# Bharat Forge | HOLD

### Tariff related headwinds; downgrade to HOLD

In 1QFY26, Bharat Forge (BHFC) reported a revenue miss versus our estimates, impacted by tariff-related challenges, the rollback of emission norm changes for heavy trucks in the US, and seasonality in the aerospace segment. Standalone EBITDA margin stood at 27.2% (-70bps YoY), falling 90bps short of JMFe due to an adverse product mix, negative operating leverage, and the absorption of tariff-related expenses (INR 140mn in 1Q). Consolidated EBITDA margin contracted 80bps YoY to 17.2% on account of weak utilization and an inferior mix. While the defence segment's order pipeline remains robust at INR 90bn, export momentum is likely to remain subdued amid global CV weakness, tariff overhang, and cost related to tariff. Consequently, we cut our FY26E/FY27E EBITDA margin estimates by 190bps/130bps and revise down EPS by 17%/11%. Given uncertain global environment, we downgrade BHFC to HOLD, with a revised target price of INR 1,100 based on 32x Mar'27E EPS.

- 1QFY26 –Standalone margin below estimates: BHFC's stand. net sales stood at INR c.21bn (-10% YoY, -2.7% QoQ), c.6% below JMFe owing to weakness in CV exports and domestic industrial segments. Total tonnage stood at c.61.8kt (-8% YoY, -8% QoQ). Realisation decreased by 2% YoY (+6% QoQ). Reported stand. EBITDA margin was 27.2% (-70bps YoY, -130bps QoQ), 90bps below JMFe. Consolidated revenue stood at INR 39bn (-5%YoY, +1.5%QoQ). EBITDA margin stood at 17.2% (-83bps YoY, -47bps QoQ) due to inferior product mix and low utilisation. Consol. EBITDA stood at INR 6.7bn (-9.2%YoY, -1.2% QoQ). Consol. PAT stood at INR 2.87bn (-12% YoY, -1% QoQ).
- Domestic business outlook: Domestic revenue declined 12% YoY (+10.6% QoQ) to INR 10.3bn in 1Q. CV revenue declined 2% YoY (-8% QoQ) to INR 2.4bn due to overall demand weakness. The government's capex push and an increase in construction and manufacturing activity remain medium-to-long-term growth drivers. PV revenue stood at INR 973mn (+19% YoY, +8% QoQ), with growth driven by new business wins and higher volumes from key customers. The management expects steady performance to continue, as vehicle demand is likely to be flat to moderately positive in FY26. Industrial segment revenue declined 21% YoY (+28.2% QoQ) to approximately INR 5.7bn. The sequential improvement in the segment was due to the execution of a defence order and a small one-time order for machine tools. BHFC's defence order book stands at ~INR 90bn (domestic + exports), with one additional domestic tender worth INR 14bn awaiting conversion into a signed order. Overall, BHFC expects to see a ramp-up in defence revenue, with full-year growth anticipated.
- Export business outlook tariff headwinds: Export revenue declined 10% YoY (-2.7% QoQ) to INR 10.7bn in 1QFY26. CV segment revenue stood at INR 4.5bn (-15% YoY, -3% QoQ), due to the rollback of emission norm changes for heavy trucks in the US, tariff uncertainty, and overall market weakness. PV segment revenue grew 4.7% YoY (-10.6% QoQ) to INR 2.9bn. the YoY growth was primarily led by a lower base. Industrial revenue declined approximately 7% YoY (-24.5% QoQ) to INR 3.4bn, due to seasonality in the aerospace business. The management expects the aerospace business to see 20% YoY growth in FY26. Overall, the management expects 2Q to be weak due to ongoing tariff uncertainty and anticipates 2HFY26 to be better across segments. Further, the full tariff impact is expected in 2Q/3Q of FY26.

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	1,56,821	1,51,228	1,64,550	1,80,354	1,98,047
Sales Growth (%)	21.5	-3.6	8.8	9.6	9.8
EBITDA	25,579	26,939	27,956	32,010	35,823
EBITDA Margin (%)	16.3	17.8	17.0	17.7	18.1
Adjusted Net Profit	9,635	10,982	13,337	16,349	19,093
Diluted EPS (INR)	20.7	23.0	27.9	34.2	39.9
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	67.8	11.0	21.4	22.6	16.8
ROIC (%)	9.8	10.0	10.9	12.6	14.0
ROE (%)	13.9	13.4	13.7	15.1	15.7
P/E (x)	55.0	49.6	40.8	33.3	28.5
P/B (x)	7.4	5.9	5.3	4.8	4.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	22.5	20.9	19.9	17.1	15.0
Dividend Yield (%)	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 08/Jun/2025



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Recommendation and Price Target	
Current Reco.	HOLD
Previous Reco.	BUY
Current Price Target (12M)	1,100
Upside/(Downside)	-3.5%
Previous Price Target	1,250
Change	-12.0%

Key Data – BHFC IN	
Current Market Price	INR1,139
Market cap (bn)	INR544.7/US\$6.2
Free Float	53%
Shares in issue (mn)	465.6
Diluted share (mn)	478.1
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR1,621.2/US\$18.5
52-week range	1,655/919
Sensex/Nifty	80,544/24,574
INR/US\$	87.7

Price Performa	nce		
%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	-13.3	0.1	-24.9
Relative*	-10.2	-3.2	-25.9

<sup>\*</sup> To the BSE Sensex

JM Financial Research is also available on: Bloomberg - JMFR <GO>, Thomson Publisher & Reuters, S&P Capital IQ, FactSet and Visible Alpha

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Overseas manufacturing operations: During 1QFY26, overseas manufacturing subsidiaries revenue stood at ~INR 14bn (+8% YoY, +17% QoQ). EBITDA margin at EU operations declined 40bps YoY (+190bps QoQ) to 3.1%. BHFC has taken action to reduce its interest cost across its overseas subsidiaries and is reviewing its EU manufacturing footprint. The US manufacturing operations reported a significant 480bps QoQ expansion. Additionally, the US Aluminium forging plant is ramping-up steadily, operating at 70% utilisation level, with output capacity expected to double upon commissioning of phase 2.

Other highlights: 1) BHFC's standalone gross LT debt remained reduced QoQ to INR 10.4bn in 1QFY26 from 12.9bn in 4QFY25. 2) Capex guidance for FY26 stood at INR 5bn and the company is setting up a new dedicated forging and machining facility for aerospace. 3) AAM acquisition is expected to conclude by Jun'25 end. It is expected to add INR 10bn in FY26 4) Mfg. facility for server and electronics segment is expected to commence in 2HFY26. 5) The company expects E-mobility business to achieve EBITDA break-even by FY26 end.

Exhibit 1. BHFC (standalone) - financial performance								
(INR mn)	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	% YoY	Q4FY25	% QoQ	Q1FY26E	% A/E	
Net Sales	21,047	23,381	-10.0	21,630	-2.7	22,368	-5.9	
RM	8,156	9,777	-16.6	8,576	-4.9	8,925	-8.6	
As a % of sales	38.8	41.8	-310bps	39.6	0bps	39.9	-110bps	
Employee Exp	1,696	1,626	4.3	1,539	10.2	1,611	5.3	
As a % of sales	8.1	7.0	110bps	7.1	90bps	7.2	90bps	
Other Costs	5,477	5,463	0.3	5,348	2.4	5,547	-1.3	
As a % of sales	26.0	23.4	270bps	24.7	130bps	24.8	120bps	
Expenditure	15,329	16,866	-9.1	15,464	-0.9	16,083	-4.7	
ЕВІТДА	5,718	6,515	-12.2	6,167	-7.3	6,286	-9.0	
EBITDA Margin	27.2	27.9	-70bps	28.5	-130bps	28.1	-90bps	
Other Income	422	446	-5.4	481	-12.2	397	6.2	
Interest	522	702	-25.6	588	-11.2	625	-16.4	
Depreciation	1,125	1,094	2.8	1,122	0.2	1,100	2.2	
PBT	4,493	5,164	-13.0	4,937	-9.0	4,958	-9.4	
Tax	1,108	1,014	9.3	1,278	-13.4	1,244	-11.0	
Tax rate (%)	24.7	19.6	500bps	25.9	-120bps	25.1	-40bps	
PAT (Adjusted)	3,385	4,151	-18.4	3,659	-7.5	3,714	-8.8	
PAT Margin	16.1	17.8	-170bps	16.9	-80bps	16.6	-50bps	
EPS	7.1	8.9	-20.6	7.7	-7.5	7.8	-8.8	

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 2. Standalone - segmental performance								
(INR mn)	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	% YoY	Q4FY25	% QoQ	Q1FY26E	% A/E	
Total revenue	21,047	23,380	-10	21,630	-3	22,368	-6	
Domestic	10,294	11,679	-12	9,309	11	9,688	6	
CV	2,447	2,489	-2	2,659	-8	2,659	-8	
Industrial	6,874	8,374	-18	5,749	20	6,074	13	
PV	973	816	19	901	8	955	2	
Exports	10,753	11,701	-8	12,321	-13	12,680	-15	
CV	4,499	5,318	-15	4,633	-3	4,502	0	
Industrial	3,372	3,631	-7	4,464	-24	4,576	-26	
PV	2,882	2,752	5	3,224	-11	3,603	-20	

Source: Company, JM Financial

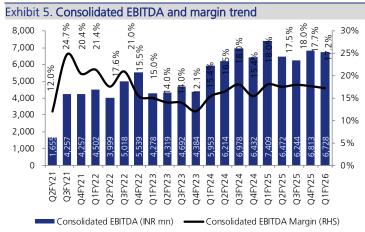
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Exhibit 3. Consolidated performance									
(INR mn)	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	% YoY	Q4FY25	% QoQ				
Net Sales	39,087	41,061	-4.8	38,526	1.5				
RM	16,962	18,369	-7.7	17,234	-1.6				
As a % of sales	43.4	44.7	-130bps	44.7	-130bps				
Employee Exp	5,137	4,987	3.0	4,678	9.8				
As a % of sales	13.1	12.1	100bps	12.1	100bps				
Other Costs	10,260	10,296	-0.3	9,801	4.7				
As a % of sales	26.2	25.1	120bps	25.4	80bps				
Expenditure	32,358	33,652	-3.8	31,713	2.0				
EBITDA	6,729	7,410	-9.2	6,813	-1.2				
EBITDA Margin	17.2	18.0	-80bps	17.7	-50bps				
PAT (Adjusted)	2,838	1,745	62.6	2,826	0.4				
PAT Margin	7.3	4.3	300bps	7.3	-10bps				
EPS	5.9	3.7	58.4	5.9	0.4				

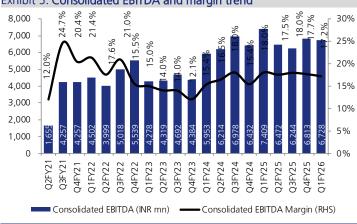
Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 4. BHFC - overseas manufacturing subsidiaries' performance									
(INR mn)	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	% YoY	Q4FY25	% QoQ				
Net Sales	14,299	13,200	8.3	12,243	16.8				
EBITDA	558	135	313.3	153	264.7				
EBITDA Margin	3.9	1.0	290bps	1.2	270bps				
PBT	(656)	(1,169)	NA	(989)	NA				

Source: Company, JM Financial



Source: Company, JM Financial



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Exhibit 6. Standalone EBITDA and margin trend

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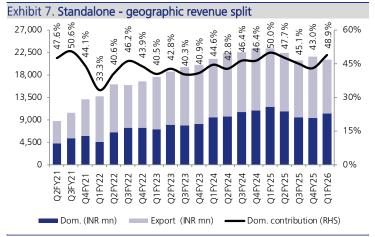
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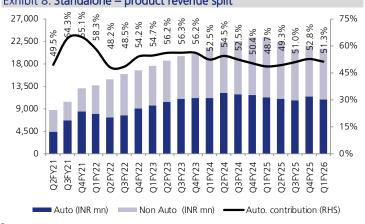
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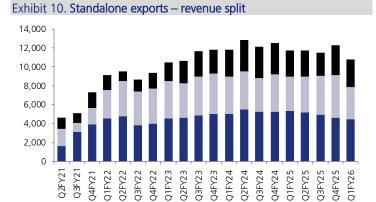
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#### Exhibit 9. Standalone domestic – revenue split





■ Export Non-auto

■ Export PV

Source: Company, JM Financial

Source: Company, JM Financial

■Export CV revenue (INR mn)

Exhibit 11. BHFC - change in assumptions (consolidated)									
BHFC	New assumption			Old assumption			% change		
впгс	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue (INR mn)	151,228	164,550	180,354	151,228	166,409	182,396	0.0%	-1.1%	-1.1%
EBITDA (INR mn)	26,939	27,956	32,010	26,939	31,523	34,746	0.0%	-11.3%	-7.9%
EBITDAM (%)	17.8%	17.0%	17.7%	17.8%	18.9%	19.0%	-	-190bps	-130bps
PAT (INR mn)	10,982	13,337	16,349	10,982	15,994	18,382	0.0%	-16.6%	-11.1%
EPS (INR)	23.0	27.9	34.2	23.0	33.4	38.4	0.0%	-16.6%	-11.1%

Source: Company, JM Financial



Source: Company, Bloomberg, JM Financial

**Balance Sheet** 

Shareholders' Fund

Reserves & Surplus

Preference Share Capital

Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-)

Total - Equity & Liab.

Gross Fixed Assets

Intangible Assets

Less: Depn. & Amort.

Net Fixed Assets

Capital WIP

Current Assets

Inventories

Sundry Debtors

Cash & Bank Balances

Loans & Advances

Other Current Assets

Current Liab. & Prov.

**Current Liabilities** 

Net Current Assets

Total - Assets

Provisions & Others

Investments

Share Capital

Minority Interest

Total Loans

FY24A

71,702

70,771

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Y/E March

## Financial Tables (Consolidated)

Income Statement					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	1,56,821	1,51,228	1,64,550	1,80,354	1,98,047
Sales Growth	21.5%	-3.6%	8.8%	9.6%	9.8%
Total Revenue	1,56,821	1,51,228	1,64,550	1,80,354	1,98,047
Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp	73,792	65,943	71,855	77,026	84,309
Personnel Cost	18,600	18,699	20,791	22,797	24,666
Other Expenses	38,849	39,646	43,948	48,522	53,249
EBITDA	25,579	26,939	27,956	32,010	35,823
EBITDA Margin	16.3%	17.8%	17.0%	17.7%	18.1%
EBITDA Growth	44.7%	5.3%	3.8%	14.5%	11.9%
Depn. & Amort.	8,482	8,736	9,415	10,045	10,626
EBIT	17,097	18,203	18,541	21,965	25,197
Other Income	2,274	2,138	2,705	3,044	3,303
Finance Cost	4,912	4,175	3,547	3,272	2,997
PBT before Excep. & Forex	14,460	16,166	17,700	21,737	25,503
Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	0
PBT	14,460	16,166	17,700	21,737	25,503
Taxes	5,288	5,426	4,513	5,538	6,560
Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-)	-123	-1,571	0	0	0
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	-463	-242	-150	-150	-150
Reported Net Profit	9,511	9,412	13,337	16,349	19,093
Adjusted Net Profit	9,635	10,982	13,337	16,349	19,093
Net Margin	6.1%	7.3%	8.1%	9.1%	9.6%
Diluted Share Cap. (mn)	465.6	478.1	478.1	478.1	478.1
Diluted EPS (INR)	20.7	23.0	27.9	34.2	39.9
Diluted EPS Growth	67.8%	11.0%	21.4%	22.6%	16.8%
Total Dividend + Tax	4,191	2,869	3,825	3,825	3,825
Dividend Per Share (INR)	9.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	8.0

Source: Company, JM Financial

Cash Flow Statement					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Profit before Tax	14,460	16,166	17,700	21,737	25,503
Depn. & Amort.	8,482	8,736	9,415	10,045	10,626
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	4,912	4,175	3,547	3,272	2,997
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	-6,270	1,414	-588	-3,604	-3,763
Others	-70	-1,608	150	150	150
Taxes Paid	-5,288	-5,426	-4,513	-5,538	-6,560
Operating Cash Flow	16,226	23,458	25,711	26,062	28,952
Capex	-12,867	-19,316	-10,588	-10,643	-11,229
Free Cash Flow	3,358	4,141	15,123	15,418	17,724
Inc (-) / Dec in Investments	7,198	-2,137	-2,500	-2,500	-2,500
Others	-4,912	-4,175	-3,547	-3,272	-2,997
Investing Cash Flow	-10,581	-25,628	-16,635	-16,415	-16,725
Inc / Dec (-) in Capital	0	25	0	0	0
Dividend + Tax thereon	-4,191	-2,869	-3,825	-3,825	-3,825
Inc / Dec (-) in Loans	6,343	-12,493	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000
Others	-1,293	13,522	-111	-106	-101
Financing Cash Flow	859	-1,815	-8,936	-8,931	-8,926
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	6,504	-3,985	140	716	3,301
Opening Cash Balance	10,395	16,899	12,914	13,054	13,770
Closing Cash Balance	16,899	12,914	13,054	13,770	17,071

Source: Company, JM Financial

Dupont Analysis							
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E		
Net Margin	6.1%	7.3%	8.1%	9.1%	9.6%		
Asset Turnover (x)	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1		
Leverage Factor (x)	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.4		
RoE	13.9%	13.4%	13.7%	15.1%	15.7%		

Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
BV/Share (INR)	154.0	193.5	213.2	239.2	270.9
ROIC	9.8%	10.0%	10.9%	12.6%	14.0%
ROE	13.9%	13.4%	13.7%	15.1%	15.7%
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1
P/E (x)	55.0	49.6	40.8	33.3	28.5
P/B (x)	7.4	5.9	5.3	4.8	4.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	22.5	20.9	19.9	17.1	15.0
EV/Sales (x)	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.0	2.7
Debtor days	74	70	75	75	75
Inventory days	75	86	80	80	80
Creditor days	104	107	110	110	110

Source: Company, JM Financial

(INR mn)

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listory of Recommendation and Target Price			
Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.
12-Aug-21	Buy	875	
14-Nov-21	Buy	875	0.0
10-Feb-22	Buy	875	0.0
16-May-22	Buy	925	5.7
9-Jun-22	Buy	925	0.0
11-Aug-22	Buy	870	-5.9
14-Nov-22	Buy	960	10.3
11-Dec-22	Buy	960	0.0
14-Feb-23	Buy	960	0.0
7-May-23	Buy	900	-6.3
9-Aug-23	Buy	1,025	13.9
6-Nov-23	Buy	1,150	12.2
12-Feb-24	Buy	1,150	0.0
8-May-24	Buy	1,400	21.7
9-Aug-24	Buy	1,700	21.4
18-Aug-24	Buy	1,700	0.0
17-Oct-24	Buy	1,750	2.9
17-Nov-24	Buy	1,750	0.0
12-Feb-25	Buy	1,350	-22.9
8-May-25	Buy	1,250	-7.4



Target Price

#### **APPENDIX I**

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