**BUY** 

# Choice

MSIL delivered better than expected performance on all fronts. Company delivered a 0.2% YoY growth on the top line front to Rs. 355.9 billion (vs CEBPL's estimated Rs.351.6bn) led by a 2.1% YoY increase in the average selling price (ASP) and a 1.9% YoY decrease in volume. YoY margin decline is attributed to higher RM cost. The operating margin declined on a yearly basis to 11.9% (vs CEBPL's est of 13.0%), showing a decline of 104bps YoY and -80bps QoQ, resulting in EBITDA declining by 7.7% to Rs.44.2 billion (vs CEBPL's est of Rs.47.8 billion). EBIDTA/vehicle declined by 5.9% to Rs.81,555/vehicle. The profit after tax (PAT) came at Rs.30.7 billion (- 17.9% YoY) (vs est. Rs.38.7bn). PAT lower than estimations due to higher tax on account of one-time deferred tax provision.

- Working on new models with higher safety features: MSIL has been synonymous with fuel-efficient, budget-friendly family cars for years, often achieving this by keeping safety features minimal and curb weight low. However, over the last two to three years, customer preferences have shifted towards vehicles with more features and stricter safety standards. With the introduction of Bharat NCAP norms, MSIL is poised to manufacture cars that exceed these safety requirements. This commitment to safety is expected to bolster MSIL's market share in the coming years. In addition, MSIL is ramping up production capacity at its Kharkhoda plant, with the first phase—250,000 units. The completion is on track and the company expects to commission it within the end of this financial year. This expansion will enable MSIL to manage various powertrain technologies, including electric vehicles, hybrids, CNG, and ethanol, all under one roof. The move will unlock operational and scale efficiencies, solidifying MSIL's position as a leader across the powertrain spectrum in the passenger car segment.
- Promising outlook for export led by higher SUV share: The company has commenced export of its made-in-India Fronx SUV to Japan. Fronx will be the first SUV from Maruti Suzuki to be launched in Japan. In exports, the company continued to maintain a healthy growth in sales volume. The company commanded nearly 40% share of India's total passenger vehicle exports in Q2FY25. To support future volume, the company is looking to expand the overall capacity to 4mn/p.a. unit by 2030-31 (Domestic and Export market). Driven by strong demand in the export market, the expansion of the network, the inclusion of new products, and geographic expansion the company to deliver healthy export volume growth in the coming years, with the company aiming to achieve sales around 300k units in FY25.
- View and Valuation: We remain positive on long term growth story led by: 1) a large distribution network (3,925 sales outlets, 5000 service touch-points); 2) largest low emission product portfolio offering; 3) new/refresh launches in the Hybrid/SUV and EV segment; 4) capacity expansion to (4mn units by 2030-31), 5) growing export volume (addition of newer model from UV segment) and increasing Nexa distribution network in rural market. We value the stock based on Sep-FY27E EPS to arrive at a TP of Rs. 12,215 with the BUY rating (24x Sep-FY27E).

#### Quarterly performance

Q2FY25	Q2FY24	YoY (%)	Q1FY25	QoQ (%)
5,41,550	5,52,055	(1.9)	5,21,868	3.8
3,72,028	3,70,621	0.4	3,55,314	4.7
2,67,459	2,61,690	2.2	2,49,329	7.3
1,93,092	1,97,319	(2.1)	2,03,088	(4.9)
14,688	13,127	11.9	15,576	(5.7)
45,715	47,962	(4.7)	45,386	0.7
44,166	47,842	(7.7)	45,023	(1.9)
7,509	7,941	(5.4)	7,310	2.7
36,657	39,901	(8.1)	37,713	(2.8)
402	351	14.5	573	(29.8)
51,005	47,986	6.3	46,891	8.8
30,692	37,165	(17.4)	36,499	(15.9)
30,692	37,165	(17.4)	36,499	(15.9)
97.6	123.0	(20.7)	116.1	(15.9)
Q2FY25	Q2FY24	YoY (bps)	Q1FY25	QoQ (bps)
81,555	86,662	(6)%	86,273	(5)%
71.9	70.6	128	70.2	172
3.9	3.5	41	4.4	(44)
12.3	12.9	(65)	12.8	(49)
11.9	12.9	(104)	12.7	(80)
39.8	22.6	1,728	22.2	1,766
8.2	10.0	(178)	10.3	(202)
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	October 30, 2024
CMP (Rs)	11,048
Target Price (Rs)	12,215
Potential Upside (%)	10.6
*CMP as on 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 <b>Company Info</b>	
BB Code	MSIL IN EQUITY
ISIN	INE585B01010
Face Value (Rs.)	5.0
52 Week High (Rs.)	13,675
52 Week Low (Rs.)	9,738
Mkt Cap (Rs bn.)	3,461.6
Mkt Cap (\$ bn.)	41.2
Shares o/s (Mn.)/Free Float	314.4/42.0
Adj. TTM EPS (Rs)	440.7
FY27E EPS (Rs)	541.1

	Sep-24	Jun-24	Mar-24
Promoters	58.19	58.19	58.19
FII's	17.68	18.98	19.64
DII's	20.75	19.37	18.86
Public	3.38	3.46	3.31

Relative Performance (%)					
YTD	<b>3</b> Y	<b>2</b> Y	1Y		
BSE AUTO	112.0	77.7	47.7		
MSIL	47.1	16.0	5.9		

#### Year end March (INR bn)

**Shareholding Pattern (%)** 

Particular	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	1,515.5	1,695.9	1,919.7
Gross Profit	434.9	490.1	554.8
EBITDA	180.3	205.2	232.3
EBITDA (%)	11.9	12.1	12.1
EPS (INR)	438.2	476.8	541.1

#### **Rebased Price Performance**



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## **CEBPL Actual vs Estimates**

Particulars (Rs.mn)	Actual	Choice Est.	Deviation (%)
Revenue	3,72,028	3,68,029	1.1
EBIDTA	44,166	47,844	(7.7)
EBIDTA Margin (%)	11.9	13.0	(113)bps
PAT	30,692	38,673	(20.6)

Source: Company, CEBPL

## **Changes in Estimates**

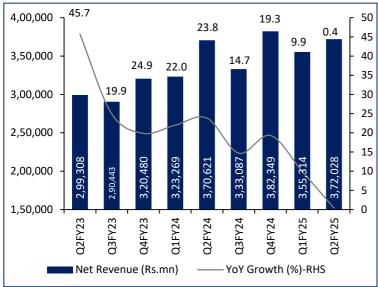
Income Statement		FY25E			FY26E		FY27E
(INR Mn.)	New	Old	Dev. (%)	New	Old	Dev. (%)	New
Net sales	15,15,484	16,82,688	(9.9)	16,95,872	19,04,459	(11.0)	19,19,740
EBITDA	1,80,343	2,03,846	(11.5)	2,05,201	2,41,887	(15.2)	2,32,289
EBITDA margin(%)	11.9	12.1	(21) Bps	12.1	12.7	(60) Bps	12.1
APAT	1,37,782	1,50,433	(8.4)	1,49,895	1,66,962	(10.2)	1,70,129
EPS	438.2	478.5	(8.4)	476.8	531.0	(10.2)	541.1

## **Management Call - Highlights**

- Achieved 1cr cumulative production at production facility at Manesar.
- Recently, the company inaugurated its 500th NEXA sales outlet serving over 2.7 million customers through its NEXA showrooms across more than 300 cities.
- Maruti Suzuki's sales network, Nexa, and commercial now extends to 3,925 outlets covering about 2,600 towns and cities.
- In Q2 one in every three vehicles sold was CNG based.
- The company introduced a CNG powertrain in its fourth generation Epic News Swift. With this, Maruti Suzuki offers CNG vehicles with 14 models.
- The company has commenced export of its made-in-India Fronx SUV to Japan. Fronx will be the first SUV from Maruti Suzuki to be launched in Japan.
- In exports, the company continued to maintain a healthy growth in sales volume. The company commanded nearly 40% share of India's total passenger vehicle exports in Q2FY25.
- The net profit for the quarter declined due to a provision of INR 8,376 million resulting from the withdrawal of indexation benefits and change in tax rate on long-term capital gains on debt mutual funds.
- The company has seen growth of 14% in retail sales on YoY Basis from the beginning of Shradh up to Diwali. From April to October, the company expects to close at around 3.9% growth in retail sales.
- For FY25 the company expects the retail sales to grow around 3-4% YoY.
- Rural doing better than urban regions. Also SUVs are seeing faster growth compared to other segments.
- Rs.29300/unit discount during the quarter
- Inventory by the end of the month to be around 30 days.
- Expect 10 more models to be added over the next 6-7 years and planning to launch 6 EV models.
- The plant in Kharkhoda is on track and the company expects to commission it within the end of this financial year.

EBITDA margin (%) - RHS

#### Revenue grew 0.4% on YoY basis

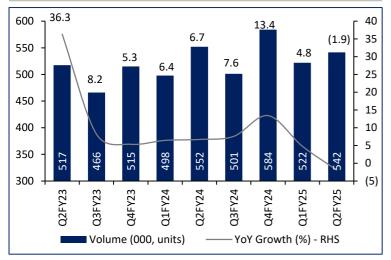


Source: Company, CEBPL

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#### Volume de-grew by 1.9% YoY

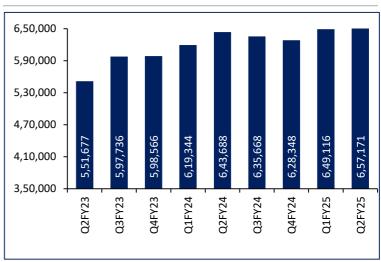


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#### ASP (Rs.) grew 2.1 % YoY

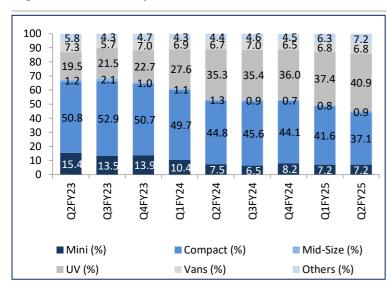
EBITDA (Rs mn)

Margin declined by 104bps YoY



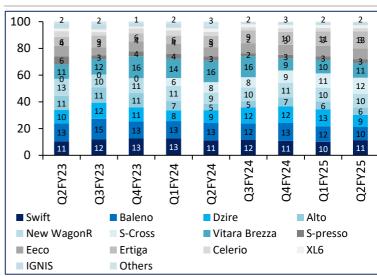
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#### Segment-wise volume split



Source: Company, CMIE, CEBPL

# Model-wise volume split



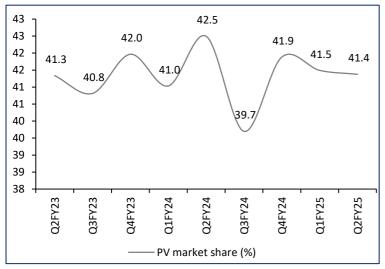
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#### **Discount increased QoQ**

#### 35 30 25 20 15 10 23.3 29.3 5 0 Q1FY25 Q3FY23 Q2FY24 Q4FY24 Q2FY23 Q4FY23 ■Discount/vehicle (Rs in '000)

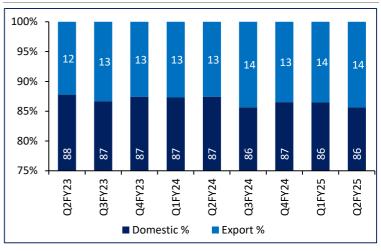
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#### Domestic PV market share (%)



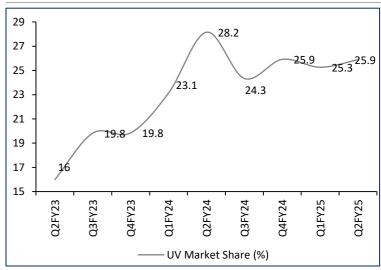
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#### **Domestic and Export volume trend**



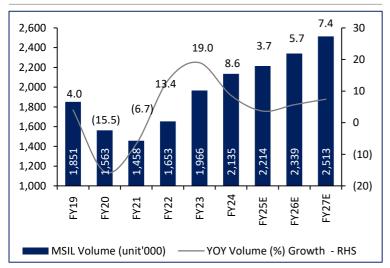
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#### Domestic UV market share (%)



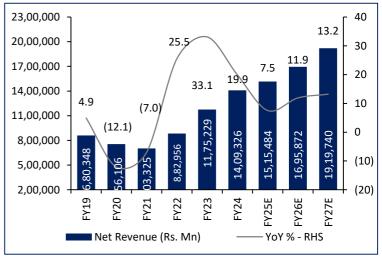
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#### Volume to grow at 5.6% CAGR over FY24-27E



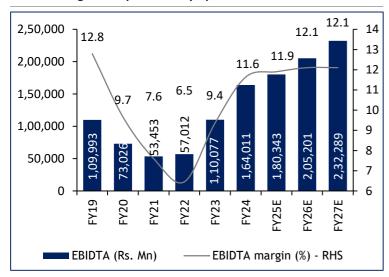
Source: Company, CEBPL

#### Revenue to rebound on back of new launches



Source: Company, CEBPL

#### EBIDTA margin to improve led by oplev benefit and better mix



Source: Company, CEBPL

#### 1 Year Forward PE Band (X)



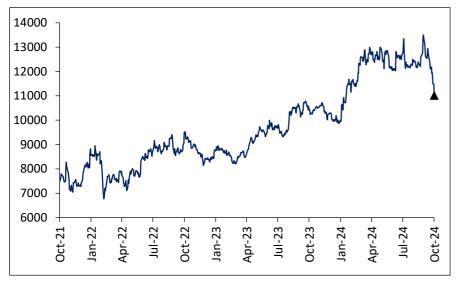
## **Income statement**

Particular (INR Mn.)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	11,75,229	14,09,326	15,15,484	16,95,872	19,19,740
	3,12,794	4,03,259	4,34,944	4,90,107	5,54,805
Gross profit	1,10,077	1,64,011	1,80,343	2,05,201	2,32,289
EBITDA	9.4	11.6	11.9	12.1	12.1
Depreciation	28,233	30,223	33,349	36,409	39,855
EBIT	81,844	1,33,788	1,46,994	1,68,792	1,92,433
Interest expense	1,866	1,932	50	50	50
Other Income (Including EO Items)	21,613	38,548	30,838	24,671	27,138
Reported PAT	80,492	1,32,094	1,37,782	1,49,895	1,70,129
Adjusted PAT	80,492	1,32,094	1,37,782	1,49,895	1,70,129
EPS (Rs)	266	420	438	477	541
NOPAT Balance sheet	64,846	1,03,710	1,13,920	1,30,814	1,49,136
Particular (INR Mn.)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net worth	6,03,820	8,39,820	9,36,267	10,41,194	11,60,284
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax	2,426	2,926	3,426	3,926	4,426
Total debt	12,158	331	331	331	331
Other liabilities & provisions	26,974	33,741	33,010	33,743	37,117
Total Net Worth & liabilities	6,42,952	8,73,892	9,69,608	10,75,268	11,97,733
Net Fixed Assets	1,72,570	1,80,443	1,87,094	1,95,686	2,05,831
Capital Work in progress	28,081	63,034	64,034	65,034	66,034
Investments	4,77,564	6,85,137	7,35,798	8,20,486	9,25,104
Cash & bank balance	377	4,600	7,589	18,572	28,201
Loans & Advances & other assets	32,094	31,222	33,080	36,236	44,960
Net Current Assets	(72,836)	(90,454)	(54,909)	(46,684)	(48,705)
Total Assets	6,42,952	8,73,892	9,69,608	10,75,268	11,97,733
Capital Employed	6,15,978	8,40,151	9,36,598	10,41,525	11,60,615
Invested Capital	5,87,520	7,72,517	8,64,975	9,57,919	10,66,380
Net Debt	11,781	(4,269)	(7,258)	(18,241)	(27,870)
FCFF	29,806	92,385	1,06,786	1,61,959	1,90,275

Cash Flows (INR Mn.)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
CFO	92,280	1,65,434	1,47,786	2,07,959	2,41,275
Capex	(62,474)	(73,049)	(41,000)	(46,000)	(51,000)
FCF	29,806	92,385	1,06,786	1,61,959	1,90,275
CFI	(80,182)	(1,08,469)	(91,661)	(1,30,688)	(1,55,618)
CFF	(12,084)	(40,619)	(41,384)	(45,018)	(51,088)

Ratio Analysis	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Growth Ratios (%)					
Revenue	33.1	19.9	7.5	11.9	13.2
EBITDA	93.1	49.0	10.0	13.8	13.2
PAT	113.7	64.1	4.3	8.8	13.5
Margin ratios (%)					
EBITDA margins	9.4	11.6	11.9	12.1	12.1
PAT Margins	6.8	9.4	9.1	8.8	8.9
Performance Ratios (%)					
OCF/EBITDA (X)	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.0
OCF/IC	15.7	21.4	17.1	21.7	22.6
RoE	13.3	15.7	14.7	14.4	14.7
ROCE	13.3	15.9	15.7	16.2	16.6
RoIC (Post tax)	11.0	13.4	13.2	13.7	14.0
ROIC (Pre tax)	13.9	17.3	17.0	17.6	18.0
Fixed asset Turnover (x)	2.9	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.3
Turnover Ratio (Days)					
Inventory	13	11	13	13	12
Debtors	10	12	14	14	14
Payables	37	38	37	36	35
Cash Conversion Cycle	(23)	(25)	(19)	(18)	(18)
Financial Stability ratios (x)					
Net debt to Equity	0.0	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
Net debt to EBITDA	0.1	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Interest Cover	43.9	69.2	2,960.6	3,399.6	3,875.8
Valuation metrics					
Fully diluted shares (mn)	302.1	314.4	314.4	314.4	314.4
Price (Rs)	11048	11048	11048	11048	11048
Market Cap(Rs. Mn)	33,37,244	34,73,377	34,73,377	34,73,377	34,73,377
PE(x)	41	26	25	23	20
EV (Rs.mn)	33,49,025	34,69,108	34,66,120	34,55,136	34,45,507
EV/EBITDA (x)	30	21	19	17	15
Book value (Rs/share)	1,999	2,671	2,978	3,312	3,690
Price to BV (x)	5.5	4.1	3.7	3.3	3.0
EV/OCF (x)	36	21	23	17	14

#### Historical recommendations and target price: Maruti Suzuki



MSI	L		
1.	27-01-2022	Neutral,	Target Price 9,072
2.	30-04-2022	Add,	Target Price 8,841
3.	28-07-2022	Add,	Target Price 9,116
4.	29-10-2022	Add,	Target Price 10,460
5.	24-01-2023	Outperform,	Target Price 10,149
6.	26-04-2023	Outperform,	Target Price 10,331
7.	01-08-2023	ADD,	Target Price 11,205
8.	28-10-2023	ADD,	Target Price 11,891
9.	01-02-2024	Outperform,	Target Price 12,247
10.	27-04-2024	Buy,	Target Price 14,206
11.	01-08-2024	Buy,	Target Price 14,338
12.	30-10-2024	Buy,	Target Price 12,215

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