

India

REDUCE (no change)

Buy 2 Hold 1 Sell 3 Consensus ratings*: Current price: Rs19.136 Rs16.401 Target price: Previous target: Rs14,803 Up/downside: -14.3% InCred Research / Consensus: -13.9% Reuters: **BOS IN** Bloombera: US\$7.772m Market cap: Rs564,380m US\$6.4m Average daily turnover: Rs467.8m Current shares o/s: 29.5m 29.5% Free float: *Source: Bloomberg

Key changes in this note

- Sales increased by 3-5% for FY24F-25F.
- > FY25F EBITDA increased by 3%.
- FY24F-25F EPS increased by 2-3%.



		Source: Bloomberg		
Price performance	1M	3M	12M	
Absolute (%)	1.3	6.2	41.3	
Relative (%)	(1.7)	5.3	24.4	

Major shareholders	% held
Bosch Global	70.5
GIC	3.0
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Bosch Ltd

Pressure on margins to persist

- The 4Q EBITDA beat of 5% was driven by sales growth while EBITDA margin pressure yoy continues (-30bp) due to a higher proportion of purchased goods.
- 15% FY24F sales growth guidance is impressive but there are concerns over a rise in purchased goods to a 7-quarter high & slow benefits seen in the past.
- Maintain REDUCE rating on the stock as rising competition in the tractor fuel injection segment to further impact pricing power and profitability.

4Q sales growth impressive

Bosch Ltd's (Bosch) 4QFY23 EBITDA rose 20% yoy and 29% qoq to Rs5.22bn, 5% above our estimate, driven by strong sales growth of 11% qoq. However, the spike (+400bp qoq) in raw material costs, as a proportion of net sales, to 64% impacted the EBITDA margin by 30bp yoy to 12.9%. Management indicated one-off from forex loss and new business spending impacting other expenses. Higher other income (+47% yoy) led to a 9% EPS beat at Rs137.4. The total dividend per share for the year rose to Rs480, to commemorate the centenary year celebrations of the company.

Management conference-call highlights

Management attributed the commencement of new emission regulatory compliance parts supplies to the truck and tractor segments as a key driver of sales growth. This also led to a spike in the proportion of purchased goods to a seven-quarter high of 47% (Fig. 4), as Bosch will initially import/procure them from its subsidiaries. Management stated that Bosch participated in 80 projects under BS6 stage-2, which came into effect from Apr 2023.

EPS upgrade by 2-3% for FY24F-25F

We feel the 4QFY23 performance was aided by sales volume growth witnessed in trucks and in emission upgrade of tractors. Our channel check indicates that a large portion of the upgrade cost was towards the aftermarket treatment in trucks, while in tractors it's the fuel injection technology change for above 50HP tractors. Considering Bosch's monopoly in the tractor component segment, its benefit may be better in this upgrade while the new competition via TREM-5 norms in Oct 2024 will disturb its pricing power. Considering the gradual localization program benefits of the past, we expect the EBITDA margin pressure to persist in FY24F and ease in FY25F, leading to a 3% upgrade for FY25F.

Cost pressure and competition to limit EPS growth; retain REDUCE

Management's slow response to localization and rising competition from global suppliers like Cummins and Delphi, we feel, will continue to keep Bosch's margins under pressure. With the rise in the stock price last quarter, P/E valuation near its 15-year mean level at 38x one-year forward looks rich for an EPS CAGR of 11% over FY24F-26F. We reiterate REDUCE rating on Bosch but roll forward our P/E-based target price on it to Rs16,401 (Rs14,803 earlier). Key upside risks are earlier-than-expected localization benefits and a higher growth in sales to original equipment manufacturers or OEMs.

Financial Summary	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue (Rsm)	117,440	149,293	168,418	188,387	205,998
Operating EBITDA (Rsm)	14,014	18,067	19,334	22,369	25,944
Net Profit (Rsm)	10,763	14,367	14,984	16,950	19,459
Core EPS (Rs)	364.9	487.0	507.9	574.6	659.6
Core EPS Growth	22.4%	33.5%	4.3%	13.1%	14.8%
FD Core P/E (x)	52.44	39.29	37.67	33.30	29.01
DPS (Rs)	210.1	480.0	300.0	320.0	350.0
Dividend Yield	1.10%	2.51%	1.57%	1.67%	1.83%
EV/EBITDA (x)	35.11	27.33	25.53	21.97	18.87
P/FCFE (x)	(449.22)	31.94	86.63	63.77	59.85
Net Gearing	(67.7%)	(64.3%)	(61.0%)	(59.0%)	(56.4%)
P/BV (x)	5.28	5.13	4.86	4.56	4.25
ROE	10.5%	13.2%	13.2%	14.1%	15.2%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates			2.15%	3.44%	
InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x)					

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



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FYE Mar (Rs m)	4QFY23	4QFY22	yoy % chg	3QFY23	qoq % chg	FY23	FY22	yoy % chg	
Revenue	40,634	33,110	22.7	36,599	11.0	1,46,692	1,17,440	24.9	4% above our estimates.
Raw Materials	25,995	21,394	21.5	21,947	18.4	92,856	72,986	27.2	
RM as % of Revenues	64.0	64.6	(64)	60.0	401	63	62	115	25bp above our estimates.
EBITDA	5,224	4,354	20.0	4,037	29.4	17,456	14,014	24.6	5% above our estimates.
EBITDA margin (%)	12.9	13.2	(29.4)	11.0	182.6	11.9	11.9	(3.3)	14bp above our estimates.
Depn & amort.	1,206	892	35.2	1,083	11.4	3,761	3,243	16.0	
EBIT	4,018	3,462	16.1	2,954	36.0	13,696	10,771	27.1	
Interest expense	46	73.0	(37)	20	130	100	289	(65)	84% above our estimates.
Other Income	1,358	926	46.7	1,312	3.5	4,200	3,963	6.0	32% above our estimates.
Pre-tax profit	5,330	4,315	23.5	4,246	25.5	17,796	14,445	23.2	
Tax	1,279	898	42.4	1,057	21.0	4,271	3,683	16.0	
Tax rate (%)	24.0	20.8	319	24.9	(90)	24.0	25.5	(149)	
Normalised Net profit	4,051	3,417	18.6	3,189	27.0	13,525	10,763	25.7	9% above our estimates.
Exceptional items	(62)	89	nm	-	nm	-	1,230	nm	
Reported net profit	3,989	3,506	13.8	3,189	25.1	13,525	11,993	12.8	
Normalised EPS (Rs)	137.4	115.9	18.6	108.1	27.0	458	365	25.7	

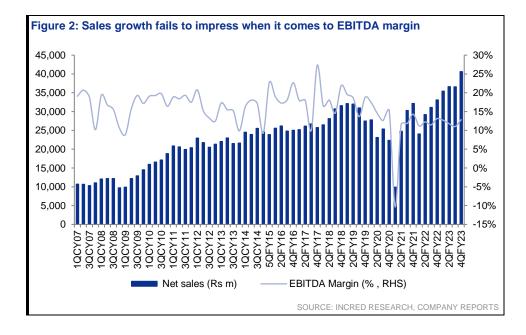
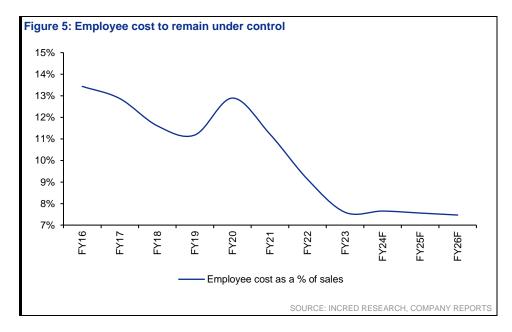




Figure 3: Most of the goods purchased are from related parties Figure 4: Purchased stock-in-trade rises sharply qoq 100% 55% 90% 50% 80% 70% 45% 40% 64% 60% 60% 40% 50% 35% 40% 30% 30% 49% 42% 20% 36% 33% 25% 10% 0% 20% FY18 FY19 FY20 FY21 FY22 2QFY20 -1QFY21 ■ Purchase of traded goods from others as proportion to sales ■ Purchases of traded goods from fellow subsidiaries as proportion to sales ■ Purchase of traded goods from ultimate holding company as proportion to Purchase of stock-in-trade as % of sales SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



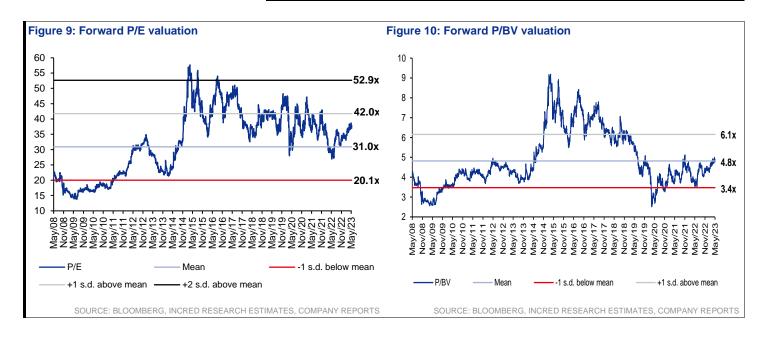
In Rs m		FY24F		FY25F
	Old	New	Old	New
Net Sales	1,63,082	1,68,418	1,79,912	1,88,387
Change (%)		3.3%		4.7%
EBITDA	19,314	19,334	21,832	22,369
Change (%)		0.1%		2.5%
EBITDA Margin	11.8%	11.5%	12.1%	11.9%
Change (%)		(36.4)		(26.1
Normalised PAT	14,669	14,984	16,386	16,950
Change (%)		2.2%		3.4%
EPS	497.2	507.9	555.5	574.0
Change (%)		2.2%		3.4%

InCred Equities



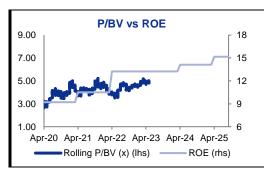
Revenue Mix	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24F	FY25F	FY26
Fuel Injection Equipment	39,059	48,452	63,551	73,225	82,504	90,86
Injectors, Nozzles and Nozzle holders	22,294	28,719	38,599	44,527	50,476	55,09
Auto Electricals	3,396	4,352	5,447	5,888	6,307	6,75
Portable Electric Power tools	10,794	13,449	15,641	17,402	19,084	20,73
Others	14,104	15,698	17,983	19,666	21,588	23,34
Revenue Growth						
Fuel Injection Equipment	-1.7%	24.0%	31.2%	15.2%	12.7%	10.1
Injectors, Nozzles and Nozzle holders	-2.1%	28.8%	34.4%	15.4%	13.4%	9.1
Auto Electricals	6.2%	28.2%	25.1%	8.1%	7.1%	7.1
Portable Electric Power tools	7.7%	24.6%	16.3%	11.3%	9.7%	8.7
Others	2.8%	11.3%	14.6%	9.4%	9.8%	8.1

Figure 8: Bosch's P/E-based	target price
1-year forward EPS (Rs)	585.8
P/E(x)	28.0
Target Price (Rs)	16,401
	SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH ESTIMATES, 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	149,293	168,418	188,387	205,998
Gross Profit	44,454	54,665	62,315	71,587	79,103
Operating EBITDA	14,014	18,067	19,334	22,369	25,944
Depreciation And Amortisation	(3,243)	(3,856)	(4,457)	(5,286)	(6,096)
Operating EBIT	10,771	14,211	14,877	17,084	19,848
Financial Income/(Expense)	(289)	(121)	(225)	(200)	(150)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	3,963	4,733	5,064	5,419	5,907
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	14,445	18,823	19,716	22,302	25,604
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	14,445	18,823	19,716	22,302	25,604
Taxation	(3,683)	(4,456)	(4,732)	(5,353)	(6,145)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	10,763	14,367	14,984	16,950	19,459
Minority Interests					
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	10,763	14,367	14,984	16,950	19,459
Recurring Net Profit	10,763	14,367	14,984	16,950	19,459
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	10,763	14,367	14,984	16,950	19,459

Cash Flow					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
EBITDA	14,014	18,067	19,334	22,369	25,944
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	(5,507)	(649)	(1,192)	(3,487)	(4,269)
(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)			
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	3,674	4,612	4,839	5,219	5,757
Tax Paid	(3,683)	(4,456)	(4,732)	(5,353)	(6,145)
Cashflow From Operations	3,716	16,122	18,424	19,489	22,200
Capex	(4,128)	(6,655)	(9,396)	(8,000)	(10,000)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments					
Other Investing Cashflow	(844)	8,208	(2,511)	(2,637)	(2,769)
Cash Flow From Investing	(4,972)	1,553	(11,908)	(10,637)	(12,769)
Debt Raised/(repaid)					
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares					
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(6,195)	(14,160)	(8,850)	(9,440)	(10,325)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow					
Cash Flow From Financing	(6,195)	(14,160)	(8,850)	(9,440)	(10,325)
Total Cash Generated	(7,451)	3,515	(2,333)	(588)	(894)
Free Cashflow To Equity	(1,256)	17,675	6,517	8,852	9,431
Free Cashflow To Firm	(968)	17,796	6,742	9,052	9,581

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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	70,973	73,022	74,897
Total Debtors	34,764	38,622	43,148	46,258	51,219
Inventories	17,293	19,029	20,764	23,226	25,397
Total Other Current Assets	7,388	9,399	10,339	11,373	12,510
Total Current Assets	131,774	137,845	145,224	153,878	164,023
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	44,916	47,401	50,804
Other Current Liabilities					
Total Current Liabilities	33,578	39,981	44,916	47,401	50,804
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	58,656	62,515	67,429
Shareholders Equity	106,879	110,122	116,256	123,766	132,900
Minority Interests					
Total Equity	106,879	110,122	116,256	123,766	132,900

Key Ratios					
	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue Growth	20.8%	27.1%	12.8%	11.9%	9.3%
Operating EBITDA Growth	39.6%	28.9%	7.0%	15.7%	16.0%
Operating EBITDA Margin	11.9%	12.1%	11.5%	11.9%	12.6%
Net Cash Per Share (Rs)	2,451.83	2,399.83	2,405.86	2,475.32	2,538.88
BVPS (Rs)	3,623.02	3,732.95	3,940.88	4,195.45	4,505.09
Gross Interest Cover	37.30	117.45	66.12	85.42	132.32
Effective Tax Rate	25.5%	23.7%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	57.6%	98.6%	59.1%	55.7%	53.1%
Accounts Receivables Days	45.32	41.92	44.62	44.96	46.49
Inventory Days	75.71	70.05	68.44	68.73	69.93
Accounts Payables Days	111.61	95.77	100.05	98.30	94.72
ROIC (%)	30.5%	29.5%	28.7%	28.9%	30.1%
ROCE (%)	10.5%	13.1%	13.1%	14.2%	15.5%
Return On Average Assets	7.3%	9.1%	9.0%	9.5%	10.1%

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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