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Havells India

Gradual recovery underway despite near-term hiccups; maintain BUY

Havells' revenue grew 14.3% y/y in Q3FY26, mainly led by a robust 33/4% y/y growth in Cables & Wires (C&W)/Electrical Consumer Durables (ECD) business, despite 6% y/y drop in Lloyd. However, near-term performance will remain susceptible to inventory clearance, commodity price movement, seasonal demand trend and the pace of margin normalisation. Overall, Havells is well-placed to navigate near-term volatility and deliver sustainable growth, aided by a strong balance sheet, pricing power and disciplined capital allocation. We maintain BUY rating on the stock with a lower TP of Rs1,624 (from Rs1,720 earlier), valuing it at 48x FY28e EPS.

Healthy Q3: Consolidated revenue rose 14.3% y/y to Rs55.8bn, primarily led by a robust 33% y/y growth in C&W business led by volume and commodity price inflation. ECD business rose 4% y/y, as normal onset of winters aided demand for heating products, while Lloyd contracted 6% y/y due to weak summer. Notably, the company recognised an exceptional charge of Rs450m towards New Labour Codes. EBITDA margin rose 51bps y/y to 9.2%, while gross margin fell 144bps. Employee cost/other expenses rose 5.6/5.7% y/y. PAT grew by 8% y/y to Rs3bn.

Channel Inventory to Normalise by March: In cooling products, channel inventories have corrected significantly, which are likely to normalise by Mar-26, as sell-through improves and residual old BEE-norm inventory is cleared in an orderly manner. As per the management, the industry requires 5-10% price hike to offset higher input cost arising from commodity inflation, currency depreciation and regulatory changes linked to BEE transitions expecting a part of this to be absorbed by GST 2.0.

Outlook and Valuation: Considering muted quarterly operating performance, we tweak our revenue/EBITDA/PAT estimates for FY26e/27e/28e. We expect revenue/PAT to clock 11/13% CAGR over FY25-28e, driven by cost efficiency and premium categories. At the CMP, the stock trades at 56/46/40x FY26e/27e/28e EPS of Rs24/Rs29/Rs34. Rolling over our estimates to FY28e, we maintain BUY rating on the stock with a revised TP of Rs1,624 (from Rs1,720 earlier), valuing it at 48x FY28e EPS of Rs34. **Risks:** Volatility in commodity prices; (b) lower volume in consumer-facing segments; and (c) higher competitive intensity.

Key Financials (Y/E: Mar)	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e
Sales (Rs m)	1,85,900	2,17,781	2,31,630	2,62,398	2,98,769
Net profit (Rs m)	12,708	14,702	14,590	18,221	21,168
EPS (Rs)	20.3	23.5	24.1	29.1	33.8
PE (x)	66.8	57.7	56.3	46.5	40.0
EV / EBITDA (x)	44.4	38.3	37.2	30.1	25.8
P / BV (x)	11.4	10.2	9.5	8.6	7.6
RoE (%)	18.1	18.7	16.4	18.5	19.1
RoCE post-tax (%)	14.3	14.7	14.1	15.8	16.4
RoIC post-tax (%)	23.1	25.3	21.6	23.5	27.1
Net debt / equity (x)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.4)

Source: Company, Anand Rath Research

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Change in Estimates ☒ Target ☒ Reco ☐

Rating: **BUY**

Target Price (12-mth): Rs.1,624

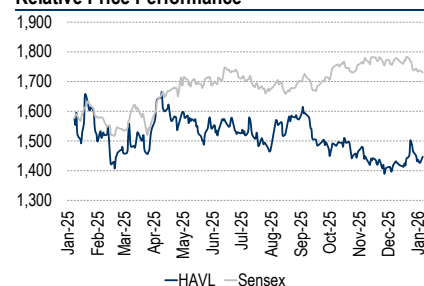
Share Price: Rs.1,355

Key Data	HAVL IN / HVEL.BO
52-week high / low	Rs1713 / 1347
Sensex / Nifty	82180 / 25233
Market cap	Rs898bn
Shares outstanding	627m

Shareholding Pattern (%)	Dec'25	Sep'25	Jun'25
Promoters	59.4	59.4	59.4
- of which, Pledged	-	-	-
Free float	40.6	40.6	40.6
- Foreign institutions	18.0	19.3	21.6
- Domestic institutions	16.7	15.5	13.4
- Public	6.0	5.8	5.7

Estimate Revision (%)	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e
Sales	(1.4)	(0.6)	0.5
EBITDA	(9.4)	(7.2)	(6.6)
PAT	(9.0)	(9.0)	(8.1)

Relative Price Performance



Source: Bloomberg

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Quick Glance – Financials and Valuations

Fig 1 – Income Statement (Rs m)

Y/E Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e
Net revenue	1,85,900	2,17,781	2,31,630	2,62,398	2,98,769
Growth (%)	9.9	17.1	6.4	13.3	13.9
Direct costs	1,25,687	1,46,084	1,54,729	1,75,282	1,99,577
SG&A	41,787	50,388	54,767	59,990	68,041
EBITDA	18,426	21,309	22,135	27,126	31,150
EBITDA margins (%)	9.9	9.8	9.6	10.3	10.4
- Depreciation	3,385	4,004	4,546	5,346	5,826
Other income	2,490	3,033	2,895	3,149	3,585
Interest expenses	457	432	423	438	458
PBT	17,074	19,905	20,061	24,490	28,451
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	14,590	18,221	21,168
Adj. income	12,708	14,723	15,070	18,251	21,198
WANS	627	627	627	627	627
FDEPS (Rs)	20.3	23.5	24.1	29.1	33.8
FDEPS growth (%)	18.6	15.9	2.4	21.1	16.1
Gross margins (%)	32.4	32.9	33.2	33.2	33.2

Fig 3 – Cash-flow Statement (Rs m)

Y/E Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e
PBT	17,074	19,905	19,610	24,490	28,451
+ Non-cash items	3,385	4,004	4,546	5,346	5,826
Oper. prof. before WC	20,459	23,909	24,157	29,836	34,277
- Incr. / (decr.) in WC	4,273	(2,438)	120	(867)	(1,028)
Others incl. taxes	(5,201)	(6,318)	(7,493)	(8,980)	(10,411)
Operating cash-flow	19,530	15,153	16,784	19,989	22,838
- Capex (tang. + intang.)	(7,623)	(7,538)	(12,894)	(7,058)	(3,557)
Free cash-flow	11,907	7,615	3,889	12,931	19,281
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)	(390)	60	60
Net cash-flow	(1,944)	5,449	(8,349)	6,930	13,697

Source: Company

Fig 5 – Price Movement



Source: Bloomberg

Fig 2 – Balance Sheet (Rs m)

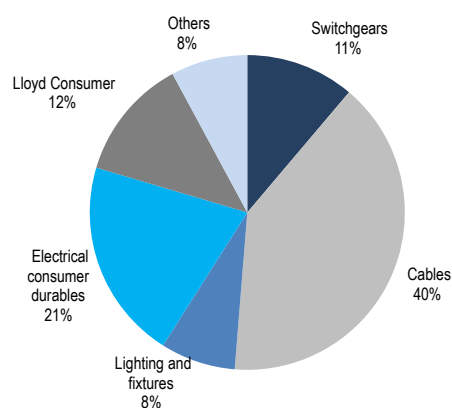
Y/E Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e
Share capital	627	627	627	627	627
Net worth	74,468	83,238	89,087	98,567	1,10,993
Debt	-	-	-	-	-
Minority interest	-	172	202	232	262
DTL / (Assets)	3,226	3,524	3,524	3,524	3,524
Capital employed	77,694	86,933	92,812	1,02,322	1,14,779
Net tangible assets	26,063	32,521	39,975	42,629	40,803
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	1,000	500
Investments (strategic)	200	110	6,110	6,110	6,110
Investments (financial)	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets (excl. cash)	50,708	56,348	66,066	73,897	83,140
Cash	30,382	33,781	25,432	32,362	46,059
Current liabilities	46,284	50,931	54,769	61,733	69,947
Working capital	4,424	5,417	11,297	12,165	13,193
Capital deployed	77,694	86,933	92,812	1,02,322	1,14,779
Contingent liabilities	1,169				

Fig 4 – Ratio Analysis

Y/E Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY26e	FY26e
P/E (x)	66.8	57.7	56.3	46.5	40.0
EV / EBITDA (x)	44.4	38.3	37.2	30.1	25.8
EV / Sales (x)	4.4	3.7	3.6	3.1	2.7
P/B (x)	11.4	10.2	9.5	8.6	7.6
RoE (%)	18.1	18.7	16.4	18.5	19.1
RoCE (%) - after tax	14.3	14.7	14.1	15.8	16.4
RoIC (%) - after tax	23.1	25.3	21.6	23.5	27.1
DPS (Rs)	9.0	10.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
Dividend yield (%)	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0
Dividend payout (%) - incl. DDT	44.4	42.6	58.2	48.1	41.4
Net debt / equity (x)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.4)
Receivables (days)	23	21	21	21	21
Inventory (days)	67	68	68	68	68
Payables (days)	53	51	51	51	51
CFO : PAT (%)	153.7	102.9	111.4	109.5	107.7

Source: Company

Fig 6 – Revenue-mix (Q3FY26)



Source: Company

Fig 7 – Financial Performance

(Rs m)	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	Q3FY26	y/y (%)	q/q (%)
Income	44,139	54,420	58,062	45,393	48,890	65,436	54,554	47,793	55,879	14.3	16.9
Raw material cost	29,447	36,562	39,565	30,075	32,055	44,389	36,311	31,078	37,439	16.8	20.5
Employee cost	3,830	4,202	4,617	4,646	4,693	4,745	4,995	4,788	4,956	5.6	3.5
Other expenses	6,535	7,310	8,158	6,922	7,877	8,731	8,091	7,543	8,323	5.7	10.3
EBITDA	4,327	6,346	5,723	3,751	4,265	7,570	5,157	4,384	5,161	21.0	17.7
Depreciation	877	934	920	946	1,041	1,097	1,057	1,058	1,086	4.3	2.7
Finance cost	102	177	86	101	94	152	94	91	89	(4.9)	(2.3)
Other income	559	758	773	929	643	687	692	863	427	(33.6)	(50.5)
Exceptional items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(450)	-	-
PBT	3,907	5,993	5,490	3,633	3,773	7,009	4,698	4,098	3,962	5.0	(3.3)
Tax	1,028	1,526	1,415	955	994	1,839	1,222	963	1,076	8.2	11.7
PAT	2,879	4,467	4,079	2,682	2,783	5,178	3,477	3,190	3,008	8.1	(5.7)
EPS (Rs)	4.6	7.1	6.5	4.3	4.4	8.3	5.5	5.1	5.5	24.3	8.4
As % of income										y/y (bps)	q/q (bps)
Gross margins	33.3	32.8	31.9	33.7	34.4	32.2	33.4	35.0	33.0	(143.49)	(197.42)
Employee costs	8.7	7.7	8.0	10.2	9.6	7.3	9.2	10.0	8.9	(73.02)	(114.83)
Other expenses	10.8	11.0	11.1	12.4	12.5	11.2	12.2	13.0	12.1	(33.78)	(90.52)
EBITDA margins	9.8	11.7	9.9	8.3	8.7	11.6	9.5	9.2	9.2	51.25	6.28
Depreciation	2.0	1.7	1.6	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.9	2.2	1.9	(18.54)	(26.94)
Finance costs	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	(3.23)	(3.14)
Other income	1.3	1.4	1.3	2.0	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.8	0.8	(55.17)	(104.07)
PBT margins	8.9	11.0	9.5	8.0	7.7	10.7	8.6	8.6	7.1	(62.73)	(148.29)
Effective tax rates	26.3	25.5	25.8	26.3	26.3	26.2	26.0	23.5	27.1	81.14	364.49
PAT margins	6.5	8.2	7.0	5.9	5.7	7.9	6.4	6.7	6.2	49.62	(48.60)
Segment-wise revenue (Rs m)										y/y (%)	q/q (%)
Switchgear	5,206	6,513	5,768	5,513	5,769	6,918	6,298	5,955	6,244	8.2	4.8
Cables	15,727	17,896	15,212	18,052	16,879	21,694	19,332	20,282	22,411	32.8	10.5
Lighting & Fixtures	4,335	4,353	3,876	3,951	4,464	4,417	3,802	4,284	4,306	(3.5)	0.5
Electrical consumer durables	9,615	9,104	10,554	8,564	11,048	9,973	9,073	8,418	11,515	4.2	36.8
Lloyd Consumer	6,561	13,459	19,287	5,896	7,422	18,736	12,711	4,822	7,006	(5.6)	45.3
Other	2,695	3,096	3,365	3,418	3,308	3,698	3,337	4,032	4,398	32.9	9.1
Mix (%)											
Switchgear	12	12	10	12	12	11	12	12	11		
Cables	36	33	26	40	35	33	35	42	40		
Lighting & Fixtures	10	8	7	9	9	7	7	9	8		
Electrical consumer durables	22	17	18	19	23	15	17	18	21		
Lloyd Consumer	15	25	33	13	15	29	23	10	13		
Other	6	6	6	8	7	6	6	8	8		
Segment EBIT (%)										bps y/y	bps q/q
Switchgear	23.9	28.2	24.6	20.9	18.2	25.7	23.4	22.3	22.0	385.22	(28.02)
Cables	10.3	12.0	11.2	8.6	11.1	11.9	12.6	13.7	11.8	76.55	(187.46)
Lighting & Fixtures	14.0	18.0	16.2	12.7	14.6	16.4	12.0	12.7	11.1	(346.26)	(161.35)
Electrical consumer durables	11.0	11.3	10.9	7.5	8.6	12.5	8.7	5.6	10.1	146.96	445.81
Lloyd Consumer	(10.0)	2.7	3.3	(4.1)	(4.9)	6.1	(1.6)	(22.0)	(8.6)	(375.05)	1,336.12
Other	1.4	2.9	3.3	1.9	(2.0)	3.9	4.8	2.9	1.7	368.62	(123.36)

Source: Company

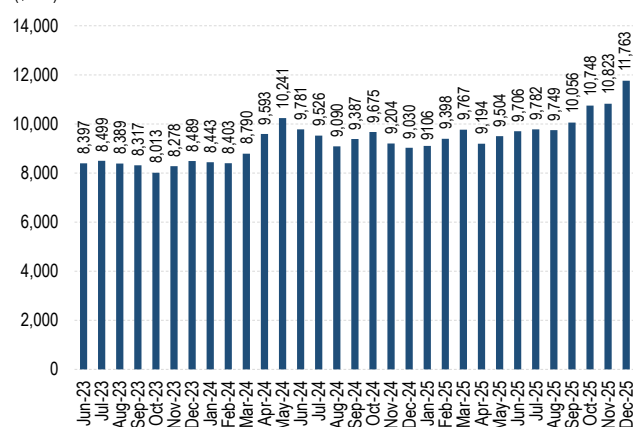
Q3FY26 Earnings Concall – Key Highlights

Strong Growth in C&W Biz

- C&W business remained the key growth engine, aided by healthy volume expansion and favourable realisation tailwinds from elevated copper and aluminium prices. The management indicated that volume growth remained robust at >20%, driven by sustained infrastructure activity, housing demand and incremental channel stocking ahead of continuous price hikes.
- Capacity utilisation remains healthy, with wires operating at ~65-70% and cables at a relatively tight ~80-90%, underpinning the company's decision to continue investing in capex over the medium-term to support demand visibility and market share gains.
- While some moderation in volume is possible as channel inventory levels normalize after extra stocking in Q3, the management does not foresee any strategic shift from channel-led model or towards lower-margin B2B sales.
- Export opportunities in underground cables are being actively pursued as a long-term hedge against domestic cyclicity, though near-term growth remains impacted by tariff-related weakness in the US market.
- Overall, the segment is well-positioned to sustain high-teens to low-twenties growth over the medium-term, aided by capacity expansion, pricing power and strong end-market tailwinds, making it a key earnings and valuation driver for the company, going forward.

Fig 8 – Copper Prices on Rise

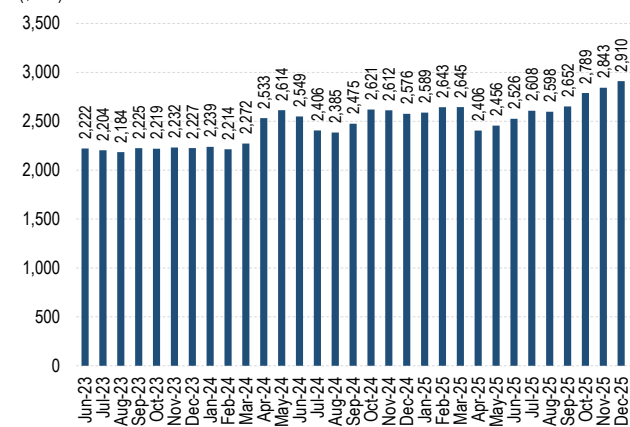
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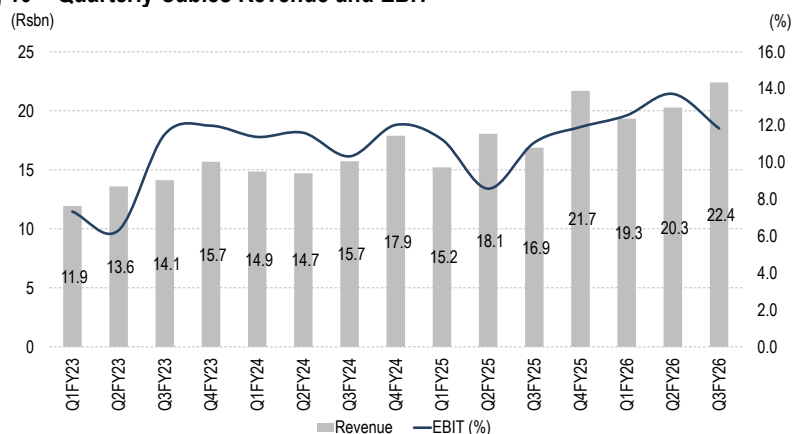
Source: Bloomberg, Anand Rath Research

Fig 9 – Uptrend in Aluminium Prices

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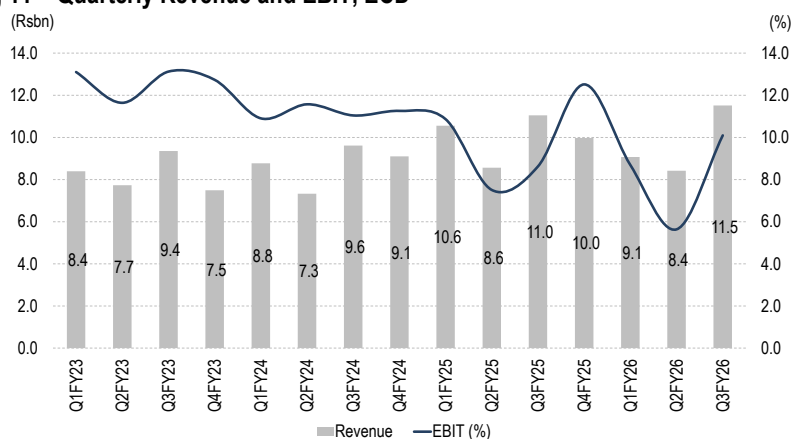
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Fig 10 – Quarterly Cables Revenue and EBIT

Source: Company

ECD - Gradual Normalisation Expected

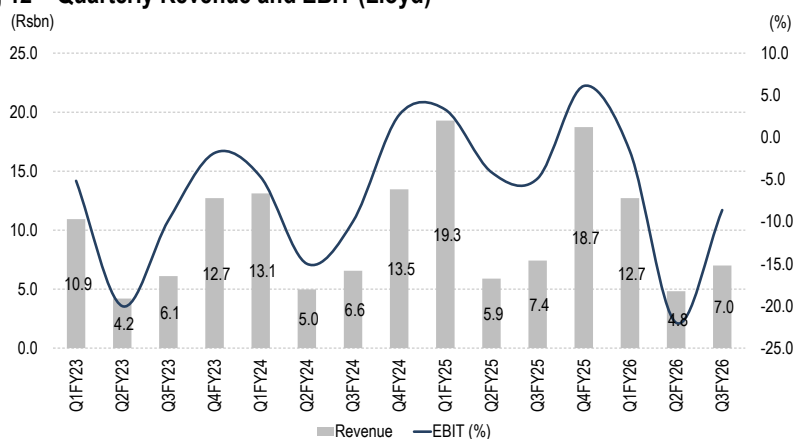
- ECD business rose 4% y/y, mainly led by strong demand for heating appliances and water heaters due to favourable winter season, while performance in fans remained weak and continued to weigh on overall growth.
- The management highlighted that segmental growth was largely volume-driven, with limited contribution from pricing, reflecting a cautious demand environment and higher competitive intensity across categories.
- Segmental margin remains under pressure due to elevated RM cost, incomplete price pass-on and continued promotional intensity, particularly in mass categories i.e., fans and lighting.
- The company is in the process of gradually restoring margin towards normalised levels through calibrated price hikes, cost efficiency initiatives and improvement in product-mix, while maintaining strict discipline on not sacrificing profitability for volume growth.
- Looking ahead, the management expects a gradual recovery in ECD performance, as seasonal demand for fans and cooling products improves, price increases flow through more fully and operating leverage benefits kick in, though near-term margins are likely to remain volatile given commodity inflation and the competitive landscape.
- Lighting revenue fell 3.5% y/y due to muted demand, intense competition and aggressive pricing by regional players, leading to some market share loss.
- Margin recovery is expected to be gradual, aided by infrastructure and institutional demand, though near-term growth and margin improvement are likely to remain subdued.

Fig 11 – Quarterly Revenue and EBIT, ECD

Source: Company, Anand Rath Research

Lloyd – Inventory Normalisation Underway with Sequential Recovery

- Lloyd's Q3 revenue contracted 6% y/y, impacted by an unusually weak summer season, subdued consumer demand and elevated channel inventories, which constrained primary sales and led to cautious production planning. EBIT margins came in at -8.6%, with significant under-absorption of factory expenses and lower revenue.
- The management highlighted that channel inventory levels are now significantly lower than last year and are in the process of normalising, with full normalisation expected by Mar-26, as sell-through improves and the summer season commences in southern markets from February and in northern regions thereafter.
- A portion of residual inventory relates to old BEE-norm compliant models, which the company expects to liquidate over the next 2-3 months in an orderly manner without resorting to aggressive discounting, aided by a disciplined trade and clear product differentiation between old and new energy-efficiency norms.
- From pricing perspective, the industry requires 5-10% price hike to offset higher input cost led by commodity inflation, currency depreciation and regulatory changes linked to BEE transitions. However, the management expects a part of this to be absorbed by GST 2.0, thereby limiting the impact on end-consumer prices and preserving demand elasticity.
- Looking ahead, the outlook for Lloyd hinges on the strength of upcoming summer season, pace of inventory clearance and effectiveness of price pass-on, with a cleaner channel base. Stabilisation in inventory positions the business for a gradual recovery in volume and utilisation over the medium-term.

Fig 12 – Quarterly Revenue and EBIT (Lloyd)

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Switchgears and Solar

- Switchgear business grew 8% y/y, led by demand from real estate and project segments, while segmental margin improved 385bps led by better operating leverage and execution improvements.
- Other segments grew 33% y/y mainly led by solar category owing to strong traction in solar modules, aided by steady demand for inverters and balance-of-system products. Growth has been accelerated by Havells' strategic investment in Goldi Solar, ensuring secured module supply and participation across renewable ecosystem.
- While margin remains relatively lower at 1.7% due to a mix of utility-scale and institutional projects, the management remains optimistic on medium-term margin expansion, as scale improves and business mix shifts towards higher-value solutions.
- With a broad portfolio spanning modules, inverters, switchgear, cables, EPC and system integration, the company is well-placed to benefit from India's accelerating renewable adoption, with solar likely to deliver sustained revenue growth and gradually improvement in profitability.

Capex Plans

- Havells continues to maintain a disciplined and growth-oriented capex strategy, with FY26/27e capex guided at ~Rs14/10bn, broadly in line with recent investment levels, largely towards C&W capex, new product development, automation and technology upgrades.
- Major chunk of the capex will be incurred for expanding capacities in the high-growth C&W segment and setting up a new R&D centre.
- Capex for Lloyd has largely been completed in FY25, limiting incremental capital intensity in cooling products, going forward.

Outlook and Valuations

While C&W aided the quarterly performance, consumer-facing segments remained under pressure amid a muted demand environment. Margin saw near-term volatility due to commodity inflation, mix effects and incomplete price pass-through, though the management reiterated that these pressures are cyclical and not structural. Channel inventories, particularly in cooling products, have corrected meaningfully and are expected to normalise by Mar-26, providing a cleaner base ahead of the peak summer season.

Havells aims to increase profitability via higher operating leverage, cost optimisation and better product-mix led by premiumisation. It sees significant potential in solar and renewables portfolio, intending to scale them up markedly with support from Goldi Solar partnership.

We expect the company's margin to remain under pressure in the short-term due to elevated input cost. Considering muted quarterly operating performance, we tweak our revenue/EBITDA/PAT estimates for FY26e/27e/28e. We expect revenue/PAT to clock 11/13% CAGR over FY25-28e, which would expand the RoE from 18.7% to 19.1%. At the CMP, the stock trades at 56/46/40x FY26e/27e/28e EPS of Rs24/Rs29/Rs34. Rolling over our estimates to FY28e, we maintain BUY rating on the stock with a revised TP of Rs1,624 (from Rs1,720 earlier), valuing it at 48x FY28e EPS of Rs34.

Fig 13 – Change in Estimates

(Rs m)	New			Old			Variance (%)		
	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e	FY26	FY27	FY28e
Revenue	2,31,630	2,62,398	2,98,769	2,34,883	2,63,977	2,97,136	(1.4)	(0.6)	0.5
EBITDA	22,135	27,126	31,150	24,433	29,218	33,333	(9.4)	(7.2)	(6.6)
EBITDA (%)	9.6	10.3	10.4	10.4	11.1	11.2			
PBT	20,061	24,490	28,451	22,265	26,899	30,951	(9.9)	(9.0)	(8.1)
PAT	15,070	18,221	21,168	16,565	20,013	23,028	(9.0)	(9.0)	(8.1)
PAT (%)	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.6	7.7			
EPS (Rs)	24.1	29.1	33.8	26.5	32.0	36.8			

Source: Anand Rathi Research

Fig 14 – P/E Band



Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 15 – Mean PE is ~56x



Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Key Risks

- Volatility in commodity prices.
- Lower volume in consumer-facing segments.
- Higher competitive intensity.

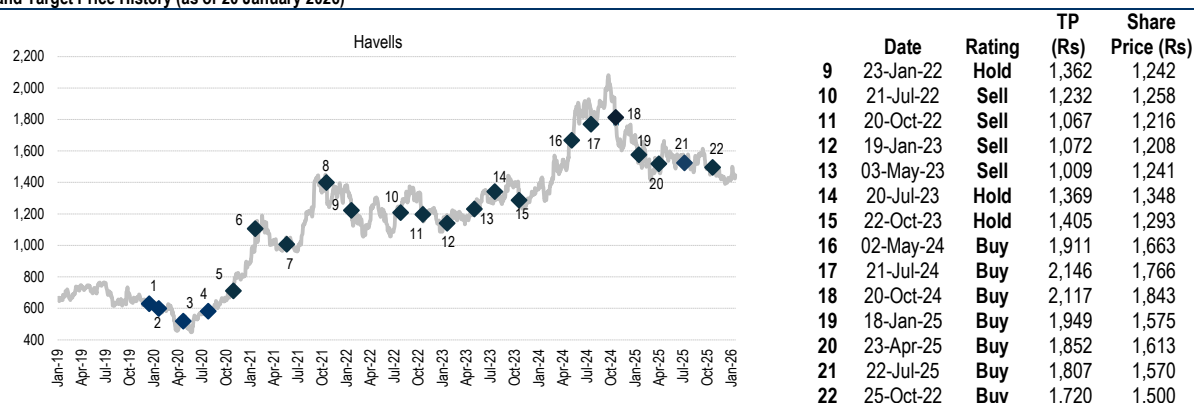
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