJAUT network and expect to take it up to 100% by Mar'25. Infused ~Rs5.5b capital in BACL in 1QFY25.
- Finance penetration for motorcycle at ~75% and 3W at ~90%.

Financials

- Profitability EV 3W after PLI benefit at par with ICE 3W, EV 2W still a drag but cost control measures have started to deliver and there is no incremental drag on financials from Chetak expansion. PLI benefit accrued and part of P&L (<50bp margin support).
- RM Steel were flat while others metals and non-metal basket increased. Overall RM remained stable led by cost control initiatives. Expect RM inflation from Aluminum and Copper (~50-70bp) in 2QFY25. The price hike taken at the beginning of the quarter would cover it up partly (~50%).
 - QoQ EBITDA margins expansion was led by favorable currency movement while other positive/negative factors negated each other.
- Pricing Have taken some price increase for ICE portfolio which offset judicious price reduction in EVs.
- Capex expect it to be Rs7.5-8 of which large chunk would grow to build new EV 3W facility at Waluj.
- Other expense increase YoY is explained by higher CSR spend, variable and packaging cost linked to volumes, extended warranty on EV portfolio.
- **Employee cost increase** was led by increments and additional staffing cost.
- USD/INR realization at Rs83.4 in 1QFY25 (vs Rs83 in 4QFY24 and Rs82.1 in 1QFY24).
 Exports revenues at USD460m.
- Cash and equivalents stood at Rs167.6b (vs ~Rs163.9b in FY24 and Rs174.4b in FY23).
- Spares contributed ~11% of revenues in 1QFY25 with revenues at Rs13.5b.



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Exhibit 3: Balance Sheet

Exhibit 5. Dalance Sheet						
Y/E March	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Share Capital	2,894	2,830	2,792	2,792	2,792	2,792
Reserves	263,794	251,429	245,813	300,949	364,706	433,745
Net Worth	266,688	254,259	248,605	303,740	367,498	436,536
Deferred Tax	4,033	3,452	5,069	5,069	5,069	5,069
Loans	1,591	1,578	9,907	9,907	9,907	9,907
Capital Employed	272,312	259,288	263,582	318,717	382,475	451,513
Gross Fixed Assets	45,616	54,348	61,661	70,904	80,904	90,904
Less: Depreciation	27,787	27,688	30,131	33,909	38,236	43,132
Net Fixed Assets	17,829	26,660	31,530	36,994	42,668	47,771
Capital WIP	768	819	243	1,000	1,000	1,000
Investments	238,699	229,733	245,414	255,231	265,440	276,057
Current Assets	61,923	54,061	65,320	121,566	185,296	250,356
Inventory	12,305	13,979	16,956	26,565	30,949	34,196
Sundry Debtors	15,164	17,761	21,224	26,565	30,949	34,196
Cash & Bank Balances	5,640	2,858	5,366	42,188	92,818	148,176
Loans & Advances	87	59	53	64	74	82
Others	28,727	19,405	21,721	26,184	30,506	33,706
Current Liab. & Prov.	46,907	51,986	78,925	96,074	111,929	123,671
Sundry Creditors	36,332	40,739	56,102	63,461	73,934	81,690
Other Liabilities	9,025	9,582	20,933	25,234	29,399	32,483
Provisions	1,551	1,665	1,891	7,379	8,597	9,499
Net Current Assets	15,016	2,075	-13,605	25,492	73,367	126,684
Application of Funds	272,312	259,288	263,582	318,717	382,475	451,513
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Source: Company, YES Sec



Exhibit 4: Income statement

Change (%) Net Sales 33 Change (%) Total Expenditure 22 EBITDA 53 Change (%) EBITDA Margins (%) Depreciation EBIT 64 Int. & Fin. Charges	08,433 8.4 31,447 19.5 78,861 52,586	3,927,857 -8.8 364,276 9.9	4,350,933 10.8 446,852 22.7	4,909,023 12.8 538,678	5,545,252 13.0 627,577	6,054,518 9.2
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EBITDA Change (%) EBITDA Margins (%) Depreciation EBIT Int. & Fin. Charges	•	000 707	22.7	20.5	16.5	10.5
Change (%) EBITDA Margins (%) Depreciation EBIT Int. & Fin. Charges	52,586	298,785	358,623	427,353	497,503	551,344
EBITDA Margins (%) Depreciation EBIT Int. & Fin. Charges		65,491	88,229	111,326	130,074	142,070
Depreciation EBIT Int. & Fin. Charges	6.7	24.5	34.7	26.2	16.8	9.2
EBIT Int. & Fin. Charges	15.9	18.0	19.7	20.7	20.7	20.5
Int. & Fin. Charges	2,692	2,824	3,498	3,778	4,327	4,897
	49,895	62,667	84,731	107,547	125,747	137,173
Other Income	87	395	535	589	530	477
	12,092	11,814	14,025	16,001	16,707	17,270
Non-recurring Exp.	-3,153	0	0	0	0	0
PBT	65,053	74,086	98,220	122,960	141,925	153,966
Tax	14,865	17,810	23,432	29,510	34,062	36,952
Effective Rate (%)	22.8	24.0	23.9	24.0	24.0	24.0
PAT	50,189	56,276	74,788	93,450	107,863	117,014
Change (%)	10.2	12.1	32.9	25.0	15.4	8.5
Add: Share in profit of associates	5,795	5,293	2,676	2,917	3,179	3,465
Adj. PAT		61,569	77 4/4	0/0//	444.010	120 400
Change (%)	53,552	01,507	77,464	96,366	111,042	120,480

Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 5: Cash Flow Statement

Y/E March	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Profit before Tax	65,053	74,086	98,220	107,547	125,747	137,173
Interest/Div. Received	9,051	7,522	8,275	16,001	16,707	17,270
Depreciation & Amort.	2,692	2,824	3,498	3,778	4,327	4,897
Direct Taxes Paid	(17,015)	(19,184)	(23,826)	(29,510)	(34,062)	(36,952)
(Inc)/Dec in Working Capital	6,009	7,234	10,171	(2,275)	2,755	2,041
Other Items	(26,866)	(17,363)	(21,556)	(15,413)	(16,177)	(16,793)
CF from Oper. Activity	38,923	55,119	74,783	80,129	99,297	107,635
Extra-ordinary Items	3,153	-	-	-	-	-
CF after EO Items	42,076	55,119	74,783	80,129	99,297	107,635
(Inc)/Dec in FA+CWIP	(5,176)	(8,421)	(7,989)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)
Free Cash Flow	33,747	46,698	66,794	70,129	89,297	97,635
(Pur)/Sale of Invest.	4,217	21,760	6,597	(9,817)	(10,209)	(10,618)
CF from Inv. Activity	(960)	13,338	(1,392)	(19,817)	(20,209)	(20,618)
Inc. / Dec.in Networth	-	(30,939)	(40,172)	0	0	-
Inc/(Dec) in Debt	-	-	9,192	-	-	-
Interest Paid	(74)	(380)	(519)	(589)	(530)	(477)



Y/E March	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Dividends Paid	(40,490)	(40,470)	(39,602)	(38,314)	(44,105)	(47,976)
CF from Fin. Activity	(40,563)	(71,789)	(71,101)	(38,903)	(44,635)	(48,453)
Inc/(Dec) in Cash	553	(3,332)	2,290	21,409	34,453	38,565
Add: Beginning Bal.	5,087	5,526	2,196	5,366	42,188	92,818
Closing Balance	5,640	2,194	4,486	26,775	76,641	131,384

Source- Company, YES Sec

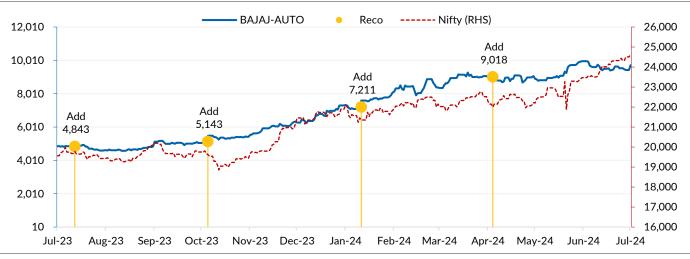
Exhibit 6: Growth and Ratio matrix

Y/E March	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Basic (INR)						
Consol EPS	185.1	217.6	277.5	345.2	397.7	431.5
EPS growth (%)	10.2	17.6	27.5	24.4	15.2	8.5
Consol Cash EPS	194.4	227.6	290.0	358.7	413.2	449.1
Book Value per Share	921.6	898.6	890.5	1,088.0	1,316.3	1,563.6
DPS	140.0	140.0	80.0	118.1	135.9	147.9
Payout (Incl. Div. Tax) %	75.7	64.3	28.8	39.8	39.7	39.8
Valuation (x)						
P/E	52.5	44.6	35.0	28.1	24.4	22.5
Cash P/E	49.9	42.7	33.5	27.1	23.5	21.6
EV/EBITDA	48.8	38.4	28.0	21.8	18.2	16.2
EV/Sales	7.7	6.9	5.5	4.5	3.8	3.3
Price to Book Value	10.5	10.8	10.9	8.9	7.4	6.2
Dividend Yield (%)	1.4	1.4	0.8	1.2	1.4	1.5
Profitability Ratios (%)						
RoE	20.6	23.6	30.8	34.9	33.1	30.0
RoCE	23.3	28.0	37.8	42.4	40.6	37.0
RoIC	110.9	123.7	170.7	210.4	195.4	182.5
Turnover Ratios						
Debtors (Days)	16.7	17.8	17.3	18.0	18.0	18.0
Inventory (Days)	13.6	14.0	13.9	18.0	18.0	18.0
Creditors (Days)	40.0	40.8	45.8	43.0	43.0	43.0
Working Capital (Days)	(9.8)	(9.0)	(14.6)	(7.0)	(7.0)	(7.0)
Asset Turnover (x)	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5
Fixed Asset Turnover	7.5	7.3	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.1

Source- Company, YES Sec



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