

HOLD TP: Rs 5,079 | **∀** 5%

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# Healthy growth, but margin woes may be a concern

- Q3 revenue increased ~21%/17% YoY/QoQ to Rs 42.1bn, driven by a mix of volume and realisation gain in the motorcycle segment
- Motorcycle segment's gross margin fell by 168bps to ~44.5% YoY, also dipping marginally QoQ, as the focus shifted to growth over earnings
- Earnings estimates unchanged. We assign 27x P/E and roll forward to arrive at revised SOTP-based TP of Rs 5,079 (vs. Rs 4,885). Retain HOLD

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Revenue growth healthy, driven by volume and realisation gains: EIM's Q3FY25 revenue from operations grew 21% YoY to Rs 49.1bn, backed by realisation gain of ~3% YoY (-2 % QoQ) to Rs 180.0k per motorcycle, as newly launched products improved the product mix and exports volume gained. Volume growth was stronger at 19%. Royal Enfield (RE) sold about 269k motorcycles in Q3FY25 (17% growth YoY). Consolidated revenues grew 17%/15% YoY/QoQ.

Product mix-driven realisation gain; cost inflates marginally: Gross margin fell by 168bps/125bps YoY/QoQ due to product mix attributable to higher share of 350cc volumes YoY/QoQ. EIM launched five major bikes alongside the unveiling of Flying Fleet at EICMA. These launches led to incremental marketing expenses of Rs 0.7bn. EBITDA grew to Rs 12.2bn from Rs 11.1bn YoY. EBITDA margin stood at 24.9% vs 27.5% YoY. Adj PAT jumped 16% YoY to Rs 10.6bn.

**Strong push on launches:** Five major launches including Bear 650, New Classic 350, Bullet Battalion Black, the Classic 650, Go One Classic in Q3FY25 and several launches are lined up. EIM will launch EVs under the Flying Flea brand and has two models, FFC6 and FFS6, in the pipeline (launch in early 2026). With the recent 'electric first' launch of the Eicher Pro X small truck, VECV aims to transition to sustainable and efficient last-mile logistics.

**CV** segment gaining traction: The VE Commercial Vehicles (VECV) segment sold ~21k units in Q3FY25, growing 1.5% YoY. Heavy-duty truck sales were ~5.4k units, (-3.5% YoY), light- & medium-duty trucks ~9.7k units (-1% YoY) and buses ~3.7k units (+10% YoY).

Maintain HOLD: We maintain our FY25/FY26/FY27 EBITDA estimates due to better high-end variant sales, healthy product mix and improving exports. The growing momentum is reflected in revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR at 12%/11%/19% over FY24-FY27E. We continue to value EIM at 27x P/E to factor in better growth prospects in RE and VECV segments. We arrive at a higher SOTP-based TP of Rs 5,079 (vs. Rs 4,885) that includes Rs 150/sh for VECV. HOLD with a positive bias.

### **Key changes**

Target	Rating
<b>A</b>	<b>∢</b> ▶

Ticker/Price	EIM IN/Rs 5,335	_
Market cap	US\$ 16.7bn	
Free float	51%	
3M ADV	US\$ 30.2mn	
52wk high/low	Rs 5,576/Rs 3,672	
Promoter/FPI/DII	49%/30%/9%	
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Source: NSE | Price as of 10 Feb 2025

# **Key financials**

Y/E 31 Mar	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	1,60,782	1,79,447	1,98,668
EBITDA (Rs mn)	43,802	49,550	55,834
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	37,494	39,417	45,006
Adj. EPS (Rs)	137.4	144.5	165.0
Consensus EPS (Rs)	137.4	151.6	170.6
Adj. ROAE (%)	23.9	21.3	20.6
Adj. P/E (x)	38.8	36.9	32.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	33.5	29.4	25.6
Adj. EPS growth (%)	43.0	5.1	14.2

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

# Stock performance



Source: NSE





Fig 1 - Earnings call highlights

Parameter	Q3FY25	Q2FY25	Our view
Royal Enfield (RE) volumes	Royal Enfield sold about 269k motorcycles in Q3FY25 (17% growth YoY).  Volumes in India were 242k units and international volumes 27k units. Exports retail market grew 71% YoY.	Royal Enfield sold about 225k motorcycles in Q2FY25 compared to 229k motorcycles in Q2FY24. Volumes in India were 206k units and international volumes 19k units. Exports retail market grew 12% YoY.	Timely product intervention has helped volumes gain and this will gain further traction with strong product launches. Further the boost in the export markets will only add cushion
showed a bit of healthy growth.  bes  sing  pos		In the festive month of Oct'24, EIM recorded its best-ever monthly volumes of 100k units in a single month. Management has indicated that post festive volumes will be better than pre festive volumes.	to the revenue growth.
VE Commercial Vehicles (VECV) market share	In Q3FY25, EIM's market share in Volvo Trucks India (market share in high-end premium segment) was at 96.4%, buses at 20.7%, light & medium trucks at 36% and heavy-duty trucks at 8.9%.	In Q2FY25, EIM's market share in Volvo Trucks India (market share in high-end premium segment) was at 97.3%, buses at 20.6%, light & medium trucks at 35.3% and heavy-duty trucks at 9.7%.	We observe continued healthy revival in demand for the commercial vehicle heavy-duty (CV HD) segment. This may strengthen once demand picks up meaningfully. This is despite the weaker industry trends. The bus segment market share (at 21%) improvement only add comfort.
VECV volumes	The VECV segment sold ~21k units in Q3FY25, growing 1.5% YoY. Heavy-duty truck sales were ~5.4k units, (-3.5% YoY), light- & medium-duty trucks ~9.7k units (-1% YoY) and buses ~3.7k units (+10% YoY).  Exports in Q3FY25 grew 44.5% YoY to 1.19k	The VECV segment sold ~20.7k units in Q2FY25, growing 6.2% YoY. Heavy-duty truck sales were ~5.1k units, (+8.21% YoY), light- & medium-duty trucks ~9.5k units (-0.06% YoY) and buses ~3.9k units (+24% YoY). Exports in Q2FY25 grew 12.2% YoY to 1.13k units.	With budget allocations gathering pace and consumption impetus in the Union budget we expect the commercial vehicle revival to be on a steady but firm track.
Margins	units despite disruption in South Asia.  Better cost management and better price	Realisations reduced QoQ due to product mix	Focus is on gaining traction in
•	management led to better margins.	attributable to higher share of 350cc volumes.	growth and on absolute
	Five major launches – Bear 650, New Classic 350, Bullet Battalion Black, the Classic 650, Go One Classic – and further EV Flying Feet launch led to incremental marketing expense of Rs 0.7bn.	No major pressure from commodity pricing. Further, EIM has not raised prices. EIM is pivoting from margin to growth. The company is focusing on EBITDA value in absolute terms rather than margins.	earnings growth, even if there is some weakness in margins. This is likely to be in the short term, though we will keep a close watch on margin improvement
Capacity	EIM on track for a Rs 10bn capex for FY25.	There are no major challenges in capacity to	EIM's CV and 2W capacities
First fully-owned CKD plant inaugurated in Thailand to further strengthen Asia-Pacific region presence.		cater to demand, however EIM can enhance capacity on short notice with investments to cater to demand.	have limited headroom to cater to incremental demand.  EIM will focus on adding
		A new CKD has been established in Bangladesh and the second CKD facility in Brazil will start in Jan'25.	capacities. The CKD plant in Thailand will help cater to regional markets.
Other key points	EIM phased out stock for a few variants during the festive season which were later restocked and now EIM has inventory of 2-3 weeks.	Other expenses increased 6.25%/9.35% QoQ/YoY to Rs 5bn. The increase was due to marketing expense and a one-time warehouse expense of Rs 0.12bn to facilitate inventory build-up for the festive month of Oct'24.	Inventory management will be key as premium EIM products are available in select centres.

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research | CKD: Completely knocked down



Fig 2 – Quarterly performance (standalone)

(Rs mn)	Q3FY25	Q2FY24	YoY (%)	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)	Q3FY25E	Deviation (%)
Volume (nos)	2,72,297	2,28,073	19.4	2,27,872	19.5	2,72,297	0.0
Avg. Realisation per Vehicle (Rs)	1,80,250	1,77,758	1.4	1,79,719	0.3	1,82,707	(1.3)
Net Revenues	49,081	40,542	21.1	40,953	19.8	49,751	(1.3)
Total Income (A)	49,081	40,542	21.1	40,953	19.8	49,751	(1.3)
Operating Expenses							
Raw materials consumed	27,263	21,841	24.8	21,869	24.7	27,094	0.6
Employee Expenses	3,139	2,851	10.1	3,271	(4.0)	3,109	1.0
Other Expenses	6,443	4,702	37.0	4,505	43.0	5,721	12.6
Total Expenditure (B)	36,845	29,394	25.3	29,645	24.3	35,925	2.6
EBITDA (A-B)	12,237	11,148	9.8	11,308	8.2	13,825	(11.5)
Other Income	3,000	2,496	20.2	3,104	(3.3)	3,215	(6.7)
Depreciation	1,681	1,381	21.8	1,612	4.3	1,672	0.6
EBIT	13,556	12,263	10.5	12,800	5.9	15,368	(11.8)
Finance Costs	56	51	8.4	55	1.1	55	1.1
PBT after excep items	13,500	12,211	10.6	12,745	5.9	15,313	(11.8)
Tax expense	2,938	3,074	(4.4)	3,091	(4.9)	3,714	(20.9)
Reported PAT	10,562	9,137	15.6	9,654	9.4	11,600	(8.9)
Adjusted PAT	10,562	9,137	15.6	9,654	9.4	11,600	(8.9)
EPS (Rs)	38.6	33.4	15.6	35.3	9.4	42.4	(8.9)
Key Ratios (%)			(bps)		(bps)		(bps)
Gross Margin	44	46	(167)	47	(215)	46	(109)
EBITDA Margin	25	27	(257)	28	(268)	28	(286)
EBIT Margin	28	30	(263)	31	(364)	31	(327)
PBT Margin	28	30	(261)	31	(362)	31	(328)
Tax Rate	22	25	(341)	24	(249)	24	(249)
Adj PAT Margin	22	23	(102)	24	(205)	23	(180)

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



# Valuation methodology

We maintain our FY25/FY26/FY27 EBITDA estimates due to better high-end variant sales, a healthy product mix and improving exports. The growing momentum is reflected in the revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 12%/11%/19% over FY24-FY27E.

We continue to value EIM at 27x P/E to factor in better growth prospects in the Royal Enfield and VECV segments. The revival in the domestic and exports markets in the motorcycles and VECV businesses helps us to maintain the P/E multiple. Additionally, electric vehicle initiatives will cater to growth only in the near/medium term. However, this will continue to impact the margin profile, further any normative cost escalation (due to introduction of new OBD norms) will add burden on the margins in case the pass thru is not available. Given EIM's focus on growth, the cost escalation and discount pains may have to be absorbed by the company in the near term.

Hence, we arrive at an SOTP-based TP of Rs 5,079 (vs. Rs 4,885) that includes Rs 150/sh for VECV to account for the rollover of earnings. We maintain HOLD on EIM with a positive bias.

Fig 3 - Key assumptions

	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Volumes (nos)	9,12,000	9,42,000	9,69,600	10,23,600
Revenues (Rs mn)	1,60,782	1,79,447	1,98,668	2,18,060
Realisation per vehicle (Rs)	1,51,193	1,62,100	1,72,758	1,78,936
EBITDA (Rs mn)	43,802	49,550	55,834	61,602
EBITDA margin (%)	27.2	27.6	28.1	28.3
Adj. PAT (Rs mn)	37,683	39,417	45,006	50,339
EPS (Rs)	137.0	144.5	165.0	184.5

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 4 - Valuation summary

Business (Rs)	1-year forward EPS (Rs)	Target P/E (x)	Value (Rs)
Standalone Business	180	27.0	4,929
VECV Business	-	-	150
Total	•	-	5,079

Source: BOBCAPS Research, 1-year forward earnings factoring Dec-26

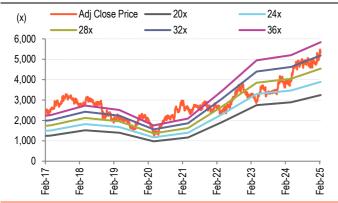
Fig 5 - Peer comparison

Company Ticker	Tieker	Tieken Detien	Target	EPS (Rs)		ROE (%)	
	Rating	Price (Rs)	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E	
Eicher Motors	EIM IN	HOLD	5,079	165.0	184.5	22.3	21.1
TVS Motor Company	TVSL IN	HOLD	2,502	74.1	84.2	28.9	26.9
Bajaj Auto	BJAUT IN	HOLD	9,438	359.2	410.1	26.9	26.6

Source: BOBCAPS Research

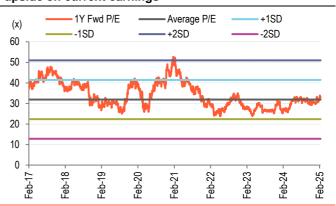


Fig 6 – P/E band: There is a scope for valuation expansion



Source: Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 7 – P/E 1Y fwd: We believe EIM's valuation has little upside on current earnings



Source: Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

# **Key risks**

- A strong response to high-end launches, faster-than-expected revival in rural demand and healthy export revenue are key upside risks to our estimates.
- Higher-than-anticipated margin pressure due to growing competitive intensity, alongside slower revival in export markets are key downside risks.
- The cost inflation added to statutory norms will further burden margins in the near term.



# **Financials**

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Total revenue	1,40,666	1,60,782	1,79,447	1,98,668	2,18,060
EBITDA	33,935	43,802	49,550	55,834	61,602
Depreciation	5,121	5,591	6,065	6,692	7,323
EBIT	35,212	49,892	52,407	59,841	66,936
Net interest inc./(exp.)	(130)	(192)	(199)	(231)	(261)
Other inc./(exp.)	6,398	11,681	8,922	10,699	12,656
Exceptional items	0	0	0	0	(
EBT	35,082	49,700	52,208	59,610	66,675
Income taxes	8,857	12,206	12,791	14,604	16,335
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	(
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Reported net profit	26,388	37,683	39,625	45,234	50,590
Adjustments	163	189	207	228	251
Adjusted net profit	26,225	37,494	39,417	45,006	50,339
Balance Sheet					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Accounts payables	19,484	22,918	24,988	27,930	30,712
Other current liabilities	13,823	15,625	11,661	12,676	14,254
Provisions	2,557	2,722	4,986	5,235	5,235
Debt funds	988	1,723	1,743	1,763	1,783
Other liabilities	0	0	0	0	,
Equity capital	273	273	273	273	273
Reserves & surplus	1,28,595	1,56,662	1,84,545	2,18,638	2,58,066
Shareholders' fund	1,28,867	1,56,934	1,84,817	2,18,911	2,58,338
Total liab. and equities	1,65,719	1,99,922	2,28,195	2,66,515	3,10,322
Cash and cash eq.	7,959	12,631	25,679	26,886	38,610
Accounts receivables	7,020	5,727	8,972	10,331	11,448
Inventories	9,109	10,686	11,664	13,410	14,937
Other current assets	11,183	29,340	18,151	22,080	25,326
Investments	1,02,796	1,13,069	1,33,069	1,62,069	1,87,069
Net fixed assets	29,946	31,174	31,609	31,917	32,095
CWIP	742	2,100	4,096	5,120	6,400
Intangible assets	0	0	0	0	,
Deferred tax assets, net	(3,034)	(4,805)	(5,045)	(5,297)	(5,562)
Other assets	0	0	0	0	(
Total assets	1,65,721	1,99,923	2,28,195	2,66,515	3,10,322
Cash Flows					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Cash flow from operations	28,010	17,933	43,697	37,941	43,214
Capital expenditures	(6,759)	(8,178)	(8,495)	(8,024)	(8,780)
Change in investments	(43,296)	(10,273)	(20,000)	(29,000)	(25,000
Other investing cash flows	6,398	11,681	8,922	10,699	12,656
Cash flow from investing	(43,658)	(6,769)	(19,573)	(26,325)	(21,124
Equities issued/Others	166	619	(619)	0	(
Debt raised/repaid	928	735	20	20	20
Interest expenses	(130)	(192)	(199)	(231)	(261
Dividends paid	(5,742)	(10,129)	(10,912)	(10,912)	(10,912
Other financing cash flows	805	1,771	240	252	265
Cash flow from financing	(3,972)	(7,196)	(11,470)	(10,871)	(10,888
Chg in cash & cash eq.	(19,620)	3,968	12,654	745	11,202
Closing cash & cash eq.	7,959	12,631	25,679	26,886	38,610

Per Share					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs)	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Reported EPS	96.1	137.4	144.5	165.0	184.5
Adjusted EPS	96.1	137.4	144.5	165.0	184.5
Dividend per share	21.0	37.1	40.0	40.0	40.0
Book value per share	472.4	575.3	677.5	802.5	947.0
Valuations Ratios					
Y/E 31 Mar (x)	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
EV/Sales	10.1	9.1	8.1	7.2	6.5
EV/EBITDA	41.7	33.5	29.4	25.6	23.1
Adjusted P/E	55.5	38.8	36.9	32.3	28.9
P/BV	11.3	9.3	7.9	6.6	5.6
DuPont Analysis					
Y/E 31 Mar (%)	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Tax burden (Net profit/PBT)	74.8	75.4	75.5	75.5	75.5
Interest burden (PBT/EBIT)	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.6
EBIT margin (EBIT/Revenue)	25.0	31.0	29.2	30.1	30.7
Asset turnover (Rev./Avg TA)	118.3	111.5	104.0	97.6	90.7
Leverage (Avg TA/Avg Equity)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Adjusted ROAE	22.1	26.2	23.1	22.3	21.1
Ratio Analysis					
Y/E 31 Mar	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
YoY growth (%)					
Revenue	39.0	14.3	11.6	10.7	9.8
EBITDA	60.6	29.1	13.1	12.7	10.3
Adjusted EPS	65.3	43.0	5.1	14.2	11.9
Profitability & Return ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	24.1	27.2	27.6	28.1	28.3
EBIT margin	25.0	31.0	29.2	30.1	30.7
Adjusted profit margin	18.6	23.3	22.0	22.7	23.1
Adjusted ROAE	20.4	23.9	21.3	20.6	19.5
ROCE	22.1	26.1	22.9	22.2	21.0
Working capital days (days)					
Receivables	16	14	15	18	18
Inventory	23	22	23	23	24
Payables	88	89	88	87	88
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Ratios (x)					
•	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research | Note: TA = Total Assets

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Current ratio

Net interest coverage ratio

Adjusted debt/equity



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