

## India

## ADD (no change)

Current shares o/s:

Free float: \*Source: Bloomberg

Buy 21 Hold 3 Sell 7 Consensus ratings\*: Current price: Rs1.076 Rs1,273 Target price: Previous target: Rs1,110 18.3% Up/downside: InCred Research / Consensus: 21.8% BFRG.NS Reuters: BHFC IN Bloombera: US\$6,019m Market cap: Rs500,834m US\$13.6m Average daily turnover: Rs1130.4m

465.7m

54.8%

### Key changes in this note

- > Net sales raised by 5-6% for FY24F-26F.
- ➤ EBITDA raised by 6-8% for FY24F-26F.
- PAT raised by ~1% for FY24F-26F.



		Source: Bloomberg				
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M			
Absolute (%)	(1.5)	17.9	25.8			
Relative (%)	0.1	19.7	18.5			

Major shareholders	% held
Kalyani Family	45.3
Kotak Mutual Fund	5.0
Mirae Asset Mutual Fund	3.1

# **Bharat Forge**

## International business growth is impressive

- 2QFY24 consolidated EPS rose by 2% qoq, despite a seasonally weak quarter, which is impressive. 1HFY24 EPS formed 45% of our FY24F estimate.
- We raise FY24F-26F consolidated EBITDA by 6-8% because of resilient international operations and exports.
- We raise our DCF-based target price to Rs1.273 to reflect the benefits from an improving international order book and business momentum.

### Strong EBITDA margin performance in 2QFY24

The 2QFY24 standalone sales of Bharat Forge or BFL witnessed a 6% gog rise, driven by export growth of 9%, which led to a 4% beat vs. our estimate. The car component sales growth improvement in domestic and export markets was impressive. The EBITDA margin expanded by 120bp qoq to 27.8%, 180bp above our estimate, leading to a 12% beat to our estimate. However, the sustained rise in interest costs (+3% qoq) and high net debt are the areas of concern. PAT grew 12% gog to Rs3.5bn, 11% above our estimate, but in line with Bloomberg consensus estimate. The consolidated entity's PAT rose by 2% gog to Rs2.17bn, despite a seasonally weak quarter for the international operations.

#### Management conference-call highlights

Management indicated that the company's defence subsidiary, KSSL, recorded a 31% goq rise in sales to Rs2.9bn (Fig. 3) as exports accelerated. Passenger car component exports scaled a new high at Rs3.3bn, up 18% qoq. Exports to Asia rose by 90% qoq, driven by new order wins. Management indicated Rs7.4bn of new order wins in 1HFY24, of which Rs3bn comprised orders for electrical vehicle components. Management reiterated that the acquisition momentum will sustain as it has deployed Rs5bn in last few years and scaled up the business of JS Auto and Sanghvi Forging.

#### Raise consolidated EBITDA by 6-8% for FY24F-26F

The sustained strong sales performance driven by exports, despite global challenges, is impressive. We raise consolidated sales by 5-6% for FY24F-26F because of strong international operations. We raise consolidated EBITDA by 6-8% for FY24F-26F, as the drag caused by loss-making subsidiaries eases gradually. However, higher interest costs and tax rate limits the EPS upgrade to just around 1%.

## Reiterate ADD rating with a higher DCF-based target price of Rs1,273

The improvement in business momentum of car components and defence product exports is impressive. With strong export order wins giving visibility, we raise our discounted cash flow or DCF-based target price to Rs1,273 from Rs1,110 earlier. We reiterate our ADD rating, as the stock trades marginally above its 10-year mean P/BV and P/E levels. Key downside risk is the Middle East geopolitical tensions impacting the company's short-term export momentum.

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Financial Summary	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue (Rsm)	104,611	129,103	158,006	179,930	200,825
Operating EBITDA (Rsm)	20,159	17,675	24,807	28,069	32,132
Net Profit (Rsm)	13,738	4,037	9,702	12,514	15,367
Core EPS (Rs)	22.6	10.5	20.8	26.9	33.0
Core EPS Growth	471.9%	(53.4%)	97.7%	29.0%	22.8%
FD Core P/E (x)	36.46	124.09	51.63	40.03	32.60
DPS (Rs)	5.5	8.0	10.0	11.0	11.0
Dividend Yield	0.51%	0.74%	0.93%	1.02%	1.02%
EV/EBITDA (x)	26.09	30.19	21.12	18.54	16.01
P/FCFE (x)	126.84	58.08	106.90	142.38	87.74
Net Gearing	76.2%	86.2%	53.4%	42.9%	31.8%
P/BV (x)	7.62	7.47	5.48	4.75	4.07
ROE	17.6%	7.4%	12.2%	12.7%	13.4%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates			1.56%	0.45%	0.62%
InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x)					

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



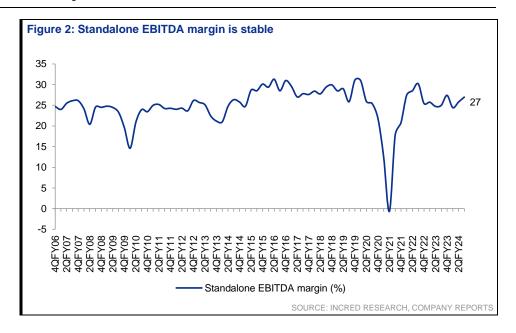
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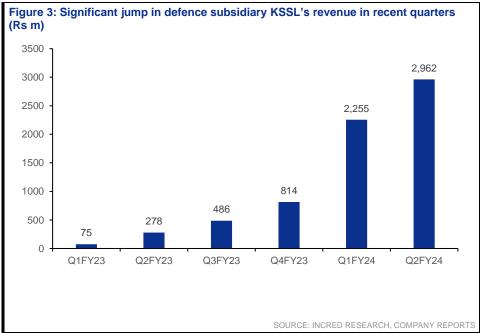
### Management conference-call highlights ➤

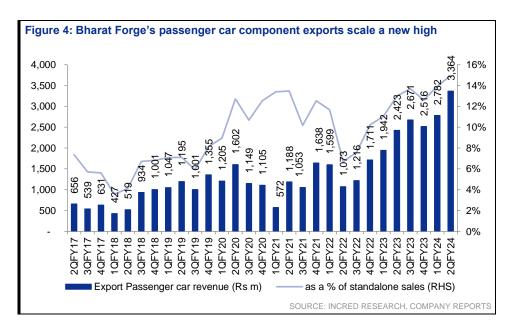
- Outlook: In 2QFY24, export and domestic revenue grew by 21% each while export growth was primarily driven by the passenger vehicle (PV) components segment (+39% yoy) and domestic growth was driven by the defence products business, which grew by 1.5x yoy. Going ahead, management remains positive on the back of a strong order book, new products, and new businesses while the geopolitical situation remains under pressure. In the domestic market management is positive on the PV and industrial segments whereas the weakness in oil and gas sector is likely to sustain.
- Automotive business: The commercial vehicle components' business
  revenue grew by 12% yoy, and the growth momentum is likely to sustain led
  by the government's spending on infrastructure and the PV components
  segment is likely to remain positive on account of the premiumization trend and
  rising disposable income of the country's middle-class population.
- Export business: The company's export business is likely to remain steady going ahead as North America Class-8 truck build rate, inventory level and sales remain steady while in the PV components business, management to focus on increasing the market share by tapping new geographies and customers. Excluding weakness in the European market, the profitability of the overseas business will be driven by profitability in the aluminum business and manufacturing optimization in the steel business, which is likely to materialize in the next 12-18 months.
- Order book: In 1HFY24, the standalone business secured new orders worth Rs7.4bn across segments, including Rs3bn for e-mobility programs. In the defence sector, the company won an additional new order worth Rs11bn, leading to a total order book worth Rs30bn, which is to be executed in the next two years. In the defence space, the company aims to achieve an EBITDA margin of 25% by FY25F.
- Geographical performance: Asian market saw a growth of 88% qoq led by new businesses and new orders. Management believes this growth is likely to sustain while the European market declined by 2.3% qoq on concerns over the high inflation rate and rising interest rates.
- Capital expenditure: On a standalone level, the company incurred Rs1.7bn of capex and Rs3bn at a consolidated level. Future capex is likely to be in the areas of defence, aluminum castings & forgings and EV components.

Y/E Mar 23 (Rs m)	2QFY24	2QFY23	yoy % chg	1QFY24	qoq % chg Comments for the quarter
Revenue	22,494	18,639	20.7	21,273	5.7 4.2% above our estimate.
Raw material costs	9,744	8,281	17.7	9,420	3.4
RM as % of revenue	43.3	44.4	(111)	44.3	(96.1)
EBITDA	6,068	4,660	30.2	5,487	10.6 11.6% above our estimate.
EBITDA margin %	27.0	25.0	197	25.8	118 181bp above our estimate.
Depreciation & amortization	1,128	1,066	5.9	1,089	3.6 In line with our estimate.
EBIT	4,940	3,595	37.4	4,398	12.3
Interest expenses	726	357	103.2	705	3.0 11% above our estimate.
Other Income	424	477	(11.2)	472	(10.3) 6% below our estimate.
Pre-tax profit	4,637	3,715	24.8	4,165	11.3
Tax	1,156	897	28.8	1,050	10.1
Tax rate (%)	24.9	24.2	78	25	(28) 193bp above our estimate.
Normalized net profit	3,481	2,817	23.6	3,115	11.7 11% above our estimate
Extraordinary income/expenses	(21)	(136)	nm	-	nm
Reported net profit	3,460	2,681	29.0	3,115	11.1
Normalized EPS (Rs)	7.5	6.1	23.6	6.7	11.7



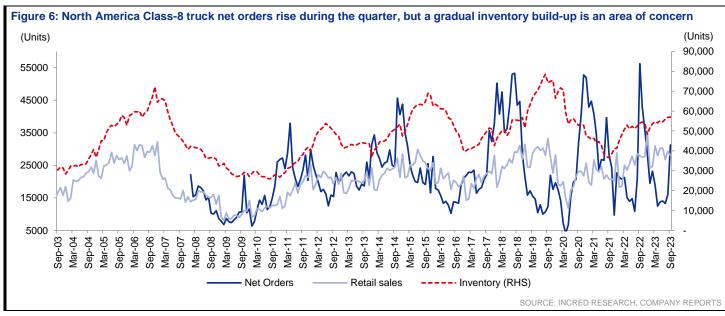


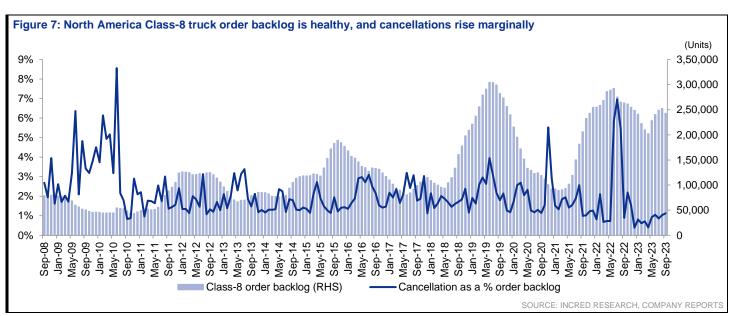




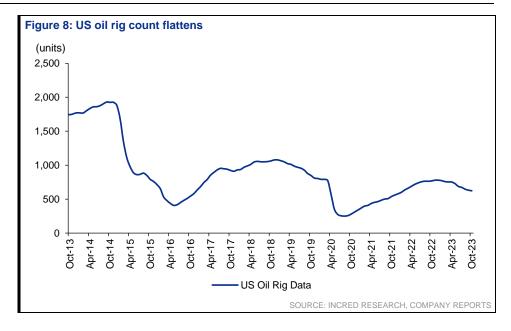












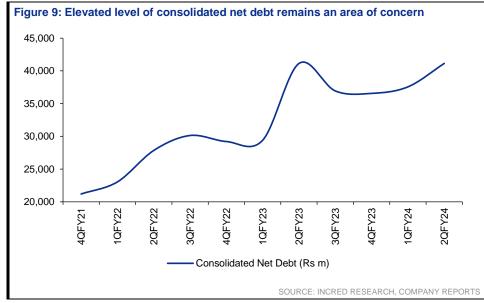


Figure 10: Revenue b	y segmer	nt (Rs m)						
	2QFY24	2QFY23	% yoy	1QFY24	% qoq	1HFY24	1HFY23	%yoy
India Revenue	9,623	7,975	20.7%	9,484	1.5%	19,107	15,094	26.6%
Commercial vehicle	2,603	2,428	7.2%	2,734	-4.8%	5,337	4,766	12.0%
Industrial	6,203	4,554	36.2%	6,126	1.3%	12,329	8,561	44.0%
Passenger car	817	993	-17.7%	624	30.9%	1,441	1,767	-18.4%
International Revenue	12,871	10,664	20.7%	11,788	9.2%	24,659	21,139	16.7%
Commercial vehicle	5,474	4,777	14.6%	5,151	6.3%	10,625	9,353	13.6%
Industrial	4,033	3,464	16.4%	3,855	4.6%	7,888	7,421	6.3%
Passenger car	3,364	2,423	38.8%	2,782	20.9%	6,146	4,365	40.8%
				SOURCE	: INCRED F	RESEARCH,	COMPANY	REPORTS

(Rs m)	2QFY24	2QFY23	% yoy	1QFY24	% qoq	1HFY24	1HFY23	% yoy
Total Income	12,053	9,470	27.3%	13,336	-9.6%	42,785	40,641	27.2%
EBITDA	90	-341	na	158	na	-961	3,947	na
margin %	0.7%	-3.6%	na	1.2%	na	-2.2%	9.7%	na
PBT	-1,156	-1,157	na	-930	na	-4,233	793	na
margin %	-9.6%	-12.2%	na	-7.0%	na	-9.9%	2.0%	na



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FY24F		FY25	F	FY26F		
Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	
150,533	158,006	169,649	179,930	188,673	200,825	
	5.0%		6.1%		6.4%	
22,881	24,807	26,465	28,069	30,188	32,132	
	8.4%		6.1%		6.4%	
9,553	9,702	12,458	12,514	15,272	15,367	
	1.6%		0.5%		0.6%	
20.5	20.8	26.8	26.9	32.8	33.0	
	1.6%		0.5%		0.6%	
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	FY24F		FY25	F	FY26F			
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New		
Net Sales (Rs m)	89,709	89,886	101,993	102,987	113,954	115,563		
Change (%)		0.2%		1.0%		1.4%		
EBITDA (Rs m)	23,235	23,550	26,824	27,086	30,426	30,855		
Change (%)		1.4%		1.0%		1.4%		
Normalized PAT (Rs m)	13,884	14,065	16,729	16,896	19,514	19,835		
Change (%)		1.3%		1.0%		1.6%		
	SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REP							

■ Phase 3 NPV of FCF (RHS)

Growth Business ROIC

WACC

<b>Economic Profit Valuatio</b>	n			Rs m	%		Disco	unted (	Cash	Flow	Valu	ation				Rs	n	%
Adjusted Opening Invested C	Capital			117,105	18.7		√alue o	of Phase	e 1: Exp	licit (2	2024 t	o 202	6)			7,9	57	1.3
NPV of Economic Profit Durir	ng Explicit	Period		7,789	1.2		√alue o	of Phase	2: Val	ue Dr	iver (2	2027 to	o 203	37)		307,9	16	49.2
NPV of Econ Profit of Remain	ing Busin	ess (1, 2)	)	21,912	3.5	Value of Phase 3: Fade (2038 to 2048)			254,9	78	40.8							
NPV of Econ Profit of Net Inv	(Grth Busi	iness) (1	, 3)	478,512	76.5	Terminal Value			54,4	14	8.7							
Enterprise Value				625,317	100.0	Enterprise Value			625,3	25	100.0							
Plus: Other Assets				0	0.0		FCF G	rth Rate	at end	of Ph	s 1im	plied	by D	CF V	aluatio		0	10.1
Less: Minorities				36	0.0		FCF G	rth Rate	at end	of Ph	s 1im	plied	by C	urren	t Pric		0	9.9
Less: Net Debt (as at 06 Nov 2	2023)			32,440	5.2													
Equity Value				592,841	94.8		Returi	ns, W A	CC a	nd NF	V of	Free	e Ca	sh F	low			
No. Shares (millions)				466														
Per Share Equity Value			Rs.	1,273			40%	1									300	10
Sensitivity Table		N	o of Year	s in Fade	Period		30%	M		-n[							200	
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	12.1%	934	1051	1127	1201	1309											(10	30)
	13.1%	839	937	999	1060	1147											,	,
Performance Summary					Phase 2	2 Avg	0%	2005	2009	2011	2015	2017	2019	2021	2023	2027	(20	00)
		2024	2025	2026	(2027 -	2037)		■ Phase	1 NPV	of FCF	(RHS	:) [		■ Pha	se 2 N	PV of FC	F (R F	167

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1. In periods following the Explicit Period i.e. Phase 2 and Phase 3

Invested Capital Growth (%)

Operating Margin (%)

Capital Turnover (x)

2. Remaining Business is defined as Capital as at the end of Phase 1 and capex = depreciation thereafter

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3. Net Investment is defined as capex over and above depreciation after Phase 1

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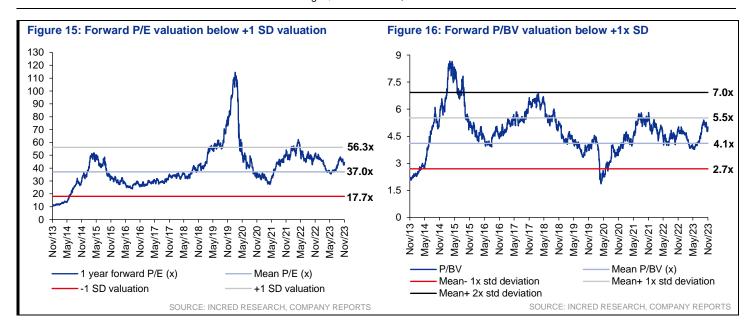
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Total Business ROIC

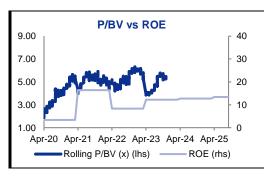
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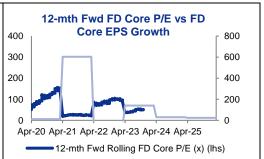






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Profit & Loss					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Total Net Revenues	104,611	129,103	158,006	179,930	200,825
Gross Profit	36,297	31,911	41,714	46,962	53,018
Operating EBITDA	20,159	17,675	24,807	28,069	32,132
Depreciation And Amortisation	(7,303)	(7,356)	(8,565)	(9,010)	(9,308)
Operating EBIT	12,856	10,319	16,242	19,059	22,824
Financial Income/(Expense)	(1,604)	(2,986)	(4,250)	(2,860)	(2,586)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	1,959	1,729	2,581	2,607	2,643
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	13,211	9,062	14,574	18,806	22,881
Exceptional Items	3,892	(1,505)			
Pre-tax Profit	17,103	7,557	14,574	18,806	22,881
Taxation	(3,035)	(3,186)	(4,372)	(5,642)	(6,864)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	14,069	4,371	10,202	13,164	16,017
Minority Interests	(330)	(334)	(500)	(650)	(650)
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	13,738	4,037	9,702	12,514	15,367
Recurring Net Profit	10,537	4,907	9,702	12,514	15,367
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	10,537	4,907	9,702	12,514	15,367

Cash Flow					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
EBITDA	20,159	17,675	24,807	28,069	32,132
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	(12,459)	(8,210)	(5,150)	(2,916)	(3,467)
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions	(5,643)	8,833	(7,144)	(1,000)	(800)
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense	273	(1,060)	3,348	1,081	1,180
Other Operating Cashflow	3,892	(1,505)			
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	355	(1,258)	(1,669)	(253)	57
Tax Paid	(3,530)	(3,952)	(2,915)	(3,761)	(4,576)
Cashflow From Operations	3,048	10,523	11,277	21,220	24,526
Capex	(10,567)	(13,581)	(14,300)	(16,800)	(17,600)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments					
Other Investing Cashflow	720	(296)	17,875	4,848	5,033
Cash Flow From Investing	(9,847)	(13,877)	3,575	(11,952)	(12,567)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	10,748	11,978	(10,167)	(5,750)	(6,250)
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares	(86)	(534)	(861)	(650)	(650)
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(2,561)	(3,725)	(4,656)	(5,122)	(5,122)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow					
Cash Flow From Financing	8,100	7,718	(15,684)	(11,522)	(12,022)
Total Cash Generated	1,302	4,365	(831)	(2,254)	(63)
Free Cashflow To Equity	3,949	8,625	4,686	3,518	5,709
Free Cashflow To Firm	(5,195)	(367)	19,103	12,128	14,545

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Balance Sheet					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Total Cash And Equivalents	6,030	10,395	9,564	7,310	7,247
Total Debtors	21,736	30,988	36,796	40,423	44,016
Inventories	27,105	31,263	36,796	40,423	44,016
Total Other Current Assets	14,062	15,392	14,500	16,500	17,300
Total Current Assets	68,933	88,038	97,656	104,655	112,580
Fixed Assets	59,441	65,666	71,401	79,191	87,484
Total Investments	26,038	25,688	25,688	25,688	25,688
Intangible Assets	506	2,955	2,955	2,955	2,955
Total Other Non-Current Assets					
Total Non-current Assets	85,985	94,309	100,044	107,834	116,126
Short-term Debt					
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	16,314	21,513	27,705	32,042	35,763
Other Current Liabilities	11,396	21,923	12,500	13,000	13,000
Total Current Liabilities	27,710	43,436	40,205	45,042	48,763
Total Long-term Debt	56,545	68,523	58,356	52,606	46,356
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities					
Total Non-current Liabilities	56,545	68,523	58,356	52,606	46,356
Total Provisions	4,395	2,971	7,705	9,287	10,467
Total Liabilities	88,651	114,931	106,267	106,936	105,587
Shareholders Equity	65,707	67,055	91,433	105,554	123,119
Minority Interests	561	361			
Total Equity	66,268	67,416	91,433	105,554	123,119

Key Ratios					
	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue Growth	65.1%	23.4%	22.4%	13.9%	11.6%
Operating EBITDA Growth	133.9%	(12.3%)	40.3%	13.1%	14.5%
Operating EBITDA Margin	19.3%	13.7%	15.7%	15.6%	16.0%
Net Cash Per Share (Rs)	(108.48)	(124.83)	(104.78)	(97.28)	(83.99)
BVPS (Rs)	141.11	144.00	196.36	226.68	264.40
Gross Interest Cover	8.01	3.46	3.82	6.66	8.83
Effective Tax Rate	17.7%	42.2%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	26.0%	67.2%	48.0%	40.9%	33.3%
Accounts Receivables Days	62.69	74.53	78.29	78.32	76.73
Inventory Days	120.33	109.60	106.81	105.98	104.26
Accounts Payables Days	75.82	71.03	77.24	82.00	83.72
ROIC (%)	11.7%	7.3%	10.6%	10.4%	11.4%
ROCE (%)	11.4%	7.9%	11.2%	12.0%	13.5%
Return On Average Assets	7.9%	4.7%	6.9%	7.4%	8.0%

Key Drivers					
	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
ASP (% chg, main prod./serv.)	25.9%	10.5%	7.6%	3.9%	4.5%
Unit sales grth (%, main prod./serv.)	36.0%	9.5%	10.4%	10.3%	7.3%

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