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Havells, India

Weak Q1, recovery to be seen from H2; maintaining a Buy

Hurt by a 34% y/y drop in Lloyd (and 14% in ECD), Havells reported a weak Q1, offset though by the strong Cable & Wire performance, where revenue grew 27% y/y because of capacity expansion and strong industrial-infra demand. Strategic bets in renewables and consistent execution in C&W lend comfort to long-term growth assurance. We, thus, retain our Buy rating, with a lower TP of Rs1,807 (50x Sep'27e EPS).

Lloyd, ECD drag on Q1 performance. The weak summer pulled Lloyd down 34% y/y, and ECD 14% y/y; hence, consolidated revenue fell 6% y/y to Rs54.5bn, offset though by C&W's strong 27% revenue growth y/y because of capacity expansion and good industrial-infra demand. The EBITDA margin was 9.5% lower, limited to only 40bps y/y. Employee costs were 8% higher y/y while other expenses came flat. PAT was 14.8% lower y/y to Rs3.47bn due to lower EBITDA and an 11% y/y drop in other income.

Lloyd impacted. Weak summer demand was a challenging quarter for Lloyd. The company and channel stocks are high, expected to stabilise only in 1–2 quarters per management, easing supply-chain pressure and supporting volume recovery. Despite dull demand, Havells did not lose market share in Lloyd in H1 CY25. Brand-building and distribution investments were maintained, especially in north/west India, reinforcing Lloyd's position in the top-3 RAC brands. Demand during the coming festivals keeps the company sanguine about recovery in H2.

Outlook, Valuation. Despite a weak Q1, management reiterates confidence of demand recovering in H2 FY26. Factoring in the Q1 operating performance, we cut our FY26e revenue and FY27e revenue/EBITDA/PAT. We model 11/18% revenue/net profit CAGRs over FY25-28, which would result in the RoE expanding to 20.2%, from 18.7%. We expect cost efficiencies and premium categories to drive growth. We maintain our Buy rating, with a revised TP of Rs1,807 (earlier Rs1,852), 50x Sep'27e EPS of Rs36. At the CMP, the stock trades at 56x/47x FY26e/27e EPS of Rs28/Rs34.

Key financials (YE: Mar)	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e
Sales (Rs m)	1,85,900	2,17,781	2,39,803	2,68,161	3,01,619
Net profit (Rs m)	12,708	14,702	17,447	21,128	24,089
EPS (Rs)	20.3	23.5	27.9	33.8	38.5
PE (x)	77.4	66.8	56.3	46.5	40.8
EV / EBITDA (x)	51.7	44.6	37.7	30.9	26.8
P / BV (x)	13.2	11.8	10.7	9.4	8.2
RoE (%)	18.1	18.7	19.0	20.3	20.2
RoCE post-tax (%)	14.3	14.7	16.1	17.4	17.3
RoIC post-tax (%)	23.1	25.3	26.1	28.0	30.6
Net debt / equity (x)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.4)

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Rating: **Buy**

Target Price (12-mth): Rs.1,807

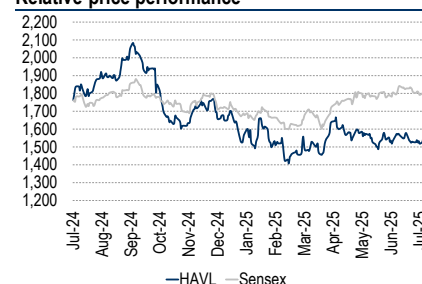
Share Price: Rs.1,570

Key data	HAVL IN / HVEL.BO
52-week high/low	Rs2106 / 1381
Sensex/Nifty	82187 / 25061
Market cap	Rs960bn
Shares outstanding	627m

Shareholding pattern (%)	Jun'25	Mar'25	Dec'24
Promoters	59.4	59.4	59.4
- of which, Pledged	-	-	-
Free float	40.6	40.6	40.6
- Foreign institutions	21.6	22.3	23.5
- Domestic institutions	13.4	12.8	11.6
- Public	5.7	5.5	5.6

Estimate revision (%)	FY26e	FY27e
Sales	(3.8)	(7.0)
EBITDA	(7.8)	(7.5)
EPS	(8.9)	(8.7)

Relative-price performance



Source: Bloomberg

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Quick Glance – Financials and Valuations

Fig 1 – Income statement (Rs m)

Year-end: Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e
Net revenues	1,85,900	2,17,781	2,39,803	2,68,161	3,01,619
Growth (%)	9.9	17.1	10.1	11.8	12.5
Direct costs	1,25,687	1,46,084	1,60,188	1,79,132	2,01,482
SG&A	41,787	50,388	54,372	58,487	65,411
EBITDA	18,426	21,309	25,243	30,543	34,727
EBITDA margins (%)	9.9	9.8	10.5	11.4	11.5
- Depreciation	3,385	4,004	4,537	5,275	5,931
Other income	2,490	3,033	3,165	3,540	3,981
Interest expenses	457	432	420	410	400
PBT	17,074	19,905	23,451	28,398	32,377
Effective tax rates (%)	25.6	26.1	25.6	25.6	25.6
+ Associates / (Minorities)	-	20	30	30	30
Net income	12,708	14,702	17,447	21,128	24,089
Adj. income	12,708	14,723	17,477	21,158	24,119
WANS	627	627	627	627	627
FDEPS (Rs)	20.3	23.5	27.9	33.8	38.5
FDEPS growth (%)	18.6	15.9	18.7	21.1	14.0
Gross margins (%)	32.4	32.9	33.2	33.2	33.2

Fig 3 – Cash-flow statement (Rs m)

Year-end: Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e
PBT	17,074	19,905	23,451	28,398	32,377
+ Non-cash items	3,385	4,004	4,537	5,275	5,931
Oper. prof. before WC	20,459	23,909	27,988	33,673	38,308
- Incr. / (decr.) in WC	4,273	(2,438)	(133)	(793)	(938)
Others incl. taxes	(5,201)	(6,318)	(8,749)	(10,400)	(11,869)
Operating cash-flow	19,530	15,153	19,106	22,480	25,500
- Capex (tang. + intang.)	(7,623)	(7,538)	(9,894)	(9,058)	(6,057)
Free cash-flow	11,907	7,615	9,212	13,421	19,443
Acquisitions					
- Div.(incl. buyback & taxes)	(4,701)	(6,268)	(8,771)	(8,771)	(8,771)
+ Equity raised	213	425	-	-	-
+ Debt raised	-	-	-	-	-
- Fin investments	(10,371)	1,802	(6,000)	-	-
- Misc. (CFI + CFF)	(772)	(771)	60	60	60
Net cash-flow	(1,944)	5,449	(2,754)	7,841	14,313

Source: Company

Fig 5 – Price movement



Source: Bloomberg

Fig 2 – Balance sheet (Rs m)

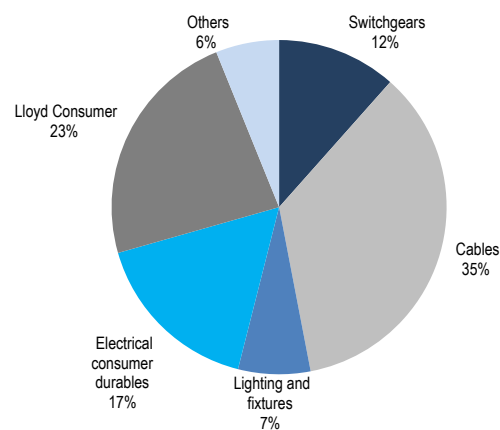
Year-end: Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e
Share capital	627	627	627	627	627
Net worth	74,468	83,238	91,944	1,04,331	1,19,679
Debt	-	-	-	-	-
Minority interest	-	172	202	232	262
DTL / (Assets)	3,226	3,524	3,524	3,524	3,524
Capital employed	77,694	86,933	95,670	1,08,087	1,23,464
Net tangible assets	26,063	32,521	36,985	40,710	41,779
Net intangible assets	10,730	10,910	10,969	11,027	11,084
Goodwill	3,105	3,105	3,105	3,105	3,105
CWIP (tang. & intang.)	2,969	1,165	2,000	2,000	1,000
Investments (strategic)	200	110	6,110	6,110	6,110
Investments (financial)	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets (excl. cash)	50,708	56,348	68,132	75,355	83,861
Cash	30,382	33,781	31,027	38,868	53,180
Current liabilities	46,284	50,931	56,582	63,012	70,580
Working capital	4,424	5,417	11,550	12,343	13,281
Capital deployed	77,694	86,933	95,670	1,08,087	1,23,464
Contingent liabilities	1,169	-	-	-	-

Fig 4 – Ratio analysis

Year-end: Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e
P/E (x)	77.4	66.8	56.3	46.5	40.8
EV / EBITDA (x)	51.7	44.6	37.7	30.9	26.8
EV / Sales (x)	5.1	4.4	4.0	3.5	3.1
P/B (x)	13.2	11.8	10.7	9.4	8.2
RoE (%)	18.1	18.7	19.0	20.3	20.2
RoCE (%) - after tax	14.3	14.7	16.1	17.4	17.3
RoIC (%) - after tax	23.1	25.3	26.1	28.0	30.6
DPS (Rs)	9.0	10.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
Dividend yield (%)	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9
Dividend payout (%) - incl. DDT	44.4	42.6	50.2	41.5	36.4
Net debt / equity (x)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.4)
Receivables (days)	22.9	21.1	21.0	21.0	21.0
Inventory (days)	66.9	67.8	68.0	68.0	68.0
Payables (days)	52.9	51.1	51.0	51.0	51.0
CFO : PAT (%)	153.7	102.9	109.3	106.2	105.7

Source: Company

Fig 6 – Revenue mix, Q1 FY26



Source: Company

Fig 7 – Financial performance

(Rs m)	Q1 FY24	Q2 FY24	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25	Q2 FY25	Q3 FY25	Q4 FY25	Q1 FY26	% Y/Y	% Q/Q
Income	48,338	39,003	44,139	54,420	58,062	45,393	48,890	65,436	54,554	(6.0)	(16.6)
Raw material costs	33,659	26,019	29,447	36,562	39,565	30,075	32,055	44,389	36,311	(8.2)	(18.2)
Employee costs	3,570	3,783	3,830	4,202	4,617	4,646	4,693	4,745	4,995	8.2	5.3
Other expenses	7,089	5,467	6,535	7,310	8,158	6,922	7,877	8,731	8,091	(0.8)	(7.3)
EBITDA	4,020	3,734	4,327	6,346	5,723	3,751	4,265	7,570	5,157	(9.9)	(31.9)
Depreciation	763	812	877	934	920	946	1,041	1,097	1,057	14.9	(3.6)
Finance costs	85	93	102	177	86	101	94	152	94	9.5	(38.5)
Other income	648	525	559	758	773	929	643	687	692	(10.5)	0.7
Exceptional items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
PBT	3,821	3,353	3,907	5,993	5,490	3,633	3,773	7,009	4,698	(14.4)	(33.0)
Tax	950	862	1,028	1,526	1,415	955	994	1,839	1,222	(13.6)	(33.5)
PAT	2,871	2,491	2,879	4,467	4,079	2,682	2,783	5,178	3,477	(14.8)	(32.9)
EPS (Rs)	4.6	4.0	4.6	7.1	6.5	4.3	4.4	8.3	5.5	(14.7)	(32.9)
As % of income										bps y/y	bps q/q
Gross margins	30.4	33.3	33.3	32.8	31.9	33.7	34.4	32.2	33.4	158.3	127.7
Employee costs	7.4	9.7	8.7	7.7	8.0	10.2	9.6	7.3	9.2	120.6	190.6
Other expenses	11.9	11.8	10.8	11.0	11.1	12.4	12.5	11.2	12.2	113.0	105.0
EBITDA margins	8.3	9.6	9.8	11.7	9.9	8.3	8.7	11.6	9.5	(40.3)	(211.7)
Depreciation	1.6	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.6	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.9	35.3	26.2
Finance costs	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.4	(6.1)
Other income	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	2.0	1.3	1.1	1.3	(6.4)	21.8
PBT margins	7.9	8.6	8.9	11.0	9.5	8.0	7.7	10.7	8.6	(84.5)	(210.0)
Effective tax rates	24.9	25.7	26.3	25.5	25.8	26.3	26.3	26.2	26.0	24.6	(21.9)
PAT margins	5.9	6.4	6.5	8.2	7.0	5.9	5.7	7.9	6.4	(65.1)	(154.0)
Segment-wise revenue (Rs m)										% Y/Y	% Q/Q
Switchgear	5,409	5,336	5,206	6,513	5,768	5,513	5,769	6,918	6,298	9.2	(9.0)
Cables	14,852	14,702	15,727	17,896	15,212	18,052	16,879	21,694	19,332	27.1	(10.9)
Lighting & Fixtures	3,710	3,999	4,335	4,353	3,876	3,951	4,464	4,417	3,802	(1.9)	(13.9)
Electrical Consumer Durables	8,775	7,331	9,615	9,104	10,554	8,564	11,048	9,973	9,073	(14.0)	(9.0)
Lloyd Consumer	13,109	4,974	6,561	13,459	19,287	5,896	7,422	18,736	12,711	(34.1)	(32.2)
Other	2,483	2,662	2,695	3,096	3,365	3,418	3,308	3,698	3,337	(0.8)	(9.8)
Less: Inter-segment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Mix (%)											
Switchgear	11	14	12	12	10	12	12	11	12		
Cables	31	38	36	33	26	40	35	33	35		
Lighting & Fixtures	8	10	10	8	7	9	9	7	7		
Electrical Consumer Durables	18	19	22	17	18	19	23	15	17		
Lloyd Consumer	27	13	15	25	33	13	15	29	23		
Other	5	7	6	6	6	8	7	6	6		
Segment EBIT (%)										bps y/y	bps q/q
Switchgear	27.7	26.4	23.9	28.2	24.6	20.9	18.2	25.7	23.4	-122.0	-224.0
Cables	11.4	11.6	10.3	12.0	11.2	8.6	11.1	11.9	12.6	130.4	62.9
Lighting & Fixtures	14.3	14.3	14.0	18.0	16.2	12.7	14.6	16.4	12.0	-426.9	-443.7
Electrical Consumer Durables	10.9	11.6	11.0	11.3	10.9	7.5	8.6	12.5	8.7	-217.7	-382.8
Lloyd Consumer	(4.7)	(15.0)	(10.0)	2.7	3.3	(4.1)	(4.9)	6.1	(1.6)	-494.5	-774.9
Other	3.5	1.5	1.4	2.9	3.3	1.9	(2.0)	3.9	4.8	157.6	98.2

Source: Company

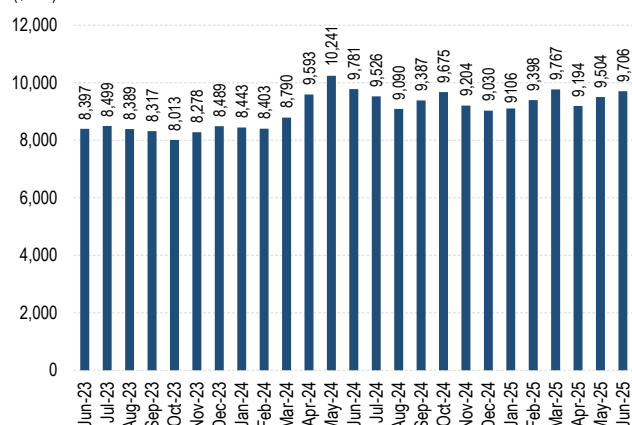
Q1 FY26 Concall Highlights

Strong growth in cables and wires

- C&W's Q1 performance was strong: revenue grew a strong 27% y/y, with ~21% volume growth from capacity expansion and industrial-infra demand. Growth across cables and wires was broad-based.
- Temporary inventory build-up was seen in wires due to copper-price volatility and dealer stocking. This is expected to normalize in 15–20 days after the quarter's end.
- Cables reported a healthy, 12.6%, EBIT margin, up 130bps y/y, led by operating leverage, capacity expansion and a better mix (medium-/high-voltage cables).
- Underground cables showed traction on the commissioning of the Tumkur plant aiding supply flexibility. The ongoing capacity expansion is expected to double by FY27, focused on power cables (medium to high voltage).
- Management expects sustained growth, backed by capacity additions, exports and product-mix improvements

Fig 8 – Copper prices

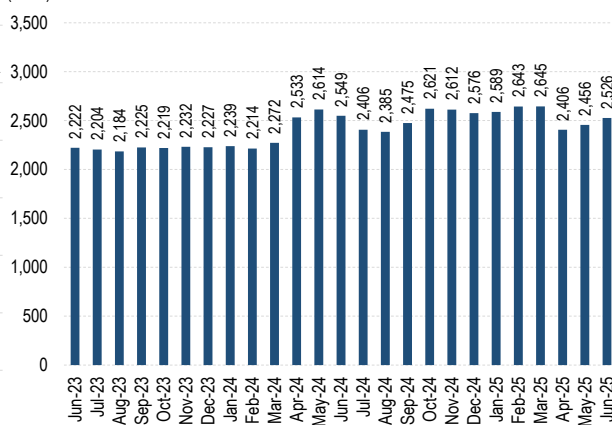
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Source: Bloomberg, Anand Rath Research

Fig 9 – Aluminium prices

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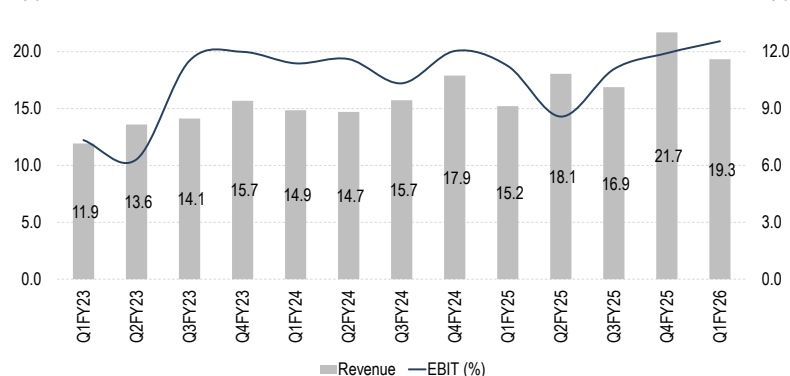


Source: Bloomberg, Anand Rath Research

Fig 10 – Quarterly revenue and EBIT, Cables

(Rsbn)

(%)

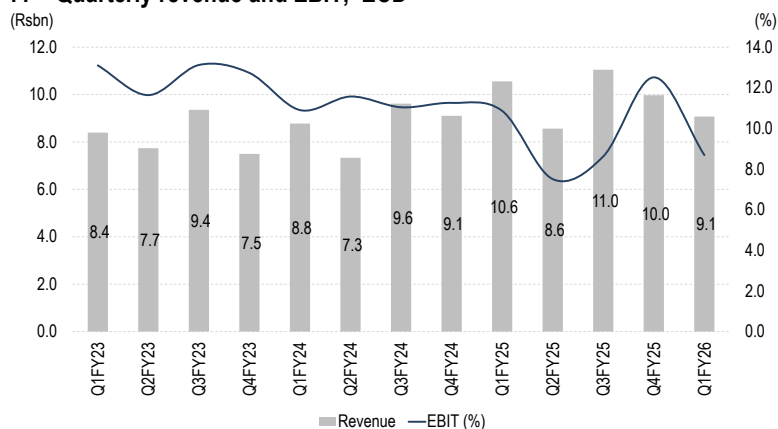


Source: Company, Anand Rath Research

ECD impacted by weak summers

- The ECD category reported a 14% y/y decline, impacted heavily by weak summer demand. Fans and air coolers sharply slowed; room coolers were particularly hit hard led by seasonality-led demand disruption and huge channel stocks. Demand destruction for room coolers was seen across the industry.
- While operating leverage was impacted, management highlighted that contribution margins in fans and water heaters improve, aided by the ongoing premiumisation and operational efficiencies.
- The company is confident of recovering growth in coming quarters, supported by normalised inventory, wider distribution reach, a pick-up in festival demand and continued investments in premium and energy-efficient offerings such as BLDC fans.
- Management is confident of no market-share loss in fans despite the sharp decline in the category because of the weak summer
- Lighting revenue slipped 2%/y/y on the deflationary trend in LED. Despite pricing pressures, investment continues in capability building. The 12% EBIT margin was due to the focus on high-margin premium and solution-oriented offerings, helping the company maintain industry-leading margins.

Fig 11 – Quarterly revenue and EBIT, ECD



Source: Company, Anand Rath Research

Switchgear

- Switchgear reported a 9% y/y increase in Q1 FY26. Healthy profitability with a 38–40% contribution margin being maintained. Competition in this segment is largely from established manufacturers, not new entrants. The company expects growth to pick up in H2 with real-estate momentum.

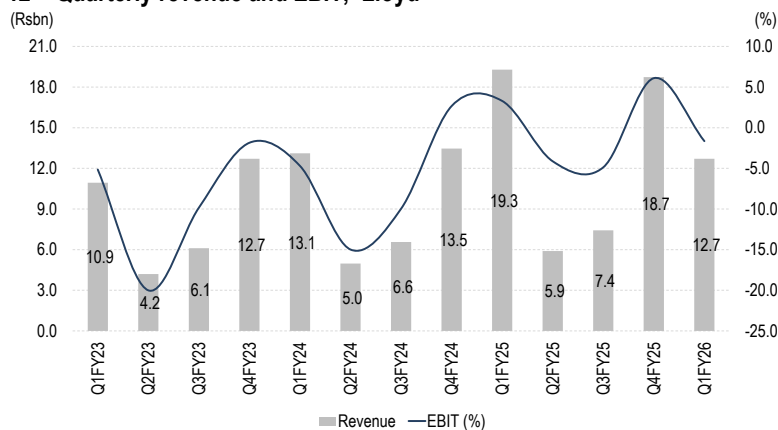
Lloyd retained its growth momentum

- Lloyd's Q1 revenue contracted 34%/y/y chiefly due to the high base and unseasonal weather that cut into industry-wide cooling-product sales. The EBIT margin was -1.6%. The company said Lloyd's stocks were high post-summer, owing to production build-up ahead of the season, but are expected to return to normal in two quarters without the need for serious discounting.
- Lloyd's focus is on gaining market share and strengthening its brand through channel expansion, innovative products and investments in

manufacturing and customer outreach. Importantly, management reiterated Lloyd's structural turnaround story is intact, with its focus on deeper penetration, operational efficiencies and premium positioning. The brand continues to rank among the top three in the RAC segment, and Havells is confident of revenue and margin growth for Lloyd in the medium term led by operating leverage and a better premium product-mix.

- The company spends on brand-building, ads, R&D and manufacturing. It sees immense growth opportunity as it now has only small market shares in many categories.

Fig 12 – Quarterly revenue and EBIT, Lloyd



Source: Company, Anand Rath Research

Capex plans

- Management guided to Rs20bn capex in two years, to expand underground cable capacity, incl. the new R&D centre. On commissioning the Rs3bn low-tension(348,000 cable-km)-plant in Tumakuru, it intends to deploy Rs4.5bn for high-tension-cable expansion, easing capacity constraints in underground cables and residential wires. A 50-60% capacity increase in medium-voltage cables is expected.

Besides, it invested Rs4.8bn in a refrigerator plant at Ghiloth, Rajasthan, strengthening its consumer durables category. It has also expanded its RAC capacity from 2m to 3m units across the Ghiloth and Sricity plants. The Tumakuru plant ramp-up will drive strong cable demand growth.

Investment in Goldi Solar

Havells' investment in Goldi Solar is purely strategic, to fortify its rooftop solar category. It has invested Rs6bn in Goldi Solar (a 9.09% stake) for backward integration into solar panels and cells, as supply-security and quality control over solar panels were becoming uncertain due to import restrictions and mounting demand. Through its investment in Goldi Solar, it will secure access to critical components without the need to build manufacturing capabilities from scratch. It plans to lever this manufacturing base to scale up the solar business faster, aiming at ~Rs10bn-15bn revenue.

Outlook, Valuations

Seasonal demand disruption, especially in cooling products, dented volumes, and kept operating leverage pressured. Management expects demand to improve across core categories (fans, RACs, air-coolers) with the onset of the festival season and normalising stock levels.

On the margin front, the company aims to increase profitability via better operating leverage, cost optimisation and a better product mix because of premiumisation (especially Lloyd, ECD, cables). It sees significant potential in its solar and renewables portfolio, intending to scale them up markedly with support from the Goldi Solar partnership.

Factoring in the weak Q1, we cut our FY26e revenue and FY27e revenue/EBITDA/PAT. We expect operational efficiencies to drive higher margins in Lloyd. The company's expenditure to strengthen Lloyd and broaden its distribution network would reap long-term benefits.

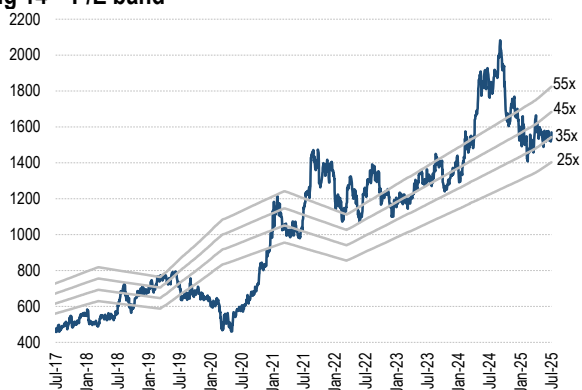
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Fig 13 – Estimate changes

(Rs m)	New		Old		Variance (%)	
	FY26e	FY27e	FY26e	FY27e	FY26	FY27
Revenue	2,39,803	2,68,161	2,49,402	2,88,368	(3.8)	(7.0)
EBITDA	25,243	30,543	27,369	33,026	(7.8)	(7.5)
EBITDA (%)	10.5	11.4	11.0	11.5		
PBT	23,451	28,398	25,738	31,112	(8.9)	(8.7)
PAT	17,447	21,128	19,149	23,147	(8.9)	(8.7)
PAT (%)	7.3	7.9	7.7	8.0		
EPS (Rs)	27.9	33.8	30.6	37.0	(8.9)	(8.7)

Source: Anand Rath Research

Fig 14 – P/E band



Source: Company, Anand Rath Research

Fig 15 – Mean PE is ~56x



Source: Company, Anand Rath Research

Key risks

- Commodity price fluctuations could eat into growth.
- Inability to boost volumes in consumer-facing segments, which aid operating leverage, could compel us to lower our estimates.
- Keener competition from larger peers operating on an all-India level

could restrict the company's ability to pass on commodity price rises.

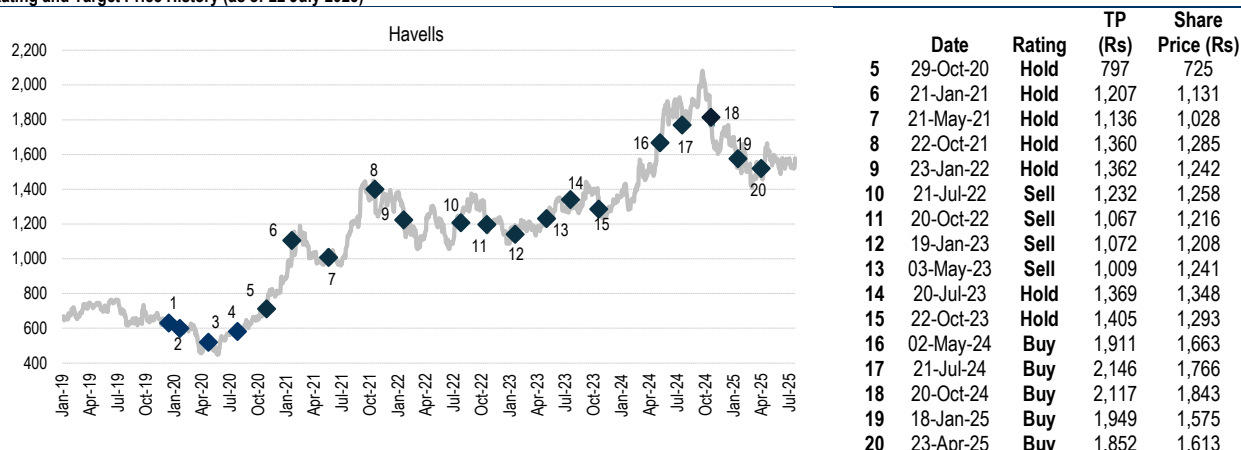
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