RESULT REPORT Q3 FY25 | Sector: Consumer Durables

Bajaj Electricals Ltd

Elevated brand spends to rein margin improvement; reiterate SELL

Result Synopsis

Consumer products (CP) business registered muted revenue growth of 8.5% aided by festive season sale for appliances and growth in Morphy Richards, while price erosion and challenges with MFI channel impacted lighting revenue. Morphy Richards have grown in double digits for 5 quarters in a row, while double digit growth in domestic appliances like room heater and water heater propelled appliances growth. EBIT margins for consumer products has improved, however on the lighting side margins have contracted on higher brand investments (4.3% of lighting revenue) and negative operating leverage. Management has indicated that brand spends will continue to be elevated as company wants to regain market share across the product categories. The company has already reduced logistics costs by 1.5% and is further working on bringing down by another 1.5%, however it will take couple of years before benefits starts showing results. Management is guiding EBITDA margin of 7% by FY27, considering higher brand spends and expectation of price erosion in professional lighting and other key categories. We have aligned our EBITDA margins estimates with the management guidance and expect EBITDA margin of 7.3% in FY27. We continue with our SELL rating with PT of Rs600. We now assume 9% revenue CAGR vs earlier estimate of 11% revenue CAGR considering continued price erosion in professional lighting and challenges persisting with MFI and Government channel which contributes ~14% to the revenue.

BJE has been on right path with more focus on preimmunizing its portfolio and launching more products at the premium end, however it is time consuming, and company will have to continue with high brand spends and we have lowered our revenue estimates considering challenges with alternate channels and expectation of price erosion in professional lighting.

Result Highlights

- Business Update Revenue growth at 5% yoy has been muted as there has been soft demand for kitchen appliances, fans, and continued price erosion in lighting.
 Domestic appliances have done well aided by festive season.
- Margins Higher brand investments and operating de-leverage results in subdued EBITDA despite 200bps gross margin expansion. The company is guiding 7% EBITDA margin by FY27.
- A&P Spends & Price hikes A&P spends remains on the higher side ~3.3% of sales due to increase in brand investments. Management has guided that brand investments will continue to remain elevated in next few quarters. The company has taken ~2-4% price hikes across the categories in consumer products.
- New launches Company continues to step up new launches at the premium end. The company has launched 113 SKU's in consumer products, 4 in Nirlep, 9 in Morphy Richards, 34 in consumer lighting and 142 launches in professional lighting.

Exhibit 1: Actual vs estimates

		Estimate		% Variation		
Rs mn	Actual	YES Sec	Consensus	YES Sec	Consensus	Remarks
Sales	12,897	13,020	12,364	-0.9	4.3	Continued
EBITDA	874	828	694	5.6	26.0	price erosion
EBITDA Margin (%)	6.8	6.4	5.6	42 bps	117 bps	in lighting impacted
Adjusted PAT	334	315	328	5.7	1.7	revenue



Reco	:	SELL
СМР	:	Rs 730
Target Price	:	Rs 600
Potential Return	:	-17.9%

Stock data (as on Feb 4, 2025)

Nifty	23,739
52 Week h/I (Rs)	1110 / 650
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	82960 / 953
Outstanding Shares (mn)	115
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	76
Div yield (%):	0.4
Bloomberg code:	BJE IN
NSE code:	BAJAJELEC

Stock performance



Shareholding pattern (As of Dec'24 end)

Promoter	62.8%
FII+DII	23.8%
Others	13.4%

∧ in stance

(1-Yr)	New	Old
Rating	SELL	SELL
Target Price	575	820

Δ in earnings estimates

	FY26e	FY27e
EPS (New)	14.0	17.1
EPS (Old)	20.1	23.4
% change	-30.3%	-26.9%

Financial Summary

(Rs mn)	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	48,889	54,756	60,312
YoY Growth	5.3%	12.0%	10.1%
EBIDTA	3,059	3,773	4,411
YoY Growth	17.8	23.3	16.9
PAT	1,098	1,617	1,974
YoY Growth	-19.2%	47.3%	22.0%
ROE	7.4	10.2	11.5
EPS	9.5	14.0	17.1
P/E	76.6	52.0	42.6
BV	132.2	142.7	155.4
EV/EBITDA	27.5	22.3	19.0

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Exhibit 2: Quarterly snapshot (Consolidated)

Particulars (Rs mn)	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	y/y %	q/q %	9MFY25	9MFY24	y/y %
Sales	12,282	11,881	11,549	11,183	12,897	5.0	15.3	35,630	34,532	3.2
EBITDA	576	497	754	516	874	51.7	69.4	2,144	1,819	17.9
EBITDA Margin %	4.7	4.2	6.5	4.6	6.8			6.0	5.3	
Depreciation	295	302	320	348	361	22.1	3.7	1,028	794	29.5
EBIT	281	196	435	168	513	82.7	205.2	1,116	1,025	8.9
EBIT Margin %	2.3	1.6	3.8	1.5	4.0			3.1	3.0	
Interest charges	204	176	158	173	187	(8.1)	8.2	518	459	12.8
Other Income	427	225	106	152	128	(70.1)	(15.8)	386	921	(58.1)
PBT	505	245	383	147	454	(10.0)	208.6	984	1,487	(33.8)
Tax	131	-49	102	18	121	(8.1)	562.6	241	421	(42.8)
Effective Tax Rate (%)	26.0	-19.9	26.6	12.4	26.6	2.2	114.8	24.4	28.3	
PAT	374	293	281	129	334	(10.7)	158.6	744	1,066	(30.2)
PAT Margin %	3.0	2.5	2.4	1.2	2.6			2.1	3.1	
EPS (Rs)	3.3	2.6	2.4	1.1	2.9	(10.7)	158.6	6	9	(30.2)

Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 3: Segmental Performance

Rs mn	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	y/y %	q/q %	9MFY25	9MFY24	y/y %
Consumer products	9,567	9,171	9,052	8,683	10,385	8.5	19.6	28,119	26,868	4.7
Lighting	2,716	2,710	2,498	2,501	2,513	(7.5)	0.5	7,511	7,664	(2.0)
Net Sales	12,282	11,881	11,549	11,183	12,897	5.0	15.3	35,630	34,532	3.2
PBIT										
Consumer products	158.6	163.5	230.8	88.6	519.9	227.8	486.8	839	979	(14.2)
Lighting	227.4	231.4	261.2	149.0	52.8	(76.8)	(64.6)	463	565	(18.0)
Total PBIT	386	395	492	238	573	48.4	141.0	1,302	1,559	(16.5)
Finance Costs	203.5	175.6	157.8	172.9	187.1	(8.1)	8.2	518	459	12.8
Unallocable expense	-322	-25	-49	-83	-69	(78.7)	(16.8)	-200	-402	(50.3)
as % of sales	-2.6	-0.2	-0.4	-0.7	-0.5			(0.6)	(1.2)	
Share of profit/ (loss) of an associate and a joint venture	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	
PBT	505	245	383	147	454	(10.0)	208.6	984	1,502	(34.5)
PBIT Margins (%)										
Consumer products	1.7	1.8	2.5	1.0	5.0	335	399	3.0	3.6	(66)
Lighting	8.4	8.5	10.5	6.0	2.1	(627)	(386)	6.2	7.4	(120)
Total PBIT	3.1	3.3	4.3	2.1	4.4	130	232	3.7	4.5	(86)

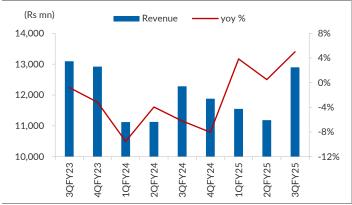
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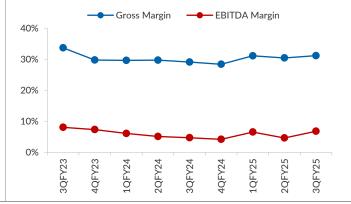


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Exhibit 4: Revenue growth driven by Consumer Products owing to festive season

Exhibit 5: Margin expansion driven by price hikes taken in the quarter



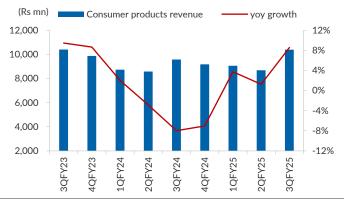


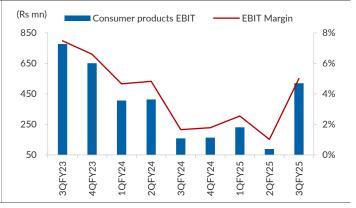
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Exhibit 6: Growth in appliances and Morphy Richards has resulted in overall CP growth

Exhibit 7: Margin expansion driven by volume growth and better mix



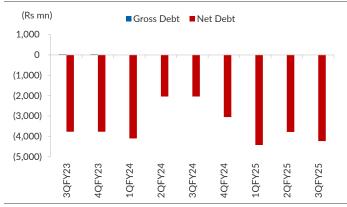


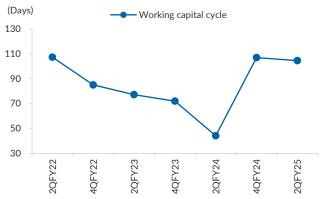
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Exhibit 8: Net cash position continues to remain healthy

Exhibit 9: NWC continues to remain at elevated levels





Source: Company, YES Sec

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KEY CON-CALL HIGHLIGHTS

- Quarter Summary- Festive season has resulted in core FMEG revenue 5%, while consumer products have grown by 8.5%. There has been higher demand for the premium products. The company has crossed Rs10bn revenue threshold in consumer products after 2 years. Going forward seasonal products is expected to do well in Q4 and Q1 and company is cautiously optimistic about Q4 performance.
- Consumer products & Morphy Richards Appliances growth has been driven by coolers and room-heaters. Morphy Richards grew in double digits. Morphy Richards has seen double digit growth now for 5 quarters in a row. Coffee maker, Food processors and personal care products categories for Morphy Richards has been growing faster than the entire Morphy Richards portfolio. Morphy Richards has contributed 7.5-8% of the total CP revenue in 9MFY25
- Market share The company has gained market share in certain appliances categories on sequential basis
- Gross Margins Gross margins has seen an improvement on back of price increase the company has taken in the Q3.
- **Price hikes-** The company has taken price hikes across the product categories be it mixer, water heaters and irons. The company has taken price increase of 2-4% across the categories.
- A&P Spends- The company has spent 4.3% of lighting revenue on A&P and 3% of CP revenue, while on overall basis A&P spends stood at 3.3% of the sales. Brand investments will continue to remain high as company is looking to regain its market share
- MFI and Government channels- MFI has taken a hit since RBI regulation has been in place. The company expects MFI channel to struggle, while government channels is expected to come back. The company derives 5% of its revenue from MFI channels. The company derives 9% of the revenue from the government channel.
- Lighting price erosion- Price erosion in the lighting is not completely done with. It may last for next few quarters. The 60% lighting revenue is attributed to professional lighting, while 40% of the lighting revenue comes from consumer lighting. Price erosion is on back of high volumes and change in technology and company expects price erosion to move to professional lighting as prices in consumer lighting stabilizes
- New Products- The company is looking to address product gaps in Fans. The product development on the lighting side is behind. The company has launched 27 new products in Q3
- Margins The company is expecting 3% margin expansion by operating leverage and value based pricing exercise. The company expects 7% margin by FY27.
- Capex Capex will continue to be in the range of Rs1-1.5bn for FY26.



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Exhibit 10: Balance Sheet

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Equity capital	230	230	230	230	230
Reserves	18,842	14,182	15,001	16,207	17,677
Net worth	19,072	14,412	15,231	16,437	17,908
Debt	2	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax liab (net)	54	0	0	0	0
Other non current liabilities	1,375	2,344	2,372	2,434	2,498
Total liabilities	20,503	16,756	17,603	18,871	20,405
Fixed Asset	6,820	8,435	9,518	10,345	10,985
Investments	2,094	2,040	2,040	2,040	2,040
Other Non-current Assets	8,217	2,285	2,357	2,528	2,690
Net Working Capital	(42)	3,188	3,695	4,083	4,449
Inventories	9,756	7,566	8,867	9,931	10,939
Sundry debtors	11,311	11,761	11,854	13,276	14,623
Loans and Advances	115	113	119	134	147
Sundry creditors	17,960	18,417	19,400	21,728	23,932
Other current liabilities	5,961	2,635	2,714	2,899	3,075
Cash & equivalents	3,415	809	(6)	(124)	242
Total Assets	20,503	16,756	17,603	18,871	20,405

Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 11: Income statement

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	48,892	46,413	48,889	54,756	60,312
Operating profit	3,748	2,597	3,059	3,773	4,411
Depreciation	738	1,096	1,412	1,668	1,946
Interest expense	436	635	692	554	498
Other income	450	865	513	610	670
Profit before tax	3,024	1,731	1,467	2,162	2,637
Taxes	870	372	369	544	664
Minorities and other	-	-	-	-	-
Adj. profit	2,154	1,359	1,098	1,617	1,974
Exceptional items	-	-	-	-	-
Net profit	2,154	1,359	1,098	1,617	1,974

Source: Company, YES Sec *Financials are not comparable as EPC division has been de-merged to separate entity the second secon



Exhibit 12: Cashflow Statement

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Profit before tax	3,460	2,366	2,159	2,715	3,136
Depreciation	738	1,096	1,412	1,668	1,946
Tax paid	(870)	(372)	(369)	(544)	(664)
Working capital Δ	5,772	(3,294)	(507)	(388)	(366)
Other operating items					
Operating cashflow	9,100	(205)	2,695	3,451	4,052
Capital expenditure	(892)	(2,711)	(2,495)	(2,495)	(2,585)
Free cash flow	8,209	(2,916)	200	956	1,466
Equity raised	61	(5,673)	0	(0)	(1)
Investments	(419)	118	-	-	-
Debt financing/disposal	(447)	(2)	-	-	-
Interest paid	(436)	(635)	(692)	(554)	(498)
Dividends paid	(460)	(346)	(279)	(411)	(502)
Net Δ in cash	2,031	(2,607)	(815)	(118)	367

Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 13: Du-point analysis

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Tax burden (x)	0.71	0.78	0.75	0.75	0.75
Interest burden (x)	0.87	0.73	0.68	0.80	0.84
EBIT margin (x)	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.05
Asset turnover (x)	1.15	1.12	1.24	1.30	1.31
Financial leverage (x)	2.35	2.49	2.65	2.66	2.68
RoE (%)	11.8	8.1	7.4	10.2	11.5

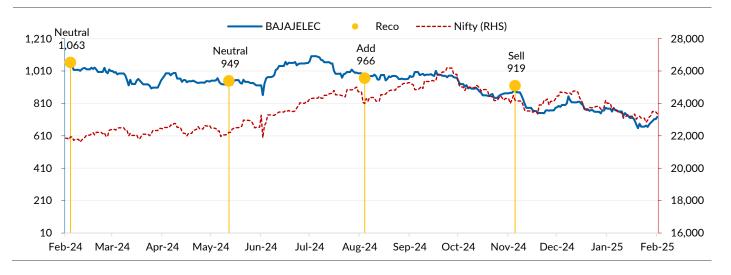
Exhibit 14: Ratio analysis

Y/e 31 Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Growth matrix (%)					
Revenue growth	1.6	(5.1)	5.3	12.0	10.1
Op profit growth	49.8	(30.7)	17.8	23.3	16.9
EBIT growth	38.8	(31.6)	(8.7)	25.7	15.5
Net profit growth	56.5	(36.9)	(19.2)	47.3	22.0
Profitability ratios (%)					
OPM	7.7	5.6	6.3	6.9	7.3
EBIT margin	7.1	5.1	4.4	5.0	5.2
Net profit margin	4.4	2.9	2.2	3.0	3.3
RoCE	18.8	14.1	14.6	17.1	18.3
RoNW	11.8	8.1	7.4	10.2	11.5



Y/e 31 Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
RoA	5.0	3.3	2.8	3.8	4.3
Per share ratios					
EPS	18.7	11.8	9.5	14.0	17.1
Dividend per share	4.0	3.0	2.4	3.6	4.4
Cash EPS	25.1	21.3	21.8	28.5	34.0
Book value per share	165.7	125.1	132.2	142.7	155.4
Valuation ratios					
P/E	39.0	61.9	76.6	52.0	42.6
P/CEPS	29.1	34.3	33.5	25.6	21.5
P/B	4.4	5.8	5.5	5.1	4.7
EV/EBIDTA	21.5	32.1	27.5	22.3	19.0
Payout (%)					
Dividend payout	21.4	25.4	25.4	25.4	25.4
Tax payout	28.8	21.5	25.2	25.2	25.2
Liquidity ratios					
Debtor days	84.4	92.5	88.5	88.5	88.5
Inventory days	72.8	59.5	66.2	66.2	66.2
Creditor days	134.1	144.8	144.8	144.8	144.8

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