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Varroc Engineering

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Decent Q4 performance; new orders/EVs to support growth

Varroc Engineering's (VAR) EBITDA margin stood at 10.5%, down \sim 70bps YoY but \sim 50bps higher vs consensus/I-Sec estimate. Revenue growth was 11% YoY (adjusted), with 13% YoY growth in India operations. Overseas operations remained under pressure due to macro weakness. It expects a gradual recovery in growth of its overseas business over the next 1–2 years, with recent order wins. We have factored in 10% revenue CAGR, led by growth in 2W segment and ramp-up of new order wins. We expect EBITDA margin to improve to \sim 10.4%/10.8% in FY26/27E, respectively. Maintain BUY with DCF-based revised target price of INR 610 (earlier INR 536), implying \sim 20x FY27E EPS.

Q4FY25 conference call takeaways, and our views

- Revenue was up 11% YoY (adjusted) at INR 21bn with 13% YoY growth in India operations; overseas operations remained under pressure due to macro weakness. VAR expects a gradual recovery in its overseas operations over the next 1–2 years with recent order wins. Revenue contribution from EV segment stood at 9.8% in FY25 vs 5.3% in FY24; EV revenue is mostly from Bajaj Auto. New lifetime order win in FY25 stood at INR 61bn split 43%/57% in 4W/ (2W + 3W) segment with ~55% orders from EV segment. New orders should push VAR's growth with expected additional revenue of INR 8.4bn/INR 11.8bn in FY26/27 from these orders and with higher content/unit in EV (5–6X) vs ICE variants driving growth. VAR sees EV revenue picking up in near term with new orders ramping up. The company is exploring opportunities to supply products to KTM in Europe.
- EBITDAM stood at 10.5%, up ~150bps QoQ led by cost reduction and forex gains. Employee expenses reduced by 30bps/110bps YoY/QoQ, with some benefit from restructuring exercise done recently. In medium term, the company would focus on improving EBITDAM by reducing costs through working capital optimisation and backward integration (VAR's renewable energy investments may aid in lowering its electricity cost). It reduced net debt by INR 0.4bn in Q4 to INR 7.5bn; this should reduce further with proceeds from China JV stake sale at ~INR 3.4bn (net realisation). The company expects capex of ~INR 2.5bn in FY26, along with spending on land purchase for INR 1bn.

Financial Summary

Y/E March (INR mn)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenue	75,519	81,541	89,695	99,561
EBITDA	7,736	7,888	9,328	10,753
EBITDA %	10.2	9.7	10.4	10.8
Net Profit	2,049	2,133	3,544	4,746
EPS (INR)	13.4	14.0	23.2	31.1
EPS % Chg YoY	512.2	4.1	66.1	33.9
P/E (x)	38.2	36.7	22.1	16.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.4	10.9	8.8	7.3
RoCE (%)	16.0	7.8	19.5	23.8
RoE (%)	16.7	13.9	18.9	20.8

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Market Data

Market Cap (INR)	78bn
Market Cap (USD)	915mn
Bloomberg Code	VARROC IN
Reuters Code	VARE BO
52-week Range (INR)	717 /365
Free Float (%)	25.0
ADTV-3M (mn) (USD)	1.4

Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	21.4	(1.4)	(5.3)
Relative to Sensex	9.9	(3.7)	(14.8)

ESG Score	2023	2024	Change
ESG score	NA	66.5	NA
Environment	NA	53.2	NA
Social	NA	76.1	NA
Governance	NA	69.2	NA

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

Source: SES ESG, I-sec research

Earnings Revisions (%)	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	3.5	7.4
EBITDA	5.5	11.5
EPS	5.1	11.2

Previous Reports

11-02-2025: <u>Q3FY25 results review</u> 08-08-2024: <u>Q1FY25 results review</u>



Exhibit 1: Q4FY25 result review (consolidated)

	Q4FY25	Q4FY24	YoY	Q3FY25	QoQ
Total Operating Income	20,992	19,749	6.3%	20,753	1%
Cost of Materials	13,463	11,982	12%	13,401	0%
As % of sales	64.1%	60.7%	346 bps	64.6%	-44 bps
Gross profit	7,529	7,767	-3%	7,351	2%
Gross margin	35.9%	39.3%	-346 bps	35.4%	44 bps
Employee Expenses	2,133	2,071	3%	2,344	-9%
As % of sales	10.2%	10.5%	-33 bps	11.3%	-113 bps
Other Expenses	3,188	3,485	-9%	3,149	1%
As % of sales	15.2%	17.6%	-246 bps	15.2%	1 bps
EBITDA	2,207	2,210	0%	1,858	19%
EBITDA margin	10.5%	11.2%	-68 bps	9.0%	156 bps
Depreciation	814	825	-1%	805	1%
EBIT	1,393	1,385	1%	1,053	32%
EBIT Margin	6.6%	7.0%	-38 bps	5.1%	156 bps
Interest	408	451	-10%	418	-2%
Other Income *	48	64	-25%	26	86%
PBT	1,034	998	4%	661	56%
PBT Margin	4.9%	5.1%	-13 bps	3.2%	174 bps
Tax expenses	243	250	-3%	204	19%
Effective Tax Rate	23.5%	25.0%	(0)	30.8%	-737 bps
Share of profit from associates	3	51	-94%	0	2093%
Adjusted PAT	794	800	-1%	457	74%
Exceptional expenses/ (income)	564	216	161%	909	-38%
Reported PAT	230	584	-61%	(452)	N.M.
EPS (INR.)	5.2	5.2	-1%	3.0	74%

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 2: Estimates revision

		FY26E			FY27E	
	Old	Revised	% change	Old	Revised	% change
Revenue (INR bn)	87	90	3.5%	93	100	7.4%
EBITDA (INR bn)	9	9	5.5%	10	11	11.5%
EBITDA margin (%)	10.2%	10.4%	20 bps	10.4%	10.8%	40 bps
PAT (INR bn)	3.4	3.5	5.1%	4.3	4.7	11.2%
EPS (INR)	22.1	23.2	5.1%	27.9	31.1	11.2%

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Upside risks

- Sustained increase in consolidated revenue and profitability.
- Significant increase in wallet share in 2W OEM players apart from Bajaj Auto and sustained revenue diversification.

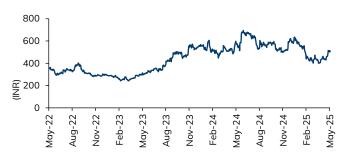
Downside risks

- Slower-than-expected growth in domestic 2W market.
- Unable to add large e2W OEMs apart from Bajaj Auto as customers.

Exhibit 3: Shareholding pattern

%	Sep'24	Dec'24	Mar'25
Promoters	75.0	75.0	75.0
Institutional investors	16.5	16.4	16.7
MFs and others	10.3	10.5	11.0
FIs/Banks	0.4	0.3	0.4
Insurance	2.0	1.7	1.4
FIIs	3.8	3.9	3.9
Others	8.5	8.6	8.3

Exhibit 4: Price chart



Source: Bloomberg Source: Bloomberg



Financial Summary

Exhibit 5: Profit & Loss

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Net Sales	75,519	81,541	89,695	99,561
Operating Expenses	20,450	21,561	23,679	25,886
EBITDA	7,736	7,888	9,328	10,753
EBITDA Margin (%)	10.2	9.7	10.4	10.8
Depreciation & Amortization	3,368	3,233	3,520	3,603
EBIT	4,367	4,654	5,808	7,150
Interest expenditure	1,939	1,702	1,400	1,200
Other Non-operating Income	276	177	195	214
Recurring PBT	2,705	3,129	4,602	6,164
Profit / Loss from Associates	-	-	-	-
Less: Taxes	656	996	1,059	1,418
PAT	2,049	2,133	3,544	4,746
Less: Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Extraordinaries (Net)	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Reported)	2,049	2,133	3,544	4,746
Net Income (Adjusted)	2,049	2,133	3,544	4,746

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 6: Balance sheet

(INR mn, year ending March)

	EV2.44	EVOE A	E)/26E	E) (0.7E
	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Total Current Assets	15,851	22,856	24,991	28,382
of which cash & cash eqv.	1,303	1,633	1,647	2,469
Total Current Liabilities &	17.042	21 205	22.226	25.003
Provisions	17,943	21,205	23,326	25,892
Net Current Assets	(2,091)	1,650	1,666	2,490
Investments	5,164	541	541	541
Net Fixed Assets	20,267	20,160	16,624	15,781
ROU Assets	-	-	-	-
Capital Work-in-Progress	799	1,033	3,512	3,512
Total Intangible Assets	-	-	-	-
Other assets	-	-	-	-
Deferred Tax assets	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	25,695	24,651	23,736	23,871
Liabilities				
Borrowings	12,094	9,488	5,488	1,488
Deferred Tax Liability	(1,661)	(816)	(816)	(816)
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Equity Share Capital	153	153	153	153
Reserves & Surplus	14,818	15,498	18,583	22,718
Total Net Worth	14,970	15,651	18,736	22,871
Minority Interest	291	329	329	329
Total Liabilities	25,695	24,651	23,736	23,871

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 7: Quarterly trend

(INR mn, year ending March)

	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25
Net Sales	18,989	20,808	20,753	20,992
% growth (YOY)	5.9	10.3	10.1	6.3
EBITDA	1,740	2,082	1,858	2,207
Margin %	9.2	10	9.0	10.5
Other Income	36	67	26	48
Adjusted Net Profit	427	683	457	794

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 8: Cashflow statement

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Operating Cashflow	10,108	2,296	8,141	9,180
Working Capital Changes	(8)	(3,123)	(128)	(155)
Capital Commitments	(2,575)	(3,360)	(2,464)	(2,760)
Free Cashflow	7,534	(1,064)	5,677	6,420
Other investing cashflow	(682)	4,801	195	214
Cashflow from Investing Activities	(3,257)	1,441	(2,269)	(2,546)
Issue of Share Capital	-	-	-	-
Interest Cost	(1,939)	(1,702)	(1,400)	(1,200)
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	(4,256)	(2,606)	(4,000)	(4,000)
Dividend paid	-	(153)	(458)	(611)
Others	0	0	0	1
Cash flow from Financing Activities	(6,195)	(4,462)	(5,859)	(5,811)
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	657	(725)	13	823
Closing cash & balance	3,928	578	1,646	2,470

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 9: Key ratios

(Year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Per Share Data (INR)				
Reported EPS	13.4	14.0	23.2	31.1
Adjusted EPS (Diluted)	13.4	14.0	23.2	31.1
Cash EPS	35.5	35.1	46.2	54.6
Dividend per share (DPS)	-	1.0	3.0	4.0
Book Value per share (BV)	98.0	102.4	122.6	149.7
Dividend Payout (%)	-	7.0	12.9	12.9
Growth (%)				
Net Sales	10.0	8.0	10.0	11.0
EBITDA	41.5	2.0	18.3	15.3
EPS (INR)	512.2	4.1	66.1	33.9
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	38.2	36.7	22.1	16.5
P/CEPS	14.4	14.6	11.1	9.4
P/BV	5.2	5.0	4.2	3.4
EV / EBITDA	11.4	10.9	8.8	7.3
EV / Sales	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.8
Profitability Ratios				
Gross Profit Margins (%)	37.3	36.1	36.8	36.8
EBITDA Margins (%)	10.2	9.7	10.4	10.8
EBIT Margins (%)	5.8	5.7	6.5	7.2
Net Profit Margins (%)	2.7	2.6	4.0	4.8
RoCE (%)	16.0	7.8	19.5	23.8
RoE (%)	16.7	13.9	18.9	20.8
Dividend Yield (%)	-	0.2	0.6	0.8
Operating Ratios				
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	3.6	3.8	4.5	5.2
Inventory Turnover Days	33	33	33	33
Receivables Days	24	30	30	30
Payables Days	58	59	59	59
Effective Tax Rate (%)	11.4	60.2	23.0	23.0
Net Debt / Equity (x)	0.6	0.5	0.2	-
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	1.3	0.9	0.4	-

Source Company data, I-Sec research



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