

Q2FY25 Preview

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# W&C and EMS take the lead in seasonally weak quarter

 Q2FY25 soft for consumer durables; but wires and cables shine led by government and private infrastructure spending Arshia Khosla research@bobcaps.in

- EMS companies poised for continued growth, fueled by strong order book, PLI boost, Make-in-India initiatives
- Expect revenue/EBIDTA/PAT growth of 27%/24%/33% YoY for our coverage universe

Expect 2QFY25 revenue/PAT growth of 27%/33%: We expect strong 27% YoY revenue growth for 2QFY25 across our coverage universe. We expect this revenue growth to be driven mainly by the wires and cables segment, which has rebounded as demand recovers from the raw material cost volatility seen between May and July 2024, supported by higher government spending and an uptick in real estate investments. The EMS sector also shows continued strength, with a growing order book and healthy customer additions across segments. Leading this growth are Dixon (70% YoY), followed by SYRMA (35% YoY) and AMBER (25% YoY) in EMS, and POLYCAB (19% YoY) and KEII (17% YoY) in wires and cables. This overall growth is underpinned by a 24% increase in EBITDA and a 33% rise in PAT.

Segment-wise outlook: The C&W segment is expected to maintain strong growth; with improved sales in September. However, kitchen appliances sales are likely to be lower due to weak consumer sentiment, while fan growth will be limited to the high single digit after a strong summer season. The lighting segment will see limited performance due to ongoing price erosion. Refrigerator and room air conditioners (RAC) are expected to see softer demand as the summer season fades. After a slow start, washing machines rebounded with customers showing a preference for premium products, according to our discussions with dealers. High-value electronics, including laptops and mobile phones, gained traction in Q2, showing strong performance.

Challenging quarter for consumer durables: Q2 is typically seasonally weak for the consumer durables segment except for washing machines and kitchen appliances. We expect overall demand to remain subdued due to inflationary pressures on consumer spending, ongoing rural weakness, and the natural slowdown after the peak summer season in Q1FY25. Feedback from companies regarding demand during Onam was mixed. The trends during the upcoming festive season will be crucial to watch, as there is cautious optimism for a recovery in rural demand, along with potential shifts in raw material costs.





Raw material costs decline in 2Q, boosting margins for cables & wires: Raw material prices saw a sharp increase of ~17% for copper and aluminum between March and May 2024, but began to decrease gradually thereafter. This fluctuation in raw material costs caused inventory destocking, which negatively impacted demand. However, average raw material costs dropped ~5% QoQ in 2QFY25, which we believe will contribute to a sequential improvement in margins. As a result, we anticipate an EBITDA margin of 9.6% for the wires and cables segment in this quarter.

**EMS** segment set to maintain robust growth in 2QFY25: We expect EMS companies in our coverage to sustain their strong growth momentum, with total revenue likely to increase by 43% YoY in 2QFY25, driven by the execution of a solid order book. While we expect the order book to grow YoY across the sector, it may remain flat sequentially as some companies anticipate stronger order inflows in the second half of FY25. We expect DIXON to lead with 70% YoY revenue growth, followed by SYRMA with 35% and AMBER with 25% YoY.

Positive outlook for cables & wires; EMS growth driven by infrastructure and market trends: We maintain a positive outlook for cable and wire companies, anticipating strong demand over the next few years and fueled by government and private infrastructure investments, along with increased export opportunities. In the RAC segment, we expect demand to grow due to lower penetration, rising disposable incomes, and changing climate conditions, such as higher temperatures. We believe EMS companies are poised for robust growth, supported by a strong order book, the Make-in-India initiative, the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, and the China+1 strategy.



Fig 1 – BOBCAPS Consumer durables universe: Q2FY25 snapshot

Commonico	Revenue (Rs mn)					EBITDA (Rs mn)					EBITDA margin (%)			PAT (Rs mn)				
Companies	Q2FY25E	Q2FY24	Q1FY25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Q2FY25E	Q2FY24	Q1FY25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Q2FY25E	Q2FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25E	Q2FY24	Q1FY25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
VOLT	26,022	22,928	49,210	13.5	(47.1)	1,310	703	4,238	86.3	(69.1)	5.0	3.1	8.6	1,197	367	3,342	226.2	(64.2)
BLSTR	22,269	18,904	28,654	17.8	(22.3)	1,476	1,227	2,378	20.3	(37.9)	6.6	6.5	8.3	919	707	1,687	30.0	(45.5)
POLYCAB	50,191	42,177	46,980	19.0	6.8	6,587	6,089	5,834	8.2	12.9	13.1	14.4	12.4	4,565	4,256	3,960	7.3	15.3
CROMPTON	19,605	17,823	21,377	10.0	(8.3)	2,027	1,745	2,324	16.2	(12.8)	10.3	9.8	10.9	1,344	1,009	1,524	33.2	(11.8)
HAVL	44,580	39,003	58,062	14.3	(23.2)	4,439	3,718	5,722	19.4	(22.4)	10.0	9.5	9.9	3,298	2,476	4,075	33.2	(19.1)
ORIENTEL	6122	5,669	7,549	8.0	(18.9)	317	207	401	53.1	(20.9)	5.2	3.7	5.3	91	(2)	143	NA	(36.4)
VGUARD	12,698	11,338	14,771	12.0	(14.0)	1151	925	1,558	24.4	(26.1)	9.1	8.2	10.5	707	590	990	19.8	(28.6)
KEI	22774	19466	20,605	17.0	10.5	2424	2,039	2,146	18.9	13.0	10.6	10.5	10.4	1689	1,402	1,502	20.5	12.5
DIXON	84034	49432	65,798	70.0	27.7	3441	1,989	2,479	73.0	38.8	4.1	4.0	3.8	2054	1,073	1,397	91.4	47.0
AMBER	11588	9271	24,013	25.0	(51.7)	789	596	1,962	32.4	(59.8)	6.8	6.4	8.2	(22)	(57)	747	(61.8)	(102.9)
SYRMA	9608	7117	11,599	35.0	(17.2)	489	490	446	(0.2)	9.6	5.1	6.9	3.8	256	284	203	(9.9)	26.1
Total	309,491	243,128	348,618	27.3	(11.2)	24,450	19,728	29,488	23.9	(17.1)	7.9	8.1	8.5	16,098	12,105	19,570	33.0	(17.7)



# **Quarterly financial trends**

Fig 2 - Quarterly revenue growth trend

YoY (%)	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25E
VOLT	55.1	4.7	11.8	10.9	21.4	29.7	30.9	42.1	46.5	13.5
BLSTR	87.9	27.1	19.1	16.4	12.6	19.9	24.9	26.8	28.7	17.8
POLYCAB	45.5	10.8	10.2	8.9	42.1	26.6	16.8	29.3	20.8	19.0
CROMPTON	77.3	22.7	7.5	15.7	0.7	4.9	11.6	9.5	13.9	10.0
HAVL	62.6	13.6	12.6	9.8	13.9	6.0	6.9	12.0	20.1	14.3
ORIENTEL	47.2	(14.1)	8.9	(12.7)	13.5	11.0	1.7	19.7	7.0	8.0
VGUARD	80.2	8.7	1.4	7.6	19.3	15.0	18.8	17.8	21.6	12.0
KEI	53.8	18.8	14.1	9.1	13.9	21.1	15.4	18.7	15.6	17.0
DIXON	52.9	37.9	(21.8)	3.8	14.6	27.8	100.4	52	101.1	70.0
AMBER	157.9	27.7	38.4	55	(6.8)	23.5	(4)	(6.6)	41.1	25.0
SYRMA	NA	NA	118.6	69.9	83.1	54.4	37.9	66.9	92.9	35.0

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 3 – Quarterly EBITDA margin trend

(%)	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25E
VOLT	6.4	5.7	3.8	7.4	5.5	3.1	1.1	4.5	8.6	5.0
BLSTR	6.2	5.4	5.8	6.8	6.5	6.5	6.9	7.3	8.3	6.6
POLYCAB	11.4	12.8	13.6	14.1	14.1	14.4	13.1	13.6	12.4	13.1
CROMPTON	11.8	11.4	10.1	11.8	9.9	9.8	8.8	10.4	10.9	10.3
HAVL	8.5	7.8	10.3	10.8	8.3	9.5	9.8	11.7	9.9	10.0
ORIENTEL	6.1	2.3	7.4	7.0	6.2	3.6	6.5	3.9	5.3	5.2
VGUARD	8.1	7.4	6.7	8.7	8.6	8.2	8.7	9.5	10.5	9.1
KEI	10.2	10.0	10.2	10.4	10.0	10.5	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.6
DIXON	3.5	3.8	4.6	5.1	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.1
AMBER	5.4	4.9	5.8	6.8	7.8	6.4	6.1	7.9	8.2	6.8
SYRMA	8.6	10.1	9.3	8.7	6.1	6.9	5.5	6.5	3.8	5.1

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 4 – Quarterly PAT growth trend

YoY (%)	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25E
VOLT	(8.2)	4.9	(53.7)	(18.9)	14.2	(46.7)	(85.7)	(13.0)	127.1	226.2
BLSTR	483.3	35.9	22.6	(28.4)	12.3	66.2	72.0	192.9	102.3	30.0
POLYCAB	189.2	36.9	45.8	33.5	80.0	58.4	15.2	27.3	8.43	7.3
CROMPTON	39.7	(17.7)	(40.5)	(25.5)	(7.8)	(22.8)	(3.1)	1.4	24.8	33.2
HAVL	3.1	(38.2)	(7.3)	1.6	18.1	32.4	1.5	24.8	42.0	33.2
ORIENTEL	278.0	(101.0)	(14.0)	(50.0)	4.0	NA	(25.0)	(48.0)	(27.2)	NA
VGUARD	109.0	(26.4)	(26.1)	(41.2)	20.5	35.0	48.2	44.5	54.1	19.8
KEI	56.4	16.4	27.0	19.1	16.9	31.3	17.2	22.1	23.8	20.5
DIXON	151.7	22.9	11.8	28.0	43.5	39.4	85.9	18.1	113.1	91.4
AMBER	283.1	(129.2)	(54.2)	82.3	8.7	145.5	(103.4)	(6.2)	63.7	(61.8)
SYRMA	NA	152.4	69.7	153.1	65.9	5.4	(40.9)	5.5	(28.2)	(9.9)



# Key input costs trend

Fig 5 - Copper LME price trend

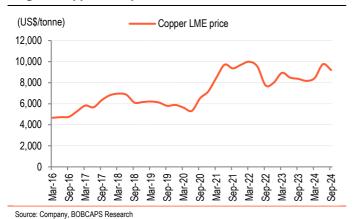
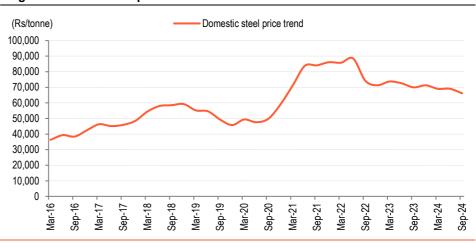


Fig 6 - Aluminum LME price trend



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 7 - Domestic steel price trend



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 8 - Valuation snapshot

	СМР	Market		Rev	renue (Rs bn	)	EBITDA (Rs bn)					
Companies	(Rs)	Cap (Rs bn)	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	CAGR (%)	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	CAGR (%)
VOLT	1,800	595.6	125	149	174	201	17.3	5	12	14	17	54.3
BLSTR	1,910	367.9	97	118	138	163	18.8	7	9	11	14	27.9
POLYCAB	7,262	1086.6	180	211	241	279	15.6	25	30	34	40	16.8
CROMPTON	430	272.4	73	89	107	131	21.3	7	10	12	15	28.5
HAVL	1,948	1220.0	186	212	246	286	15.4	18	24	30	36	24.7
ORIENTEL	231	49.0	28	34	40	48	19.8	1	3	3	4	42.9
VGRD	442	190.7	49	56	65	75	15.6	4	6	7	8	24.7
KEII	4,201	381.0	81	96	114	137	19.0	8	11	14	17	26.5
DIXON	14,519	864.6	177	275	373	487	40.2	7	12	16	21	44.9
AMBER	5,064	170.6	67	88	123	153	31.5	5	6	9	11	30.4
SYRMA	407	71.7	31	43	57	77	34.8	2	3	4	5	40.0



Fig 9 – Valuation snapshot

		EBITDA N	largin (%)			F	PAT (Rs bn)		PE (x)				
Companies	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	CAGR (%)	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
VOLT	3.8	7.7	8.2	8.7	3	8	10	12	69.0	236.3	72.7	59.4	49.0
BLSTR	6.9	7.9	8.2	8.6	4	6	8	9	31.4	88.7	61.3	48.7	39.1
POLYCAB	13.8	14.1	14.1	14.2	18	21	24	27	15.5	60.9	52.5	46.0	39.5
CROMPTON	9.8	11.3	11.3	11.6	4	7	8	11	35.2	61.9	40.0	32.2	25.1
HAVL	9.9	11.2	12.1	12.5	13	17	22	26	26.4	96.0	70.9	56.5	47.6
ORIENTEL	5.1	7.5	8.1	8.7	1	1	2	2	44.4	65.1	43.5	30.1	21.6
VGRD	8.8	10.3	10.6	11.0	3	4	5	6	31.5	74.0	50.2	39.6	32.5
KEII	10.3	11.9	12.3	12.4	6	8	10	12	26.8	65.6	47.8	38.9	32.2
DIXON	3.9	4.3	4.4	4.4	4	7	10	14	54.9	235.1	126.9	85.8	63.2
AMBER	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	1	2	4	6	61.5	128.3	72.8	40.6	30.5
SYRMA	6.3	7.0	7.2	7.1	1	2	2	3	44.6	66.8	40.5	29.3	22.1



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