Lumax Auto Technologies

the estimated INR 444 million.

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In Q2 FY25, the company reported a revenue increase of 20.3% year-over-year (YoY) and 11.4% quarter-over-quarter (QoQ), reaching INR 8.42 billion, ahead of the expected INR 8.26 billion. This growth was attributed to the company's strategy of increasing content per vehicle, which boosted volumes and reflected robust demand. EBITDA came in at INR 1,022 million, marking a 13.4% YoY and 16.1% QoQ increase, slightly surpassing the estimate of INR 1,000 million. The EBITDA margin stood at 12.1%, a YoY drop of 74 basis points but an improvement of 49 basis points QoQ, aligning with projections. Reported profit after tax (PAT) rose by 37.9% YoY and 24.4% QoQ to INR 518 million, outperforming

- As of September 2024, the company's total order book stands at INR 1,050 crore, demonstrating strong demand across its core business segments. This order book is strategically distributed over the coming years, with 15% allocated to FY25, 40% to FY26, 30% to FY27, and the remaining 15% earmarked for FY28. The passenger vehicle (PV) segment plays a dominant role, making up 70% of the Advanced Plastics business and achieving a 17% growth in H1 FY25, with an order book of INR 650 crore. Mechatronics, though a smaller segment at 3% of total revenue, showed an impressive 76% growth in H1 FY25 and holds an order book of INR 175 crore. Structures & Control Systems, which contributes around 21% to total revenue, grew by 11% and has an order book valued at INR 225 crore, with 60% of this demand coming from the PV segment.
- The company's capital expenditure (capex) plan reflects its focus on long-term growth and expanding capabilities in key areas. In H1 FY25, the company invested INR 32 crore in capex, and it has provided full-year FY25 guidance of INR 120-140 crore. This capex allocation will support ongoing projects, improve operational efficiencies, and enhance the company's production capacity to meet increasing demand.
- Outlook and Valuations: We have a cautious outlook on LATL due to subdued demand in the automotive sector, with single-digit growth in H1, which signals a slower market recovery. Additionally, LATL's margins are being impacted by underutilized capacities and high fixed costs, which are putting pressure on profitability. Although the company benefits from a diversified product portfolio, the current market conditions and operational challenges present headwinds for growth. We value LATL based on 17x of Sep-FY27E EPS with a TP of Rs. 483 and recommend SELL.

Quarterly performance (consol)

| Particulars (Rs.mn) | Q2FY25 | Q2FY24 | YoY (%) | Q1FY25 | QoQ (%) |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| Net Sales (incl OOI) | 8,423 | 7,002 | 20.3 | 7,559 | 11.4 |
| Material Exp | 5,419 | 4,436 | 22.2 | 4,805 | 12.8 |
| Gross Profit | 3,003 | 2,565 | 17.1 | 2,754 | 9.1 |
| Employee Exp | 1,139 | 937 | 21.7 | 1,078 | 5.7 |
| Other Exp | 842 | 728 | 15.7 | 795 | 5.8 |
| EBITDA | 1,022 | 901 | 13.4 | 880 | 16.1 |
| Depreciation | 293 | 301 | (2.9) | 295 | (0.9) |
| EBIT | 730 | 600 | 21.6 | 585 | 24.7 |
| Other Income | 154 | 92 | 66.5 | 174 | (11.8) |
| Interest Cost | 185 | 161 | 15.5 | 194 | (4.6) |
| PBT | 698 | 531 | 31.3 | 565 | 23.5 |
| RPAT | 518 | 376 | 37.9 | 417 | 24.4 |
| Minority Interest | 89 | 102 | (12.3) | 100 | (10.3) |
| RPAT after Minority Interest | 429 | 274 | 56.5 | 317 | 35.3 |
| APAT | 429 | 274 | 56.5 | 317 | 35.3 |
| Adj EPS (Rs) | 6.3 | 4.0 | 56.5 | 4.7 | 35.3 |

| Margin Analysis | Q2FY25 | Q2FY24 | YoY (bps) | Q1FY25 | QoQ (bps) |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Gross Margin (%) | 35.7 | 36.6 | (98) | 36.4 | (77) |
| Employee Exp. % of Sales | 13.5 | 13.4 | 15 | 14.3 | (73) |
| Other Op. Exp % of Sales | 10.0 | 10.4 | (40) | 10.5 | (53) |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 12.1 | 12.9 | (74) | 11.6 | 49 |
| Tax Rate (%) | 25.8 | 29.3 | (353) | 26.3 | (52) |
| APAT Margin (%) | 5.5 | 4.8 | 75 | 6.8 | (127) |

Source: Company, CEBPL

| | Nov 15, 2024 |
|----------------------|--------------|
| CMP (Rs) | 514 |
| Target Price (Rs) | 483 |
| Potential Upside (%) | -6.0 |

*CMP as on 14th Nov 2024

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| BB Code | LMAX IN EQUITY |
| ISIN | INE872H01027 |
| Face Value (Rs.) | 2.0 |
| 52 Week High (Rs.) | 608 |
| 52 Week Low (Rs.) | 363 |
| Mkt Cap (Rs bn.) | 35.0 |
| Mkt Cap (\$ bn.) | 0.41 |
| Shares o/s (Mn.)/F. Float (%) | 68.2/44 |
| TTM EPS (Rs) | 14.38 |
| FY27E EPS (Rs) | 31.5 |
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Shareholding Pattern (%)

| | Sep-24 | Jun-24 | Mar-24 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Promoters | 55.98 | 55.98 | 55.98 |
| FII's | 5.74 | 6.93 | 9.04 |
| DII's | 16.17 | 15.85 | 14.19 |
| Public | 22.11 | 21.24 | 20.79 |

Relative Performance (%)

| YTD | 3Y | 2 Y | 1Y |
|----------|-------|------------|------|
| LMAX | 233.2 | 92.2 | 30.0 |
| BSE Auto | 95.4 | 72.0 | 37.9 |

Year end March (INR bn)

| Particular | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Revenue | 31.6 | 37.0 | 44.4 |
| Gross Profit | 11.4 | 13.4 | 16.0 |
| EBITDA | 4.1 | 4.7 | 5.6 |
| EBITDA (%) | 13.0 | 12.8 | 12.6 |
| EPS (INR) | 20.8 | 25.3 | 31.5 |

Rebased Price Performance



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CEBPL Estimates vs Actual

| Particulars (Rs.mn) | Actual | CEBPL Est. | Deviation (%) |
|---------------------|--------|------------|---------------|
| Revenue | 8,423 | 8,262 | 2 |
| EBIDTA | 1,022 | 1,000 | 2 |
| EBIDTA Margin (%) | 12.1 | 12.1 | 4 bps |
| PAT | 429 | 344 | 25 |

Source: Company, CEBPL

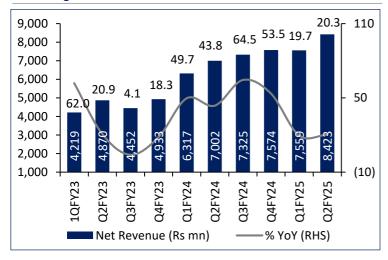
Changes in Estimates

| Income Statement | | FY25E | | | FY26E | | | |
|-------------------|--------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|--|
| (INR Mn.) | New | Previous | Dev. (%) | New | Previous | Dev. (%) | New | |
| Net sales | 31,603 | 33,129 | (5) | 36,976 | 38,221 | (3) | 44,371 | |
| EBITDA | 4,099 | 4,328 | (5) | 4,749 | 5,041 | (6) | 5,600 | |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 13.0 | 13.1 | (9)bps | 12.8 | 13.2 | (35)bps | 12.6 | |
| APAT | 1,418 | 2,036 | (30) | 1,725 | 2,353 | (27) | 2,150 | |
| EPS | 21 | 30 | (30) | 25 | 35 | (27) | 32 | |

Management Call - Highlights

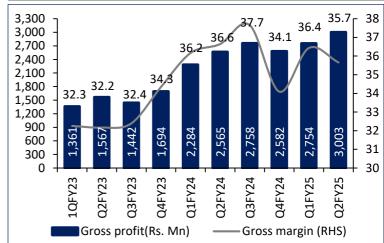
- The passenger vehicle (PV) segment makes up 70% of the Advanced Plastics business, which grew by 17% from INR 775 crore to INR 907 crore in H1 FY25. The order book for this segment stands at INR 650 crore.
- Mechatronics saw a significant increase of 76% in H1 FY25 from a low base and contributes around 3% to total revenue. The order book is valued at INR 175 crore.
- Structures & Control Systems recorded a low double-digit growth of 11%, with revenue rising from INR 303 crore to INR 338 crore, contributing around 21% to total revenue.
 The PV segment accounts for about 60% of this business, with an order book of INR 225 crore.
- The aftermarket business showed flat growth due to poor income realization, contributing approximately 12% to total revenue.
- The total order book as of September 2024 stands at INR 1,050 crore, allocated as follows: 15% for FY25, 40% for FY26, 30% for FY27, and the remaining 15% for FY28.
- Capex for H1 FY25 was INR 32 crore, with full-year FY25 guidance in the range of INR 120-140 crore.
- Lumax acquired a majority stake in Greenfuel Solutions, which is expected to start generating revenue in Q3 FY25, with potential revenue of INR 300-350 crore projected for FY26.
- Revenue from Bajaj increased by 17% in H1 FY25 compared to H1 FY24, while revenue from Mahindra & Mahindra grew by 22% during the same period.
- Long-term debt stands at INR 363 crore, with an annual repayment schedule of INR 75
- The company aims to achieve growth 15% above the industry rate.
- Revenue from Alps Alpine reached INR 15 crore in H1 FY25, with FY25 guidance of INR 50 crore and FY26 guidance of INR 100 crore. The order book for this business is around INR 110 crore.
- This quarter saw a subdued performance mainly in the passenger vehicle segment, due to elections, heatwaves, and an uneven monsoon across the country. Inventory levels for passenger vehicles remained elevated during the quarter.

Revenue grew 20.3% YoY



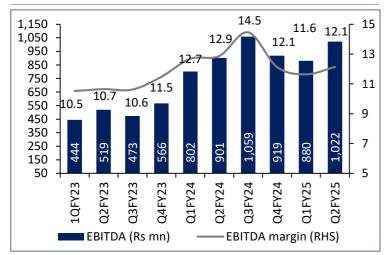
Source: Company, CEBPL

Gross Margin de-grew 99bps YoY basis



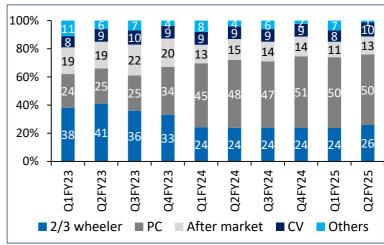
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EBITDA Margin trend



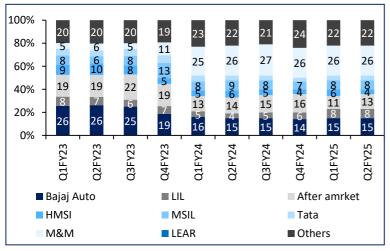
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Industry Mix (%) PV share continue to improve



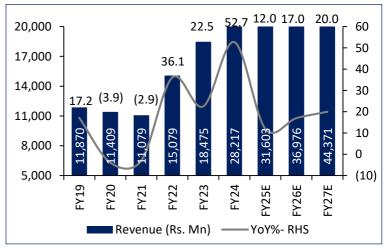
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Client Mix (%)

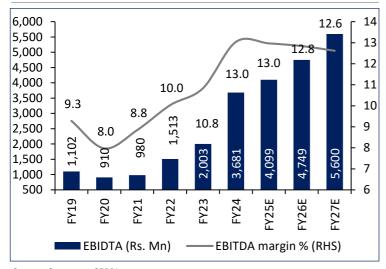


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Revenue to increase led by new launches and client addition

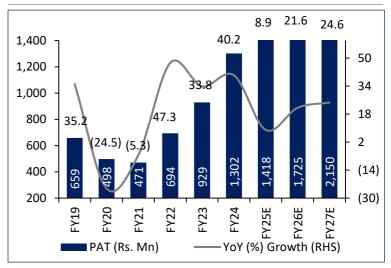


EBITDA Margin (%)



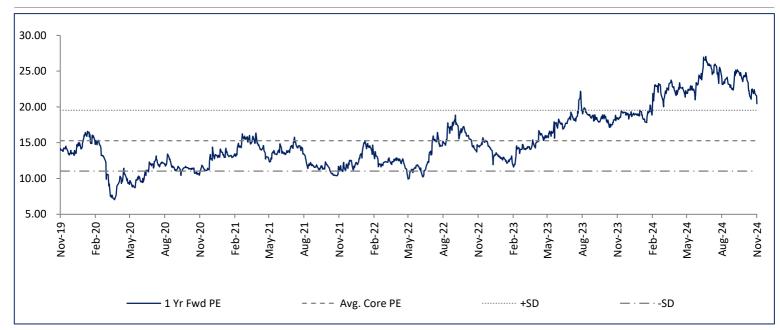
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PAT (Rs. Mn.) and YoY (%) growth



Source: Company, CEBPL

1 Year Forward PE Band (X)



Income statement (Consolidated in INR Mn.)

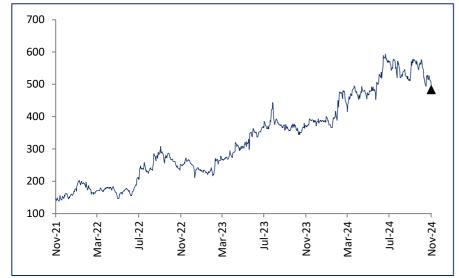
| Particular | FY23 | FY24 | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenue | 18,475 | 28,217 | 31,603 | 36,976 | 44,371 |
| Gross profit | 6,064 | 10,190 | 11,431 | 13,365 | 16,027 |
| EBITDA | 2,003 | 3,681 | 4,099 | 4,749 | 5,600 |
| Depreciation | 523 | 1,180 | 1,312 | 1,432 | 1,528 |
| EBIT | 1,480 | 2,501 | 2,788 | 3,317 | 4,072 |
| Other Income | 239 | 450 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Interest Expense | 163 | 684 | 547 | 550 | 572 |
| Extraordinary item | (88) | - | - | - | - |
| Reported PAT | 929 | 1,302 | 1,418 | 1,725 | 2,150 |
| Adjusted PAT after MI | 956 | 1,302 | 1,418 | 1,725 | 2,150 |
| EPS (Rs) | 14.0 | 19.1 | 20.8 | 25.3 | 31.5 |
| NOPAT | 1,115 | 1,670 | 1,818 | 2,212 | 2,756 |

Balance sheet (Consolidated in INR Mn.)

| Particular | FY23 | FY24 | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Net worth | 6,616 | 7,896 | 9,075 | 10,481 | 12,312 |
| Minority Interest | 1,871 | 2,237 | 2,637 | 3,123 | 3,729 |
| Deferred tax | 793 | 278 | 258 | 238 | 218 |
| Total debt | 5,692 | 6,990 | 6,077 | 6,114 | 6,354 |
| Other liabilities & provisions | 1,063 | 1,256 | 1,231 | 1,206 | 1,181 |
| Total Net Worth & liabilities | 16,034 | 18,657 | 19,277 | 21,162 | 23,794 |
| Net Fixed Assets | 10,159 | 9,909 | 10,598 | 10,666 | 10,338 |
| Capital Work in progress | 129 | 358 | 203 | 230 | 264 |
| Investments | 1,167 | 1,787 | 1,787 | 1,787 | 1,787 |
| Cash & bank balance | 1,568 | 751 | 1,012 | 1,973 | 2,655 |
| Loans & Advances & other assets | 541 | 755 | 845 | 989 | 1,187 |
| Net working capital | 2,471 | 5,096 | 4,832 | 5,517 | 7,563 |
| Total Assets | 16,034 | 18,657 | 19,277 | 21,162 | 23,794 |
| Capital Employed | 12,308 | 14,887 | 15,152 | 16,595 | 18,666 |
| Invested Capital | 10,611 | 13,777 | 13,937 | 14,392 | 15,747 |
| Net Debt | 4,124 | 6,239 | 5,065 | 4,141 | 3,699 |

| Cash Flows (INR Mn.) | FY23 | FY24 | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| CFO | 1,372 | 2,654 | 2,839 | 3,986 | 5,162 |
| Capex | (835) | (1,161) | (1,844) | (1,527) | 10,801 |
| FCFF | 537 | 1,493 | 994 | 2,459 | 15,963 |
| CFI | (4,758) | (2,492) | (1,594) | (1,277) | 12,588 |
| CFF | 3,648 | (398) | (1,763) | (895) | (19,472) |
| Ratio Analysis | FY23 | FY24 | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| Growth Ratios (%) | | | | | |
| Revenue | 22.5 | 52.7 | 12.0 | 17.0 | 20.0 |
| EBITDA | 32.4 | 83.8 | 11.4 | 15.8 | 17.9 |
| PAT | 33.8 | 40.2 | 8.9 | 21.6 | 24.6 |
| Margin ratios (%) | | | | | |
| EBITDA Margins | 10.8 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 12.8 | 12.6 |
| PAT Margins | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| Performance Ratios (%) | | | | | |
| OCF/EBITDA (X) | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| OCF/IC | 12.9 | 19.3 | 20.4 | 27.7 | 32.8 |
| RoE | 14.0 | 16.5 | 15.6 | 16.5 | 17.5 |
| ROCE | 11.9 | 15.2 | 16.4 | 18.2 | 20.1 |
| RoIC (Post tax) | 10.5 | 12.1 | 13.0 | 15.4 | 17.5 |
| ROIC (Pre tax) | 13.8 | 16.5 | 17.9 | 21.0 | 23.8 |
| Turnover Ratios (days) | | | | | |
| Inventory | 32 | 32 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Debtors | 91 | 76 | 73 | 74 | 75 |
| Payables | 110 | 92 | 81 | 84 | 83 |
| Cash Conversion Cycle | 49 | 66 | 56 | 54 | 62 |
| Financial Stability ratios (x) | | | | | |
| Net debt to Equity | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Net debt to EBITDA | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Interest Cover | 9.0 | 3.3 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 6.6 |
| Valuation metrics | | | | | |
| Fully diluted shares (mn) | 68.2 | 68.2 | 68.2 | 68.2 | 68.2 |
| Price (Rs) | 514 | 514 | 514 | 514 | 514 |
| Market Cap (Rs. Mn) | 35,033 | 35,033 | 35,033 | 35,033 | 35,033 |
| PE(x) | 36.6 | 26.9 | 24.7 | 20.3 | 16.3 |
| EV (Rs.mn) | 39,157 | 41,272 | 40,098 | 39,174 | 38,732 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 19.6 | 11.2 | 9.8 | 8.2 | 6.9 |
| Book value (Rs/share) | 97.1 | 115.9 | 133.1 | 153.8 | 180.6 |
| Price to BV (x) | 5.3 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| EV/OCF (x) | 28.5 | 15.6 | 14.1 | 9.8 | 7.5 |
| Source: Company, CEBPL | | | | | |

Historical recommendations and target price: Lumax Auto Technologies



| Lumax Auto Technologies | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1. 14-02-2022 | OUTPERFORM, | Target Price Rs. 217 | | | | |
| 2. 11-08-2022 | ADD, | Target Price Rs. 246 | | | | |
| 3. 23-11-2022 | ADD, | Target Price Rs. 273 | | | | |
| 4. 15-02-2023 | ADD, | Target Price Rs. 257 | | | | |
| 5. 01-06-2023 | OUTPERFORM, | Target Price Rs. 374 | | | | |
| 6. 13-08-2023 | OUTPERFORM, | Target Price Rs. 457 | | | | |
| 7. 10-11-2023 | OUTPERFORM, | Target Price Rs. 457 | | | | |
| 8. 31-05-2024 | BUY, | Target Price Rs. 552 | | | | |
| 9. 14-08-2024 | BUY, | Target Price Rs. 587 | | | | |
| 10. 15-11-2024 | SELL, | Target Price Rs. 483 | | | | |
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