

# Hero MotoCorp Limited

**BUY**

Sector: Automobiles

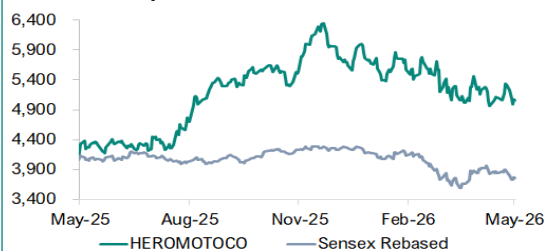
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<b>Key Changes</b>	<b>Target</b> ▲	<b>Rating</b> ●	<b>Earnings</b> ▲	<b>Target</b>	<b>Rs. 5,688</b>
Stock Type	Bloomberg Code	Sensex	NSE Code	BSE Code	Time Frame
Large Cap	HMCL:IN	75,183	HEROMOTOCO	500182	12 Months
				<b>CMP</b>	<b>Rs. 4,970</b>
				<b>Return</b>	<b>14%</b>

Data as of: 21-May-2026, 17:00 hrs

Company Data			
Market Cap (Rs.cr)	99,455		
52 Week High — Low (Rs.)	6,390 - 4,160		
Enterprise Value (Rs. cr)	99,247		
Outstanding Shares (cr)	20.0		
Free Float (%)	64.2		
Dividend Yield (%)	3.5		
6m average volume (cr)	0.1		
Beta	1.2		
Face value (Rs. )	2.0		
Shareholding (%)	Q2FY26	Q3FY26	Q4FY26
Promoters	34.7	34.7	34.7
FII's	26.4	29.4	31.2
MFs/Institutions	28.8	26.4	24.8
Public	8.2	8.1	8.1
Others	1.9	1.3	1.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Promoter Pledge	Nil	Nil	Nil
Price Performance	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year
Absolute Return	-9.2%	-8.4%	17.2%
Absolute Sensex	-8.9%	-11.0%	-8.8%
Relative Return	-0.3%	2.6%	26.0%

\*over or under performance to benchmark index



Y.E March (cr)	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E
Sales	46,830	51,923	56,376
Growth (%)	14.9	10.9	8.6
EBITDA	6,871	7,374	8,276
EBITDA Margin (%)	14.7	14.2	14.7
PAT Adjusted	5,387	5,741	6,530
Growth (%)	16.9	6.6	13.8
Adjusted EPS	269.2	286.9	326.4
Growth (%)	16.8	6.6	13.8
P/E	18.8	17.7	15.5
P/B	4.7	4.3	3.8
EV/EBITDA	14.7	13.7	12.2
ROE (%)	24.4	24.3	24.8
D/E	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Expanding reach across mobility categories

Hero MotoCorp is India's leading two-wheeler manufacturer in terms of unit volume sales in a calendar year. It holds a dominant share in the country's motorcycle market. The company has seven manufacturing facilities, including five in India and one each in Colombia and Bangladesh.

- Revenue from operations grew 28.8% YoY to Rs. 12,797cr in Q4FY26, driven by healthy volume growth and better realisations, aided by new product launches.
- In Q4FY26, motorcycle volumes rose 21.3% YoY to 1,528,028 units, while scooter volumes surged 53.6% YoY to 186,257 units, aided by strong demand momentum and market-share gains, particularly in scooters and electric scooters, led the growth.
- Domestic volumes increased 24.2% YoY to 1,589,681 units, while international volumes grew 23.6% YoY to 124,605 units.
- EBITDA rose 31.1% YoY to Rs. 1,856cr, with EBITDA margin improved 30bps YoY to 14.5%, supported by operating leverage, pricing, and LEAP cost savings (overall margin after Rs. 220cr investment in electric vehicles).
- Reported PAT increased 29.6% YoY to Rs. 1,401cr, primarily driven by higher top-line.

## Outlook and Valuation

Hero MotoCorp's Q4FY26 performance highlights sustained momentum across core and emerging segments, supported by healthy traction in premium motorcycles, scooters and international markets. The company is steadily building a more diversified mobility portfolio beyond its traditional commuter base through product refreshes, premium offerings and a deeper foray into electric mobility. Continued investment in VIDA (its electric vehicle platform), the Harley-Davidson partnership and global market expansion further strengthen its long-term positioning. The company is also expanding its premium dealership network and improving its presence in the 125cc+ segment, while launches across motorcycles and scooters enhance customer reach across urban and aspirational markets. Therefore, **we reiterate our BUY rating on the stock with a rolled-forward target price of Rs. 5,688 based on SOTP valuation.**

## Quarterly Financials Standalone

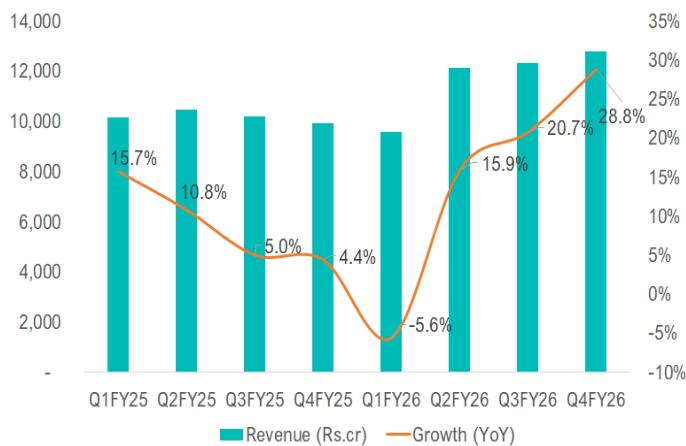
Rs.cr	Q4FY26	Q4FY25	YoY (%)	Q3FY26	QoQ (%)	FY26	FY25	YoY (%)
Sales	12,797	9,939	28.8	12,328	3.8	46,830	40,756	14.9
EBITDA	1,856	1,416	31.1	1,810	2.5	6,871	5,868	17.1
Margin (%)	14.5	14.2	30bps	14.7	-20bps	14.7	14.4	30bps
EBIT	1,652	1,223	35.0	1,606	2.9	6,073	5,092	19.3
PBT	1,855	1,442	28.6	1,777	4.4	6,972	6,128	13.8
Rep. PAT	1,401	1,081	29.6	1,349	3.9	5,268	4,610	14.3
Adj PAT	1,401	1,081	29.6	1,468	-4.6	5,387	4,610	16.9
Adj. EPS (Rs)	70.0	54.0	29.6	72.2	-3.1	269.2	230.5	16.8



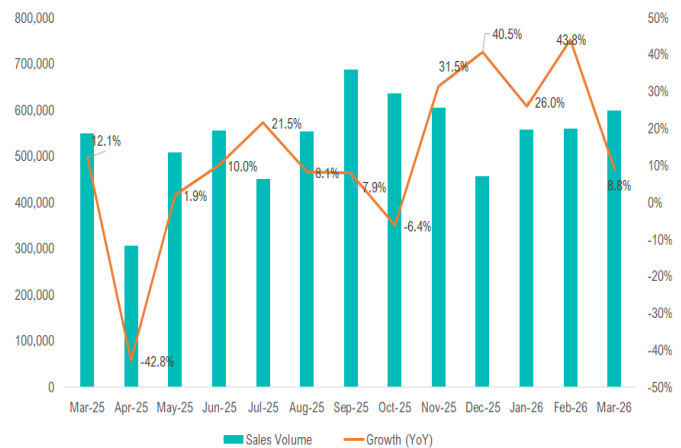
## Key concall highlights

- Management expects high single-digit two-wheeler industry growth in FY27 with scooters outpacing motorcycles. It noted demand momentum had remained intact into April / early May supported by structural drivers (urbanisation, gig economy and e-commerce), with Hero aiming to outperform the industry.
- In Q4FY26, the average selling price rose 3.7% YoY to Rs. 74,646 and 2.7% QoQ.
- The company expects multiple product launches in FY27 across VIDA, premium motorcycles and scooters, following nine launches and multiple refreshes in FY26.
- Q4FY26 EBITDA margin for ICE (internal combustion engine) vehicles improved 100bps YoY to ~17%. Management highlighted ~100bps sequential gross margin pressure in Q4FY26 from broad-based commodity inflation (aluminium / steel / rubber / plastics), only partly off-set by ~2% price hikes. It guided for near-term transitory pressure while reiterating 14–16% medium-term EBITDA margin.
- Management expected for ~Rs. 15bn capex in FY27 to expand capacity (notably scooters and EVs), alongside continued investment in new products, brand building and technology. It also committed ~Rs. 7bn to set up a new global parts centre in south India to scale the parts/accessories business.

## Revenue



## Sales Volume – Monthly



## SOTP (Sum of the parts)

Particulars	Basis	Ownership	Multiple	Year	Value (Rs Cr)	Value/share (Rs)
Standalone	P/E	100%	16x	FY28E	103,176	5,159
<b>Implied Equity Value</b>					<b>103,176</b>	<b>5,159</b>
Hero Fincorp	P/B	41.15%	0.5x	FY28E	1,956	98
Ather Energy Ltd	MCap/Sales	30.07%	5x	FY28E	11,284	564
<b>Total (Hero Fincorp and Ather Energy Ltd)</b>					<b>13,240</b>	<b>662</b>
Deduct: Holding Discount		20.00%			2,648	132
<b>Implied Equity Value (SOTP)</b>					<b>113,768</b>	<b>5,688</b>
					<b>Up / (Down side)</b>	<b>14%</b>

## Change in Estimates

Year / Rs cr	Old estimates		New estimates		Change (%)	
	FY27E	FY28E	FY27E	FY28E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	48,368	-	51,923	56,376	7.4	-
EBITDA	7,037	-	7,374	8,276	4.8	-
Margins (%)	14.5	-	14.2	14.7	-21bps	-
Adj. PAT	5,406	-	5,741	6,530	6.2	-
EPS	270.3	-	286.9	326.4	6.1	-



## Standalone Financials

### Profit & Loss

Y.E March (Rs. Cr)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E
<b>Sales</b>	<b>37,456</b>	<b>40,756</b>	<b>46,830</b>	<b>51,923</b>	<b>56,376</b>
% change	10.8	8.8	14.9	10.9	8.6
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>5,256</b>	<b>5,868</b>	<b>6,871</b>	<b>7,374</b>	<b>8,276</b>
% change	31.8	11.6	17.1	7.3	12.2
Depreciation	711	776	798	872	956
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>4,544</b>	<b>5,092</b>	<b>6,073</b>	<b>6,502</b>	<b>7,321</b>
Interest	19	20	23	24	25
Other Income	733	1,056	922	1,176	1,412
<b>PBT</b>	<b>5,258</b>	<b>6,128</b>	<b>6,972</b>	<b>7,654</b>	<b>8,707</b>
% change	35.7	16.5	13.8	9.8	13.8
Tax	1,290	1,518	1,704	1,914	2,177
Tax Rate (%)	24.5	24.8	24.4	25.0	25.0
<b>Reported PAT</b>	<b>3,968</b>	<b>4,610</b>	<b>5,268</b>	<b>5,741</b>	<b>6,530</b>
PAT att. to common shareholders	3,968	4,610	5,268	5,741	6,530
Adj.*	160	-	119	-	-
<b>Adj. PAT</b>	<b>4,128</b>	<b>4,610</b>	<b>5,387</b>	<b>5,741</b>	<b>6,530</b>
% change	41.8	11.7	16.9	6.6	13.8
No. of shares (cr)	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
<b>Adj EPS (Rs.)</b>	<b>206.5</b>	<b>230.5</b>	<b>269.2</b>	<b>286.9</b>	<b>326.4</b>
% change	41.9	11.6	16.8	6.6	13.8
DPS (Rs.)	140.0	165.0	185.0	192.2	212.1

### Cashflow

Y.E March (Rs. Cr)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E
<b>Net inc. + Depn.</b>	<b>4,679</b>	<b>5,386</b>	<b>6,066</b>	<b>6,613</b>	<b>7,486</b>
Non-cash adj.	-664	-251	-385	-1,710	-2,492
Other adjustments	-	-	-	-	-
Changes in W.C	891	-953	2,633	410	174
<b>C.F. Operation</b>	<b>4,907</b>	<b>4,182</b>	<b>8,315</b>	<b>5,312</b>	<b>5,168</b>
Capital exp.	-710	-810	-994	-1,428	-1,240
Change in inv.	-1,548	-1,290	-3,826	100	100
Other invest.CF	457	514	314	-	-
<b>C.F - Investment</b>	<b>-1,802</b>	<b>-1,586</b>	<b>-4,505</b>	<b>-1,328</b>	<b>-1,140</b>
Issue of equity	10	7	2	-	-
Issue/repay debt	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends paid	-2,699	-2,800	-3,501	-3,702	-3,846
Other finance.CF	-45	-54	-68	23	77
<b>C.F - Finance</b>	<b>-2,733</b>	<b>-2,847</b>	<b>-3,567</b>	<b>-3,678</b>	<b>-3,769</b>
Chg. in cash	372	-251	243	306	258
<b>Closing Cash</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>1,168</b>

### Balance Sheet

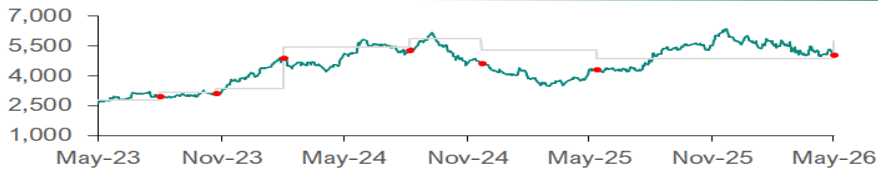
Y.E March (Rs. Cr)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E
Cash	609	353	604	910	1,168
Accts. Receivable	2,703	3,674	2,593	2,960	3,326
Inventories	1,444	1,458	1,858	2,110	2,338
Other Cur. Assets	5,040	7,351	13,059	14,613	17,122
Investments	8,812	8,299	7,222	7,122	7,022
Gross Fixed Assets	10,746	11,256	12,250	13,677	14,918
Net Fixed Assets	5,305	5,342	5,544	6,133	6,459
CWIP	121	107	117	129	142
Intangible Assets	888	945	1,048	1,090	1,135
Def. Tax -Net	-	-	-	-	-
Other Assets	649	391	199	211	224
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>25,572</b>	<b>27,920</b>	<b>32,244</b>	<b>35,277</b>	<b>38,936</b>
Current Liabilities	6,268	6,541	8,708	9,618	10,454
Provisions	317	489	690	697	704
Debt Funds	566	574	685	703	722
Other Liabilities	435	510	583	612	697
Equity Capital	40	40	40	40	40
Res. & Surplus	17,946	19,767	21,538	23,607	26,320
Shareholder Funds	17,986	19,807	21,578	23,647	26,360
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>25,572</b>	<b>27,920</b>	<b>32,244</b>	<b>35,277</b>	<b>38,936</b>
BVPS	900	990	1,078	1,182	1,317

### Ratio

Y.E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E
<b>Profitab. &amp; Return</b>					
EBITDA margin (%)	14.0	14.4	14.7	14.2	14.7
EBIT margin (%)	12.1	12.5	13.0	12.5	13.0
Net profit mgn.(%)	10.6	11.3	11.2	11.1	11.6
ROE (%)	22.1	23.3	24.4	24.3	24.8
ROCE (%)	24.5	25.0	27.3	26.7	27.0
<b>W.C &amp; Liquidity</b>					
Receivables (days)	26.3	32.9	20.2	20.8	21.5
Inventory (days)	20.7	19.7	21.5	21.7	22.3
Payables (days)	79.3	75.1	86.9	88.0	88.7
Current ratio (x)	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.2
Quick ratio (x)	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.9
<b>Turnover &amp; Leverage</b>					
Gross asset T.O (x)	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.9
Total asset T.O (x)	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5
Int. covge. ratio (x)	245.6	255.6	266.8	272.1	289.0
Adj. debt/equity (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Valuation</b>					
EV/Sales (x)	1.3	1.8	2.2	1.9	1.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.9	12.7	14.7	13.7	12.2
P/E (x)	11.4	16.1	18.8	17.7	15.5
P/BV (x)	2.6	3.8	4.7	4.3	3.8



## Recommendation Summary - (Last 3 years)



Dates	Rating	Target
11-May-23	HOLD	2,795
16-Aug-23	HOLD	3,176
07-Nov-23	HOLD	3,367
16-Feb-24	BUY	5,435
21-Aug-24	BUY	5,877
06-Dec-24	BUY	5,269
27-May-25	BUY	4,865
21-May-26	BUY	5,688

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<b>Reduce/sell</b>	Downside is more than 0%	Downside is more than 0%	Downside is more than 0%

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