# Daily Morning Note

7 May 2026

| Indices | Current Value | % 1 D | % YTD |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sensex | 77,959 | 1.2 | -8.5 |
| Nifty | 24,331 | 1.2 | -6.9 |
| BSE Midcap | 46,414 | -0.0 | -1.2 |
| BSE Small cap | 52,356 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| **Sectors – Performance (BSE)** | | | |
| Telecom | 3,175 | 2.9 | 1.7 |
| Realty | 6,365 | 2.8 | -6.5 |
| Bankex | 63,053 | 2.6 | -5.6 |
| Power | 8,220 | -0.5 | 26.4 |
| FMCG | 19,065 | -0.1 | -6.3 |
| Capital Goods | 78,706 | 0.4 | 17.3 |

| Nifty Gainers/Losers | CMP | % Chg |
|---|---|---|
| BPCL | 314 | 5.2 |
| SHRIRAMFIN | 1,004 | 4.1 |
| INDUSINDBK | 947 | 4.0 |
| ONGC | 281 | (3.2) |
| RELIANCE | 1,438 | (1.8) |
| LT | 4,009 | (1.1) |

**FII Trading activities in Cash**

| | Date | Net | MTD |
|---|---|---|---|
| FII | 06-May-26 | -4,882 | -1,45,426 |
| DII | 06-May-26 | 5,934 | 1,36,498 |

*Figs. in Rs Cr.*

| Global Indices | Current Value | % 1 D | % YTD |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dow Jones | 49,911 | 1.2 | 3.8 |
| Nasdaq | 25,839 | 2.0 | 11.2 |
| DAX | 24,919 | 2.1 | 1.7 |
| Nikkei 225 | 62,432 | 4.9 | 24.0 |
| FTSE 100 | 10,439 | 2.2 | 5.1 |
| Hang Seng | 26,214 | 1.2 | 2.3 |
| Shanghai | 4,160 | 1.2 | 4.8 |

| Forex Rate | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| USD/INR | 94.6 | 0.7 | -5.0 |
| EUR/INR | 111.4 | 0.0 | -5.3 |
| GBP/INR | 128.9 | 0.1 | -6.3 |
| YEN (100)/INR | 60.7 | -0.5 | -5.4 |

Source: Bloomberg

## Market Commentary

- **Asian markets** are trading higher due to strong earnings, falling oil prices, and Trump signalling de-escalation in the Middle East by pausing “Project Freedom”, the US operation to guide ships through the Strait of Hormuz, to allow time for a potential US-Iran deal to be finalised. Hang Seng, Shanghai, and Nikkei are trading 1.39%, 0.17%, and 5.08% higher, respectively.
- **Indian indices** are expected to open in the green, with GIFT Nifty trading at 24,461 compared to yesterday’s Nifty Futures close of 24,447.
- **U.S. markets** ended higher as investors believed a potential US-Iran deal to end the war, sending Brent crude below $100/barrel, and amid a blowout earnings session in AI/semiconductors, with companies beating estimates and lifting guidance on soaring data centre growth. The Dow Jones ended higher by 612 points (1.24%) to close at 49,911, and the Nasdaq ended higher by 512 points (2.02%) to settle at 25,839.

## What’s Inside:

- **Q4FY26 Result Updates:** Hero MotoCorp Ltd (BUY), Bajaj Auto Ltd (BUY), KPIT Technologies Ltd (First Cut), Apcotex Industries Ltd (First Cut), Aptus Value Housing Finance (First Cut) , Shree Cement (Hold)
- **Q4FY26 Result Preview:** Britannia Industries, Dabur India, Escorts Kubota, CCL Products, Gravita India, NOCIL, V-Mart Retail

## News in Focus

- **Allied Blenders:** The company received an LOI for DM2 (MGO) licence from the Andhra Pradesh government to set up a greenfield IMFL bottling plant with a capacity of 46.5 Lc cases.
- **Trent:** The company fixed 4th June as the record date for issuance of bonus shares.
- **TD Power Systems:** The board is to consider a stock split on 14th May.
- **Dabur India:** The company’s step-down arm, Dabur International, incorporated a step-down subsidiary in the US.
- **BASF India:** The company clarified that the Hyderabad global services hub belongs to BASF Global Business Services, a Germany-based arm, and that the Indian entity holds no stake.
- **Amara Raja Energy:** The company launched services under the brand Amaron Assist.
- **Ashiana Housing:** The company reported area bookings of 0.9 Lc sq. ft., translating into a booking value of Rs 91.4 Cr in April.
- **Servotech Renewable:** The company received an order from South Central Railway for 1,415 kW rooftop solar systems.
- **Privi Speciality Chemicals:** The company received no objection to the amalgamation scheme between PSCL, PFSPL, and PBPL.

### Q4FY26 Earnings preview: Our Coverage

| Year-end March (Rs Cr) | Q4FY26E | Q3FY25 | QoQ (%) | Q4FY25 | YoY (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Britannia Industries** | | | | | |
| Revenues | 4,800 | 4,885 | -1.7% | 4,376 | 9.7% |
| EBITDA | 959 | 980 | -2.2% | 805 | 19.1% |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 19.6 | 19.7 | -12 bps | 18.2 | 144 bps |
| PAT | 662 | 680 | -2.6% | 560 | 18.2% |
| EPS (Rs) | 27 | 28 | -2.6% | 23 | 18.2% |

**Result expectations**

- Expect Britannia to report 9.7% YoY revenue growth led by 6% volume growth and price hikes;
- EBITDA margin to expand by 144bps led by gross margins gains of 205 bps, aided by stable raw materials prices, especially in January and February.
- Key Monitorables: Urban/rural demand environment; RM cost outlook; Market share trends

| Year-end March (Rs Cr) | Q4FY26E | Q3FY25 | QoQ (%) | Q4FY25 | YoY (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **VMART** | | | | | |
| Revenues | 971 | 1,126 | -13.8% | 780 | 24.5% |
| EBITDA | 101 | 210 | -51.9% | 68 | 47.7% |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 10.4 | 18.6 | -823 bps | 8.7 | 163 bps |
| PAT | 4 | 90 | -95.6% | 19 | -78.6% |
| EPS (Rs) | 2.0 | 44.6 | -95.5% | 9.4 | -78.6% |

**Result expectations**

- Sales to grow 24.5% YoY, led by SSSG of 12% YoY and store additions. V-mart has added net 23 stores, taking the store count to 577.
- EBITDA margins to expand on account of reduction in limeroad losses.
- Key Monitorable: Demand outlook -Tier 2/3 towns; Store expansion guidance

| Year-end March (Rs Cr) | Q4FY26E | Q3FY25 | QoQ (%) | Q4FY25 | YoY (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dabur India** | | | | | |
| Revenues | 2,989 | 3,559 | -16.0% | 2,830 | 5.6% |
| EBITDA | 468 | 734 | -36.2% | 427 | 9.7% |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 15.7 | 20.6 | -497 bps | 15.1 | 58 bps |
| PAT | 357 | 560 | -36.2% | 320 | 11.5% |
| EPS (Rs) | 2 | 3 | -36.2% | 2 | 11.5% |

**Result expectations**

- Consolidated sales expected to grow by 5.7% YoY on a low base. Overall, the performance was dragged by weak growth in the healthcare and food and beverages portfolio, where they reported low single-digit growth; however, HPC is expected to deliver double-digit growth. The quarter was also impacted by the Middle East war crisis.
- EBITDA margins to expand by 58bps YoY despite the GM contraction.
- Key Monitorables: Domestic demand outlook; rural expansion; growth in international business; distribution expansion; D2C foray update, Middle East war disruption

| Year-end March (Rs Cr) | Q4FY26E | Q3FY26 | QoQ (%) | Q4FY25 | YoY (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Escorts Kubota (Cons)** | | | | | |
| Revenues | 2,992 | 3,280 | -8.8% | 2,445 | 22.4% |
| EBITDA | 385 | 435 | -11.4% | 288 | 34.0% |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 12.9 | 13.3 | -37 bps | 11.8 | 112 bps |
| PAT | 337 | 358 | -6.0% | 272 | 24.0% |
| EPS (Rs) | 30.1 | 32.0 | -6.0% | 24.7 | 21.9% |

**Result Expectations**

- ➔ Revenue is expected to increase by 22.4% YoY, driven by 21% growth in the tractor segment along with an improvement in ASPs, and supported by a 9% YoY volume growth in the ECE segment.
- ➔ EBITDA margins are expected to improve by 112 bps YoY, supported by better operating leverage in the ECE division, but may decline by 37 bps QoQ due to an increase in raw material costs.

| Year-end March (Rs Cr) | Q4FY26E | Q3FY26 | QoQ (%) | Q4FY25 | YoY (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **NOCIL Ltd.** | | | | | |
| Revenues | 332 | 316 | 5% | 340 | -2% |
| EBITDA | 27 | 27 | 0% | 34 | -21% |
| EBITDA Margins (%) | 8.1% | 8.5% | | 10.1% | |
| PAT | 15 | 9 | 63% | 21 | -28% |
| EPS (Rs) | 0.9 | 0.6 | 63% | 1.2 | -28% |

**Result Expectations**

- ➔ Revenue is expected to be marginally down on a YoY basis, led by continued pricing pressure.
- ➔ We expect EBITDA to decline YoY.
- ➔ EBITDA margins are likely to remain suppressed around the 8% level as the company struggles to pass on cost increases in a deflationary pricing environment.
- ➔ The PAT is expected to decline YoY and improve significantly QoQ, led by exceptional items reported in Q3.
- ➔ Key Monitorables: Any signs of recovery in prices; Chinese import pressure & competition scenario & share of value-added products, Update on Anti-Dumping Duty proceedings

| Year-end March (Rs Cr) | Q4FY26E | Q3FY26 | QoQ (%) | Q4FY25 | YoY (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Gravita India Ltd.** | | | | | |
| Revenues | 1,104 | 1,017 | 9% | 1,037 | 6% |
| EBITDA | 111 | 116 | -4% | 109 | 3% |
| EBITDA Margins (%) | 10.1% | 11.4% | | 10.5% | |
| PAT | 96 | 97 | -2% | 95 | 1% |
| EPS | 13.25 | 13.21 | 0% | 12.86 | 3% |

**Result Expectations**

- ➔ The revenue is expected to grow by 6% YoY as volume growth from expanded recycling capacities is offset by softer lead metal prices globally.
- ➔ We expect the EBITDA to be relatively higher on a YoY basis.
- ➔ EBITDA margins are expected to decline slightly.
- ➔ The PAT is expected to be flattish YoY.
- ➔ Key Monitorable: Segmental Volumes, Pick up in plastic and aluminium, updates on hedging contracts for Aluminium, impact of GST on Lead business.

| Year-end March (Rs Cr) | Q4FY26E | Q3FY25 | QoQ (%) | Q4FY25 | YoY (%) | Result expectations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CCL Products** | | | | | | |
| Revenues | 1,003 | 1,051 | -4.5% | 836 | 20.0% | ➔ Revenue is expected to grow by 20%, led by 10% YoY volume growth and price hikes.<br>➔ EBITDA Margins are expected at 19.5% due to a richer product mix and high -margin contract.<br>➔ Key Monitorables: Order book; Outlook on coffee prices and domestic demand |
| EBITDA | 234 | 185 | 26.5% | 163 | 43.3% | |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 23.3 | 17.6 | 573 bps | 19.5 | 380 bps | |
| PAT | 142 | 100 | 41.9% | 102 | 39.6% | |
| EPS (Rs) | 10.7 | 7.5 | 41.9% | 7.7 | 39.6% | |

Note: Showcasing the Earnings preview (expectations) for the companies under our coverage whose results are expected by today or by tomorrow (If weekend or Holiday).

**Aptus Value Housing Finance Q4FY26 First Cut**

NII – **BEAT**, PPOP – **INLINE**, PAT – **BEAT**

*(Current Reco – BUY)*

# **Operational Performance:** Aptus' disbursement momentum improved QoQ and grew by 17/21% YoY/QoQ. On YTD basis, disbursements were impacted due to the company shifting towards higher ticket size loans and curtailing disbursements in the <Rs7 Lk segment. AUM growth was in-line with our expectations at 21/6% YoY/QoQ, with growth primarily driven by Small Business Loans (+29/6% YoY/QoQ). In the housing finance book, the share of housing loans stood at 67% vs 69% QoQ. Within the core geographies, AP (+23/6% YoY/QoQ) and Telangana (+26/5% YoY/QoQ) continued to drive growth, with growth in TN picking up (+13/8% YoY/QoQ). **Going ahead, Aptus is expected to close FY27 with AUM growth of ~22-24%, driven by continued expansion into new geographies, deeper penetration within existing markets, and a steady shift towards higher average ticket sizes.**

# **Financial Performance:** NII grew by 17/8% YoY/QoQ. Yields remain declined marginally to 17.1%, down 6bps QoQ, while CoF declined to 8.1% down 16bps QoQ. Spreads improved to 9.0%. NIMs stood at 13.3%, down 10bps QoQ. The company added 4 new branches in Q4, taking the total branch count to 339. The expansion was primarily driven by the addition of 2 branches in Telangana and 2 across other states. The company continues to focus on strengthening its presence in newer geographies, with a strategic intent to expand further in Maharashtra and Odisha.  Opex grew was contained at 26/4% YoY/QoQ. C-I Ratio stood at 20.6% vs 20.2/21% YoY/QoQ each. C-A ratio stood at 2.80% vs 2.68/2.83 % YoY/QoQ. PPOP grew by 23/7% YoY/QoQ. Credit costs declined to 50bps vs 56bps QoQ. PAT grew by 26/11% YoY/QoQ. RoA/RoE continues to remain best-in-class at 8.2/21.2%.

# **Asset quality** improved with GNPA/NNPA at 1.52/0.96% vs 1.56/1.18% QoQ. Collection Efficiency improved and stood at 100.5% vs 99.1% QoQ. 30+dpd book was at 6.2% vs 6.5% QoQ.

*Concall Scheduled at 10am on 07th May*

**Key Monitorables:** Management comments on Margins and Growth Outlook

## Apcotex Industries Ltd Q4FY26 Result Firstcut

**Est. Vs. Actual for Q4FY26: Revenue: BEAT; EBITDA: BEAT; PAT: BEAT**

Apcotex's Q4FY26 performance beat our estimates on all fronts. The company reported revenue of Rs 398 Cr, up 14% YoY and 20% QoQ, beating our estimates by 12%. EBITDA stood at Rs 55 Cr, reflecting 42% YoY and 26% QoQ growth, surpassing our estimate of Rs 48 Cr. EBITDA margins stood at 13.8%, improving 274 bps YoY and 62 bps QoQ. PAT came in at Rs 35 Cr, up 107% YoY and 56% QoQ, vs our estimate of Rs 28 Cr.

**We Currently have a HOLD rating on the stock and we will revisit our estimates post the concall scheduled on 7th May, 2026 at 2:00 pm.**

### Key Financials (Consolidated)

| (Rs Cr) | Q4FY26 | QoQ (%) | YoY (%) | Axis Est. | Variance |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Net Sales | 398 | 20% | 14% | 356 | 12% |
| EBITDA | 55 | 26% | 42% | 48 | 14% |
| EBITDA Margin | 13.8% | 62bps | 274bps | 13.5% | 25bps |
| Net Profit | 35 | 56% | 107% | 28 | 23% |
| EPS (Rs) | 6.7 | 56% | 107% | 5.4 | 23% |

## KPIT Technologies Ltd: First Cut (Q4FY26)

(CMP: Rs 749, Mcap: Rs 205 bn, 52WH/L: Rs 1,434/625)

Revenue: **INLINE**; EBIT: **MISS**; PAT: **MISS**

- The company reported revenue at Rs 1,711 Cr vs Rs 1,528 Cr, up by 12% YoY, 5.8% QoQ. (Our estimates: Rs 1,690 Cr)
- EBIT stood at Rs 240 Cr vs Rs 265 Cr, down by 9.3% YoY & up by 2.5% QoQ. (Our estimate: Rs 265 Cr)
- EBIT margin shows degrowth by 329bps YoY and 44bps QoQ to 14% (Our estimates 15.7%)
- Net Income stood at Rs 163 Cr vs. Rs 244 Cr, down by 33.3% YoY & up by 22.2% QoQ due to lower other income. (Our Estimate: Rs 197 Cr)
- The company declared an final dividend of Rs 5.25/share
- Concall is schedule for tomorrow at 4:30 PM

| | Q4FY26 | QoQ (%) | YoY (%) | Estimates | Variance (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Net sales** | **1,711** | **5.8** | **12.0** | **1,690** | **1.2** |
| EBIT | 240 | 2.5 | (9.3) | 265 | (9.4) |
| EBIT margin | 14.0 | -44bps | -329bps | 15.7 | *-165bps* |
| **Reported PAT** | **163** | **22.2** | **(33.3)** | **197** | **(17.2)** |
| Dil. EPS | 6.0 | 22.2 | (33.5) | 7.2 | (17.2) |

## Shree Cement Ltd - Q4FY26 Result Update; HOLD; TP: Rs 26,900/ share

**Mixed Set of Numbers; Maintain HOLD**

**Est. Vs. Actual for Q4FY26: Revenue** – BEAT; **EBITDA Margin** – MISS; **PAT** – MISS

**Change in Estimates post Q4FY26 (Abs.)**

**FY27E/FY28E: Revenue**: 1%/0%; **EBITDA**: -14%/0%; **PAT**: -16%/0%

**Recommendation Rationale**

- **Capacity Expansion to Drive Growth:** During the quarter, the company commissioned its integrated project at Kodla, Karnataka, comprising 3.65 MTPA clinker capacity and 3.50 MTPA cement capacity. With this addition, the company's total installed cement capacity in India (including wholly owned subsidiaries) has increased to 69.3 MTPA, further strengthening its position as the third-largest cement producer in the country. **This well-calibrated expansion underpins a projected volume CAGR of around 5% over FY25–FY28E, supported by enhanced regional presence and incremental contributions from new capacities.**
- **EBITDA Margin Expected to Contract on Higher Costs:** Rising fuel and packaging costs are expected to exert pressure on EBITDA margins going forward. While an increase in cement prices may offset a significant portion of the cost escalation, the situation remains dynamic and contingent on input cost trends. In this context, we expect EBITDA margins to contract by ~150 bps on a YoY basis. That said, the company continues to focus on improving profitability through a higher share of premium and blended cement, increased adoption of green energy, supply chain optimisation, and a more calibrated pricing strategy. It remains among the lowest-cost producers in the Indian cement industry, sustaining its cost leadership even in comparison with larger peers.
- **Robust Cement Demand & Consolidation to Benefit Large Players:** We expect cement demand to remain robust, with the industry projected to grow at a CAGR of 7%-8% over FY24–FY28E, driven by infrastructure and housing spending, along with strong real estate demand. **Further consolidation in the industry is expected to benefit large players such as Shree Cement, providing advantages in pricing, supply chain efficiency, and incremental demand over the long term.**

**Sector Outlook: Positive**

**Company Outlook & Guidance:** The management guided for 7-8% volume growth in FY27. Cement prices have increased, and a larger part of the cost inflation is expected to be covered. Indicated demand has picked up since December and continues to be robust. However, the geopolitical conflict in West Asia and the forecast of moderate monsoon conditions may act as headwinds for the sector and impact its growth momentum in the short term.

**Current Valuation: 18x FY28E EV/EBITDA** (**Earlier Valuation: 18x FY27E EV/EBITDA)**

**Current TP**: **Rs 26,900/ share (Earlier TP: Rs 27,020/share)**

**Recommendation:** We maintain our **HOLD rating on the stock**.

**Alternative BUY Ideas from our Sector Coverage: UltraTech Cement Ltd (TP: Rs 14,000/share), Dalmia Bharat (TP: Rs 2,430/share), Ambuja Cement (TP: Rs 510/share)**

**Bajaj Auto Ltd - Q4FY26 Result Update; BUY; TP: Rs 11,410/share**

**Exports Upswing, 3W Leadership, & Captive Finance Flywheel in Motion**

**Est. Vs. Actual for Q4FY26: Revenue - BEAT; EBITDA - BEAT ; PAT - BEAT**

**Change in Estimates Post Q4FY26:**

**FY27E/FY28E: Revenue-** 2.8%/2.8%; **EBITDA-** 3.3%/4.7%; **PAT-** 3.0%/4.4%

**Recommendation Rationale**

- **International Market:** Bajaj Auto's international business remained a key growth driver in Q4FY26, with export volumes exceeding 600,000 units for the second consecutive quarter, reflecting strong recovery and sustained momentum. Growth was led by Latin America, which delivered its 11th consecutive quarter of expansion, while Africa showed early signs of recovery with Nigeria stabilising at ~35,000 units/month and Bajaj maintaining ~50% market share. Brazil continued to scale steadily with expanding capacity and premium positioning. Backed by a retail-led distribution strategy and strong brand equity, Bajaj continues to outperform industry growth across key markets. Management remains constructive on exports, supported by geographic diversification and favourable currency tailwinds.
- **3W's Portfolio:** Bajaj Auto's three-wheeler portfolio continues to emerge as a structural growth and profitability driver, with FY26 volumes crossing 5 lakh units for the first time. Growth is supported by rising shared mobility demand, improved rural connectivity, and rapid electrification. The company maintains a dominant position in ICE autos, particularly in the CNG segment, while also leading in electric 3Ws with a strong presence across passenger and cargo categories. Electric three-wheelers remain a key contributor to profitability, supporting overall EV margin expansion. Management views the 3W segment as a multi-year growth opportunity driven by favourable industry dynamics and Bajaj's strong product and distribution capabilities.
- **Bajaj Auto Credit Limited; A Silent Value Compounder:** Bajaj Auto Credit Limited (BACL) continued its strong growth momentum in Q4FY26, with AUM expanding to ~Rs 19,000 Cr and ROE improving to ~23%, reflecting robust profitability. The business delivered strong earnings in FY26 (PAT Rs 665 Cr) and expanded its reach to ~1.8 million customers across 6,200 outlets. BACL is increasingly playing a strategic role in driving vehicle sales, particularly in the EV and 3W segments, through enhanced financing penetration. With a scalable model and strong return profile, management views BACL as a key enabler of growth and a long-term value creator within the Bajaj Auto ecosystem.

**Sector Outlook: Positive**

**Company Outlook & Guidance:** In FY27, the management's focus is on gaining leadership in the 125cc+ motorcycle segment, expanding exports, especially in Latin America, and scaling key platforms like Chetak, GoGo, and Freedom. Expanding operations in Brazil, reviving KTM, boosting spares performance, and growing Triumph in India remain key priorities. The company also aims to balance growth with profitability amid ongoing market volatility.

**Current Valuation: 24x its Mar'28E core EPS (Unchanged), plus PMAG stake and cash reserves at 1x book value.**

**Current TP**: **Rs 11,410/share (Earlier TP: Rs 10,790/share)**

**Recommendation:** We maintain our **BUY** rating on the stock.

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## Hero Motocorp Ltd - Q4FY26 Result Update; BUY; TP: Rs 5,960/share

**Margin Stability, Global Scale-Up & Strong Demand**

**Est. Vs. Actual for Q4FY26: Revenue – BEAT; EBITDA – INLINE; PAT– MISS**

**Change in Estimates post Q4FY26**

**FY27E/FY28E: Revenue:** 2.3%/2.3%; **EBITDA:** -1.0%/2.0; **PAT:** -0.4%/1.9%

**Recommendation Rationale**

- **Infrastructure Expansion & Capital Allocation:** Hero MotoCorp is accelerating capacity expansion alongside a focused FY27 Capex of ~Rs 1,500 Cr to strengthen growth segments. The company is leveraging flexible ICE–EV manufacturing (Tirupati), ramping up scooter capacity (Destiny +50%, Zoom to double), and scaling EV (Vida) capacity by 50% with further doubling planned by FY27. A key allocation (~Rs 700 Cr) is toward the South India Global Parts Center to double aftermarket capacity and regain lost share (currently ~50% penetration), while the remaining spend is directed toward EV scale-up, ICE capacity expansion, and new product development.
- **Market Growth Outlook & Demand Drivers:** Management remains constructive on demand, guiding for high single-digit industry growth in FY27, supported by structural drivers such as urbanisation, gig economy expansion, and rising e-commerce penetration. The scooter segment is expected to outpace motorcycles, with Hero already witnessing ~48% YoY growth in scooters, indicating strong traction from urban mobility trends without cannibalisation of core motorcycle demand. Premiumization and exports continue to gain momentum, with global business up 41% YoY and strong performance from the Harley-Davidson X440 portfolio, while further expansion in Latin America, Africa, and underpenetrated markets like Bangladesh provides incremental growth levers.
- **Margin Targets & Profitability Outlook:** Hero has reiterated its medium-term EBITDA margin guidance of 14-16%, despite near-term cost pressures from commodity inflation (aluminium, steel, rubber), which led to a ~100 bps sequential gross margin contraction in Q4. While price hikes (~2% in Apr'26) and partial cost pass-throughs provide support, the company is intensifying internal efficiency measures through its LEAP program (BOM optimisation) and rationalising discretionary spends. Importantly, EV profitability is improving sequentially, with a clear path driven by operating leverage, cost reduction initiatives, and PLI benefits (currently covering ~60% of EV portfolio, expected to rise to ~90%), supporting margin sustainability over the medium term.

**Sector Outlook: Positive on 2W**

**Company Outlook & Guidance:** Hero MotoCorp continues to scale its premium portfolio and EV (Vida) business, alongside strong growth in global operations. Management remains constructive on demand and reiterates its medium-term EBITDA margin guidance of ~14-16%.

**Current Valuation: 16x core FY28E EPS (Earlier Valuation: 18x on FY28 EPS)**, adding share in Ather Energy Ltd (30% holding in listed entity) and Hero Fincorp 1.5x at FY25 P/B.

**Current TP: Rs 5,960/share (Earlier TP: Rs 6,400/share)**

**Recommendation:** We maintain our **BUY** rating on the stock, supported by reasonable valuations.

# Result Calendar - Q4FY26

May-2026

Nifty 50 | NSE 500 + Nifty 50 + Axis Securities Universe

| | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Monday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 05-May-26 | 06-May-26 | 07-May-26 | 08-May-26 | 09-May-26 | 11-May-26 |
| **Large Cap** | **Hero Motocorp**<br>Larsen & Toubro<br>M & M<br>Punjab Natl Bank | **Bajaj Auto**<br>CG Power & Indu.<br>Godrej Consumer<br>Polycab India | Bajaj Holdings<br>Pidilite Inds. | A B B<br>**Bank of Baroda**<br>Tata Consumer<br>Titan Company | | |
| **Mid Cap** | **Coforge**<br>Lloyds Metals<br>Marico<br>Poonawalla Fin<br>SRF<br>United Breweries | Blue Star<br>Hexaware Technologies<br>One 97<br>PB Fintech.<br>Radico Khaitan<br>**Shree Cement** | Bharat Forge<br>**Biocon**<br>**Dabur India**<br>**Escorts Kubota**<br>**Lupin**<br>MRF<br>Thermax | Balkrishna Inds<br>Chola Financial<br>Kalyan Jewellers<br>Swiggy | | Abbott India |
| **Small Cap** | Aadhar Housing Fin.<br>AAVAS Financiers<br>Ajanta Pharma<br>Alkyl Amines<br>Emcure Pharmaceuticals<br>J & K Bank | Century Textiles<br>**Aptus Value Hou.**<br>Birlasoft Ltd<br>CESC<br>Firstsour Solu.<br>Home First Finan<br>**Apcotex Industri**<br>**NOCIL** | Acme Solar Holdings<br>**CCL Products**<br>Craftsman Auto<br>**Gravita India**<br>Sonata Software<br>Vijaya Diagnost.<br>**Westlife Foodworld**<br>**V Mart Retail** | **Cera Sanitary.**<br>**CreditAcc. Gram.**<br>Intellect Design<br>Niva Bupa Health Insurance<br>S C I<br>**Ujjivan Small Finance Ba** | Blue Dart Expres | Anant Raj<br>JBM Auto<br>New India Assura<br>Shyam Metalics<br>**Aurionpro Solutions** |

Bold Companies: Axis Securities Coverage

**Axis Intellect: Intraweek Stocks for the week 04th May 2026 to 11th May 2026**

| Name of Stock | Mcap | Sector |
|---|---|---|
| CANARA BANK | Large Cap | Banks |
| NETWEB TECHNOLOGIES INDIA LIMITED | Small Cap | Tele & Media |
| ANAND RATHI WEALTH LIMITED | Small Cap | NBFC |
| RBL BANK LIMITED | Small Cap | Banks |
| CUMMINS INDIA LTD., | Small Cap | Industrials |
| KIRLOSKAR OIL ENGINES LIMITED | Small Cap | Industrials |
| LAURUS LABS LIMITED | Small Cap | Healthcare |
| ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL LTD | Mid Cap | NBFC |
| FEDERAL BANK LTD. | Mid Cap | Banks |
| L&T FINANCE HOLDINGS LIMITED | Mid Cap | NBFC |

## Investment Picks

| Company | Recommendation | CMP | Target Price | % Upside |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aarti Drugs Ltd | BUY | 396 | 480 | 21.2 |
| Affle 3I Ltd | BUY | 1,450 | 1,645 | 13.5 |
| Ambuja Cements Ltd | BUY | 446 | 510 | 14.4 |
| APL Apollo Tubes Ltd | BUY | 1,918 | 2,250 | 17.3 |
| Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd | BUY | 270 | 350 | 29.6 |
| Arvind Smartspaces Ltd | BUY | 635 | 750 | 18.1 |
| Ashok Leyland Ltd | BUY | 168 | 230 | 36.5 |
| Astral Ltd | BUY | 1,583 | 1,750 | 10.6 |
| AU Small Finance Bank Ltd | BUY | 1,027 | 1,225 | 19.3 |
| Aurionpro Solutions Ltd | BUY | 872 | 1,065 | 22.1 |
| Automotive Axles Ltd | BUY | 1,838 | 2,170 | 18.1 |
| Avenue Supermarts Ltd | BUY | 4,416 | 5,270 | 19.3 |
| Bajaj Finance Ltd | BUY | 981 | 1,160 | 18.2 |
| Bank of Baroda Ltd | BUY | 271 | 360 | 32.8 |
| Bharti Airtel Ltd | BUY | 1,834 | 2,530 | 38.0 |
| Biocon Ltd | BUY | 382 | 435 | 13.9 |
| Birla Corporation Ltd | BUY | 977 | 1,375 | 40.7 |
| Britannia Industries Ltd | BUY | 5,790 | 7,170 | 23.8 |
| Can Fin Homes Ltd | BUY | 905 | 1,140 | 26.0 |
| Cera Sanitaryware Ltd. | BUY | 5,360 | 7,000 | 30.6 |
| Chalet Hotels Ltd. | BUY | 794 | 1,120 | 41.1 |
| Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Company Ltd | BUY | 1,720 | 2,050 | 19.2 |
| CIE Automotive India Ltd | BUY | 478 | 530 | 10.9 |
| City Union Bank Ltd | BUY | 272 | 360 | 32.4 |
| Coforge Ltd | BUY | 1,280 | 1,690 | 32.0 |
| Colgate-Palmolive (India) Ltd | BUY | 2,162 | 2,570 | 18.9 |
| Dabur India Ltd | BUY | 468 | 595 | 27.2 |
| Dalmia Bharat Ltd | BUY | 1,980 | 2,430 | 22.7 |
| DCB Bank Ltd | BUY | 190 | 240 | 26.3 |
| Dhanuka Agritech Ltd | BUY | 1,094 | 1,600 | 46.2 |
| DOMS Industries Ltd | BUY | 2,363 | 3,000 | 27.0 |
| Eicher Motors Ltd | BUY | 7,315 | 8,060 | 10.2 |
| Elecon Engineering Compan Ltd | BUY | 559 | 635 | 13.6 |
| Embassy Office Parks REIT | BUY | 420 | 500 | 19.0 |
| Endurance Technologies Ltd | BUY | 2,360 | 2,880 | 22.1 |
| Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd | BUY | 74 | 86 | 16.8 |
| Eternal Ltd | BUY | 256 | 360 | 40.7 |
| Ethos Ltd | BUY | 2,397 | 3,020 | 26.0 |
| Federal Bank Ltd | BUY | 292 | 340 | 16.3 |
| Fortis Healthcare Ltd | BUY | 958 | 1,070 | 11.7 |
| G R Infraprojects Ltd | BUY | 985 | 1,540 | 56.4 |
| Gland Pharma Ltd | BUY | 1,808 | 2,170 | 20.0 |
| Gravita India Ltd | BUY | 1,797 | 2,200 | 22.4 |
| Greenply Industries Ltd. | BUY | 263 | 340 | 29.3 |
| H. G. Infra Engineering Ltd | BUY | 625 | 970 | 55.2 |
| Happiest Minds Technologies Ltd. | BUY | 387 | 520 | 34.3 |
| HDFC Bank Ltd | BUY | 796 | 975 | 22.5 |
| HealthCare Global Enterprises Ltd | BUY | 622 | 750 | 20.7 |
| Hero MotoCorp Ltd | BUY | 5,180 | 6,400 | 23.6 |
| ICICI Bank Ltd | BUY | 1,280 | 1,700 | 32.9 |
| IDFC First Bank Ltd | BUY | 70 | 82 | 17.9 |
| Indian Hotels Company Ltd | BUY | 668 | 820 | 22.8 |
| Inox Wind Ltd | BUY | 107 | 130 | 21.5 |
| J K Cements Ltd | BUY | 5,500 | 6,570 | 19.5 |
| J.Kumar Infraprojects Ltd | BUY | 516 | 715 | 38.7 |
| JK Lakshmi Cement Ltd | BUY | 665 | 890 | 33.9 |
| JSW Energy Ltd. | BUY | 566 | 630 | 11.3 |

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## Investment Picks

| Company | Recommendation | CMP | Target Price | % Upside |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Juniper Hotels Ltd. | BUY | 214 | 295 | 38.0 |
| K E C International Ltd | BUY | 587 | 920 | 56.6 |
| Kalpataru Projects International Ltd. | BUY | 1,279 | 1,450 | 13.4 |
| Kirloskar Brothers Ltd | BUY | 1,746 | 2,330 | 33.4 |
| Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd | BUY | 377 | 500 | 32.6 |
| KPIT Technologies Ltd | BUY | 749 | 1,130 | 50.8 |
| LG Electronics India Ltd | BUY | 1,567 | 1,815 | 15.8 |
| LTIMindtree Ltd | BUY | 4,318 | 5,145 | 19.2 |
| Mahanagar Gas Ltd | BUY | 1,170 | 1,540 | 31.6 |
| MAS Financial Services Ltd | BUY | 344 | 425 | 23.5 |
| Max Healthcare Institute | BUY | 1,019 | 1,250 | 22.7 |
| Minda Corporation Ltd | BUY | 528 | 710 | 34.6 |
| Mold-Tek Packaging Ltd | BUY | 561 | 800 | 42.6 |
| Navin Fluorine International Ltd | BUY | 7,025 | 7,750 | 10.3 |
| Nestle India Ltd | BUY | 1,480 | 1,640 | 10.8 |
| Persistent Systems Ltd | BUY | 5,004 | 6,270 | 25.3 |
| Pitti Engineering Ltd | BUY | 1,001 | 1,230 | 22.9 |
| Prestige Estates Projects Ltd | BUY | 1,450 | 1,900 | 31.0 |
| Prince Pipes and Fittings Ltd | BUY | 266 | 400 | 50.4 |
| Rainbow Children's Medicare Ltd. | BUY | 1,283 | 1,625 | 26.6 |
| Rites Ltd | BUY | 227 | 275 | 21.4 |
| SBI Cards & Payment Services Ltd | BUY | 650 | 800 | 23.0 |
| SBI Life Insurance Company Ltd | BUY | 1,869 | 2,440 | 30.6 |
| Shriram Finance Ltd | BUY | 1,007 | 1,200 | 19.2 |
| Signatureglobal (India) Ltd | BUY | 900 | 1,010 | 12.2 |
| Star Cement Ltd | BUY | 234 | 320 | 36.8 |
| State Bank of India | BUY | 1,099 | 1,350 | 22.8 |
| Tata Consultancy Services Ltd | BUY | 2,435 | 3,155 | 29.6 |
| Tech Mahindra Ltd | BUY | 1,467 | 1,730 | 17.9 |
| Trent Ltd | BUY | 4,300 | 4,960 | 15.3 |
| TVS Motor Company Ltd | BUY | 3,618 | 4,165 | 15.1 |
| Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd | BUY | 63 | 74 | 17.7 |
| UltraTech Cement Ltd | BUY | 12,100 | 14,000 | 15.7 |
| UNO Minda Industries Ltd | BUY | 1,133 | 1,260 | 11.2 |
| V Mart Retail Ltd | BUY | 652 | 760 | 16.6 |
| VA Tech Wabag Ltd. | BUY | 1,505 | 1,930 | 28.2 |
| Varun Beverages Ltd | BUY | 510 | 630 | 23.6 |
| Welspun Living Ltd | BUY | 134 | 165 | 23.4 |
| Westlife Foodworld Ltd | BUY | 495 | 600 | 21.2 |

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## Trading Insights

### Insight from trading volumes

| Script | CMP | Total Volume (x1000) | Monthly Avg Volume(x1000) | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| HDFC LIFE INSURANCE CO LTD | 606 | 44,521 | 7,186 | 519.5% |
| HERO MOTOCORP LTD | 5,170 | 2,969 | 727 | 308.6% |
| LARSEN & TOUBRO LTD | 4,009 | 10,297 | 3,925 | 162.3% |
| MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA LTD | 3,301 | 6,508 | 3,410 | 90.9% |
| KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD | 377 | 38,379 | 24,105 | 59.2% |
| SHREE CEMENT LTD | 24,975 | 54 | 36 | 51.0% |
| BHARAT PETROLEUM CORP LTD | 314 | 18,114 | 14,333 | 26.4% |

### Insight from delivery

| Script | CMP | Total Delivery Volume(x1000) | Monthly Avg Delivery Volume(x1000) | %Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BRITANNIA INDUSTRIES LTD | 5,783 | 510 | 305 | 67.0% |
| GAIL INDIA LTD | 166 | 10,569 | 7,627 | 38.6% |
| NESTLE INDIA LTD | 1,486 | 1,755 | 1,384 | 26.9% |
| MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA LTD | 3,301 | 2,136 | 1,706 | 25.2% |
| ITC LTD | 311 | 14,761 | 12,097 | 22.0% |
| AXIS BANK LTD | 1,294 | 5,580 | 4,817 | 15.8% |
| ICICI BANK LTD | 1,280 | 12,648 | 11,540 | 9.6% |

*CMP-Closing Market Price

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