

Q1FY26 Preview

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## Weak demand for summer products; W&C and EMS outshine

 RACs to report volume decline in the range of 13-14% YoY, on weak demand Vineet Shanker research@bobcaps.in

- Wires & Cables (W&C) likely to post double-digit growth, driven by improving construction activity and continued stocking
- Strong growth momentum to continue in EMS companies, led by client additions and improving product offerings

A quarter marked by delayed summer and early monsoon: We expect our consumer durables coverage (including W&C) to post 14% YoY (-11% QoQ) revenue growth in 1QFY26. The cooling products segment was impacted by weak demand due to delayed summer and unseasonal rains. W&C will likely see steady 18–19% YoY growth, driven by improved capex activity in cables and continued channel stocking in wires amid rising copper prices. In EMS, Dixon is expected to report strong growth led by rising smartphone export volumes.

Volume decline of 13-14% YoY in RACs: For 1QFY26, we expect cooling product companies under our coverage to report weak performance, with Voltas and Blue Star likely witnessing revenue declines of 8% and 7% YoY, respectively; led by a 13–14% YoY drop in their unitary products (RAC) segment on delayed summer and early monsoon. Lloyd is also estimated to post a fall of 14% YoY. We believe Voltas may slightly limit volume decline owing to its wide geographic reach. FY26 is expected to remain challenging for RACs, with high channel inventory posing a risk to 4QFY26 primary sales, if the demand doesn't recover. In ECD, fans are likely to see muted growth; we estimate the segment to report 2–4% YoY growth led by excooling products, while lighting remains sluggish.

**W&C** to report steady growth on improved construction activity: We estimate W&C companies to report revenue growth of 18–19% YoY (ex-other products), driven by channel restocking and sustained demand for cables, supported by government-led capex and elevated copper prices. A key monitorable in the upcoming quarter will be the commentaries on rising competitive intensity and its potential impact on capacity expansion plans.

**Strong EMS performance likely to continue in 1QFY26:** We estimate Dixon to report 61% YoY revenue growth, led by increasing smart phones volume (mobile phones revenue to grow 80% YoY). Despite the weak volume for RAC segment, we expect 7% YoY revenue growth in Amber led by client additions and improving product offerings.





Fig 1 – BOBCAPS Consumer Durables universe: Q1FY26 snapshot

Company -	Revenue (Rs mn)					EBITDA (Rs mn)				EBITDA Margin (%)			PAT (Rs mn)					
Company	Q1FY26E	Q1FY25	Q4FY25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Q1FY26E	Q1FY25	Q4FY25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Q1FY26E	Q1FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26E	Q1FY25	Q4FY25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
VOLT	45,080	49,210	47,676	(8.4)	(5.4)	2,743	4,238	3,328	(35.3)	(17.6)	6.1	8.6	7.0	2,077	3,342	2,410	(37.9)	(13.8)
BLSTR	26,606	28,654	40,190	(7.1)	(33.8)	1,739	2,378	2,794	(26.9)	(37.8)	6.5	8.3	7.0	1,087	1,687	1,940	(35.5)	(43.9)
POLYCAB	56,068	46,980	69,858	19.3	(19.7)	7,147	5,834	10,254	22.5	(30.3)	12.7	12.4	14.7	4,746	3,960	7,267	19.9	(34.7)
CROMPTON	22,072	21,377	20,606	3.3	7.1	2,270	2,324	2,644	(2.3)	(14.2)	10.3	10.9	12.8	1,443	1,517	1,695	(4.9)	(14.8)
HAVL	59,398	58,062	65,436	2.3	(9.2)	5,304	5,722	7,570	(7.3)	(29.9)	8.9	9.9	11.6	3,605	4,075	5,178	(11.5)	(30.4)
ORIENTEL	7,853	7,549	8,619	4.0	(8.9)	428	401	668	6.8	(36.0)	5.4	5.3	7.8	136	143	313	(5.3)	(56.6)
VGUARD	14,905	14,771	15,381	0.9	(3.1)	1495	1,558	1,431	(4.0)	4.5	10.0	10.5	9.3	908	990	911	(8.2)	(0.3)
KEI	24,315	20,605	29,148	18.0	(16.6)	2497	2,146	3,013	16.4	(17.1)	10.3	10.4	10.3	1665	1,502	2,265	10.8	(26.5)
DIXON	1,05,722	65,798	1,02,925	60.7	2.7	3911	2,479	4,428	57.8	(11.7)	3.7	3.8	4.3	2216	1,337	1,504	65.8	47.3
AMBER	25,653	24,013	37,537	6.8	(31.7)	1980	1,962	2,948	0.9	(32.8)	7.7	8.2	7.9	537	724	1,161	(25.8)	(53.7)
SYRMA	10,161	11,599	9,244	(12.4)	9.9	800	446	1,075	79.3	(25.6)	7.9	3.8	11.6	448	203	715	120.1	(37.3)
Total	3,97,833	3,48,618	4,46,618	14.1	(10.9)	30,315	29,487	40,152	2.8	(24.5)	7.6	8.5	9.0	18,868	19,481	25,359	(3.1)	(25.6)

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



Fig 2 – Quarterly revenue growth trend

YoY (%)	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26E
VOLT	10.9	21.4	29.7	30.9	42.1	46.5	14.2	18.3	13.4	(8.4)
BLSTR	16.4	12.6	19.9	24.9	26.8	28.7	20.4	25.3	20.8	(7.1)
POLYCAB	8.9	42.1	26.6	16.8	29.3	20.8	30.4	20.4	24.9	19.3
CROMPTON	15.7	0.7	4.9	11.6	9.5	13.9	6.4	4.5	5.1	3.3
HAVL	9.8	13.9	6.0	6.9	12.0	20.1	16.4	10.8	20.2	2.3
ORIENTEL	(12.7)	13.5	11.0	1.7	19.7	7.0	16.4	8.6	9.4	4.0
VGUARD	7.6	19.3	15.0	18.8	17.8	21.6	14.1	8.9	14.5	0.9
KEI	9.1	13.9	21.1	15.4	18.7	15.6	17.1	20.0	25.7	18.0
DIXON	3.8	14.6	27.8	100.4	52.0	101.1	133.3	117.0	121.0	60.7
AMBER	55.0	(6.8)	23.5	(4.0)	(6.6)	41.1	81.7	64.8	33.8	6.8
SYRMA	83.1	54.4	52.4	37.9	66.9	92.9	17.0	23.0	(18.5)	(12.4)

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 3 – Quarterly EBITDA growth trend

YoY (%)	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26E
VOLT	7.4	5.5	3.1	1.1	4.5	8.6	6.2	6.4	7.0	(35.3)
BLSTR	6.8	6.5	6.5	6.9	7.3	8.3	6.6	7.5	7.0	(26.9)
POLYCAB	14.1	14.1	14.4	13.1	13.6	12.4	11.5	13.8	14.7	22.5
CROMPTON	11.8	9.9	9.8	8.8	10.4	10.9	10.7	10.6	12.8	(2.3)
HAVL	10.8	8.3	9.5	9.8	11.7	9.9	8.3	8.7	11.6	(7.3)
ORIENTEL	7.0	6.2	3.6	6.5	3.9	5.3	5.4	7.5	7.8	6.8
VGUARD	8.7	8.6	8.2	8.7	9.5	10.5	8.5	8.2	9.3	(4.0)
KEI	10.4	10.0	10.5	10.4	10.5	10.4	9.7	9.9	10.3	16.4
DIXON	5.1	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.3	57.8
AMBER	6.8	7.8	6.4	6.1	7.9	8.2	6.8	7.4	7.9	0.9
SYRMA	8.7	6.1	6.9	5.5	6.5	3.8	8.5	9.1	11.6	79.3

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 4 – Quarterly PAT growth trend

YoY (%)	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26E
VOLT	(21.2)	18.7	(63.0)	(212.6)	(19.1)	158.5	265.3	(534.5)	107.0	(37.9)
BLSTR	(28.4)	12.3	66.2	72.0	192.9	102.3	35.8	19.4	21.5	(35.5)
POLYCAB	33.5	80.0	58.4	15.2	27.3	(0.3)	3.6	11.5	32.7	19.9
CROMPTON	(25.7)	(7.1)	(22.7)	(0.4)	(2.0)	28.2	28.5	29.4	31.9	(4.9)
HAVL	1.6	18.1	32.4	1.5	24.8	42.0	8.2	(3.5)	15.9	(11.5)
ORIENTEL	(49.5)	3.9	NA	(25.3)	(48.0)	(27.2)	NA	11.7	144.2	(5.3)
VGUARD	(41.2)	20.5	35.0	48.2	44.5	54.1	7.5	3.4	19.6	(8.2)
KEI	19.1	16.9	31.3	17.2	22.1	23.8	10.4	9.4	34.3	10.8
DIXON	28.0	43.5	39.4	85.9	18.1	103.9	68.0	77.5	58.1	65.8
AMBER	81.7	8.5	NA	(103.6)	(4.8)	58.6	NA	NA	17.2	(25.8)
SYRMA	153.1	65.9	5.4	(40.9)	5.5	(28.2)	29.9	172.5	58.0	120.1

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Resear



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