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Performance continues to improve across segments

M&M Q1 adjusted PAT came in at INR 21.2 bn, ahead of our estimate of INR 19.3bn, led by better-than-expected margins. The margin surprise was driven by improved performance from the tractor segment. On the back of strong demand for its models, M&M has gained a 200bps share to 18.3% in UVs as of Q1FY24. Also, while industry demand is slowly decelerating, M&M continues to enjoy a healthy order backlog at 281k units. In the upto 3.5T LCV segment, while demand is subdued, M&M has further strengthened its market share to 49% (+480bps YoY). Even in tractors, M&M has been able to gain 20bps share to 42.9% in Q1 with improved profitability. We continue to remain positive on the business momentum, given: (1) a strong order backlog for UVs will help further gain market share; (2) the target to further increase its market share in tractors on the back of new launches; (3) focused strides taken to achieve a strong position in EVs; (4) challenge set for growth gems to grow 5x. While the recent stake buy of RBL posed serious concerns around capital allocation, we believe as long as they continue to focus on their core business segments and work towards achieving their long-term targets, investors should not be too concerned. Maintain BUY, with a revised TP of INR1,674/sh (earlier at INR1,617/share) as we roll forward to June'25 EPS.

- Q1 PAT beats estimates: M&M Q1 adjusted PAT came in at INR 21.2 bn, ahead of our estimate of INR 19.3bn, led by better-than-expected margins at 13.4%. Margin surprise was driven by tractor segment margins improving 160bps YoY to 17.5% (Vs estimate of 16.7%) while auto segment margin came in line with our estimate at 7.5%. M&M has reported exceptional gain in Q1 worth INR8.7bn which includes (1) relisting gains of KG Mobility (SYMC, INR 4bn) and (2) profit from stake sale in its investments (INR2.3bn).
- Clarification on RBL stake buy: (1) Management has indicated that the 3.5% stake buy in RBL is primarily to understand the banking space in detail. Given that financial services are a strategic focus area and as and when MMFS gains a large scale, one may need to evaluate whether it makes strategic sense for them to convert it into a bank, and hence the investment. (2) RBL was shortlisted as they think it is a well-performing bank with a strong management team, strong growth prospects, small in size and available at 0.9x Book. Even if they don't succeed in their plans, they will look to exit this stake with treasury gains at a later date. (3) Once they have a fair understanding of banking over the next 2-3 years, and only if there is any merit in investing further in banking, they may look to go up to a 9.9% stake at RBL. Further, once MMFS gains large scale and if there is a compelling strategic reason to get into banking, they would look to further raise their stake at a much later stage (say 5-7 years), subject to regulatory approvals. (4) Management has clarified that they would not invest cash flows from auto and farm businesses into services at any point in the future.

Quarterly/annual financial summary

YE Mar (INR mn)	Q1 FY24	Q1 FY23	YoY (%)	Q4 FY23	QoQ (%)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	2,40,561	1,97,250	22.0	2,25,714	6.6	8,49,603	9,62,564	10,68,992	12,15,935
EBITDA	32,351	23,335	38.6	27,974	15.6	1,04,424	1,25,133	1,38,969	1,51,992
APAT	21,170	14,446	46.5	19,397	9.1	74,778	83,946	90,538	98,367
Diluted EPS (INR)	17.6	12.0	46.5	16.2	9.1	62.3	70.0	75.5	82.0
P/E (x)						23.5	20.9	19.4	17.9
EV / EBITDA (x)						16.8	14.0	12.5	11.4
RoCE (%)						19.9	19.5	19.2	18.7

Source: Company, HSIE Research

BUY

INR 1.465

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Target Price		INR 1,674	
NIFTY		19,517	
KEY CHANGES	OLD	NEW	
Rating	BUY	BUY	
Price Target	INR 1,617	INR 1,674	
EPS %	FY24E	FY25E	
EF5 %	2.1%	0.8%	
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KEY STOCK DATA

CMP (on 04 Aug 2023)

Bloomberg code	MM IN
No. of Shares (mn)	1,244
MCap (INR bn) / (\$ mn)	1,821/22,271
6m avg traded value (IN	JR mn) 3,429
52 Week high / low	INR 1,595/1,123

STOCK PERFORMANCE (%)

	3M	6M	12M
Absolute (%)	18.9	5.5	16.1
Relative (%)	12.5	(2.5)	3.3

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN (%)

	Mar-23	Jun-23
Promoters	19.37	18.88
FIs & Local MFs	27.66	26.87
FPIs	39.24	40.14
Public & Others	13.73	14.11
Pledged Shares	0.01	0.01

Source: BSE

Pledged shares as % of total shares

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