

India

REDUCE (no change)

Consensus ratings*: Buy 2	Hold 1 Sell 3
Current price:	Rs26,301
Target price:	Rs20,232
Previous target:	Rs16,401
Up/downside:	-23.1%
InCred Research / Consensus:	7.4%
Reuters:	BOSH.NS
Bloomberg:	BOS IN
Market cap:	US\$9,345m
	Rs775,705m
Average daily turnover:	US\$6.6m
	Rs550.1m
Current shares o/s:	29.5m
Free float:	29.5%
*Source: Bloomberg	

Key changes in this note

- > Sales raised by 0.4% for FY24F-26F.
- ➤ EBITDA upgrade by 5% for FY24F-26F.
- EPS upgrade by 4% for FY24F-26F.



		Source: Bloomberg		
Price performance	1M	3M	12M	
Absolute (%) Relative (%)	13.2 14.8	35.0 22.5	51.1 27.6	
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EBITDA margin spike is difficult to sustain

- 3Q EPS rose 41% yoy to Rs115.7, a big beat to our/BB consensus estimate.
 Lower other expenses from one-offs pushed EBITDA margin to a 3-year peak.
- Division hive-off benefited the EBITDA margin and so we raise EPS by 4% for FY24F-26F. Seasonally lower purchased goods don't impress.
- Roll forward P/E-based TP to a mean level P/E of 30x. The rich +1SD P/E& P/BV valuation is a concern for business cyclicality & EV risk. Retain REDUCE.

Lower other expenses are difficult to sustain

Bosch's 3QFY24 sales rose by 15% yoy to Rs42bn, a 5% beat to our estimate. 3Q EBITDA rose by 43% yoy and 18% qoq to Rs.5.8bn, a big beat to our estimate (41%) and Bloomberg or BB consensus estimate (19%). The beat was primarily from lower other expenses (-15% yoy), leading to a three-year peak EBITDA margin of 13.8%. Lower interest costs (-68% qoq) and higher other income (+18% yoy) led to normalized PAT growth of 41% yoy to Rs4.6bn.

Management conference-call highlights

Management indicated a 120bp benefit in the EBITDA margin from the sale of project house mobility division and the remaining from forex fluctuation, lower BS6 project service expenses and lower warranty expenses. The 400bp qoq dip in purchased goods costs, management indicated, is not entirely for localization but is seasonal in nature too. The ongoing localization benefit, it guided, will be gradual for realization into higher gross margin. Management gave guidance of a slow growth in 4QFY24F as OEM customers are cautious on demand outlook ahead of the forthcoming general elections in India.

We raise EPS by around 4% for FY24F-26F

We maintain our sales estimates, as management remains cautious on the near-term demand outlook. However, the sale of project house mobility business benefitting the EBITDA margin, as seen in 3Q, led to our EBITDA margin upgrade of 50bp for FY24F-26F. Seasonally purchased goods reach a low level in 3Q and hence, we don't extrapolate (Fig. 3). However, we build in raw material costs easing by 200bp to 62.3% in FY26F, driven by management localization benefit. We upgrade EBITDA by 5% and EPS by 4% for FY24F-26F.

Stock spike in last three months stretches the valuation to +1SD

The sharp 40% spike in the stock price in the last three months has stretched its P/E valuation above1SD of the 10-year mean level and P/BV to near +1SD (Figs. 7 & 8). Considering the beat in estimates has come from one-offs and not from business momentum, we reiterate our REDUCE rating on the stock. Considering the EPS upgrade and mean P/E valuation of 30x, we raise our target price to Rs20,232 (Rs16,401 earlier), but still down 25% from the current level. Key upside risks are better-than-expected localization benefit on profitability.

Financial Summary	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue (Rsm)	117,440	148,681	168,852	189,085	206,749
Operating EBITDA (Rsm)	14,014	17,455	20,363	23,557	27,126
Net Profit (Rsm)	10,763	13,756	15,628	17,589	20,227
Core EPS (Rs)	364.9	466.3	529.8	596.2	685.7
Core EPS Growth	22.4%	27.8%	13.6%	12.5%	15.0%
FD Core P/E (x)	72.08	56.40	49.65	44.11	38.36
DPS (Rs)	210.1	480.0	350.0	400.0	500.0
Dividend Yield	0.80%	1.83%	1.33%	1.52%	1.90%
EV/EBITDA (x)	50.19	40.39	34.30	29.64	25.81
P/FCFE (x)	(617.43)	43.90	53.91	81.97	76.18
Net Gearing	(67.7%)	(64.3%)	(63.1%)	(60.5%)	(56.6%)
P/BV (x)	7.26	7.05	6.32	6.04	5.79
ROE	10.5%	12.7%	13.4%	14.0%	15.4%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates			4.30%	3.77%	3.95%
InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x)					

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



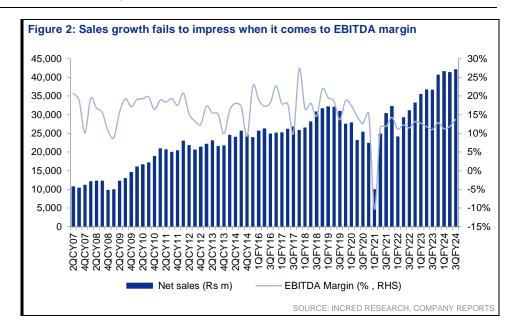
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Management conference-call highlights ➤

- Outlook: Advanced economies are likely to witness a slow growth led by
 multiple macroeconomic problems and the domestic market is likely to witness
 flat to 3-5% growth due to the forthcoming general elections in India and last
 year's high base while Bosch is confident of growing faster than the industry
 led by its diversified portfolio and strategy. The Red Sea disruption is impacting
 container costs and delaying shipments.
- EV space: Management has been selective in choosing its customers in the electric vehicle or EV space as most OEMs are facing margin pressure due to the high cost of EV batteries. In India, the EV penetration remains less than 2% and currently most EV makers are launching EVs on their ICE platform. Bosch's management expects new EVs to be launched on the born EV platform in FY25F-26F.
- Traded goods business: During the quarter, Bosch witnessed a drop in sourcing from traded goods, partially due to management's initiative on localization while the rest is seasonal in nature. It expects major benefits of localization to accrue in the coming years.
- Financial performance: Revenue in 3QFY24 was up 14.9% yoy driven by surging demand in the overall automotive market, mainly in the passenger car and heavy commercial vehicle (HCV) segment. Product sales of the automotive segment were up 16.8% yoy and the powertrain solutions business (73% of the overall automotive product sales) was up 20.4% yoy led by increase in the content per vehicle in the passenger car segment.
- Beyond mobility: Business has grown by 32.5% yoy on account of increased market demand for blue tools & accessories and execution of a higher number of orders for installation of security systems. Building technologies' business has grown by 18.1% led by completion of major projects.
- Costs front: Raw material costs, as a percentage of net sales, have increased due to an adverse mix and the forex impact. Personnel costs, as a percentage of revenue from operations, have increased mainly on account of annual salary hikes and yearly bonuses.
- Other expenses: They decreased 15% on account of lower spending on new businesses, as the company sold its project house mobility solutions in 2QFY23. Management stated that customers' projects (mainly application projects), warranty expenses and the forex impact on payables are the three main factors behind fluctuating other expenses. Project house mobility solutions' sale reduced other expenses by 120bp in 3QFY24 and by 90bps for the full year.

Figure 1: Quarterly result	s compai	rison							
Y/E Mar (Rs m)	3QFY24	3QFY23	yoy %chg	2QFY24	qoq % chg	9MFY24	9MFY23	yoy % chg	Comments for the quarter
Revenue	42,052	36,599	14.9	41,301	1.8	1,24,937	1,08,659	15.0	5% above our estimates.
Raw Material Costs	26,212	21,947	19.4	27,584	(5.0)	80,630	68,633	17.5	
RM as a % of revenue	62.3	60.0	237	66.8	(446)	65	63	137	103bp above our estimates.
EBITDA	5,784	4,037	43.3	4,913	17.7	15,376	12,843	19.7	42% above our estimates. Due to lower other expenses
EBITDA margin (%)	13.8	11.0	272.4	11.9	185.9	12.3	11.8	48.7	362bp above our estimates.
Depreciation & amortization	1,173	1,083	8.3	1,013	15.8	3,107	2,650	17.2	
EBIT	4,611	2,954	56.1	3,900	18.2	12,269	10,193	20.4	
Interest expenses	39	20.0	95	122	(68)	469	75	525	35% below our estimates.
Other income	1,548	1,312	18.0	1,542	0.4	4,965	3,375	47.1	11% above our estimates.
Pre-tax profit	6,120	4,246	44.1	5,320	15.0	16,765	13,493	24.2	
Tax	1,527	996	53.3	3,181	(52.0)	5,943	3,177	87.1	
Tax rate (%)	25.0	23.5	149	59.8	(3,484)	35.4	23.5	1,190	
Normalized net profit	4,593	3,250	41.3	2,139	114.7	10,822	10,316	4.9	23% above our estimates.
Exceptional items	(588)	(61)	nm	7,850	nm	7,262	(61)	nm	
Other comprehensive income	-	-	nm	-	nm	-	-	nm	
Reported net profit	4,005	3,189	25.6	9,989	(59.9)	18,084	10,255	76.3	
Normalized EPS (Rs)	155.7	110.2	41.3	72.5	114.7	367	350	4.9	
									SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS





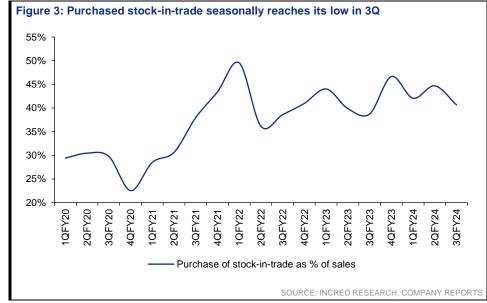
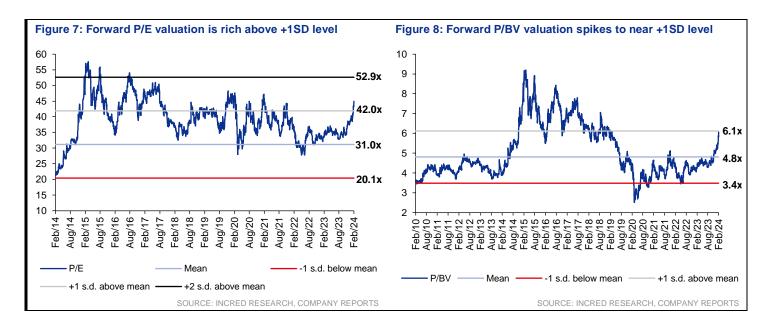


Figure 4: Key assumptions (Rs m)									
Revenue	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24F	FY25F			
Fuel Injection Equipment	39,726	39,059	48,452	63,551	73,225	82,504			
Injectors, Nozzles and Nozzle holders	22,772	22,294	28,719	38,599	44,527	50,476			
Auto Electricals	3,198	3,396	4,352	5,447	5,888	6,307			
Portable Electric Power tools	10,023	10,794	13,449	15,641	17,402	19,084			
Others	13,721	14,104	15,698	17,983	19,666	21,588			
Revenue Mix									
Fuel Injection Equipment	44.4%	43.6%	43.8%	45.0%	45.6%	45.8%			
Injectors, Nozzles and Nozzle holders	25.5%	24.9%	26.0%	27.3%	27.7%	28.0%			
Auto Electricals	3.6%	3.8%	3.9%	3.9%	3.7%	3.5%			
Portable Electric Power tools	11.2%	12.0%	12.2%	11.1%	10.8%	10.6%			
Others	15.3%	15.7%	14.2%	12.7%	12.2%	12.0%			
Growth									
Fuel Injection Equipment	-24.8%	-1.7%	24.0%	31.2%	15.2%	12.7%			
Injectors, Nozzles and Nozzle holders	-23.1%	-2.1%	28.8%	34.4%	15.4%	13.4%			
Auto Electricals	2.2%	6.2%	28.2%	25.1%	8.1%	7.1%			
Portable Electric Power tools	-1.9%	7.7%	24.6%	16.3%	11.3%	9.7%			
Others	-37.8%	2.8%	11.3%	14.6%	9.4%	9.8%			
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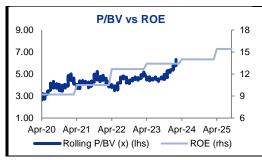
FY24	ŀF	FY25	F	FY26	iF
Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
1,68,418	1,68,852	1,88,387	1,89,085	2,05,998	2,06,749
	0.3%		0.4%		0.4%
19,334	20,363	22,369	23,557	25,944	27,126
	5.3%		5.3%		4.6%
11.5%	12.1%	11.9%	12.5%	12.6%	13.1%
	58.0		58.5		52.6
14,984	15,628	16,950	17,589	19,459	20,227
	4.3%		3.8%		3.9%
505.9	529.8	572.2	596.2	656.8	685.7
	4.7%		4.2%		4.4%
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Figure 6: Bosch's P/E-based target price	
1-year forward EPS (Rs)	674.4
P/E(x)	30.0
Target Price (Rs)	20,232
	SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS





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Profit & Loss					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Total Net Revenues	117,440	148,681	168,852	189,085	206,749
Gross Profit	44,454	54,053	59,943	68,827	77,944
Operating EBITDA	14,014	17,455	20,363	23,557	27,126
Depreciation And Amortisation	(3,243)	(3,856)	(4,457)	(5,286)	(6,096)
Operating EBIT	10,771	13,599	15,906	18,271	21,030
Financial Income/(Expense)	(289)	(121)	(550)	(700)	(600)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	3,963	4,734	5,207	5,572	6,185
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	14,445	18,212	20,564	23,143	26,615
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	14,445	18,212	20,564	23,143	26,615
Taxation	(3,683)	(4,456)	(4,935)	(5,554)	(6,388)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	10,763	13,756	15,628	17,589	20,227
Minority Interests					
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	10,763	13,756	15,628	17,589	20,227
Recurring Net Profit	10,763	13,756	15,628	17,589	20,227
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	10,763	13,756	15,628	17,589	20,227

Cash Flow					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
EBITDA	14,014	17,455	20,363	23,557	27,126
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	(5,507)	(649)	(1,223)	(3,513)	(4,284)
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions	(6,911)	(1,709)	175	740	914
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense	898	380			
Other Operating Cashflow	1,230	(123)	7,262		
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	3,674	4,613	4,657	4,872	5,585
Tax Paid	(3,683)	(4,456)	(4,935)	(5,554)	(6,388)
Cashflow From Operations	3,716	15,511	26,300	20,102	22,954
Capex	(4,128)	(6,655)	(9,396)	(8,000)	(10,000)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments					
Other Investing Cashflow	(844)	8,819	(2,511)	(2,637)	(2,769)
Cash Flow From Investing	(4,972)	2,164	(11,908)	(10,637)	(12,769)
Debt Raised/(repaid)					
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares					
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(6,195)	(14,160)	(10,325)	(11,800)	(14,750)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow					
Cash Flow From Financing	(6,195)	(14,160)	(10,325)	(11,800)	(14,750)
Total Cash Generated	(7,451)	3,515	4,067	(2,335)	(4,565)
Free Cashflow To Equity	(1,256)	17,675	14,392	9,465	10,185
Free Cashflow To Firm	(968)	17,796	14,942	10,165	10,785

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Balance Sheet					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Total Cash And Equivalents	72,329	70,795	77,373	77,675	75,879
Total Debtors	34,764	38,622	43,205	46,348	51,322
Inventories	17,293	19,029	20,817	23,312	25,490
Total Other Current Assets	7,388	9,399	10,339	11,373	12,510
Total Current Assets	131,774	137,845	151,735	158,707	165,200
Fixed Assets	18,169	20,968	25,907	28,621	32,525
Total Investments					
Intangible Assets					
Total Other Non-Current Assets	4,161	3,781	3,781	3,781	3,781
Total Non-current Assets	22,330	24,749	29,688	32,402	36,306
Short-term Debt					
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	33,578	39,981	44,996	47,519	50,927
Other Current Liabilities					
Total Current Liabilities	33,578	39,981	44,996	47,519	50,927
Total Long-term Debt					
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities					
Total Non-current Liabilities					
Total Provisions	13,647	12,491	13,740	15,114	16,626
Total Liabilities	47,225	52,472	58,736	62,633	67,553
Shareholders Equity	106,879	110,122	122,687	128,476	133,954
Minority Interests					
Total Equity	106,879	110,122	122,687	128,476	133,954

Key Ratios					
	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue Growth	20.8%	26.6%	13.6%	12.0%	9.3%
Operating EBITDA Growth	39.6%	24.6%	16.7%	15.7%	15.1%
Operating EBITDA Margin	11.9%	11.7%	12.1%	12.5%	13.1%
Net Cash Per Share (Rs)	2,451.83	2,399.83	2,622.82	2,633.05	2,572.15
BVPS (Rs)	3,623.02	3,732.95	4,158.89	4,355.13	4,540.80
Gross Interest Cover	37.30	112.39	28.92	26.10	35.05
Effective Tax Rate	25.5%	24.5%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	57.6%	102.9%	66.1%	67.1%	72.9%
Accounts Receivables Days	45.32	42.10	44.57	44.93	46.49
Inventory Days	75.71	70.05	66.77	66.97	69.15
Accounts Payables Days	111.61	95.77	97.61	95.78	93.66
ROIC (%)	30.5%	28.2%	30.7%	30.9%	31.9%
ROCE (%)	10.5%	12.5%	13.7%	14.5%	16.0%
Return On Average Assets	7.3%	8.8%	9.4%	9.8%	10.6%

Key Drivers					
	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
ASP (% chg, main prod./serv.)	6.2%	5.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.0%
Unit sales grth (%, main prod./serv.)	24.0%	31.2%	15.2%	12.7%	10.1%

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