

Auto Q3FY25 Results Preview

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AUTO Q3FY25E PREVIEW: Moderation in Demand Outlook Post Festive Season

Auto OEMs: We expect Revenue/EBITDA/PAT for our OEM coverage universe to grow by ~12.7%/10.3%/10.6% YoY with a 30 bps decline expected in EBITDA Margins. The growth will be driven by (i) High single-digit volume growth in 2Ws and tractors, (ii) Low to mid-single digit growth for PVs being partly offset by a slight decline in CVs. The expected YoY EBITDA margin decline is an outcome of (i) inferior product mix, (ii) higher discounts (PV), (iii) increased sales and marketing expenses being partly offset by RM softening and (iv) price hikes taken over the past one year. On a sequential basis, the Revenue/EBITDA/PAT growth for Q3FY25 is expected at ~4.2%/2.2%/5.4% with a ~27 bps decline in EBITDA margins.

Operating Performance of Auto OEMs: In Q3FY25, OEMs under our coverage are likely to report stable to slight declining margin trends YoY on an aggregate basis. This is mainly due to higher sales promotional expenses, however that would be partly offset by operating leverage benefits. In 2Ws, we estimate EBITDA margins to expand 32/10/20/-20 bps YoY for TVS/Hero/RE/Bajaj. EBITDA margin for Maruti is expected to decline by 55/69 bps YoY/QoQ due to higher marketing and advertisement spends, higher discounts, though would be partially offset by a richer product mix and operating leverage. For Escorts Kubota, EBITDA margin is expected to increase by 170 bps QoQ on account of a favourable product mix and operating leverage benefits (non-comparable on YoY basis on account of consolidation of subsidiaries). EBITDA margins for Ashok Leyland is expected to decline ~50 bps YoY on negative operating leverage, higher appraisal costs being partly offset by cost control efforts, higher mix of non-auto segment and decline in steel prices over the last one year

Auto Ancillaries: In Q3FY25, we estimate Revenue/EBITDA/PAT to grow by ~7%/10.4%/8.6% on a YoY basis for auto ancillaries under our coverage on account of sale volume growth (except CV segment), richer product mix and operating leverage. We expect Revenue/EBITDA/PAT to de-grow by 2%/4%/8% QoQ due to seasonality (inventory clearance by OEMs post the festive season) and negative leverage for some auto anciliaries.

Operating Performance of Auto Ancillaries: Operational performance of the Auto Ancillaries will be aided by improved volumes for auto ancillaries, specifically catering to the tractor industry and the SUV segment in the PV sector alongside the automation and cost control efforts undertaken by the segment companies. Revenue and profitability are expected to improve gradually in the European business on account of recovery in PV volumes. Endurance Tech: Revenue is expected to grow ~14%/flat YoY/QoQ owing to improvement in overall India 2W production volumes, ramp-up in ABS and alloy wheel division and a slight increase in the European subsidiary revenues (in INR terms) over the last one year. Automotive Axles Ltd: We expect revenues to decline by ~4% YoY on account of YoY decline in MHCV truck sales (Ashok Leyland). Minda Corp: Revenue is expected to grow by ~6% YoY led by growth in 2W industry and premiumization trend in PV's (M&M) being partly offset by a slight decline in CV volumes (Ashok Leyland). Uno Minda: We expect revenue to grow by ~14% YoY on higher 2W production volumes and ramp up of new order wins being offset by lower CV industry production volumes. Sansera Engineering: We expect revenue to improve by ~11%/4% on a YoY/QoQ basis on account of higher revenue from Indian 2W and Aerospace division partly offset by lower business from key OEMs in EU.



Input Cost: In Q3FY25, average steel HRC prices (ex-Mumbai traders market)/lead have declined 3-5%/2% QoQ respectively while AL prices increased by 8% QoQ. Similarly, Palladium prices inched upwards by 4% QoQ while Platinum/Rodium have fairly remained stable.

Outlook: We expect earnings downgrades across companies on the back of weakness in global and domestic demand. We expect the Tractor segment to perform better than the 2W/PV/CV supported by favorable monsoons and higher water reservoir levels leading to revival in rural demand. Additionally, export volume recovery will play a crucial role in earnings visibility in Q4FY25 and beyond. PV sales are expected to moderate on a high base, while new product launches from certain OEMs in the SUV segment are anticipated to drive growth. However, sluggish demand may persist for

entry-level vehicles. For CVs, we anticipate low-single-digit growth and 2W/tractors may witness mid-to-high single-digit growth in the near term. Better ASP on crop realization, wedding season demand and rural-focused government budget may uplift the rural ssentiments in the coming months. Given these factors, we remain selective in our approach towards OEMs under our coverage. We prefer Eicher Motors, Maruti (and M&M – under soft coverage) in the OEMs; and Endurance Technologies, Sansera Engineering in the Auto Ancillary space.

Q3FY25 Earnings Play:

Auto OEMs: Eicher Motors, Maruti, M&M

Auto Ancillary: Endurance Technologies, Sansera Engineering Ltd.



AUTO OEMs

Year-end March (Rs Cr)	Q3FY25E	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	Result expectations
Ashok Leyland (Standalone)						
Volumes (in units)	46,404	45,624	1.7%	47,241	-1.8%	Revenues are expected to decline by 2% YoY due to 2% decline in volumes. However, the sequential increase of 3.6% would be led by a
Revenues	9,086	8,769	3.6%	9,273	-2.0%	favorable product mix and higher share of non- auto businesses.
EBITDA	1,044	1,017	2.7%	1,114	-6.2%	→ EBITDA margins is expected to decline ~50 bps YoY on negative
EBITDA margin (%)	11.5	11.6	-11 bps	12.0	-52 bps	operating leverage, higher appraisal costs being partially offset by cost control efforts, higher mix of non-auto segment and decline in steel
PAT	680	770	-11.6%	580	17.3%	prices over the last one year.
EPS (Rs)	2.3	2.3	-1.1%	2.0	17.2%	-
Escorts Kubota (Cons)	Q3FY25E	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	Devenue is not comparable on VeV hasis due to employeeting of
Revenues	3,050	2,488	22.6%	2,342	30.2%	Revenue is not comparable on YoY basis due to amalgamation of subsidiaries. Revenues are expected to increase by 23% QoQ led by
EBITDA	376	265	42.2%	314	19.8%	higher tractor volumes and construction equipment.
EBITDA margin (%)	12.3	10.6	171 bps	13.4	-108 bps	 → EBITDA margins are not comparable on YoY basis due to amalgamation of subsidiaries. EBITDA margin is expected to increase by 170 bps on
PAT	314	324	-3.3%	284	10.4%	account of favourable product mix and operating leverage benefits.
EPS (Rs)	28.0	29.0	-3.3%	26.2	7.0%	



AUTO OEMs (Cont'd)

Year-end March (Rs Cr)	Q3FY25E	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	Result expectations
Maruti Suzuki(standalone)						
Volumes (in units)	5,66,213	5,41,550	4.6%	5,01,207	13.0%	→ Total revenue to grow by 19% YoY driven by a 13% YoY increase in
Revenues	39,782	37,203	6.9%	33,309	19.4%	volumes and 2% YoY increase in ASPs (favorable product mix).
EBITDA	4,448	4,417	0.7%	3,908	13.8%	→ EBITDA margin is expected to decline by 55/69 bps YoY/QoQ due to
EBITDA margin (%)	11.2	11.9	-69 bps	11.7	-55 bps	higher marketing and advertisement spends, higher discounts being partly offset by richer product mix and operating leverage.
PAT	3,496	3,069	13.9%	3,130	11.7%	partly chact by ficher product mix and operating leverage.
EPS (Rs)	111.2	97.6	13.9%	101.9	9.1%	-
TVS Motors(standalone)	Q3FY25E	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	
Volumes (in units)	12,11,952	12,28,223	-1.3%	11,00,843	10.1%	→ Revenues are expected to increase by ~10% YoY led by 10% YoY
Revenues	9,077	9,228	-1.6%	8,245	10.1%	increase in volumes.
EBITDA	1,047	1,080	-3.1%	924	13.2%	→ EBITDA margins is expected to increase by ~32 bps YoY (down 17 bps
EBITDA margin (%)	11.5	11.7	-17 bps	11.2	32 bps	QoQ) led by higher operating leverage; cost control efforts being partly offset by margin dilutive mix of EV scooters.
PAT	638	663	-3.7%	593	7.6%	- Onset by margin undieve mix of L v secotors.
EPS (Rs)	13.4	13.9	-3.7%	12.5	7.6%	



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Year-end March (Rs Cr)	Q3FY25E	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	Result expectations
Hero MotoCorp Ltd (standalone)						
Volumes (in units)	14,63,802	15,19,684	-3.7%	14,59,932	0.3%	→ Revenue is expected to increase by ~3% YoY led by flat volumes,
Revenues	10,042	10,463	-4.0%	9,724	3.3%	higher ASPs due to price hikes taken during the year, premiumization
EBITDA	1,417	1,516	-6.5%	1,362	4.0%	trend and higher export volumes.
EBITDA margin (%)	14.1	14.5	-38 bps	14.0	10 bps	→ EBITDA margins are likely to improve by ~10 bps YoY (down ~40 bpsQoQ).
PAT	1,106	1,204	-8.1%	1,073	3.0%	- Q0Q).
EPS (Rs)	55.4	60.2	-8.1%	53.7	3.0%	-
Bajaj Auto Ltd (standalone)	Q3FY25E	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	→ We expect total revenues to increase by ~7% YoY, led by (i) 2% YoY
Volumes (in units)	12,24,472	12,21,504	0.2%	12,00,997	2.0%	increase in volumes and (ii) mild increase in ASPs on account of richer
Revenues	12,981	13,127	-1.1%	12,114	7.2%	product mix - exports growth in 2W/3W and (iii) price increases taken
EBITDA	2,582	2,652	-2.6%	2,430	6.3%	during the year being partly offset by lower domestic 2W/3W volumes.
EBITDA margin (%)	19.9	20.2	-31 bps	20.1	-17 bps	→ EBITDA margin is expected to decline by ~17bps/30bps YoY due to inferior product mix (higher entry level 2W and EV's) (PAT may vary due
PAT	2,109	2,005	5.2%	2,042	3.3%	to accrual of PLI benefit).
EPS (Rs)	74.6	71.9	3.7%	72.2	3.3%	



AUTO OEMs (Cont'd)

Year-end March (Rs Cr)	Q3FY25E	Q2FY25	QoQ(%)	Q3FY24	YoY(%)	Result expectations
Eicher Motors Ltd (standalone)						
Volumes (in units)	2,72,297	2,27,872	19.5%	2,28,073	19.4%	→ Total standalone revenue expected to increase by ~25%/21% YoY/QoQ
Revenues	5,069	4,205	20.5%	4,054	25.0%	led by 19% higher volumes (exports up 100% YoY), increase in ASPs due to price increases taken in the last one year.
EBITDA	1,404	1,105	27.1%	1,115	26.0%	→ EBITDA margins to improve 20bps/140bps YoY/QoQ . Commodity
EBITDA margin (%)	27.7	26.3	143 bps	27.5	20 bps	tailwinds, operating leverage benefits would be partly offset by higher
PAT	1,187	1,010	17.6%	914	29.9%	sales promotion expenses.
EPS (Rs)	43.3	36.8	17.4%	33.4	29.7%	



AUTO ANCILLARY (Consolidated)

Year-end March (Rs Cr)	Q3FY25E	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	Result expectations
Automotive Axles						
Revenues	519	495	5.0%	541	-4.1%	→ We expect revenues to decline by ~4% YoY on account of YoY decline
EBITDA	57	51	11.8%	58	-1.3%	 in MHCV truck sales (Ashok Leyland). ⇒ EBITDA margins are expected to improve by ~30 bps YoY on back of
EBITDA margin (%)	11.0	10.3	67 bps	10.7	31 bps	cost optimization efforts, however would be partly offset by negative
PAT	38	36	4.8%	39	-3.7%	operating leverage.
EPS (Rs)	24.9	23.8	4.8%	25.9	-3.7%	_
Endurance Tech	Q3FY25E	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	
Revenues	2,925	2,913	0.4%	2,561	14.2%	Revenue is expected to grow ~14%/flat YoY/QoQ owing to
EBITDA	370	382	-3.2%	299	23.7%	improvement in overall India 2W production volumes and ramp up in ABS and alloy wheel division; and slight increase in European
EBITDA margin (%)	12.6	13.1	-47 bps	11.7	97 bps	subsidiary revenues (in INR terms) over the last one year.
PAT	194	203	-4.4%	152	27.5%	→ We estimate EBITDA margin to improve by ~97 bps YoY.
EPS (Rs)	13.8	14.4	-4.4%	10.8	27.5%	



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Year-end March (Rs Cr)	Q3FY25E	Q2FY25	QoQ(%)	Q3FY24	YoY(%)	Result expectations
Minda Corp						
Revenues	1,235	1,290	-4.3%	1,166	5.9%	Revenue is expected to grow by ~6% YoY led by growth in 2W industry
EBITDA	136	147	-7.3%	130	4.6%	and premiumization trend in PV's (M&M) being partly offset by slight decline in CV volumes (Ashok Leyland).
EBITDA margin (%)	11.0	11.4	-37 bps	11.1	-14 bps	→ EBITDA margins to decline by ~14 bps YoY on the back of negative
PAT	56	74	-24.8%	52	6.6%	operating leverage in CV business.
EPS (Rs)	2.3	3.1	-24.8%	2.2	6.6%	-
Steel Strip Wheels (SSWL)	Q3FY25E	Q2FY25	QoQ(%)	Q3FY24	YoY(%)	
Revenues	1,106	1,095	1.0%	1,110	-0.4%	→ Revenue to be flat YoY led by higher volumes being partly offset by
EBITDA	120	119	0.6%	117	2.8%	decline in ASP due to lower mix of exports and CV.
EBITDA margin (%)	10.8	10.9	-5 bps	10.5	34 bps	→ EBITDA margin is expected to improve by 34bps YoY due to cost
PAT	45	46	-1.9%	59	-24.2%	control initiatives being partly offset by inferior product mix.
EPS (Rs)	2.9	2.9	-1.9%	3.8	-24.2%	



AUTO ANCILLARY (Cont'd)

Year-end March (Rs Cr)	Q3FY25E	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	Result expectations
UNO Minda Ltd						→ We expect revenue to grow by ~14% YoY on higher 2W production
Revenues	4,024	4,245	-5.2%	3,523	14.2%	volumes and ramp up of new order wins being offset by lower CV
EBITDA	443	482	-8.2%	380	16.6%	industry production volumes.
EBITDA margin (%)	11.0	11.4	-36 bps	10.8	22 bps	We expect EBITDA margin to slightly improve by 22 bps YoY on higher
PAT	213	245	-13.2%	193	9.9%	2W production volumes being partly offset by slower than expected
EPS (Rs)	3.4	4.3	-20.1%	3.4	-0.4%	ramp up of new facilities.
Year-end March (Rs Cr)	Q3FY25E	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	
Sansera Engineering Ltd						
Revenues	790	763	3.5%	713	10.9%	─ → We expect revenue to improve by ~11%/4% on a YoY/QoQ basis on
EBITDA	137	133	2.7%	121	13.3%	account of higher revenue from Indian 2W and Aerospace division
EBITDA margin (%)	17.3	17.4	-14 bps	16.9	36 bps	partly offset by lower business from key OEMs in EU.
PAT	54	52	4.0%	48	11.0%	→ EBITDA margins to improve by ~36 bps YoY in Q3FY25.
EPS (Rs)	9.7	9.4	3.3%	9.0	7.7%	_
Year-end Dec (Rs Cr)	Q4CY24E	Q3CY24	QoQ(%)	Q4CY23	YoY(%)	
CIE Automotive Ltd						→ Revenue is expected to decline by 7% YoY in Q3CY25, led by
Revenues	2,091	2,135	-2.1%	2,240	-6.7%	continued weakness in EU business (Metalcastello) being partly offset
EBITDA	317	331	-4.0%	327	-3.1%	by uptick in Indian PV industry(M&M).
EBITDA margin (%)	15.2	15.5	-30 bps	14.6	57 bps	 Consolidated EBITDA margins is expected to improve by 57 bps YoY
PAT	185	195	-4.9%	177	4.6%	due to cost optimization efforts being partly offset due to negative
EPS (Rs)	4.9	5.1	-4.9%	4.7	4.7%	operating leverage in EU business.



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