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Daily Morning Note

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Indices	Current Value	% 1 D	% YTD
Sensex	78,639	0.70	-7.72
Nifty	24,774	1.60	-5.19
Nifty Midcap 100	63,679	1.21	5.28
Nifty Smallcap 100	19,589	1.29	10.59
Sectors – Performance (BSE)			
IT	30,249	2.5	-17.7
Tech	15,825	1.3	-14.5
Metal	41,401	1.1	12.5
Healthcare	50,754	-0.1	15.9
Oil & Gas	26,480	-0.0	-7.8
Realty	7,043	0.1	3.5

Nifty Gainers/Losers	CMP	% Chg
GRASIM	3,260	5.1
TCS	2,474	4.6
INDIGO	5,400	4.4
APOLLOHOSP	8,820	(1.5)
SUNPHARMA	1,964	(1.4)
MARUTI	14,150	(0.6)

FII Trading activities in Cash

	Date	Net
FII	03-Aug-26	922
DII	03-Aug-26	1,571

Figs. in Rs Cr.

Global Indices	Current Value	% 1 D	% YTD
Dow Jones	53,178	1.32	10.6
Nasdaq	25,914	2.13	11.5
DAX	26,001	1.45	6.2
Nikkei 225	63,431	(0.51)	22.4
FTSE 100	10,858	(0.10)	9.3
Hang Seng	25,870	(0.54)	(1.8)
Shanghai	3,803	(0.17)	(5.5)

Forex Rate		
USD/INR	95.3	-0.1
EUR/INR	109.7	-0.2
GBP/INR	128.1	-0.4
YEN (100)/INR	60.7	0.2

Source: LSEG

Market Commentary

- **Asian markets** are trading mixed this morning. Shanghai, Nikkei, and Hang Seng were trading lower by 0.17%, 0.51%, and 0.54%, respectively.
- **Indian indices** are expected to open on a cautious note, with GIFT Nifty trading at 24,632 compared to yesterday's Nifty Futures close of 24,649.
- **U.S. markets** ended higher, driven by gains in technology stocks and easing oil prices. The Dow gained 1.32% to close at 53,178, and the Nasdaq ended 2.13% higher to settle at 25,914.

What's Inside:

- **Highlights of Axis Top Picks: August 2026**
- **Highlights of Monthly Auto Monitor: July 2026**
- **Q1FY27 Result Updates:** Dhanuka Agritech Ltd (BUY), Kirloskar Brothers Ltd (BUY), Aarti Drugs Ltd (BUY), National Aluminium Co Ltd (BUY), Persistent Systems Ltd (BUY), APL Apollo Tubes Ltd (BUY), Ethos Ltd (BUY), Archean Chemical Industries Ltd (HOLD), Escorts Kubota Ltd (HOLD), NOCIL Ltd (First Cut), DOMS (First Cut)
- **Q1FY27 Result Preview:** Bharti Airtel, Rites

News in Focus

- **Praj Industries:** The company's subsidiary, Praj GenX, signed a $52 Mn (~Rs 500 Cr) supply pact for the data centre infrastructure vertical.
- **ideaForge:** The company secured a letter of intent for up to Rs 151 Cr in long-term debt financing under the government's RDI scheme to develop its heavy-lift autonomous aerial platform, YETI.
- **Jupiter Wagons:** The company completed the acquisition of the remaining 1.94% stake in Jupiter Tatravagonka Railwheel Factory for Rs 16.5 Cr to achieve 100% ownership.
- **KEI Industries:** The company approved a Rs 700 Cr investment to expand wires and cables capacity at Salarpur, Rajasthan, with operations expected by Sep'28.
- **Power Grid:** The company acquired Krishnagiri REZ Transmission under the TBCB route for about Rs 19.8 Cr. The SPV will develop the transmission system for integration of Krishnagiri REZ Phase-I, including two new 765/400 kV substations and associated transmission lines across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka.
- **Hero MotoCorp:** The company appointed Anuj Dua as Chief Business Officer for the Premium Segment to accelerate its premium mobility strategy.

From Liquidity To Earnings: Staying Invested Through The Next Phase Of The Market.

Market Performance- Broad-Based Rally Led by Large Caps and Technology: Indian equities entered August 2026 after delivering a resilient performance over the past month, supported by improving corporate earnings, sustained domestic liquidity, and renewed optimism surrounding India's medium-term growth prospects. The Indian equity market extended its recovery during July after consolidating for several weeks. Benchmark indices witnessed broad-based gains with leadership gradually shifting back towards large-cap stocks**. The Nifty 50 outperformed on the back of strong contributions from Information Technology, Financials and select industrial companies. Midcap and Smallcap indices also participated in the rally but underperformed the benchmark, reflecting investors' preference for quality companies amid rich valuations**. **The Nifty 50 (2.2%) outperformed Nifty 500 (2%), Small cap 250 (1.1%) and Nifty Midcap 250 (1.8%).**

Q1FY27 Earnings Season – Results Support Market Optimism: The ongoing Q1FY27 earnings season has largely reinforced confidence in India's corporate earnings trajectory. **To date, Nifty 50 companies have reported earnings broadly in line with or ahead of consensus expectations.** Banks continue to report healthy credit growth and stable asset quality despite some moderation in net interest margins. Capital goods, infrastructure, defence and engineering companies continue to benefit from strong execution and record order books. Cement companies reported healthy volume growth despite near-term margin pressures arising from fuel costs, while management commentary suggests improving realizations during the coming quarters.

Management Commentary Suggests FY27 Growth Momentum Remains Intact: One of the most encouraging aspects of the current earnings season has been the positive tone of corporate managements regarding FY27. **Across infrastructure, engineering, defence, capital goods, cement and power companies, management teams continue to guide for healthy revenue growth, stable or improving EBITDA margins and strong order inflows**. Several companies have highlighted record bidding pipelines supported by increased government spending, energy transition projects, defence indigenisation and private sector investments.

IT Sector Rally: Relief Rally or Beginning of a New Cycle? Information technology stocks have emerged as one of the strongest performing sectors during the past month after remaining under pressure for an extended period. **Several large IT companies have reported healthy deal pipelines, improved client engagement, and better sequential revenue performance, although management commentary continues to remain cautious regarding the pace of discretionary spending recovery.** Investors have also become increasingly optimistic regarding AI-related spending by global enterprises, expecting technology budgets to expand as businesses accelerate digital transformation initiatives.

Artificial Intelligence Trade: Rotation Rather than Reversal: The recent recovery in IT stocks has reignited discussions on whether the global AI trade is reversing. **In our view, the AI investment cycle is unlikely to reverse structurally; instead, markets are witnessing a healthy rotation within technology.** During the first phase of the AI rally, semiconductor manufacturers, hyperscalers, and AI infrastructure companies significantly outperformed. As AI adoption becomes more widespread, investors are increasingly rotating towards software services, consulting firms and enterprise technology providers expected to benefit from AI implementation rather than merely infrastructure spending. Indian **IT companies are well positioned to benefit from this second phase as global clients increasingly invest in AI integration, cloud migration, cybersecurity and enterprise transformation.** While near-term earnings growth may remain moderate, AI-related opportunities are expected to support stronger medium-term growth rather than represent a short-lived thematic rally.

Escalating Geopolitical Risks Continue to Drive Market Volatility: Geopolitical uncertainty remains one of the largest external risks for global financial markets. Escalating tensions in West Asia have increased concerns regarding disruption to global energy supplies, shipping routes and international trade**. Although markets have so far absorbed these developments relatively well, any further escalation involving major oil-producing nations could significantly increase crude oil prices, global inflation expectations and risk aversion**. Investors should therefore continue monitoring geopolitical developments closely, as sudden increases in energy prices may adversely affect India's current account deficit, inflation outlook and corporate profitability.

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FII Flows Showing Signs of Revival: Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) turned net buyers on July 26, recording a monthly inflow of over Rs 20,000 Cr, reflecting improving sentiment and confidence toward Indian equities. Domestic institutional investors (DIIs) have increased their market share and holdings, with DIIs holding nearly 19% of NSE-listed equities, underscoring their role in stabilising market flows**. Total FII outflows in FY27 YTD have reached nearly $11 billion, while DIIs have infused $ 27 billion.**

Monsoon Outlook – August 2026: As of 29th July 2026, cumulative monsoon rainfall remained 14% below LPA, although July rainfall significantly improved the situation. The IMD expects August–September rainfall at around 94% of LPA, implying below-normal precipitation amid rising El Niño influence. Improved July rainfall has supported reservoir levels, kharif sowing and rural sentiment, reducing immediate concerns over food inflation**. The strong recovery in July has materially improved the monsoon outlook, despite the IMD's below-normal forecast for August–September. Unless rainfall weakens sharply, the monsoon should remain supportive of rural demand, food inflation stability and the RBI's growth-oriented policy stance in FY27.**

RBI Policy – Stability Expected with a Balanced Outlook: The upcoming RBI Monetary Policy Committee meeting is expected to maintain a balanced stance. Moderating inflation, improving food supply and healthy growth provide sufficient flexibility for policymakers. While immediate policy easing may remain limited, market participants will closely monitor the RBI's commentary regarding liquidity management, inflation trajectory and future growth expectations.

Domestic Growth Outlook: Growth Resilience with Emerging Risks: India continues to remain among the fastest-growing major economies globally. Strong domestic demand, public infrastructure spending, manufacturing activity, formalisation of the economy, and financial sector stability continue to support medium-term growth prospects. GDP growth for FY27 is expected to be in the range of 6.7%–6.9%, supported by strong domestic demand, continued government capital expenditure, and a gradual recovery in private sector investments. **However, emerging risks, including rising energy prices, global slowdown concerns, currency weakness, and weak monsoon expectations, may create temporary pressure on growth and inflation dynamics during FY27, and in such a case, growth may slip below 6.5%.** Thus, while the structural growth story remains intact, the near-term outlook is increasingly influenced by external vulnerabilities.

Valuation Perspective – Premium Valuation Requires Strong Earnings Delivery: The Nifty is currently trading slightly above its long-term average valuation multiples (18.4x) and continues to command a premium over most emerging markets. India's premium is supported by superior earnings growth, stronger corporate governance, macroeconomic stability and favourable demographic trends**. However, elevated valuations imply that future market appreciation will increasingly depend on earnings upgrades rather than multiple expansion.**

Indian Economy Nearing Cyclical Recovery Amid Persistent Global Risks: Despite persistent global uncertainties, India's domestic growth outlook remains resilient, with macroeconomic indicators suggesting improved momentum in FY27 compared to FY26. Continued policy support from both the government and the RBI, including growth-oriented fiscal measures, the recent RBI dividend (2.87 Lc Cr), and supportive liquidity conditions, is expected to strengthen economic activity going forward. **In CY26, Indian equities are shifting from a consolidation phase to one driven by earnings visibility, fiscal discipline, and sustainable growth.**

Relative Underperformance Provides an Opportunity to Add Equity for the Long Term: In CY25 as well as in CY26, the Indian market has underperformed the US market and other emerging markets by a notable margin. FTSE India is now trading at a PE premium of 59% to the EM index (PE). During Sep'24, the Indian market traded at a 97% PE premium to EM. Now, after the correction, it is trading at a 59% premium, which looks attractive compared to the past. That said, it is to be noted that relative valuation stabilisation does not necessarily translate into an immediate rally in the current scenario.

Style & Sector Rotation - A Key to Generating Alpha Moving Forward: The strong recovery in Small, Mid and Microcap stocks (SMMID) over the past four months has broadly validated our earlier view that the risk-reward had started turning favourable. However, with valuations now elevated, the margin for earnings disappointment remains limited. Going forward, market performance is likely to be driven increasingly by **sustained earnings growth, healthy free cash flow generation, improving ROCE and balance-sheet strength, rather than further valuation expansion**. **We therefore continue to favour a bottom-up approach, with greater emphasis on quality growth companies having sustainable business models, pricing power, strong earnings visibility and execution**

capabilities. Companies that can navigate cost pressures while maintaining growth and generating consistent cash flows are likely to emerge as key outperformers through FY27.

In this environment, our strategy focuses on Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP), quality businesses, market leaders, domestically oriented sectors, and selected export plays. We continue to:

1. **Overweight:** BFSI, Telecom, Capital goods, Healthcare, Auto, Power & Energy
2. Maintain **a positive view on select discretionary and retail consumption** plays
3. Prefer **select capex-linked cyclical stocks,** which now offer attractive valuations and reasonable growth visibility
4. Remain **cautious on IT** in the medium term, led by AI disruption.

Staying Disciplined in a Volatile Environment: For August 2026, our strategy remains constructive but selective. We expect earnings momentum to increasingly drive market performance, with quality large caps and fundamentally strong midcaps likely to outperform momentum-driven segments. Investors should maintain diversified portfolios while focusing on companies with visible earnings growth, strong balance sheets and sustained management confidence for FY27. **While near-term volatility may remain elevated, long-term investors may continue to use market corrections selectively to accumulate high-quality businesses aligned with India's structural growth themes.**

Key Risks to Our Outlook: Our constructive outlook remains subject to several risks. A sharp escalation in West Asia disrupting global energy supplies, sustained crude oil prices above US $100 per barrel, renewed inflationary pressures, unexpected tightening by major central banks, weaker-than-expected global growth or significant earnings disappointments could increase market volatility. Domestically, slower government expenditure, weaker monsoon outcomes in August–September or prolonged FII selling may also temporarily affect market sentiment.

There is no change in Top Picks for the month of August 2026.

We maintain the Dec'26 Nifty target at 27,220

We remain constructive on Indian equities, supported by strong macroeconomic fundamentals, sustained government capital expenditure, GST 2.0 reforms and an improving corporate earnings cycle. We expect Nifty earnings to grow at 13% CAGR over FY23–FY28, led by financials, underpinning healthy medium-term market returns. While geopolitical tensions, crude oil volatility and currency movements may create near-term volatility, **we maintain our December 2026 Nifty target of 27,220, based on 19.5x December 2027E earnings.**

Market volatility in India, as reflected in the VIX, has contracted from recent highs. It is currently at 11, indicating lower volatility in the near term. While extreme volatility has subsided, the market is not entirely out of the woods. Intermittent spikes may persist, especially given ongoing global uncertainties. While the medium-to-long-term outlook for the Indian economy and corporate earnings remains constructive, supported by domestic demand resilience, improving earnings visibility, and structural reforms, the near term may witness increased volatility, driven by commodity price movements, global risk aversion, and foreign fund flows. **Hence, we recommend investors maintain good liquidity (10-15%) to use any dips in a phased manner and build a position in high-quality companies (where the earnings visibility is quite high) with an investment horizon of 12-18 months.**

Bull Case: We value NIFTY at 20.5x, implying a Dec'26 target of 28,615. Markets are closely tracking the global growth outlook under President Trump, with expectations of easing tariff-related uncertainties in 2026. Domestically, a revival in private capex, supported by policy continuity and improving business confidence, along with political stability, fiscal discipline, and rural recovery, is likely to drive growth. With Nifty earnings expected to sustain a 13%+ CAGR over FY23–28, this backdrop could attract fresh capital inflows into Indian markets and support a re-rating of valuations, strengthening the equity outlook.

Bear Case: We value NIFTY at 16.5x, implying a Dec'26 target of 23,030. While valuations may remain above average amid potential policy shifts under the Trump regime, persistent inflation in developed markets and historically elevated interest rates increase downside risks. Uncertainty around currency movements, oil prices, and global trade is likely to weigh on export-driven growth. In 2026. Additionally, concerns over global growth, exacerbated by tariffs and geopolitical tensions, could compress market multiples in the near term.

Based on the above themes, we recommend the following stocks: Kotak Bank, Bajaj Finance, Bharti Airtel, Avenue Supermarts, ICICI Bank, Varun Beverages Ltd, APL Apollo Tubes, HCG Ltd, LG Electronics (I) Ltd, Nestle India Ltd, Eternal Ltd, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, Chalet Hotels, Minda Corporation Ltd, Dalmia Bharat Ltd.

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Axis Securities Top Picks

Category	Company Name	Sector	Stock price	Target Price	Upside (%)	12 Month Fwd PE	12 Month Fwd P/BV	Dividend Yield	TR 1M%	TR 3M%	TR 6M%	TR YTD %
Large Cap	Bajaj Finance Ltd.	Financials	1,141	1,305	14%	27.9	5.2	0.5	13.6	22.5	23.5	16.3
Large Cap	Varun Beverages Ltd.	Consumer Staples	442	530	20%	43.5	6.8	0.3	-12.8	-13.8	-5.8	-9.4
Large Cap	Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.	Financials	390	500	28%	17.8	1.9	0.2	-0.3	2.0	-4.2	-11.2
Large Cap	Bharti Airtel Ltd	Communication Services	1,972	2,530	28%	30.8	6.8	1.2	7.8	5.8	1.4	-5.2
Large Cap	Avenue Supermarts Ltd.	Consumer Staples	3,921	4,845	24%	71.5	9.1	NA	-10.5	-14.5	6.3	3.7
Large Cap	ICICI Bank Ltd.	Financials	1,435	1,800	25%	16.1	2.5	0.8	4.4	13.6	5.9	6.9
Large Cap	Nestle India Ltd.	Consumer Staples	1,510	1,765	17%	74.8	48.0	0.8	7.9	4.0	14.5	18.4
Large Cap	Eternal Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	302	360	19%	168.7	8.7	NA	14.3	22.4	10.5	8.8
Mid Cap	Dalmia Bharat Ltd	Materials	1,800	2,260	26%	31.7	1.8	0.5	5.8	-5.3	-12.8	-15.3
Mid Cap	LG Electronics India Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	1,491	1,815	22%	45.7	11.3	NA	-4.0	-6.4	1.9	-2.0
Mid Cap	APL Apollo Tubes Ltd.	Materials	1,820	2,250	24%	34.8	7.8	0.5	1.7	-4.5	-11.1	-4.9
Small Cap	Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd.	Financials	72	86	20%	12.1	1.8	NA	21.5	26.1	9.8	35.4
Small Cap	Chalet Hotels Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	810	1,000	23%	28.3	4.1	0.1	-0.6	6.9	-6.9	-7.0
Small Cap	Minda Corporation Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	701	785	12%	38.3	5.3	0.2	0.6	34.8	24.7	22.2
Small Cap	Healthcare Global Enterprises Ltd.	Healthcare	675	750	11%	77.4	6.8	NA	7.6	17.9	14.7	2.6

Source: Company, Axis Securities, CMP as of 31^{th} July 2026; All Target Prices have an investment horizon of over one year.

Domestic Auto Demand Remains Strong; Global Uncertainty Warrants Caution

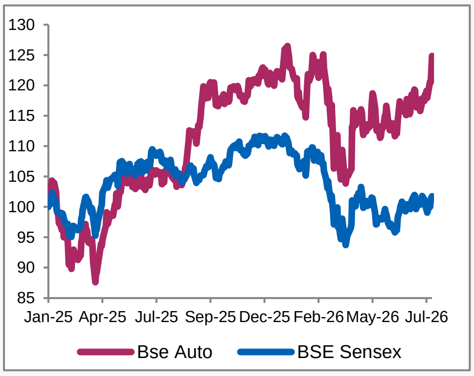
Over Apr'26-Jul'26, cumulative 2W domestic sales grew by 19% YoY to 48.7 Lc units, supported by strong performances from Eicher Motor (+33%), HMSI (+21%) and Hero (+16%). Exports showed improved traction across global markets, led by Hero MotoCorp & HMSI, while TVS Motor and Bajaj Auto are yet to report. The **domestic PV industry** posted a ~27% YoY growth to ~17.3 Lc units, driven by strong performance from Tata Motors (+49%), Maruti Suzuki (+33%), Kia India (+17%), M&M (+16%), Toyota Kirloskar (+15%), JSW MG Motor (+13%) and Hyundai (+10%). **Domestic CV volumes** increased 20% YTD to 2.77 Lc units, reflecting strong performance supported by an early replacement cycle and positive freight demand. **Domestic tractor sales (Exhibit 2)** rose 18%, driven by Escorts Kubota (+23%), M&M (+18%) and VST (+9%). **The overall industry outlook for FY27 remains positive, driven by strong demand prospects, rising EV adoption, and stable income tax levels. However, these positives are likely to be partially offset by unfavourable macroeconomic conditions and the high base of the preceding financial year.**

- **2W/3W Wholesale Nos:** In JuL'26, domestic 2W OEM sales rose ~15% YoY and 3% MoM, led by Eicher Motor (+38% YoY), followed by Suzuki Motorcycle (+28% YoY) and HMSI (+22% YoY) and Hero MotoCorp (+2% YoY), while export momentum remained strong, driven by Hero MotoCorp. Going ahead, potential upside triggers for domestic demand include (i) Government-led consumption measures (Income Tax relief/ GST reduction), (ii) An uptick in rural demand, and (iii) New model launches.
- **PV Wholesale Nos:** In JuL'26, domestic PV sales rose ~34% YoY and 18% MoM, with Tata Motors, Honda cars and Maruti Suzuki registering the highest growth at 58%, 48% and 42% each, followed by Kia India (+27% YoY), Hyundai (+23%), JSW MG Motor (+22% YoY), M&M (+20% YoY) and Toyota Kirloskar (+5%). Looking ahead to FY27, we remain cautiously positive and expect industry volumes to grow at a mid-single-digit pace, supported by improving consumer affordability, rising EV adoption and new model launches, partly offset by price hikes undertaken by OEMs to mitigate the impact of volatile raw material prices amid macroeconomic uncertainties.
- **CV Wholesale Nos:** Our proxy for CV domestic dispatches witnessed a 23% YoY growth but declined 5% MoM. Maruti Suzuki registered the highest growth at 40% YoY, followed by Tata Motors, VECV and M&M, which posted growth of 28%, 18% and 17% YoY, respectively. We expect positive momentum to continue into FY27, supported by improving fleet utilisation and early replacement demand. However, the pace of growth may be partly offset by geopolitical tensions and potential disruptions in raw material supply chains, which could impact exports and lead to production slowdowns in the near term.
- **Healthy Volumes in the Tractor Industry:** Our proxy for the tractor segment witnessed volume growth of 17% YoY, supported by stable rural demand, ongoing kharif sowing activity, and water reservoirs continuing to support agricultural operations. It, however, declined 44% MoM. Escorts Kubota reported a strong volume surge of 24% YoY, followed by M&M (+21% YoY), but VST tillers de-grew by 10% YoY. Looking ahead to FY27, we expect low-to-mid single-digit growth, supported by stable rural fundamentals, ongoing kharif sowing activity, and healthy reservoir levels. However, growth may moderate due to the delayed monsoon onset, while deficient rainfall, emerging El Niño conditions, and rising input costs remain key risks to tractor demand through their potential impact on agricultural output and rural incomes.
- **In the long term, we prefer Eicher Motors in 2W, M&M (non-coverage) as a play in the PV/LCV/Tractor segment, followed by Maruti in PVs. We also like Tata Motors (non-coverage) in the CV space, followed by a close watch on Eicher (VECV) for any market share gains.**

Total Sales Summary (Jul'26)

Company	Jul'26	Jul'25	YoY (%)
Eicher Motors (RE)	1,18,232	88,045	34%
Eicher Motors (VECV)	8,045	6,940	16%
Escorts (Tractors)	8,731	7,154	22%
Hero MotoCorp	5,33,416	4,49,755	19%
M&M	1,38,280	1,12,399	23%
Hyundai	75,360	60,073	25%
Maruti Suzuki	2,41,421	1,80,526	34%
Tata Motors (PV)	63,760	40,175	59%
Tata Motors (CV)	39,641	28,956	37%

Relative Performance



Source: Ace Equity, Axis Securities Ltd.

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2W/3W Segment

- **Hero MotoCorp**: Total 2W sales in Jul'26 were up 18.6% YoY but down 1% MoM.
- **RE** total sales were up 34% YoY and 4% MoM; Exports improved 10% YoY and 16% MoM.

PV & CV Segment

- **Maruti Suzuki's** total sales in Jul'26 were up 34% YoY and 21% MoM; The total CV sales improved 40% YoY and 32% MoM.
- **M&M's** PV division grew 20% YoY but remained flat MoM. LCV sales were up 17% YoY but down 3% MoM.
- **Tata Motors'** total domestic PV sales rose 58% YoY and 1% MoM; domestic CV sales were up 28% YoY but down 7% MoM.
- **Eicher Motors' (VECV)** total CV sales rose 16% YoY but were down 13% MoM.

Tractor Segment

- **M&M's** total tractor sales were up 20% YoY but down 43% MoM.
- **Escorts Kubota Limited's** tractor sales increased 22% YoY but were down 36% MoM.
- **VST Tillers & Tractors** sales were down 10% YoY and 18% MoM.

National Aluminium Ltd - Q1FY27 Result update; BUY; TP: Rs 420/share

Q1: Strong All-round Performance; Refinery Expansion Key Monitorable

Est. Vs. Actual for Q1FY27: Revenue – BEAT; EBITDA – BEAT; PAT – BEAT

Change in Estimates Post Q1FY27 Results

FY27E/28E: Revenue 6%/1%; **EBITDA:** 2%/-7%; **PAT:** 3%/-7%.

Recommendation Rationale

- **EBITDA Beat Our Estimate:** EBITDA stood at Rs 2,708 Cr (up 81%/15% YoY/QoQ), beating our estimate by 13%. This robust performance was primarily driven by higher LME Aluminium realizations ($3,565/t, up 46% YoY) and strong Aluminium segment EBIT growth (+159% YoY), which comfortably offset lower Alumina division profitability (-46% YoY) and input cost inflation in power & fuel.
- **Alumina Refinery Expansion:** Trial runs are underway at the 1.0 mtpa 5th stream Alumina refinery, following mechanical completion across 50+ packages. Full mechanical completion is now targeted for Sep'26 (vs. Jun'26 earlier), followed by a 3-4 month integrated commissioning phase. Commercial rollout is expected from Dec'26, with the unit delivering ~0.2 mt of alumina in FY27 (unchanged from previous guidance) before scaling to its full 1.0 mtpa operational benefit in FY28.
- **Captive Coal mix:** Captive coal production increased to ~4 MT in FY26 (vs. 2.8 MT in FY25), meeting ~55% of CPP coal requirement (7.2 MT). FY27 captive coal will further increase to 4.8 MT (EC for mine expansion is expected within the next 2-3 months). In Q1FY27, captive coal production stood at ~1.1 MT. Captive coal cost is ~Rs 0-100/t cheaper than linkage coal, and captive to e-auction, the difference is ~Rs 1,500/t.

Sector Outlook: Positive.

Company Outlook & Guidance: Alumina sales volume guidance for FY27 is 1.6 MT (vs. 1.4 MT in FY26), with the incremental production from the new refinery stream expected to be entirely sold in the merchant market. While LME spot Aluminium prices have cooled to ~$3,200/t (vs. $3,565/t Q1FY27 average) and raw material inflation (caustic soda, CPC, HFO) has raised Aluminium CoP by ~Rs 15,000-16,000/t over FY26 averages, stronger alumina spot realizations (~$360/t) and increased captive coal usage should partly cushion profitability. Alumina production costs are expected to remain broadly stable at Rs 21,000-22,000/t. FY27 capex guidance remains Rs 1,500-1,800 Cr, increasing to around Rs 2,500 Cr in FY28, before peaking during FY29-31 as expansion projects gather pace. Capex execution remains a key monitorable.

Current Valuation: 7.0x EV/EBITDA (unchanged) on Mar'28E EBITDA (Unchanged)

Current TP: Rs 420/share (Earlier TP: Rs 440/share)

Recommendation: We maintain our BUY rating.

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Aarti Drugs Ltd - Q1FY27 Result Update; BUY; TP: Rs 515/share

Operational Tailwinds to Provide Better FY27

Est. Vs. Actual for Q1FY27: **Revenue – BEAT; EBITDA Abs. – BEAT; PAT – BEAT**

Changes in Estimates Post Q1FY27

FY27E/FY28E: Revenue: 2.8%/2.9%; **EBITDA**: 7.4%/6.6%; **PAT**: 9.8%/8.4%

Recommendation Rationale:

- **Profitability Improved by Middle East Conflict:** Reported revenue grew 19% YoY to Rs 703 Cr, surpassing our estimates. Operational profits also exceeded expectations, supported by the commissioning of the Sayakha facility and higher product prices. Management, however, expects a volume-led recovery going forward, driven by backward integration and the ramp-up of new facilities.
- **Segment-wise Performance:** The Formulations business recorded 7% YoY growth to Rs 86 Cr, while the API segment delivered a strong performance with 11% YoY growth. The company continues to focus on expanding its international presence, with exports contributing 38% of total revenue.
- **Capacity Scale Up:** The Tarapur Salicylic Acid plant has surpassed key production milestones, with further ramp-up and the planned commissioning of downstream Salicylates lines expected to drive sustained volume growth into FY27. Meanwhile, the Sayakha methyl amines facility is operating at approximately 65% utilization, enabling 100% backward integration for key Metformin intermediates, significantly reducing raw material cost risks and improving supply security. Other specialty chemical facilities are currently operating below optimal utilization levels. Metformin prices increased by 15–20% ahead of the war period, with the most significant price hike occurring during March–April. The current Metformin capacity stands at 1,400 tonnes per month, with utilization in the mid-80% range. Going forward, the company plans to expand Metformin capacity to 2,200 tonnes per month, of which 550 tonnes per month will be dedicated to the US FDA market, while the remaining capacity will cater to other markets. The Sayakha facility will support this expansion through backward integration.

Sector Outlook: Positive

Company Outlook & Guidance: Management views the current quarter as a turning point and expects the performance run rate achieved during the quarter to continue over the remaining three quarters of FY27. As highlighted earlier, Sayakha capacity utilization improved from 30% in Q3FY26 to 65% in Q1FY27. Looking ahead, the company expects to sustain a volume-led growth trajectory of 12–15% in FY27. EBITDA margins are projected to recover initially to the 12–13% range and gradually stabilize at 14–15% as the oncology pipeline is commercialized and the benefits of backward integration are fully realized.

Current Valuation: PE 18x for 1HFY28E earnings (Earlier Valuation: PE 19x H1FY28E)

Current TP: Rs 515/share (Earlier TP: Rs 480/share)

Recommendation: BUY

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Ethos Ltd - Q1FY27 - Result Update; BUY; TP: Rs 3,360/share

Growth Momentum continues; Maintain BUY

Est. Vs. Actual for Q1FY27: Revenue – **BEAT**; **EBITDA** – **BEAT** ; **PAT** – **BEAT**

Changes in Estimates post Q1FY27

FY27E/FY28E: Revenue: 0%/0%; **EBITDA:** 0%/0%; **PAT:** 0%/0%

Recommendation Rationale

- **Strong Revenue Momentum:** Ethos delivered a robust 33.3% YoY revenue growth in Q1FY27, driven primarily by continued store expansion and healthy underlying demand. Same-store sales growth (SSSG) remained strong at 13.2%, while the average selling price (ASP) stood at a healthy Rs 2.26 lakh, reflecting a favourable premium product mix. During the quarter, the company added eight new boutiques, taking its retail network to 103 boutiques across 34 cities. Till date, the company has added nine new boutiques, further strengthening its leadership in the luxury watch retail segment.
- **Margin Improved**: Gross margin expanded by 75 bps YoY to 29.4%, while the EBITDA margins remained flat with only 1 bps expansion due to higher employee and other expenses related to aggressive store expansion.
- **Outlook Remains Strong**: Ethos continues to build momentum across its luxury watch and lifestyle portfolio while expanding its retail network. By entering four new markets—Agra, Faridabad, Amritsar, and Visakhapatnam—the company is capitalizing on high-potential regions while concurrently deepening its presence in existing cities. Through Ethos Lifestyle, it aims to selectively onboard complementary global brands, develop new retail concepts and proprietary IP, and reinforce its position as India's leading luxury retailer.

Sector Outlook: Positive

Company Outlook & Guidance: Despite near-term earnings sensitivity to currency movements, the company's structural growth drivers remain intact. **Accordingly, we have maintained our BUY recommendation on the stock.**

Current Valuation: 38xJun'28E EPS (**Earlier Valuation: 38xMar'28E EPS)**

Current TP: **Rs 3,360/share** (**Earlier TP: Rs 2,620/share**).

Recommendation: We maintain our **BUY** rating on the stock.

Persistent Systems Ltd - Q1FY27 Result Update; BUY; TP: Rs 6,400/share

AI-Driven Productivity Gains to Sustain Growth Momentum

Est. Vs. Actual for Q1FY27: Revenue – INLINE; EBIT Margin – INLINE ; PAT – MISS

Change in Estimates YoY post Q1FY27:

FY27E/FY28E: Revenue: 1%/-1%; **EBIT:** 3%/3%, **PAT:** 5%/4%

Recommendation Rationale

- **Robust Deal Wins Provide Strong Revenue Visibility:** Persistent delivered a record TCV of US$1.15 Bn, including a US$650 Mn multi-year strategic deal, reinforcing its ability to win large and complex digital transformation mandates. Management expects the US$650 Mn deal to contribute 75–80% of its peak revenue by Q2FY27 and achieve a full run-rate by Q3FY27, providing healthy revenue visibility. Supported by a diversified pipeline and consistent client mining, we believe these large deal wins will drive sustainable double-digit revenue growth over the medium term.
- **AI-Led Engineering Strengthens Competitive Positioning:** The company continues to strengthen its AI capabilities through its 3C AI architecture (Core, Context, Coordination) and proprietary platforms such as SASWA, GenAI Hub, and iAura. These platforms are increasingly embedded into client engagements, enabling higher productivity, lower total cost of ownership, and differentiated enterprise AI solutions. We believe the company's strong product engineering heritage, expanding AI IP portfolio, and outcome-based delivery capabilities position it well to gain market share amid rising enterprise AI adoption.
- **Strategic Acquisitions Support Long-Term Profitability:** The proposed Nagarro acquisition will significantly strengthen the company's presence in Europe while expanding its industry diversification across the Industrial and Consumer verticals. While near-term margins remain impacted by AI investments and lower utilization due to proactive hiring, management remains confident of maintaining its 16–17% EBIT margin through operational efficiencies. We believe improving deal ramp-ups, strong cash generation, and synergy benefits from the Nagarro acquisition will support long-term earnings growth and justify a premium valuation. The transaction is expected to be completed by Q4CY26 or Q1CY27.

Sector Outlook: Cautiously Optimistic

Company Outlook & Guidance: The management remains confident in achieving its $2 Bn revenue target by FY27 with an aspirational margin range of 16% to 17%, supported by a combination of organic growth, core operational efficiencies, and an active acquisition strategy. For its longer-term aspiration of reaching $5 Bn revenue by FY31, the company plans to strategically expand into the manufacturing and retail verticals, thereby diversifying its growth engines and broadening its addressable market.

Current Valuation: 34x FY28E P/E (Earlier Valuation: Unchanged)

Current TP: Rs 6,400/share (Earlier TP: Rs 6,270/share)

Recommendation: We maintain our BUY rating on the stock.

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Archean Chemical Industries Ltd - Q1FY27 Result Update; HOLD; TP: Rs 490/share

Temporary Logistics Headwinds Cloud Improving Fundamentals

Est. Vs. Actual for Q1FY27: Revenue - INLINE; EBITDA - MISS; PAT - MISS

Changes in Estimates Post Q1FY27

FY27E/FY28E: Revenue: -3%/-3%; **EBITDA:** -16%/-3%; **PAT:** -32%/-6%

Recommendation Rationale

- Bromine Strength Intact; Temporary Logistics Headwinds to Reverse: Temporary logistics disruptions in the Industrial Salt business overshadowed the resilience of ACIL's core bromine franchise during the quarter. Despite a correction in global bromine prices, the company sustained blended realisations above Rs 300/kg, supported by its predominantly long-term contract portfolio and healthy demand across flame retardants, agrochemicals and energy storage applications. With highway infrastructure work nearing completion and logistics costs expected to normalise from Q3FY27, industrial salt volumes and margins are likely to recover, supporting a stronger earnings trajectory in H2FY27.
- Specialty Chemicals to Drive Margin Expansion: The bromine derivatives business turned EBITDA positive during the quarter, while the SOP business continued to scale following successful process re-engineering. Continued ramp-up in bromine derivatives, SOP and mudchemie is expected to improve operating leverage and support margin expansion over the medium term.
- Emerging Growth Platforms Provide Long-term Optionality: ACIL continues to build long-term growth drivers through its SiC semiconductor and zinc-bromide battery initiatives. While these businesses remain in the investment phase, their strategic positioning in EVs, renewable energy and industrial power electronics is expected to create meaningful earnings accretion over the next 24–48 months, further diversifying the company's growth profile.

Sector Outlook: Neutral

Company Outlook & Guidance: Management remains optimistic on H2FY27, expecting a meaningful sequential recovery driven by normalisation in industrial salt operations. The company reiterated its bromine production guidance, targeting an exit run-rate of 20,000–25,000 MT while sustaining blended realisations at Rs 300/kg or above through its long-term contract portfolio. The SOP business is on track to complete Phase-II process validation by Dec'26, with FY27 sales volume guidance maintained at 9,000–10,000 MT. The Idealis mud chemicals business is expected to commence meaningful commercial supplies in H2FY27 following customer approvals.

Current Valuation: 14x FY28E (Earlier Valuation: 14x FY28E)

Current TP: Rs 490/share (Earlier TP: Rs 505/share)

Recommendation: We **maintain our HOLD rating** on the stock.

Kirloskar Brothers Q1FY27 Result Update; BUY; TP: Rs 2,220/share

Temporary Overseas Headwinds But Domestic Strength Intact; Maintain BUY

Est. vs. Actual for Q1FY27: Revenue - MISS; EBITDA - MISS; PAT - MISS

Changes in Estimates post Q1FY27

FY27E/FY28E: Revenue: -10%/-8%; **EBITDA:** -14%/-10%; **PAT:** -15%/-7%

Recommendation Rationale

- **Robust Domestic Franchise and Record Order Book Provide Strong Earnings Visibility:** We remain constructive on KBL, supported by its resilient domestic franchise, healthy execution and robust order backlog. Despite a temporary moderation in consolidated profitability due to overseas subsidiaries, the standalone business continued to outperform, delivering healthy revenue growth along with margin expansion, driven by favourable product mix, calibrated price hikes and improving operational efficiencies. A record consolidated order book of Rs 40.6 Bn (+21% YoY), with nearly two-thirds of the domestic backlog executable within FY27, provides strong revenue visibility and reinforces management's confidence in delivering double-digit standalone growth. Sustained traction across power, water, irrigation, oil & gas, marine and defence sectors should continue to support healthy order inflows over the medium term.
- **Overseas Recovery to Drive Margin Improvement:** Consolidated margins remained under pressure due to a weaker overseas mix and losses at SPP UK, Rodelta and TKSL. However, strong performance at SPP USA and management's expectation of improved profitability across international subsidiaries in H2FY27, along with the turnaround of TKSL, should support gradual margin recovery.
- **Long-Term Growth Drivers Remain Intact:** KBL is well positioned to benefit from India's infrastructure and energy capex cycle, with increasing opportunities in nuclear power, defence localisation, water infrastructure and oil & gas. Its strong market positioning in high-entry-barrier pumping solutions and healthy order pipeline are expected to drive sustainable earnings growth over the medium term.

Sector Outlook: Positive

Company Outlook & Guidance: Management guided for double-digit revenue growth in FY27 on both a standalone and consolidated basis, underpinned by the record order book, an improving execution cadence post the foundry/ERP stabilisation, and a broad-based order pipeline spanning power, oil & gas, marine & defence, building & construction and water infrastructure. International margins are expected to recover progressively from H2CY26/H2FY27 as the services mix normalises at SPP UK and the Dutch entities, while KPML/TKSL margins should improve as large-casting volumes tied to thermal and nuclear power orders scale up.

Current Valuation: 25x FY28E EPS (Earlier Valuation: 25x FY28E EPS)

Current TP: Rs 2,220/share (Earlier TP: Rs 2,330/share)

Recommendation: We maintain a **BUY** rating on the stock.

Dhanuka Agritech Ltd - Q1FY27 Result Update; BUY; TP: Rs 1,500/share

Delayed Monsoon Weighs on Q1; Long-Term Growth Drivers Remain Intact

Est. Vs. Actual for Q1FY27: Revenue: MISS; EBITDA: MISS; PAT: MISS

Change in Estimates post Q1FY27

FY27E/FY28E: Revenue: -7%/-7%; **EBITDA:** -13%/-7%; **PAT:** -14%/-8%

Recommendation Rationale

- **Performance Impacted by Delayed Monsoon & Weak Herbicide Demand:** Dhanuka Agritech reported a weak Q1FY27 performance, with consolidated revenue declining 13% YoY to Rs 462 Cr, primarily due to delayed monsoon onset across key agricultural states, which postponed kharif sowing and curtailed demand during the peak herbicide application window. Weak domestic demand, heightened price competition, and temporary logistics and raw material inflation linked to geopolitical tensions further weighed on profitability. The company's debt-free balance sheet, premium product portfolio and diversified distribution network position it well to recover once seasonal demand normalises.
- **Nagpur Capex and Bayer Portfolio Integration Strengthen Long-Term Growth Platform:** Dhanuka has acquired land at Nagpur to establish a highly automated formulation facility with an estimated investment of up to Rs 200 Cr and annual capacity of 23,000 MT, targeted for commissioning by Apr'28. Management also continues to integrate the acquired Bayer fungicide portfolio, expanding registrations across international markets including Brazil, Europe and the US. Although export contribution from Bayer products is expected to remain modest in FY27, the company believes the acquisition significantly enhances its long-term global positioning, supported by the Dahej technical synthesis facility.
- **Innovation-led Portfolio Expansion to Support Margin Recovery:** Dhanuka continues to strengthen its premium product mix through differentiated chemistries, biological products and multiple new launches during FY27. Combined with higher-margin patented products and increasing innovation-led revenue contribution, this should support gradual improvement in profitability over the medium term.

Sector Outlook: Cautiously Optimistic

Company Outlook & Guidance: Dhanuka Agritech has downgraded its FY27 guidance to lower single-digit revenue growth and projects a ~200 bps EBITDA margin contraction due to delayed monsoons, severe June sowing disruptions, and a weak start to Q2. Despite these short-term cyclical setbacks, management remains optimistic about medium-term recovery fueled by the upcoming launch of five new products and market share gains in the biostimulant segment as tighter regulations squeeze out unorganised players. Long-term growth is anchored by the highly automated Rs 200 Cr Nagpur formulation plant scheduled for Apr'28 and global expansion of its acquired Bayer fungicide brands (*Iprovalicarb* and *Triadimenol*) in Europe and Brazil.

Current Valuation: 18x FY28E (Earlier Valuation: 18x FY28E)

Current TP: Rs 1,500/share (Earlier TP: Rs 1,650/share)

Recommendation: We maintain our **BUY rating** on the stock.

Escorts Kubota Ltd - Q1FY27 Result Update; HOLD; TP: Rs 3,375/share

Tractor Recovery Strengthens; Margin Headwinds Remain

Est. Vs. Actual for Q1FY27: Revenue – INLINE; EBITDA – MISS; PAT – BEAT

Change in Estimates post Q1FY27

FY27E/FY28E: Revenue: 3%/2%; **EBITDA:** -10%/-4%; **PAT:** -5%/-4%.

Recommendation Rationale

- **Agri Machinery – Record Volumes, Market Share Gains & Product Expansion:** Escorts Kubota reported its highest-ever Q1 domestic tractor sales of 35,457 units, up 22.9% YoY, outperforming the domestic tractor industry's 18.6% growth and gaining 36 bps of domestic market share. The Shaurya series supported market share expansion in Southern markets, while Farmtrac Promaxx and Digitrac continued to gain traction, contributing 20-22% of Farmtrac sales and 23-25% of Powertrac volumes, respectively. The company's focus on product refresh, premiumization and channel strengthening supported growth across key regions, while the non-tractor business further improved its contribution, accounting for 19% of Agri Machinery revenue versus 18% in Q1FY26, enhancing segment diversification.
- **Construction Equipment – Strong Recovery Supported by Infrastructure Demand:** The Construction Equipment (CE) business maintained strong momentum, with volumes increasing 27.4% YoY to 1,344 machines, outperforming industry growth of approximately 23%, while segment revenue grew 39.2% YoY to Rs 420 Cr, supported by 46% YoY growth in the crane industry. Building on its 2.7% market share gain in FY26, the company plans multiple entry-level and application-specific crane launches from Oct'26. Despite expected monsoon-related disruptions in Q2, management has guided for 12-15% CE industry growth in FY27, supported by government spending on roads, metro rail, mining, industrial and solar projects across Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.
- **Captive Finance, Margin Recovery & Capacity Expansion Strengthen Long-Term Growth:** Captive finance penetration increased to 10-12% in Q1FY27 and exceeded 15% in July, with over 250 dealers onboarded, while the company targets 40-50% dealer coverage by FY27 and pan-India rollout by FY28, supporting an estimated 20-25% incremental volume opportunity. Backed by a cash surplus of ~Rs 10,000 Cr, Escorts has guided for FY27 capex of Rs 850-900 Cr, including Rs 450-500 Cr towards its Rs 2,000 Cr greenfield facility, with groundbreaking scheduled in Aug'26. EBITDA margin declined to 11.2% (vs. 12.8% in Q1FY26) due to nearly 5% commodity cost inflation, with an additional 100-200 bps pressure expected in Q2 despite a 1-1.5% price hike in April, while management expects commodity costs to normalise from Q4FY27. Tractor exports stood at 1,405 units, with 61% routed through Kubota's global network, and management expects exports to remain broadly flat in FY27 before recovering in FY28.

Sector Outlook: Cautiously Positive

Company Outlook & Guidance: Management expects the domestic tractor industry to grow in mid-single digits in FY27, supported by healthy rural demand and farmer sentiment. EKL aims to outperform industry growth through new launches, market share gains, channel expansion, captive finance, and CE growth, while commodity inflation and export recovery remain key monitorables.

Current Valuation: 26x FY28E EPS (Unchanged)

Current TP: Rs 3,375/share (Earlier TP: Rs 3,530/share)

Recommendation: We maintain our HOLD rating on the stock.

DOMS Q1FY27 First Cut

- Revenue grew by ~19.2% yoy primarily led by healthy back to school season traction.
- Gross margins declined by 398 bps at 38.2% due to transitory headwinds on account of significant increase and volatility in raw material cost, driven by Middle East conflict along with broader global uncertainties. Simultaneously, EBITDA de-grew by 16.4%yoy and EBITDA margins contracted by 525bps at 12.3%, led by gross margin contraction along with higher staff cost and other expenses
- PAT declined by 22.3% yoy.
- We currently have a BUY rating at Rs 2,920, but we will revisit our estimates post con call scheduled at 12:00pm on 4th Aug'26.

(Rs cr)	1QFY26	4QFY26	Axis Est.	1QFY27	% Change (Y-o-Y)	% Change (Q-o-Q)	Axis Est. Var (%)
Net Sales	562	604	675	671	19.2	11.0	(0.6)
Gross Profits	237	268	280	256	8.0	(4.5)	(8.6)
Gross Margin (%)	42.1	44.3	41.5	38.2	-398 bps	-618 bps	-335 bps
EBITDA	99	101	104	83	(16.4)	(18.2)	(20.8)
EBITDA Margin (%)	17.6	16.7	15.4	12.3	-525 bps	-440 bps	-313 bps
Rep PAT	57	57	61	44	(22.3)	(21.6)	(26.9)
EPS	9.4	9.3	10.0	7.3	(22.3)	(21.6)	(26.9)

NOCIL Ltd Q1FY27 Result Firstcut

Est. Vs. Actual for Q1FY27: Revenue: BEAT; EBITDA: BEAT; PAT: BEAT

- Performance Beat on all Fronts. NOCIL reported revenue of Rs 403 Cr, Up 20% YoY and 22% QoQ, beating our estimates by 8%. Average Selling Price (ASP's) increased due to rising raw material prices. EBITDA stood at Rs 45 Cr, up 48% YoY and 115% QoQ, above our expectation of Rs 32 Cr. EBITDA margin expanded to 11.2% versus 9.1% in Q1FY26. PAT came in at Rs 28 Cr, up 61% YoY and 63% QoQ, surpassing our estimate of Rs 20 Cr.
- We Currently have a HOLD rating on the stock and we will revisit our estimates post the concall scheduled on 4th August, 2026 at 11:30 am.

Key Financials (Consolidated)

(Rs Cr)	Q1FY27	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Axis Est.	Variance
Net Sales	403	20%	22%	372	8%
EBITDA	45	48%	115%	32	40%
EBITDA Margin	11.2%	213bps	485bps	8.7%	252bps
Net Profit	28	61%	63%	20	42%
EPS (Rs)	1.7	61%	63%	1.2	42%

Q1FY27 Earnings preview: Our Coverage

Year-end March (Rs Cr)	Q1FY27E	Q4FY26	QoQ (%)	Q1FY26	YoY (%)	Result Expectations
Bharti Airtel						
Revenues	56,934	55,383	2.8%	49,463	15.1%	➔ We expect 2.8% QoQ, led by growth in subscriber additions and the Africa business. ➔ EBIT margin is likely to fall by 69bps QoQ on account of higher operating costs, mainly towards data centre investment and network expansion ➔ Watch out for: Outlook on business verticals and ARPU, Customer additions, and 5G rollout.
EBIT	17,954	17,848	0.6%	15,374	16.8%	
EBIT margin (%)	31.5	32.2	-69bps	31.1	45bps	
PAT	9,389	9,247	1.5%	7,422	26.5%	
EPS (Rs)	15.4	15.2	1.5%	12.2	26.5%	

Year-end March (Rs Cr)	Q1FY27E	Q4FY26	QoQ (%)	Q1FY26	YoY (%)	Result Expectations
RITES Ltd						
Revenues	582	768	**-24%**	490	**19%**	➔ Revenue to grow YoY owing to large executable order book ➔ EBITDA to grow YoY owing to higher sales ➔ EBITDA margin to reduce due to increase in costs ➔ PAT to grow YoY owing to above attributes ➔ EPS to be in line with PAT
EBITDA	127	168	**-25%**	114	**11%**	
EBITDA margin (%)	21.8%	21.9%	**-16bps**	23.3%	**-156bps**	
PAT	94	130	**-28%**	80	**17%**	
EPS (Rs)	2.0	2.7	**-28%**	1.7	**17%**	

Note: Showcasing the Earnings preview (expectations) for the companies under our coverage whose results are expected by today or by tomorrow (If weekend or Holiday).

Result Calendar - Q1FY27

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	03-Aug-26	04-Aug-26	05-Aug-26	06-Aug-26	07-Aug-26	08-Aug-26
Large Cap	DLF	**Bharti Airtel** O N G C Pidilite Inds.	Cummins India Power Grid Corpn	**Britannia Inds.** **Hero Motocorp** Life Insurance Corporation Motherson Sumi **Trent**	Godrej Consumer **Hindalco Inds.** Power Fin.Corpn. **St Bk of India** Titan Company	
Mid Cap	**Escorts Kubota** Glaxosmi. Pharma Indian Renewable Energy Jindal Stain. KEI Industries Torrent Power UPL	Bharti Hexacom Godrej Propert. Kalyan Jewellers Marico NHPC Ltd FSN E-Commerce Tata Inv.Corpn. United Breweries	**Aurobindo Pharma** Berger Paints **Biocon** GE T&D India PB Fintech.	Blue Star **Fortis Health.** **Lupin** Premier Energies	Kaynes Technology India Oil India Hitachi Energy	
Small Cap	Ather Energy Blue Jet Healthcare Cams Services **DOMS Industries** GE Shipping Co Inox India JM Financial **Ethos** **NOCIL**	Dr. Agarwal's Health Care Alkyl Amines Alembic Pharma BASF India Castrol India Deepak Nitrite Emami C.E. Info System Metropolis Healt Motherson Sumi Wiring PNB Housing **Rites** Saregama India Sundram Fasten. Timken India Ventive Hospitality	Aegis Vopak Terminals Asahi India Glas Aster DM Health. Bayer Crop Sci. Bikaji Foods International Suven Pharma eClerx Services **Navin Fluo.Intl.** Neuland Labs. Whirlpool India **Automotive Axles** **JK Lakshmi Cement**	Aegis Logistics Apollo Tyres Campus Activewear Crompton Gr. Con EIH Emcure Pharmaceuticals Finolex Inds. NCC PG Electroplast Sai Life Sciences S C I Signatureglobal (India) Sonata Software Vijaya Diagnost. HealthCare Global **J.Kumar Infraprojects**	BEML Ltd Carborundum Uni. **Cera Sanitary.** Godawari Power And Ispat JK Tyre & Indust Jubilant Pharmo Lemon Tree Hotel The Ramco Cement **Arvind Smartspaces** **Star Cement**	Anant Raj Delhivery Ltd HBL Power System

Bold Companies: **Axis Securities Coverage**

Axis Intellect: Intraweek Stocks for the week 3rd August 2026 to 7th August 2026

Name of Stock	Mcap	Sector
SYRMA SGS TECHNOLOGY LIMITED	Small Cap	Industrials
BHARAT FORGE LTD	Small Cap	Auto & Anc
ANAND RATHI WEALTH LIMITED	Small Cap	NBFC
MULTI COMMODITY EXCHANGE OF INDIA LTD	Small Cap	NBFC
CUMMINS INDIA LTD.,	Small Cap	Industrials
NAVIN FLUORINE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	Small Cap	Agri & Chem
LAURUS LABS LIMITED	Small Cap	Healthcare
GRANULES INDIA LTD.	Small Cap	Healthcare
FEDERAL BANK LTD.	Mid Cap	Banks
SAI LIFE SCIENCES LTD	Small Cap	Healthcare

Investment Picks

Company	Recommendation	CMP	Target Price	% Upside
Aarti Drugs Ltd	BUY	408	480	17.8
Affle 3I Ltd	BUY	1,667	1,840	10.4
Ambuja Cements Ltd	BUY	442	500	13.1
APL Apollo Tubes Ltd	BUY	1,947	2,250	15.6
Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd	BUY	264	325	22.9
Arvind Smartspaces Ltd	BUY	600	750	25.0
Ashok Leyland Ltd	BUY	175	195	11.7
Asian Paints Ltd	BUY	2,775	3,270	17.8
Astral Ltd	BUY	1,450	1,680	15.9
AU Small Finance Bank Ltd	BUY	1,049	1,225	16.8
Aurionpro Solutions Ltd	BUY	736	1,065	44.7
Automotive Axles Ltd	BUY	1,866	2,115	13.4
Avenue Supermarts Ltd	BUY	4,004	4,845	21.0
Bandhan Bank Ltd	BUY	173	235	35.5
Bank of Baroda Ltd	BUY	247	290	17.6
Bharti Airtel Ltd	BUY	1,952	2,530	29.6
Birla Corporation Ltd	BUY	902	1,240	37.5
Britannia Industries Ltd	BUY	5,479	6,360	16.1
Camlin Fine Sciences Ltd	BUY	128	170	32.3
Can Fin Homes Ltd	BUY	817	1,100	34.6
CCL Products (India) Ltd	BUY	1,139	1,425	25.1
Cera Sanitaryware Ltd.	BUY	6,305	7,000	11.0
Chalet Hotels Ltd.	BUY	820	1,000	22.0
Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Company Ltd	BUY	1,870	2,100	12.3
CIE Automotive India Ltd	BUY	418	485	16.0
City Union Bank Ltd	BUY	204	280	37.3
Coal India Ltd	BUY	414	470	13.4
Coforge Ltd	BUY	1,767	2,275	28.7
Colgate-Palmolive (India) Ltd	BUY	2,059	2,570	24.8
CreditAccess Grameen Ltd	BUY	1559	1,900	21.9
Dabur India Ltd	BUY	424	515	21.4
Dalmia Bharat Ltd	BUY	1,827	2,260	23.7
DCB Bank Ltd	BUY	191	245	28.0
Dhanuka Agritech Ltd	BUY	1,037	1,650	59.2
DOMS Industries Ltd	BUY	2,242	2,920	30.2
Elecon Engineering Compan Ltd	BUY	429	600	39.9
Embassy Office Parks REIT	BUY	443	500	12.8
Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd	BUY	75	93	23.9
Eternal Ltd	BUY	309	360	16.6
Federal Bank Ltd	BUY	361	400	10.7
Fortis Healthcare Ltd	BUY	938	1,070	14.1
G R Infraprojects Ltd	BUY	898	1,130	25.8
Gravita India Ltd	BUY	1,664	2,200	32.3
Greenply Industries Ltd.	BUY	285	355	24.5
H. G. Infra Engineering Ltd	BUY	547	970	77.2
Happiest Minds Technologies Ltd.	BUY	382	450	17.8
HDFC Bank Ltd	BUY	751	975	29.8
HealthCare Global Enterprises Ltd	BUY	673	750	11.5
Hero MotoCorp Ltd	BUY	5,414	5,960	10.1
Hindalco Industries Ltd	BUY	990	1,220	23.2
ICICI Bank Ltd	BUY	1,446	1,800	24.5
IDFC First Bank Ltd	BUY	85	95	12.1
Indian Hotels Company Ltd	BUY	746	830	11.2
J K Cements Ltd	BUY	5,543	6,150	11.0
J.Kumar Infraprojects Ltd	BUY	488	615	26.0
JK Lakshmi Cement Ltd	BUY	571	765	34.0
JSW Energy Ltd.	BUY	565	630	11.5

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Investment Picks

Company	Recommendation	CMP	Target Price	% Upside
Jubilant Ingrevia Ltd	BUY	758	835	10.2
Juniper Hotels Ltd.	BUY	197	250	27.1
K E C International Ltd	BUY	479	590	23.2
Kalpataru Projects International Ltd.	BUY	1,285	1,450	12.8
Kirloskar Brothers Ltd	BUY	1,856	2,330	25.5
Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd	BUY	392	500	27.5
LG Electronics India Ltd	BUY	1,569	1,815	15.7
Mahanagar Gas Ltd	BUY	1,112	1,300	16.9
Man Infraconstruction Ltd.	BUY	100	142	41.8
Maruti Suzuki India Ltd	BUY	14,100	15,920	12.9
MAS Financial Services Ltd	BUY	317	405	27.7
Max Healthcare Institute	BUY	1,090	1,250	14.7
Mold-Tek Packaging Ltd	BUY	677	850	25.6
National Aluminium Co	BUY	365	440	20.5
Nestle India Ltd	BUY	1,513	1,765	16.7
Nippon Life India Asset Management Ltd	BUY	1,163	1,325	14.0
NLC India Ltd	BUY	297	385	29.5
NTPC Ltd	BUY	348	420	20.8
Oberoi-Realty-Ltd	BUY	1,832	2,200	20.1
P I Industries Ltd	BUY	2,810	3,320	18.1
Persistent Systems Ltd	BUY	5,535	6,270	13.3
Pitti Engineering Ltd	BUY	935	1,230	31.6
Prestige Estates Projects Ltd	BUY	1,635	1,830	11.9
Prince Pipes and Fittings Ltd	BUY	265	355	34.0
SBI Cards & Payment Services Ltd	BUY	670	760	13.5
SBI Life Insurance Company Ltd	BUY	1,915	2,350	22.7
Shriram Finance Ltd	BUY	1,080	1,230	13.9
Signatureglobal (India) Ltd	BUY	830	1,010	21.7
Star Cement Ltd	BUY	204	300	47.1
State Bank of India	BUY	1,035	1,280	23.7
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd	BUY	71	86	21.0
UltraTech Cement Ltd	BUY	12,004	14,000	16.6
Varun Beverages Ltd	BUY	445	530	19.2
Welspun Living Ltd	BUY	153	180	17.7

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