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# **Apollo Tyres**

**Auto Ancillaries** 

# RM costs impact profitability; early signs of recovery visible in PV and CV segments

Apollo Tyres' (APTY) Q3FY25 standalone EBITDAM was down 100bps QoQ at 11.1% on RM cost increase. EU EBITDA margin increased ~290bps QoQ despite RM price increase, led by higher mix of UHP tires and cost-reduction initiatives. APTY expects RM prices to remain stable in Q4. In terms of demand, replacement segment continues to do well and the company expects this segment to drive growth going forward. OEM segment demand remains weak; however, it is seeing early signs of recovery. Its revenue growth is lagging peers and it is undertaking multiple initiatives to address this gap. Post ~20% stock price correction in the last six months, and considering stable RM costs and early signs of recovery in both CV and PV segments, we upgrade APTY to **BUY** from *Reduce* with DCF-based revised TP of INR 520 (earlier: INR 461), implying ~15x FY27E EPS.

# Q3FY25 conference call takeaways, and our views

- India business registered low single-digit YoY volume growth in Q3, with ~5% growth in replacement segment against flattish growth in exports and double-digit decline in OEM volumes. In India, CV OEM segment volumes continued to be weak due to i) decline in vehicle production and ii) unfavourable mix in CV segment (higher sales of buses segment which the company has exited). APTY is seeing TBR and PCR volumes recover in OE segment. EU business revenue stood at EUR 181mn (+3% YoY) with UHP tyre mix at ~48% (vs 43% in Q3FY24). Its growth lagged PCT industry; however, it outgrew industry in higher profitability winter tyre and UHP segments. APTY expects demand in the EU market to continue to improve in coming quarters. Its growth is lagging peers on YoY basis and it is undertaking multiple initiatives to address this gap. APTY expects healthy growth in exports over the next couple of quarters and apart from US which is a growth market, it is also looking at Middle East markets, especially, Saudi Arabia.
- In Q3, EBITDA margin for India business was ~100bps lower QoQ due to RM price increase of ~2%. The company expects RM to be rangebound in Q4 leading to gross margin improvement. Price hikes taken earlier also support margins. The company has not planned any hike in near term, considering aggressive pricing strategy adopted by its peers. EU EBITDA margin increased ~290bps QoQ despite RM price increase, led by higher mix of UHP tires and cost-reduction initiatives. We are building in India volume CAGR of 6%, mean EBITDA margin of 13%, EU revenue CAGR of 4% and mean EBITDAM of ~18% for FY25-27E. Capex stood at INR 5bn for 9MFY25. APTY expects FY25 capex spends to be lower than guidance of INR 10bn. India TBR segment capacity is at ~80% utilisation and India PCR at ~90% levels. It plans to add ~10% incremental capacity in PCR segment and expects capex to increase in FY26.

## **Financial Summary**

Y/E March (INR mn)	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenue	2,53,777	2,60,026	2,77,483	2,96,907
EBITDA	44,474	35,879	39,710	43,052
EBITDA %	17.5	13.8	14.3	14.5
Net Profit	17,988	14,273	18,119	20,557
EPS (INR)	28.3	22.5	28.5	32.4
EPS % Chg YoY	66.3	(20.7)	26.9	13.5
P/E (x)	15.0	19.0	14.9	13.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.8	7.8	6.6	5.8
RoCE (%)	12.2	9.0	10.5	11.0
RoE (%)	12.9	9.0	10.6	11.0

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#### **Market Data**

Market Cap (INR)	271bn
Market Cap (USD)	3,094mn
Bloomberg Code	APTY IN
Reuters Code	APLO.BO
52-week Range (INR)	585 /407
Free Float (%)	51.0
ADTV-3M (mn) (USD)	8.1

Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	(14.3)	(18.1)	(22.8)
Relative to Sensex	(12.2)	(16.1)	(30.7)

ESG Score	2022	2023	Change
ESG score	49.2	71.8	22.6
Environment	27.5	61.5	34.0
Social	32.0	77.0	45.0
Governance	72.3	74.4	2.1

**Note** - Score ranges from 0 - 100 with a higher score indicating higher ESG disclosures.

Source: SES ESG, I-sec research

Earnings Revisions (%)	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	(0.6)	0.7
EBITDA	(12.4)	(4.4)
EPS	(21.1)	(7.0)

#### **Previous Reports**

08-08-2024: **Q1FY25** results review 15-05-2024: **Q4FY24** results review



Exhibit 1: Q3FY25 result review (consolidated)

Consolidated (INR mn)	Q3FY25	Q3FY24	YoY	Q2FY25	QoQ
Net Sales	69,280	65,954	5%	64,370	8%
Cost of Materials	40,521	35,192	15%	35,565	14%
As % of sales	58.5%	53.4%	513 bps	55.2%	324 bps
Gross profit	28,759	30,762	-7%	28,806	0%
Gross margin	41.5%	46.6%	-513 bps	44.8%	-324 bps
Employees Cost	7,971	7,669	4%	7,697	4%
As % of sales	11.5%	11.6%	-12 bps	12.0%	-45 bps
Other expenditure	11,318	11,012	3%	12,330	-8%
As % of sales	16.3%	16.7%	-36 bps	19.2%	-282 bps
EBITDA	9,470	12,081	-22%	8,779	8%
EBITDA margin	13.7%	18.3%	-465 bps	13.6%	3 bps
Depreciation & Amortisation	3,759	3,676	2%	3,759	0%
EBIT	5,711	8,405	-32%	5,020	14%
EBIT margin	8.2%	12.7%	-450 bps	7.8%	44 bps
Other Income	81	184	-56%	217	-63%
Interest	1,105	1,230	-10%	1,197	-8%
PBT	4,686	7,358	-36%	4,040	16%
Tax	1,273	2,242	-43%	1,015	25%
Exceptionals/MI/share of Associates	(42)	(150)	N.M.	(52)	N.M.
Adj PAT	3,413	5,117	-33%	3,025	13%
Reported PAT	3,370	4,966	-32%	2,973	13%

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 2: Q3FY25 result review (standalone)

Standalone Financials (INR mn)	Q3FY25	Q3FY24	YoY	Q2FY25	QoQ
Net Sales	45,398	43,319	5%	44,617	2%
EBITDA	5,035	7,840	-36%	5,389	-7%
EBITDA margin	11.1%	18.1%	-701 bps	12.1%	-99bps
PAT	1,260	3,106	-59%	1,688	-25%

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 3: Q3FY25 result review (EU)

Europe Financials	Q3FY25	Q3FY24	YoY	Q2FY25	QoQ
Revenue (INR mn)	23,721	22,192	7%	19,286	23%
EBIT (INR mn)	2,314	2,667	-13%	1,141	103%
EBIT margin	9.8%	12.0%	-226 bps	5.9%	384 bps

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

## **Exhibit 4: Estimates revision (consolidated)**

-	FY25E			FY26E			<u>FY27E</u>
	Old	Revised	% change	Old	Revised	% change	Introducing
Revenue (INR mn)	2,61,666	2,60,026	-0.6%	2,75,523	2,77,483	0.7%	2,96,907
EBITDA (INR mn)	40,970	35,879	-12.4%	41,537	39,710	-4.4%	43,052
EBITDA margin (%)	15.7%	13.8%	-186 bps	15.1%	14.3%	-76 bps	14.5%
PAT (INR mn)	18,091	14,273	-21.1%	19,489	18,119	-7.0%	20,557
EPS (INR)	28.5	22.5	-21.1%	30.7	28.5	-7.0%	32.4

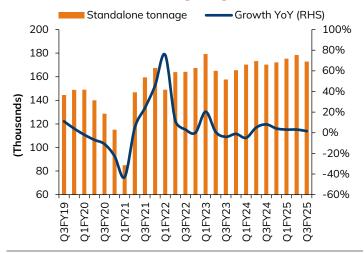
Source: I-Sec research, Company data

# **Downside risks**

- Continuation of elevated RMB cost beyond FY25 could result in downward margin revision and earnings correspondingly.
- Higher competitive intensity leading to pricing pressure and impact on profitability.

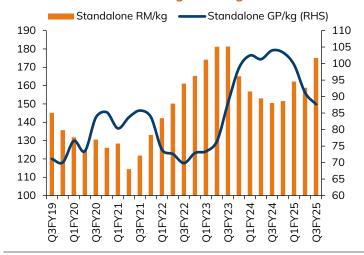


## Exhibit 5: Standalone tonnage vs growth



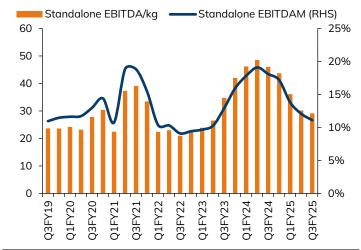
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## Exhibit 6: Standalone RM/kg vs GP/kg trend



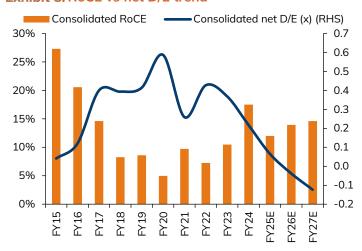
Source: Company data, I-Sec research

## Exhibit 7: EBITDA/kg vs EBITDAM trend



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

#### Exhibit 8: RoCE vs net D/E trend



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

#### **Exhibit 9: Shareholding pattern**

%	Jun'24	Sep'24	Dec'24
Promoters	37.4	37.4	37.4
Institutional investors	39.5	40.2	40.2
MFs and others	19.2	18.7	18.7
Fls/Banks	0.3	0.4	0.4
Insurance	5.5	6.4	6.9
FIIs	14.5	14.6	14.2
Others	23.1	22.4	22.4

Source: Bloomberg

#### **Exhibit 10: Price chart**



Source: Bloomberg



# **Financial Summary**

## **Exhibit 11: Profit & Loss**

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Sales	2,53,777	2,60,026	2,77,483	2,96,907
Operating Expenses	72,673	79,820	85,745	91,059
EBITDA	44,474	35,879	39,710	43,052
EBITDA Margin (%)	17.5	13.8	14.3	14.5
Depreciation & Amortization	14,778	15,419	16,091	16,810
EBIT	29,695	20,461	23,619	26,242
Interest expenditure	5,059	2,930	1,036	486
Other Non-operating Income	1,536	1,500	1,575	1,654
Recurring PBT	26,172	19,030	24,158	27,410
Profit / Loss from Associates	-	-	-	-
Less: Taxes	8,183	4,758	6,040	6,852
PAT	17,988	14,273	18,119	20,557
Less: Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Extraordinaries (Net)	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Reported)	17,219	14,273	18,119	20,557
Net Income (Adjusted)	17,988	14,273	18,119	20,557

Source Company data, I-Sec research

#### Exhibit 12: Balance sheet

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Total Current Assets	95,650	1,03,501	1,11,436	1,29,605
of which cash & cash eqv.	9,221	14,059	15,989	27,478
Total Current Liabilities &	74,603	83,208	91,015	97,386
Provisions	74,003	05,200	31,013	37,300
Net Current Assets	21,047	20,293	20,421	32,220
Investments	382	382	382	382
Net Fixed Assets	1,67,753	1,63,335	1,61,244	1,59,414
ROU Assets	-	-	-	-
Capital Work-in-Progress	3,477	3,477	3,477	3,477
Total Intangible Assets	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311
Other assets	-	-	-	-
Deferred Tax assets	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	1,94,970	1,89,797	1,87,835	1,97,804
Liabilities				
Borrowings	39,419	24,419	9,419	4,419
Deferred Tax Liability	16,530	7,032	7,032	7,032
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-
<b>Equity Share Capital</b>	635	635	635	635
Reserves & Surplus	1,38,387	1,57,712	1,70,750	1,85,719
Total Net Worth	1,39,022	1,58,347	1,71,385	1,86,354
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	1,94,970	1,89,797	1,87,835	1,97,804

Source Company data, I-Sec research

# **Exhibit 13: Quarterly trend**

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Tax Burden	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Interest Burden	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
EBIT Margin (EBIT/Sales)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asset Turnover	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5
Financial Leverage	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.1
RoE	12.9	9.0	10.6	11.0

Source Company data, I-Sec research

## **Exhibit 14: Cashflow statement**

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Operating Cashflow	33,272	35,284	36,011	37,057
Working Capital Changes	(6,154)	5,592	1,801	(310)
Capital Commitments	(6,739)	(11,000)	(14,000)	(14,980)
Free Cashflow	26,533	24,284	22,011	22,077
Other investing cashflow	(368)	-	-	-
Cashflow from Investing Activities	(7,107)	(11,000)	(14,000)	(14,980)
Issue of Share Capital	4,490	-	-	-
Interest Cost	-	-	-	-
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	(16,458)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(5,000)
Dividend paid	(3,810)	(4,445)	(5,081)	(5,589)
Others	(9,628)	0	0	0
Cash flow from Financing Activities	(25,406)	(19,446)	(20,081)	(10,588)
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	759	4,838	1,930	11,488
Closing cash & balance	9,221	14,059	15,989	27,478

Source Company data, I-Sec research

## **Exhibit 15:** Key ratios

(Year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Per Share Data (INR)				
Reported EPS	28.3	22.5	28.5	32.4
Adjusted EPS (Diluted)	28.3	22.5	28.5	32.4
Cash EPS	51.6	46.8	53.9	58.8
Dividend per share (DPS)	6.0	7.0	8.0	8.8
Book Value per share (BV)	218.9	249.3	269.9	293.4
Dividend Payout (%)	21.2	31.1	28.0	27.2
Growth (%)				
Net Sales	3.3	2.5	6.7	7.0
EBITDA	34.2	(19.3)	10.7	8.4
EPS (INR)	66.3	(20.7)	26.9	13.5
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	15.0	19.0	14.9	13.2
P/CEPS	8.3	9.1	7.9	7.2
P/BV	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5
EV / EBITDA	6.8	7.8	6.6	5.8
EV / Sales	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.8
Profitability Ratios				
Gross Profit Margins (%)	46.2	44.5	45.2	45.2
EBITDA Margins (%)	17.5	13.8	14.3	14.5
EBIT Margins (%)	11.7	7.9	8.5	8.8
Net Profit Margins (%)	7.1	5.5	6.5	6.9
RoCE (%)	12.2	9.0	10.5	11.0
RoE (%)	12.9	9.0	10.6	11.0
Dividend Yield (%)	1.4	1.6	1.9	2.1
Operating Ratios				
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8
Inventory Turnover Days	61	70	70	70
Receivables Days	38	30	30	30
Payables Days	102	110	110	110
Effective Tax Rate (%)	30.4	25.0	25.0	25.0
Net Debt / Equity (x)	0.2	0.1	0.0	(0.1)
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	0.7	0.3	(0.2)	(0.5)

Source Company data, I-Sec research



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