

### Strong Growth Across 2W, 3W, PV, CV & Tractor Segments

Over Apr-Dec'26, cumulative 2W domestic sales grew by 10% YoY to 84.2 Lc units, supported by strong performances from TVS (+18%), RE (+26%), and Hero (+3%). In contrast, 2W exports reflected improved traction across global markets. On a YTD basis, **3W domestic wholesales** rose 49% YoY to 2.4 Lc units, led by TVS (+62%) and M&M (+28%). The **domestic PV industry** posted a ~6% YoY growth to ~31.03 Lc units, driven by strong performance from Toyota Kirloskar (+23%), M&M (+18%), JSW MG Motor (+17%), Kia India (+15%), Tata Motors (+6%), and Maruti Suzuki (+4%). However, Hyundai declined 6% YoY. **Domestic CV volumes** increased 9% YTD to 7.2 Lc units, indicating a strong performance, supported by positive freight demand. **Domestic tractor (Exhibit 2)** sales rose 21%, driven by strong growth from M&M (+21%), VST (+43%), and Escorts (+13%). **The overall industry outlook remains optimistic, with gradual demand recovery, a reduction in the GST rate, and income tax relief as key factors driving demand in FY26.**

- 2W/3W Wholesale Nos:** In Dec'25, 2W OEM sales improved, led by Eicher Motors (+37% YoY), Hero (+43%) and TVS (+54% YoY) while Bajaj is yet to release its report. Exports momentum remained strong, driven by Hero and TVS. Going ahead, potential upside triggers for domestic demand include (i) government-led consumption measures (Income Tax relief/ GST reduction), (ii) a rural demand uptick, and (iii) New model launches. The three-wheeler (3W) segment posted a strong growth of 80% YoY but declined 8% MoM, with TVS (+110% YoY), and M&M (+31% YoY).
- PV Wholesale Nos:** In Dec'25, domestic PV sales rose ~27% YoY but remained flat MoM, driven by the marriage season and GST reductions. Toyota Kirloskar registered the highest growth at 23%, followed by M&M (+18% YoY), JSW MG Motor (+17% YoY), Kia India (+15% YoY), Tata Motors (+6%), and Maruti Suzuki (+4%). On the other hand, Hyundai wholesale declined 6% YoY, respectively. Looking ahead in Q4FY26/FY27, we remain cautiously positive and expect industry volumes to grow in high single digits, supported by a reduction in GST rate and improving affordability for consumers.
- CV Wholesale Nos:** Our proxy for CV domestic dispatches witnessed a 26% YoY growth and 16% MoM growth in domestic volumes; Maruti and M&M witnessed the highest growth of 46% and 27% YoY, respectively. Ashok Leyland and VECV posted the surge of 26% YoY each, respectively, followed by Tata Motors (+24%). We expect high-single-digit industry growth in FY26 for CV players, driven by growing demand in the Bus segment.
- Growing Volumes in the Tractor Industry:** Our proxy for the tractor segment saw volume growth of 36% YoY but declined 28% MoM, supported by favourable monsoons and high reservoir levels. M&M volume surged by 37% YoY, followed by Escorts (+36% YoY) and VST Tillers (+26% YoY). Looking ahead into Q4FY26, we expect the positive momentum to continue, driven by GST reductions, enhanced reservoir levels, robust rabi sowing, and improved kharif harvest.
- In the long term, we prefer TVS Motors in 2Ws (Eicher seems fully valued at CMP); M&M (non-coverage) as a play in the PV/LCV/tractor segment, followed by Maruti in PVs. We also like Ashok Leyland in the CV space, followed by a close watch on Eicher (VECV) for any market share gains.**

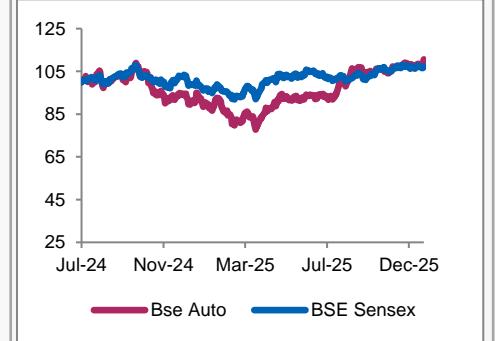
### 2W/3W Segment

- TVS Motors'** total 2W sales in Dec'25 were up ~48% YoY but fell 7% MoM; 3W sales grew 110% YoY but down 7% MoM. Exports rose 40% YoY but fell 2% MoM.
- Hero MotoCorp:** Total 2W sales in Dec'25 were up 41% YoY but down by 25% MoM.
- RE** total sales were up 30% YoY and 3% MoM; Exports degrew 10% YoY but surged ~1% MoM.

### Total Sales Summary (Dec'25)

| Company              | Dec'25   | Dec'24   | YoY (%) |
|----------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| Ashok Leyland        | 21,533   | 16,957   | 27%     |
| Eicher Motors (RE)   | 1,03,574 | 79,466   | 30%     |
| Eicher Motors (VECV) | 10,177   | 8,035    | 27%     |
| Escorts (Tractors)   | 7,577    | 5,472    | 38%     |
| Hero MotoCorp        | 4,56,479 | 3,24,906 | 40%     |
| M&M                  | 1,17,949 | 92,711   | 27%     |
| Hyundai              | 58,702   | 55,078   | 7%      |
| Maruti Suzuki        | 2,17,854 | 1,78,248 | 22%     |
| Tata Motors (PV)     | 50,992   | 44,348   | 15%     |
| Tata Motors (CV)     | 42,508   | 33,875   | 25%     |
| TVS Motors           | 4,81,389 | 3,21,687 | 50%     |

### Relative Performance



Source: Ace Equity, Axis Securities Ltd.

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**PV & CV Segment**

- **Maruti Suzuki's** total direct domestic sales in Dec'25 surged by 36% YoY and 5% MoM; The total CV sales improved 46% YoY but fell 3% MoM.
- **M&M's** PV division reported growth of 23% YoY but fell 10% MoM. LCV sales were up 27% YoY but remained flat MoM.
- **Tata Motors'** total PV sales rose 14% YoY but were down 12% MoM; CV sales were up 24% YoY and 22% MoM.
- **Ashok Leyland's** total sales were up 26% YoY and 20% MoM.
- **Eicher Motors' (VECV)** total CV sales rose 26% YoY and 42% MoM.

**Tractor Segment**

- **M&M's total tractor** sales were up 37% YoY but down 29% MoM.
- **Escorts Kubota Limited** tractor sales increased 36% YoY but declined 33% MoM.
- **VST Tillers & Tractors** sales surged 26% YoY but down 19% MoM.

**Exhibit 1: Auto Sales Monthly Update**

| Auto Sales Monthly Update (Summary)   |                 |               |                  |                  |                  |               |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Company                               | Dec'25          |               | FY YTD (Numbers) |                  |                  |               |
|                                       | Sales (Units)   | YoY (%)       | MoM (%)          | FY26             | FY25             | YoY (%)       |
| <b><u>Maruti Suzuki</u></b>           |                 |               |                  |                  |                  |               |
| Passenger Car                         | 92,929          | 48.0%         | 9.0%             | 6,75,213         | 6,44,151         | 4.8%          |
| Utility Vehicle                       | 73,818          | 32.6%         | 1.8%             | 5,41,266         | 5,28,963         | 2.3%          |
| Vans                                  | 11,899          | 1.9%          | -9.9%            | 1,04,902         | 1,02,520         | 2.3%          |
| LCV                                   | 3,519           | 46.3%         | -2.8%            | 28,465           | 25,302           | 12.5%         |
| <b>Total Domestic Direct Sales</b>    | <b>1,82,165</b> | 37.5%         | 4.3%             | <b>13,49,846</b> | <b>13,00,936</b> | 3.8%          |
| Sales to Other OEMs                   | 9,950           | 19.8%         | 18.9%            | 86,099           | 81,199           | 6.0%          |
| <b>Total Domestic Sales</b>           | <b>1,92,115</b> | 36.4%         | 5.0%             | <b>14,35,945</b> | <b>13,82,135</b> | <b>3.9%</b>   |
| <b>Total Exports</b>                  | 25,739          | -31.2%        | -44.1%           | 3,10,559         | 2,47,496         | 25.5%         |
| <b>Total Sales</b>                    | <b>2,17,854</b> | 22.2%         | -4.9%            | <b>17,46,504</b> | <b>16,29,631</b> | <b>7.2%</b>   |
| <b><u>Tata Motors (Ex JLR)</u></b>    |                 |               |                  |                  |                  |               |
| Domestic PV Sales                     | 50,519          | 14.1%         | -12.0%           | 4,33,278         | 4,07,625         | 6.3%          |
| Domestic CV Sales                     | 40,057          | 23.8%         | 22.3%            | 2,74,551         | 2,58,806         | 6.1%          |
| <b>Total Domestic Sales</b>           | <b>90,576</b>   | <b>18.2%</b>  | <b>0.4%</b>      | <b>7,07,829</b>  | <b>6,66,431</b>  | <b>6.2%</b>   |
| PV Exports                            | 473             | 701.7%        | -73.2%           | 7,575            | 1,806            | 319.4%        |
| CV Exports                            | 2,451           | 62.7%         | -12.0%           | 21,313           | 12,454           | 71.1%         |
| <b>Total Sales</b>                    | <b>2,924</b>    | <b>-96.3%</b> | <b>-96.9%</b>    | <b>7,36,717</b>  | <b>6,80,691</b>  | <b>8.2%</b>   |
| <b><u>Mahindra &amp; Mahindra</u></b> |                 |               |                  |                  |                  |               |
| Passenger Vehicles                    | 50,946          | 23.0%         | -9.6%            | 4,76,476         | 4,02,360         | 18.4%         |
| Light Commercial Vehicles             | 24,786          | 27.1%         | -0.2%            | 2,17,052         | 1,97,393         | 10.0%         |
| 3 Wheelers                            | 7,538           | 31.1%         | -12.0%           | 82,446           | 64,233           | 28.4%         |
| <b>Total Domestic Sales</b>           | <b>83,270</b>   | <b>24.9%</b>  | <b>-7.2%</b>     | <b>7,75,974</b>  | <b>6,63,986</b>  | <b>16.9%</b>  |
| Total exports                         | 2,820           | -8.8%         | -3.5%            | 30,067           | 24,101           | 24.8%         |
| <b>Total Vehicle Sales</b>            | <b>86,090</b>   | <b>23.4%</b>  | <b>-14.2%</b>    | <b>8,06,041</b>  | <b>6,88,087</b>  | <b>17.1%</b>  |
| Tractors Domestic                     | 30,210          | 37.2%         | -28.5%           | 3,91,890         | 3,24,327         | 20.8%         |
| Tractor Exports                       | 1,649           | 78.5%         | -7.1%            | 14,702           | 12,296           | 19.6%         |
| <b>Total tractors</b>                 | <b>31,859</b>   | <b>38.9%</b>  | <b>-27.7%</b>    | <b>4,06,592</b>  | <b>3,36,623</b>  | <b>20.8%</b>  |
| <b><u>Escorts</u></b>                 |                 |               |                  |                  |                  |               |
| Tractors Domestic                     | 6,828           | 36.1%         | -32.5%           | 96,550           | 85,762           | 12.6%         |
| Tractors Exports                      | 749             | 64.3%         | 63.5%            | 4,863            | 3,159            | 53.9%         |
| <b>Total tractors</b>                 | <b>7,577</b>    | <b>38.5%</b>  | <b>-28.4%</b>    | <b>1,01,413</b>  | <b>88,921</b>    | <b>14.0%</b>  |
| <b>ECEs</b>                           | <b>812</b>      | <b>-7.0%</b>  | <b>79.6%</b>     | 3,917            | 4,765            | <b>-17.8%</b> |
| <b><u>Hyundai</u></b>                 |                 |               |                  |                  |                  |               |
| Domestic                              | 42,416          | 0.5%          | -15.7%           | 4,18,328         | 4,45,115         | -6.0%         |
| Exports                               | 16,286          | 26.5%         | -1.3%            | 1,48,428         | 1,25,286         | 18.5%         |
| <b>Total tractors</b>                 | <b>58,702</b>   | <b>6.6%</b>   | <b>-12.2%</b>    | <b>5,66,756</b>  | <b>5,70,401</b>  | <b>-0.6%</b>  |

**Auto Sales Monthly Update (Summary)**

| Company                     | Dec'25        |              | FY YTD (Numbers) |                 |                 |              |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                             | Sales (Units) | YoY (%)      | MoM (%)          | FY26            | FY25            | YoY (%)      |
| <b><u>Ashok Leyland</u></b> |               |              |                  |                 |                 |              |
| Domestic MHCV               | 13,553        | 29.2%        | 32.4%            | 85,698          | 78,737          | 8.8%         |
| Domestic LCV                | 6,302         | 20.6%        | 0.8%             | 52,521          | 47,389          | 10.8%        |
| <b>Total Domestic Sales</b> | <b>19,855</b> | <b>26.4%</b> | <b>20.4%</b>     | <b>1,38,219</b> | <b>1,26,126</b> | <b>9.6%</b>  |
| Exports MHCV                | 1,277         | 29.5%        | -11.5%           | 10,467          | 7,386           | 41.7%        |
| Exports LCV                 | 401           | 55.4%        | 18.6%            | 2,293           | 2,409           | -4.8%        |
| <b>Total Exports</b>        | <b>1,678</b>  | <b>34.9%</b> | <b>-5.8%</b>     | <b>12,760</b>   | <b>9,795</b>    | <b>30.3%</b> |
| <b>Total Sales</b>          | <b>21,533</b> | <b>27.0%</b> | <b>17.8%</b>     | <b>1,50,979</b> | <b>1,35,921</b> | <b>11.1%</b> |

**TVS Motors**

|                       |                 |               |              |                  |                  |              |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Scooters              | 1,98,017        | 47.9%         | -5.8%        | 16,94,158        | 14,01,685        | 20.9%        |
| Motorcycles           | 2,16,867        | 49.8%         | -10.5%       | 19,83,702        | 16,31,146        | 21.6%        |
| Mopeds                | 46,187          | 38.8%         | 1.7%         | 5,10,304         | 3,96,462         | 28.7%        |
| <b>Total 2W Sales</b> | <b>4,61,071</b> | <b>47.8%</b>  | <b>-7.4%</b> | <b>41,88,164</b> | <b>34,29,293</b> | <b>22.1%</b> |
| <b>Total 3W</b>       | <b>20,318</b>   | <b>109.8%</b> | <b>-6.2%</b> | <b>1,58,819</b>  | <b>98,057</b>    | <b>62.0%</b> |
| <b>Total Sales</b>    | <b>4,81,389</b> | <b>49.6%</b>  | <b>-7.3%</b> | <b>43,46,983</b> | <b>35,27,350</b> | <b>23.2%</b> |
| Domestic Sales        | 3,35,367        | 54.3%         | -9.7%        | 31,84,274        | 26,71,374        | 19.2%        |
| Exports Sales         | 1,46,022        | 39.9%         | -1.5%        | 11,62,709        | 8,55,976         | 35.8%        |

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
|                             | Sales (Units)   | YoY (%)      | MoM (%)          | FY26             | FY25             | YoY (%)     |
| <b><u>Hero MotoCorp</u></b> |                 |              |                  |                  |                  |             |
| Scooter                     | 54,105          | 105.0%       | -17.2%           | 4,40,028         | 3,01,393         | 46.0%       |
| Motorcycles                 | 4,02,374        | 34.8%        | -25.4%           | 43,14,521        | 42,17,249        | 2.3%        |
| <b>Total Sales 2W</b>       | <b>4,56,479</b> | <b>40.5%</b> | <b>-24.5%</b>    | <b>47,54,549</b> | <b>45,18,642</b> | <b>5.2%</b> |
| Domestic                    | 4,19,243        | 42.5%        | -26.5%           | 44,76,367        | 43,31,998        | 3.3%        |
| Exports                     | 37,236          | 21.1%        | 9.6%             | 2,78,182         | 1,86,644         | 49.0%       |

**Eicher Motors**

|                       |                 |              |              |                 |                 |              |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 2W Domestic           | 93,177          | 37.2%        | 3.1%         | 8,21,908        | 6,51,970        | 26.1%        |
| 2W Exports            | 10,397          | -10.2%       | 1.3%         | 99,190          | 74,220          | 33.6%        |
| <b>Total Sales 2W</b> | <b>1,03,574</b> | <b>30.3%</b> | <b>2.9%</b>  | <b>9,21,098</b> | <b>7,26,190</b> | <b>26.8%</b> |
| CV Domestic           | 9,527           | 26.3%        | 41.8%        | 63,148          | 56,127          | 12.5%        |
| CV Exports            | 650             | 32.7%        | -7.8%        | 5,315           | 3,514           | 51.3%        |
| Volvo CV              | 207             | -28.4%       | -8.8%        | 1,835           | 1,845           | -0.5%        |
| <b>Total Sales CV</b> | <b>10,384</b>   | <b>24.7%</b> | <b>35.7%</b> | <b>70,298</b>   | <b>61,486</b>   | <b>14.3%</b> |

**VST Tillers**

|                      |             |              |               |               |               |              |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Power Tillers</b> | <b>3792</b> | <b>26.1%</b> | <b>-18.9%</b> | <b>37,374</b> | <b>24,019</b> | <b>55.6%</b> |
| <b>Tractors</b>      | <b>584</b>  | <b>60.0%</b> | <b>19.2%</b>  | <b>4,237</b>  | <b>3,991</b>  | <b>6.2%</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>4376</b> | <b>29.8%</b> | <b>-15.3%</b> | <b>41611</b>  | <b>28010</b>  | <b>48.6%</b> |

Source: Company Data, Axis Securities Research.

**Exhibit 2: Auto Domestic Monthly Sales Summary**

| Tractor sales                 | Dec'24          | Nov'25           | Dec'25          | YoY %      | MoM %       | YTD'25           | YTD'26           | YoY        |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| M&M                           | 22,019          | 42,273           | 30,210          | 37%        | -29%        | 3,24,327         | 3,91,890         | 21%        |
| Escorts                       | 5,016           | 10,122           | 6,828           | 36%        | -33%        | 85,762           | 96,550           | 13%        |
| VST Tillers                   | 3,007           | 4,676            | 3,792           | 26%        | -19%        | 26,138           | 37,374           | 43%        |
| <b>Domestic Tractor Sales</b> | <b>30,042</b>   | <b>57,071</b>    | <b>40,830</b>   | <b>36%</b> | <b>-28%</b> | <b>4,36,227</b>  | <b>5,25,814</b>  | <b>21%</b> |
| PV sales                      | Dec'24          | Nov'25           | Dec'25          | YoY %      | MoM %       | YTD'25           | YTD'26           | YoY        |
| Maruti Suzuki                 | 1,40,829        | 1,82,964         | 1,92,115        | 36%        | 5%          | 13,82,135        | 14,35,945        | 4%         |
| Hyundai                       | 42,208          | 50,340           | 42,416          | 0%         | -16%        | 4,45,115         | 4,18,328         | -6%        |
| Tata Motors                   | 44,289          | 57,436           | 50,519          | 14%        | -12%        | 4,07,625         | 4,33,278         | 6%         |
| M&M                           | 41,424          | 56,336           | 50,946          | 23%        | -10%        | 4,02,360         | 4,76,476         | 18%        |
| Toyota Kirloskar              | 24,887          | 30,085           | 39,333          | 58%        | 31%         | 2,28,946         | 2,82,428         | 23%        |
| Kia India                     | 8,957           | 23,675           | 18,659          | 108%       | -21%        | 1,79,631         | 2,05,896         | 15%        |
| JSW MG Motor                  | 7,516           | 5,754            | 6,500           | -14%       | 13%         | 48,193           | 56,597           | 17%        |
| Honda Cars                    | 5,603           | 7,188            | 5,807           | 4%         | -19%        | 45,756           | 44,520           | -3%        |
| Skoda                         | 4,554           | 5,491            | 5,567           | 22%        | 1%          | 27,724           | 55,527           | 100%       |
| <b>Total Domestic (Proxy)</b> | <b>3,01,153</b> | <b>3,82,915</b>  | <b>3,81,829</b> | <b>27%</b> | <b>0%</b>   | <b>29,14,374</b> | <b>31,03,052</b> | <b>6%</b>  |
| CV sales                      | Dec'24          | Nov'25           | Dec'25          | YoY %      | MoM %       | YTD'25           | YTD'26           | YoY        |
| Tata Motors                   | 32,369          | 32,753           | 40,057          | 24%        | 22%         | 2,58,806         | 2,74,551         | 6%         |
| M&M                           | 19,502          | 24,843           | 24,786          | 27%        | 0%          | 1,97,393         | 2,17,052         | 10%        |
| Ashok Leyland                 | 15,713          | 16,491           | 19,855          | 26%        | 20%         | 1,26,126         | 1,38,219         | 10%        |
| VECV                          | 7,545           | 6,720            | 9,527           | 26%        | 42%         | 56,127           | 63,148           | 13%        |
| Maruti Suzuki                 | 2,406           | 3,622            | 3,519           | 46%        | -3%         | 25,302           | 28,465           | 13%        |
| <b>Total Domestic CV</b>      | <b>77,535</b>   | <b>84,429</b>    | <b>97,744</b>   | <b>26%</b> | <b>16%</b>  | <b>6,63,754</b>  | <b>7,21,435</b>  | <b>9%</b>  |
| 3W sales                      | Dec'24          | Nov'25           | Dec'25          | YoY %      | MoM %       | YTD'25           | YTD'26           | YoY        |
| TVS Motor                     | 9,685           | 21,667           | 20,318          | 110%       | -6%         | 98,057           | 1,58,819         | 62%        |
| M&M                           | 5,750           | 8,568            | 7,538           | 31%        | -12%        | 64,233           | 82,446           | 28%        |
| <b>Total Domestic 3W</b>      | <b>15,435</b>   | <b>30,235</b>    | <b>27,856</b>   | <b>80%</b> | <b>-8%</b>  | <b>1,62,290</b>  | <b>2,41,265</b>  | <b>49%</b> |
| 2W sales                      | Dec'24          | Nov'25           | Dec'25          | YoY %      | MoM %       | YTD'25           | YTD'26           | YoY        |
| Hero MotoCorp                 | 2,94,152        | 5,70,520         | 4,19,243        | 43%        | -27%        | 43,31,998        | 44,76,367        | 3%         |
| TVS Motors                    | 2,15,075        | 3,65,608         | 3,30,362        | 54%        | -10%        | 26,51,671        | 31,22,408        | 18%        |
| RE                            | 67,891          | 90,405           | 93,177          | 37%        | 3%          | 6,51,970         | 8,21,908         | 26%        |
| <b>Total 2W Domestic</b>      | <b>5,77,118</b> | <b>10,26,533</b> | <b>8,42,782</b> | <b>46%</b> | <b>-18%</b> | <b>76,35,639</b> | <b>84,20,683</b> | <b>10%</b> |

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