

HOLD TP: Rs 2,572 | ▲ 3%

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Growth trajectory captured in the valuations

- Q4 revenue grew 11% YoY, led by 7% blended realisation gains and 4% volume growth (flat QoQ)
- EBITDA margin stayed stable YoY/QoQ at ~12.9%; lower input costs pushed up gross margin to 26.5% (vs. ~25% YoY/QoQ)
- We raise FY25E/FY26E EPS by 2%/9% and TP to Rs 2,572 (vs. Rs 2,077) as we now value MM at 20x FY26E P/E. Downgrade to HOLD from BUY

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Steady topline growth: MM's Q4FY24 revenue grew 11% YoY (flat QoQ) to Rs 251.0bn driven by blended realisation gains (per vehicle) at Rs 862.5k and 4% volume growth (flat QoQ) to 291,109 units.

Margins maintained: Inventory-adjusted raw material cost stayed benign at 73.5% of sales from 75% YoY/QoQ in Q4FY23, yielding nominal gross margin gains of ~150bps YoY to 26.5% (~190 bps QoQ). EBITDA grew 16% YoY (flat QoQ) to Rs 32.4bn, accompanied by a flat margin YoY/QoQ of 12.8%. Other expenses rose 22% YoY to Rs 23.1bn owing to the one-off impact of promotional expenses.

FES slow-moving amid weak market: MM's automotive business continued to dominate revenue, growing by 21%/7% YoY/QoQ, while the Farm Equipment segment (FES) dipped 6%/22% YoY/QoQ as tractor volumes fell 4%/22 YoY/QoQ due to weak sentiments. Auto business EBIT improved YoY/QoQ, while FES stayed under pressure YoY/QoQ.

Launches, capacity ramp-up on the cards: MM launched the XUV 3XO in 4QFY24 with very encouraging bookings in the initial phase. MM has planned aggressive launches with +20 new launches in the next 6 years in a phased manner in every segment (ICE + BEV + LCVs). The capacity will be expanded to 64k/72k by FY25/FY26. In FES, successful launches of OJA, Target and Naya Swaraj helped market share improve by ~13% in the 20-30 HP segment in Q4.

Focused on volumes, but upside captured; downgrade to HOLD: We raise our FY25/FY26 EPS estimates by 2%/9% to factor in the aggressive growth plans. We pencil in a 3Y EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 20%/27%. FES's revival is on the cards following predictions of a normal monsoon in India, the automotive segment maintaining strong momentum and benefitting from management's focus on driving volumes and market share. To factor in the same we now value MM's core business at 20x P/E (vs. 17x) at par with its long-term average resulting in a higher SOTP-based TP of Rs 2,572 (vs. Rs 2,077). This includes Rs 319/sh as the value of subsidiaries. However, the recent run up in valuation factors in the same, so we downgrade MM to HOLD from BUY.

Key changes

Target	Rating	
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Ticker/Price	MM IN/Rs 2,504
Market cap	US\$ 38.1bn
Free float	81%
3M ADV	US\$ 83.5mn
52wk high/low	Rs 2,558/Rs 1,237
Promoter/FPI/DII	19%/37%/29%

Source: NSE | Price as of 18 May 2024

Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	9,87,634	11,31,657	12,63,713
EBITDA (Rs mn)	1,26,662	1,57,872	1,80,253
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	1,07,178	1,15,017	1,34,937
Adj. EPS (Rs)	89.5	96.0	112.6
Consensus EPS (Rs)	89.5	99.9	112.9
Adj. ROAE (%)	22.4	19.6	19.0
Adj. P/E (x)	28.0	26.1	22.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	24.5	19.4	16.9
Adj. EPS growth (%)	63.7	7.3	17.3

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research | P – Provisional

Stock performance



Source: NSE





Fig 1 – Earnings call highlights

Parameter	Q4FY24	Q3FY24	Our view
Market share	MM's SUV revenue market share grew 130bps YoY to 20.4% in FY24, LCV share 350bps to 49.0%, and FES share 40bps to 41.6% in FY24 over FY23.	MM's SUV revenue market share grew 40bps YoY to 21% in Q3FY24, LCV 310bps to 49.6%, and FES 80bps to 41.8%.	The revival in the LCV segment seen in 9MFY24 continues. MM's FES, however, is likely to stay sluggish in the near term and revival hinges on monsoons.
Order book	The company's order book as on 1 Feb 2024 stands at ~220 units, led by the Scorpio family (~86k open bookings), followed by the Thar series (~59k), XUV700 (~8k), Bolero (~10k). The newly launched XUV 3XO had bookings of 50K (launched in Jan'24). MM has a cancellation rate of ~10% per month.	The company's order book as on 1 Feb'24 stands at ~226k units, led by the Scorpio family (~101k open bookings), followed by the Thar series (~71k), XUV700 (~35k), Bolero (~10k), and XUV300/400 (~8.8k). MM has a cancellation rate of ~10% per month.	The company's focus on lowering the wait period will bolster growth. We note that cancellations have been revisited to clear old inventory stock faster for new product/series launches.
Electric Vehicles	MM's EV penetration in the three-wheeler (3W) L5 category was ~11.0% in FY24. As per management, EV industry penetration in India is currently at 2% and the charging ecosystem remains weak and can be developed in a phased manner unlike in China where needs are assessed and worked on beforehand.	MM's EV penetration in the three-wheeler (3W) L5 category was ~11.6% in Q3FY24. As per management, EV industry penetration in India is currently at 1.5% and the charging ecosystem remains weak with an average wait time of ~30 minutes to charge an EV car.	Aggressive launch programme of ~24 launches in the next 6 years with clear policy of focus on growth over earnings augurs well for MM.
FES	FES volumes fell 20% YoY to ~71k units in Q4FY24. MM continues to be the #2 player in rotavators with 20.3% market share in FY24. Management expects tractor industry volumes to improve significantly on predictions of normal monsoon in FY25.	FES volumes fell 4% YoY to ~101k units in Q3FY24 (industry volumes down 5%). MM continues to be the #2 player in rotavators with 21.9% market share as on FY24 YTD. Management expects tractor industry volumes to fall 5-6% YoY in FY24.	FES is weak owing to the patchy monsoon, low water levels in reservoirs and the shuffling of festive season. However, better monsoon predictions to help in FY25.
	Product launched in North American markets: rotary tillers, loaders & backhoes.	Exports of Oja tractors to North America have been delayed by 4-5 weeks due to the Red Sea crisis.	
Margins	EBIT margin in the auto segment expanded 170bps YoY to 8.8% in Q4FY24, while FES saw margins maintained at 16.2% YoY in FY24 despite the inclusion of 0.2% one-time impact from Cricket World Cup sponsorship.	EBIT margin in the auto segment expanded 170bps YoY to 8.3% in Q3FY24, while FES declined 80bps YoY to 15.5% due to the inclusion of a 70bps one-time impact from Cricket World Cup sponsorship.	We expect MM's automotive segment to improve and FES weakness to reverse in FY25 from the low base.
		Management indicated that the government's tractor subsidies have reduced, which will restrict early sales at lower margins.	
Balance sheet information	MM generated operating cash of Rs150bn in FY24. It had capital expenditure of Rs50bn. In addition to that, EV capex was Rs30bn and debt repayment of Rs35bn in FY24.	Consolidated cash balance at the end of Q3FY24 stood at ~Rs 150bn. Management aims to invest the cash in identified growth gems and the Classic Legends brand.	We see no concerns on the balance sheet given a prudent capital allocation policy.

 $Source: Company, BOBCAPS\ Research\ |\ PLI:\ Production\ Linked\ Incentive;\ SOP:\ Standard\ Operating\ Procedures$



Fig 2 – Quarterly performance (Standalone)

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(Rs mn)	4QFY24	4QFY23	YoY (%)	3QFY24	QoQ (%)
Volume	2,91,109	2,78,958	4.4	3,13,115	(7.0)
Avg. Realisation per Vehicle	8,62,528	8,09,131	6.6	8,07,643	6.8
Net Revenues	2,51,090	2,25,714	11.2	2,52,885	(0.7)
Total Income (A)	2,51,090	2,25,714	11.2	2,52,885	(0.7)
Operating Expenses					
Raw materials consumed	1,84,462	1,69,219	9.0	1,90,660	(3.3)
Employee Expenses	11,112	9,490	17.1	11,343	(2.0)
Other Expenses	23,114	19,031	21.5	18,518	24.8
Total Expenditure (B)	2,18,689	1,97,740	10.6	2,20,521	(0.8)
EBITDA (A-B)	32,401	27,974	15.8	32,364	0.1
Other Income	5,474	3,339	64.0	7,370	(25.7)
Depreciation	9,770	8,385	16.5	8,179	19.5
EBIT	28,105	22,927	22.6	31,556	(10.9)
Finance Costs	387	698	(44.6)	348	11.1
PBT after excep items	27,718	22,229	24.7	31,207	(11.2)
Tax expense	6,123	1,621	277.7	6,668	(8.2)
Reported PAT	21,595	20,608	4.8	24,540	(12.0)
Adjusted PAT	21,595	20,608	4.8	24,540	(12.0)
EPS (Rs)	16.4	12.5	31.6	19.8	(16.9)
Key Ratios (%)			(bps)		(bps)
Gross Margin	26.5	25.0	151	24.6	193
EBITDA Margin	12.9	12.4	51	12.8	11
EBIT Margin	11.2	10.2	104	12.5	(128)
PBT Margin	11.0	9.8	119	12.3	(130)
Tax Rate	22.1	7.3	1480	21.4	72
Adj PAT Margin	8.6	9.1	(53)	9.7	(110)

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



Valuation methodology

We raise our FY25/FY26 EPS estimates by 2%/9% to factor in MM's aggressive growth plans. We pencil in a 3Y EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 20%/27%. FES's revival is on the cards following predictions of a normal monsoon, and the automotive segment maintaining strong momentum and benefitting from management's focus on driving volumes and market share. MM has a strong focus on launch programmes in the Automotive segment, which includes electric vehicles, and in FES. This is with sharp capital allocation focus that comforts the balance sheet health

To factor in the same, we now value MM's core business at 20x P/E (vs 17x) at par with its long-term average resulting in a revised SOTP-based TP of Rs 2,572 (vs. Rs 2,077). This includes Rs 319/sh as the value of subsidiaries. However, the recent run up in valuation factors in the same, hence we downgrade MM to HOLD from BUY earlier.

Fig 3 - Revised estimates

(Rs mn)	Ne	w	Ol	d	Change	€ (%)
(KS IIIII)	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	11,31,657	12,63,713	11,20,889	12,23,495	1.0	3.3
EBITDA	1,57,872	1,80,253	1,55,648	1,65,851	1.4	8.7
Adj PAT	1,15,017	1,34,937	1,13,327	1,23,912	1.5	8.9
Adj EPS (Rs)	96.0	112.6	94.6	103.4	1.5	8.9

Source: BOBCAPS Research

Fig 4 - Key assumptions

Parameter	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Volume (units)	12,43,896	13,91,291	14,94,716
Revenues (Rs mn)	9,87,634	11,31,657	12,63,713
EBITDA (Rs mn)	1,26,662	1,57,872	1,80,253
EBITDA margin (%)	12.8	14.0	14.3
Adj. PAT (Rs mn)	1,07,178	1,15,017	1,34,937
EPS (Rs)	89.5	96.0	112.6

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 5 - Valuation summary

Business	Value (Rs/sh)	Valuation basis
Core Business	2,253	20x FY26E EPS
Subsidiaries	319	30% holding company discount
Total	2,572	-

Source: BOBCAPS Research

Fig 6 - Peer comparison

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Commoni	EPS (Rs)			ROE (%)				
Company	Ticker	Rating	Target Price (Rs)	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	
Mahindra & Mahindra	MM IN	HOLD	2,572	96.0	112.6	19.6	19.0	
Maruti Suzuki	MSIL IN	HOLD	12,965	472	529	15.8	15.5	
Tata Motors*	TTMT IN	NOT RATED	-	64.5	78.6	30.9	28.9	

Source: BOBCAPS Research| Note: *Tata Motors in Bloomberg Consensus Estimates



Fig 7 – P/E band: We value MM at 20x (earlier 17x) FY26E core business EPS

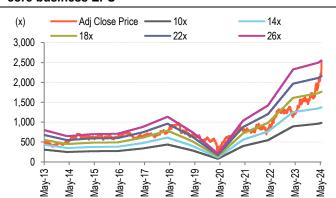
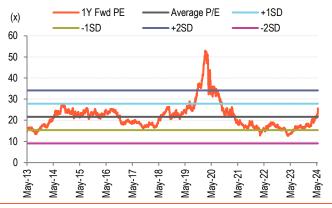


Fig 8 - P/E 1Y fwd Steep valuations offers limited upside



Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

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Key risks

Key upside/downside risks to our estimates are:

- accelerated launches by competitors in the high-end automotive segment,
- faster than expected recovery in the farm equipment segment offers upside risk, and
- commodity inflation sustaining for longer-than-expected in the high-end segment.

Sector recommendation snapshot

Company	Ticker	Market Cap (US\$ bn)	Price (Rs)	Target (Rs)	Rating
Ashok Leyland	AL IN	7.5	211	226	BUY
Bajaj Auto	BJAUT IN	31.0	8,814	6,823	SELL
Eicher Motors	EIM IN	15.6	4,684	4,633	HOLD
Escorts	ESCORTS IN	6.3	3,923	2,530	SELL
Hero MotoCorp	HMCL IN	12.4	5,110	4,776	HOLD
Mahindra & Mahindra	MM IN	38.1	2,504	2,572	HOLD
Maruti Suzuki	MSIL IN	46.3	12,600	12,965	HOLD
TVS Motor	TVSL IN	12.7	2,192	2,382	BUY
VST Tillers Tractors	VSTT IN	0.4	3,426	3,167	HOLD

Source: BOBCAPS Research, NSE | Price as of 18 May 2024



Financials

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Total revenue	5,74,460	8,49,603	9,87,634	11,31,657	12,63,713
EBITDA	68,963	1,04,424	1,26,662	1,57,872	1,80,253
Depreciation	24,511	31,545	34,389	37,553	40,254
EBIT	66,671	98,331	1,36,217	1,53,798	1,79,034
Net interest inc./(exp.)	(2,230)	(2,728)	(1,388)	(1,457)	(1,486)
Other inc./(exp.)	20,759	25,452	43,944	33,479	39,035
Exceptional items	(2,087)	(14,295)	0	0	0
EBT	62,355	81,308	1,34,830	1,52,341	1,77,548
Income taxes	13,002	15,821	27,652	37,323	42,612
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Min. int./Inc. from assoc.	0	0	0	0	0
Reported net profit	47,266	51,191	1,07,178	1,15,017	1,34,937
Adjustments	2,087	14,295	0	0	0
Adjusted net profit	49,352	65,486	1,07,178	1,15,017	1,34,937
Balance Sheet					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Accounts payables	1,37,389	1,81,336	1,76,375	1,93,909	2,16,537
Other current liabilities	46,298	59,797	84,344	87,092	97,118
Provisions	13,663	18,139	18,714	1,638	1,802
Debt funds	67,336	50,255	20,364	45,217	38,702
Other liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Equity capital	5,983	5,991	5,996	5,996	5,996
Reserves & surplus	3,83,627	4,27,577	5,16,768	6,43,792	7,67,347
Shareholders' fund	3,89,609	4,33,567	5,22,765	6,49,789	7,73,343
Total liab. and equities	6,54,295	7,43,095	8,22,562	9,77,645	11,27,503
Cash and cash eq.	36,505	44,818	55,258	84,655	1,07,317
Accounts receivables	30,351	40,417	45,495	67,899	77,086
Inventories	58,829	88,814	95,048	1,13,166	1,32,690
Other current assets	98,852	1,15,271	1,29,519	1,81,065	2,02,194
Investments	2,51,098	2,70,871	2,99,954	3,42,488	3,95,098
Net fixed assets	1,80,453	1,88,106	1,85,525	1,87,972	2,07,718
CWIP	15,215	9,503	27,313	15,950	20,950
Intangible assets	0	0	0	0	
Deferred tax assets, net	(17,008)	(14,703)	(15,551)	(15,551)	(15,551)
Other assets	0	0	0	0	0
Total assets	6,54,295	7,43,095	8,22,562	9,77,645	11,27,503
Cash Flows					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Cash flow from operations	38,916	74,304	90,834	28,773	1,17,647
Capital expenditures	(38,811)	(33,485)	(49,619)	(28,637)	(65,000)
Change in investments	(33,272)	(19,773)	(29,083)	(42,534)	(52,610)
Other investing cash flows	20,759	25,452	43,944	33,479	39,035
Cash flow from investing	(51,324)	(27,806)	(34,758)	(37,692)	(78,575)
Equities issued/Others	1,153	968	(24,888)	22,790	C
Debt raised/repaid	(10,528)	(17,080)	(29,891)	24,852	(6,514)
Interest expenses	(2,230)	(2,728)	(1,388)	(1,457)	(1,486)
Dividends paid	(9,315)	(8,986)	(9,585)	(10,783)	(11,382)
Other financing cash flows	3,508	(1,520)	17,340	0	(11,002)
	(17,412)	(29,346)	(48,411)	35,402	(19,383)
Cash flow from financing					
Cash flow from financing Chg in cash & cash eq.	(29,820)	17,152	7,665	26,483	19,689

Per Share	EV00A	EV00 A	EVOAD	EVALE	EVOCE
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs) Reported EPS	FY22A 39.7	FY23A 54.7	FY24P 89.5	FY25E 96.0	FY26E 112.6
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Adjusted EPS	39.7				
Dividend per share	7.5	7.5	8.0	9.0	9.5
Book value per share	313.7	361.9	436.3	542.3	645.5
Valuations Ratios					
Y/E 31 Mar (x)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
EV/Sales	5.3	3.6	3.1	2.7	2.4
EV/EBITDA	44.1	29.4	24.5	19.4	16.9
Adjusted P/E	63.0	45.8	28.0	26.1	22.2
P/BV	8.0	6.9	5.7	4.6	3.9
DuBout Analysis					
DuPont Analysis Y/E 31 Mar (%)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Tax burden (Net profit/PBT)	75.8	63.0	79.5	75.5	76.0
Interest burden (PBT/EBIT)	93.5	82.7	99.0	99.1	99.2
EBIT margin (EBIT/Revenue)	11.6	11.6	13.8	13.6	14.2
Asset turnover (Rev./Avg TA)	129.9	180.6	192.3	182.8	167.7
Leverage (Avg TA/Avg Equity)	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Adjusted ROAE	12.8	12.4	22.4	19.6	19.0
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Ratio Analysis					
Y/E 31 Mar	FY22A	FY23A	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
YoY growth (%)					
Revenue	28.7	47.9	16.2	14.6	11.7
EBITDA	0.9	51.4	21.3	24.6	14.2
Adjusted EPS	401.5	37.6	63.7	7.3	17.3
Profitability & Return ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	12.0	12.3	12.8	14.0	14.3
EBIT margin	11.6	11.6	13.8	13.6	14.2
Adjusted profit margin	8.6	7.7	10.9	10.2	10.7
Adjusted ROAE	13.4	15.9	22.4	19.6	19.0
ROCE	11.8	16.9	21.0	18.7	18.0
Working capital days (days)					
Receivables	17	15	16	18	21
Inventory	34	32	34	34	36
Payables	108	90	88	80	80
Ratios (x)					
Gross asset turnover	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
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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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