



Stock Update

Talbro Automotive Components Ltd.

July 22, 2024



Industry	LTP	Recommendation	Base Case Fair Value	Bull Case Fair Value	Time Horizon
Auto Ancillaries	Rs 349	Buy in Rs 346-354 band and add on dips in Rs 314-322 band	Rs 387	Rs 417	2-3 quarters

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BSE Code	505160
NSE Code	TALBROAUTO
Bloomberg	TALB IN
CMP Jul 19, 2024	349.3
Equity Capital (Rs Cr)	12.4
Face Value (Rs)	2
Equity Share O/S (Cr)	6.2
Market Cap (Rs Cr)	2156
Book Value (Rs)	87.0
Avg. 52 Wk Volumes	417,500
52 Week High	395.6
52 Week Low	157.3

Share holding Pattern % (Jun 2024)	
Promoters	58.4
Institutions	0.6
Non Institutions	41.0
Total	100.0



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Our Take:

Talbro Automotive Components Ltd. (TACL) manufactures gaskets and forgings products which are used across the automobile industry as well as in the industrial segment. India's domestic automobile demand is expected to remain strong including in the CV and tractor/off-road segments over the medium term, with some hiccups. The Government is also looking to promote manufacturing of auto components in India by offering various incentives. TACL has established relationships with globally reputed companies.

With continuous innovation in new products like heat shields, strengthening EV portfolio, growing orders from non-automotive segments, strong clientele, and manufacturing E20 biofuel hoses, TACL is likely to achieve strong growth. It is aiming to double its group level revenue to Rs 2,100cr by FY27 led by increasing exports and strong order booking. TACL has made substantial investment in new technologies, expanding new capacities, diversified its product portfolio, broadened its customer base, and has entered additional markets.

TACL has received orders from a new OEM in Europe of ~Rs 1000cr in its JV company. In FY24, it had received orders to the tune of ~Rs 980 crores across its products segments. Amongst these, orders worth ~Rs. 475 crores are for supply to EVs and orders worth ~Rs 415 crores are related to exports. These orders are expected to be executed in coming 5-8 years

On Feb 19, 2024, we had released a Stock Update report ([Link](#)) with a recommendation to 'Buy in Rs 283-288 band & add on dips in Rs 250-255 band for base case fair value of Rs 313 and bull case fair value of Rs 343 over next 2-3 quarters. Both the targets were achieved within the given time frame.

Valuation & Recommendation:

Capitalizing on consistent order inflows from the leading OEMs, we anticipate a strong upward trajectory in TACL's business and profitability. Diversification of products and user industries provides some stability to growth. We expect TACL's Revenue/PAT to grow at 18%/24% CAGR over FY24-FY26E, led by strong growth in CV and off-road/tractor segment and realization from the recent order wins. We believe investors can buy the stock in the band of Rs 346-354 and add on dips in Rs 314-322 band (16x FY26E EPS) for a base case fair value of Rs 387 (19.5x FY26E EPS) and bull case fair value of Rs 417 (21x FY26E EPS) over the next 2-3 quarters.

Financial Summary:

Particulars (Rs cr)	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY-%	Q3FY24	QoQ-%	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Operating Income	203	175	15.9	199	2.0	647	778	919	1,089
EBITDA	31	25	23.2	30	0.8	87	115	138	168
APAT	21	17	23.4	23	-8.4	56	80	96	122
Diluted EPS (Rs)	3.4	2.7	23.4	3.7	-8.4	9.0	12.9	15.6	19.8
RoE-%						18.8	18.5	16.5	17.9
P/E (x)						38.8	27.1	22.4	17.6
EV/EBITDA						25.6	19.6	16.1	13.0

Q4FY24 Result Update

TACL reported 16% YoY growth in revenue to Rs 203cr in Q4FY24 driven by strong performance in forgings segment. Gasket/Forging division reported 12%/25% increase in revenue to Rs 133/74 crore respectively. Marelli Talbro (chassis) and Talbro Marugo witnessed growth of 29% and 8% YoY respectively to Rs 70cr and Rs 31cr.

Gross margins improved by 310bps as raw material prices moderated in Q4. However, the prices have started to increase and the company is in negotiations to pass on the increase to customers. EBITDA grew by 23% YoY to Rs 31cr and EBITDA margin expanded 90 bps to 15.1%. The management has guided for EBITDA margins of 15-16% over the next few years. Adj. PAT came in at Rs 21cr, a growth of 23% YoY while PAT margin expanded 600bps to 10.3%. Gross debt at the end of FY24 including working capital stood at Rs 99cr.

The management has guided for group sales target of Rs 2,100cr by FY27, of which 35% will be from export. This will come from the U.S., the U.K., Europe as well as Japan.

Recent developments

Strong order inflows continue in FY25

TACL's JV company Marelli Talbro Chassis System secured a multi-year contract valued at around Rs 1,000cr from a European OEM in Apr'2024. The order is centered on the supply of suspension arms tailored for both conventional internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles and new-age electric vehicle (EV) platforms and would be executed over a period of eight years commencing from Q4FY25.

TACL reported in Jul'23 that the company has received multi-year orders worth Rs 400cr (executed over a period of next 5-7 years) and in Nov'23 of Rs 580cr (executed over a period of 5 years commencing from FY25). In FY23, the company secured multi-year orders exceeding Rs 1,000cr from both domestic and international customers across its product segments, joint ventures, and business divisions covering

the company's product lines, including gaskets, heat shields, forgings, and chassis. The new orders will enable TACL to expand market share by serving both existing and new customers across different geographies and provide revenue visibility.

Significant expansion across segments

TACL has indicated significant expansion as the company's capacity utilization has touched ~80-90% across various segments. The company is advancing its operations in the gasket and heat shield divisions. The company is investing Rs 20cr for a new facility at Chakan, Pune, with supplies expected to commence in Q2FY25. In the forging division, Talbros is investing Rs 30cr to enhance capacity with additional machinery and equipment.

Similarly, for Marelli, capacity expansion is progressing in a premises adjacent to the existing plant. The new shed is expected to be ready by Q3FY25. This expansion is expected to incur a capex of ~Rs 60cr. Additionally, for Marugo, the company plans a capex of ~Rs 6cr. According to the management, the current capacity utilization stands at ~90% for the gaskets division, ~82-85% for the heat shield division and the forging divisions. depending on the product mix. The Marelli division is operating at around 80%, while the Marugo Rubber division, which includes anti-vibration and hoses segments, is nearing 90% utilization.

Divestment of JV stake

The company has divested its entire 40% stake in its joint venture company Nippon Leakless Talbros. Following the stake sale, Nippon Leakless will become the sole proprietor, holding 100% of the company. As part of this transaction, TACL is set to realise Rs 81.8cr for its 40% equity stake (accounted in Q4FY24), valuing the joint venture company at Rs 204.5 crore. The company had invested Rs 4.80 cr in the JV. TACL intends to utilise the proceeds for its future capex and expansions.

Key Triggers

Expansion programme to double revenues by FY27

Talbros has devised an expansion plan 'Talbros 2.0' with the aim to double its revenues to Rs 2,100cr by FY27. Under the plan, the company intends to increase its export sales from 25% in FY23 to ~35% in FY27, expand EBITDA margins by 100-200bps and have set its sights on crossing the 20% RoCE in the coming years. Most of the capex would be funded through internal accruals and total debt would be maintained below Rs 100cr. Increasing focus on EV is expected to increase its revenue share to ~12% from 2% currently.

Future capex to be funded largely through internal accruals

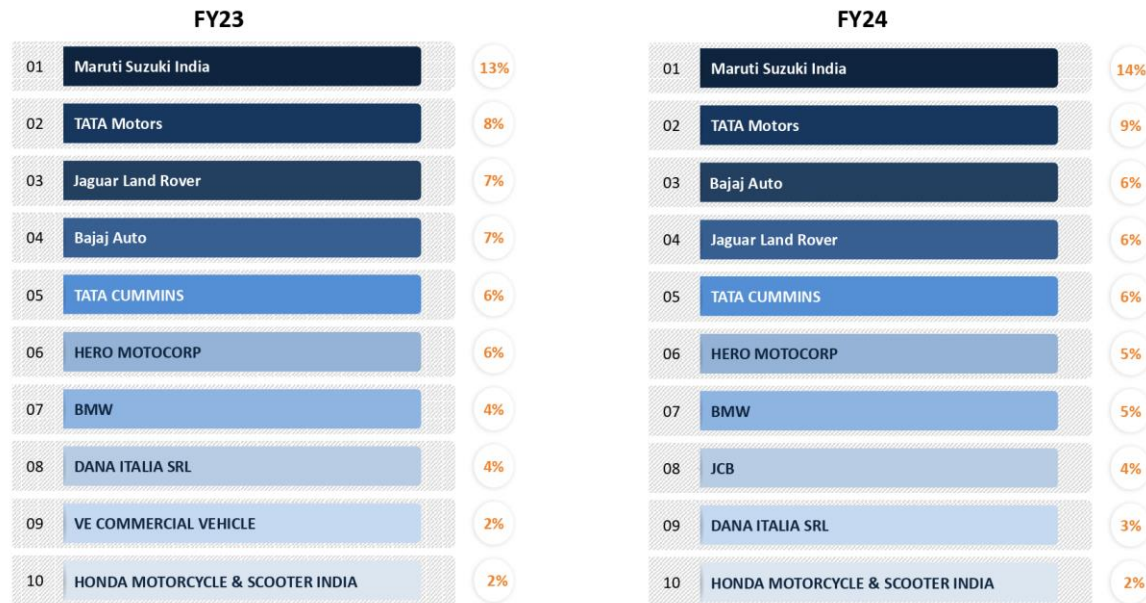
Talbros has planned for a capex of Rs 205cr over the next 4 years to expand its manufacturing facilities in order to meet the anticipated increase in order flows in both its gaskets and forgings business as well as in subsidiaries. It is planning to invest approximately Rs 60cr in forging division in next four years starting FY24 for adding personal machining and presses.

Entering into new geographies and launching new products

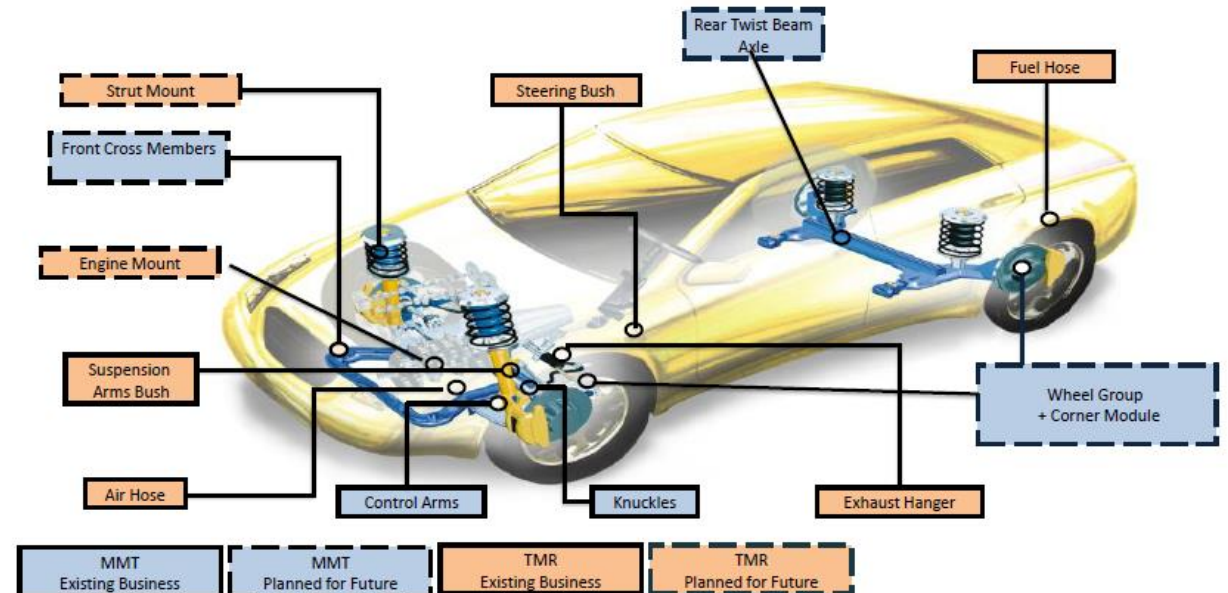
The company is entering into new geographies like Russia, Japan, for LCV, HCV and offroad segment products. In the forging division, it is leveraging its capability to convert castings into forgings and increasing focus on electric vehicles. It has also added heavyweight parts up to 30 kilos and looking to expand its exports to geographies like U.K., North America.

Talbro has signed up exclusive contract with SANWA for Light Weight Aluminium Heat Shields which is used for automotive applications specially in PV segment and is a futuristic product technology. In forging, it is moving towards heavier forged parts. With the launch of new products, share of PVs is expected to increase from 2% currently to ~11% in FY27.

Diversified customer base



Scope of JVs



(Source: Company)

Risks & Concerns

Working capital intensive nature of operations

Since TACL is in the auto ancillary industry, its operations are working capital intensive in nature. The group needs to maintain inventory of around 3-4 months as it manufactures 3,500 varieties of gaskets requiring 40 types of raw materials. Around 30% of these raw materials are imported from Germany, US and Japan, such imports demanding 1-2 months' lead time.

Raw material inflation

Cost of raw materials – primarily iron and steel – accounts for around 50%-60% of total operating income. Global prices for iron and steel are volatile thereby exposing the group to price risk.

Bargaining power with OEMs

TACL has limited bargaining power with OEM and at times not been able to pass on the entire increase in costs which has impacted its margins. The company is in negotiations with OEMs which might not materialize in company's favour in time.

Vulnerable to cyclical demand from automobile OEMs

TACL supplies its products primarily to automobile OEMs and is exposed to cyclical demand for automobiles. CV and tractor sales could see a slowdown in the near term.

Forex volatility risk

TACL derives ~25% of its revenue through export of its products. It hedges ~25-30% of its forex exposure. The rupee fluctuations vis-à-vis the US\$ and Euro could impact its profitability.

EV adoption could render many products obsolete

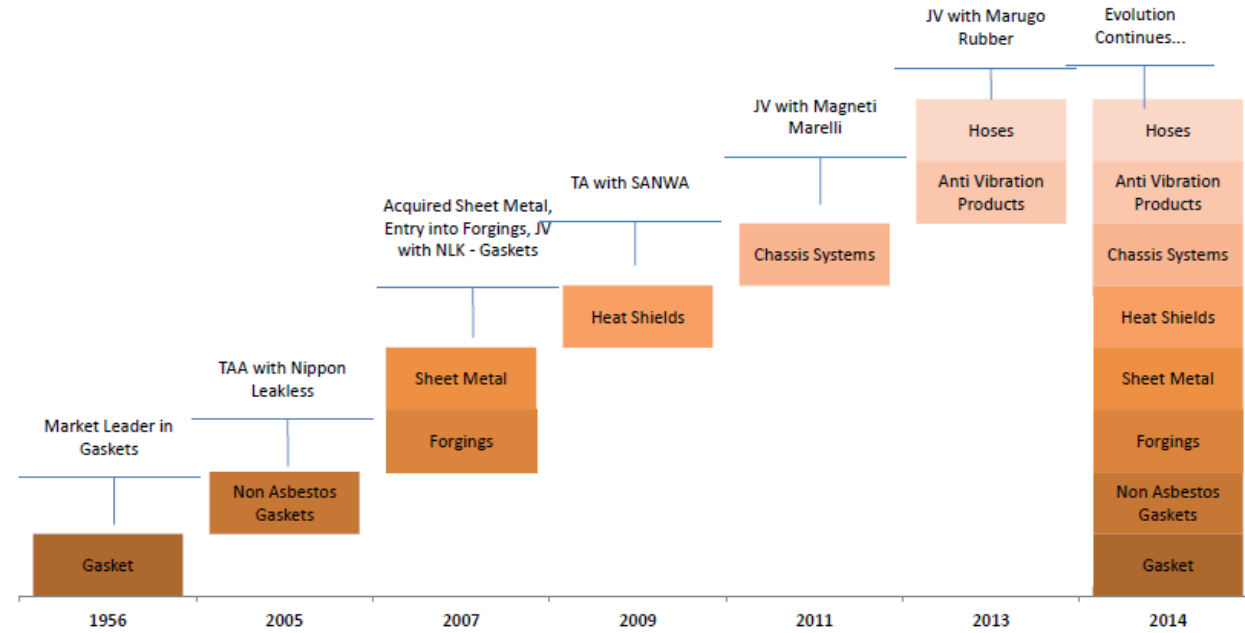
Large scale adoption of EV could render many of the company's products obsolete as gaskets are not required to the same extent in EVs.

Company Background:

TACL is a respectable name in the Automotive and Industrial Gaskets manufacturing space. Commencing its journey in 1956, it has been successfully carving out a space for itself in products such as gaskets, heat shields, forgings, suspension systems and modules, anti-vibration components and hoses, directly supplying finished products to OEM customers. In FY24, OEMs accounted for 63% of revenue and exports contributed to ~25%. Amongst vehicle segment 2/3 wheelers, passenger cars and M&HCV constitute 19/34/24% of sales in FY24 with the balance from Agri & Offroad and others.

With diversified products, TALC caters to the largest automobile OEM segment, which includes passenger vehicles, commercial vehicles, two-wheelers, three-wheelers, Agri, offroad, industrial, among others.

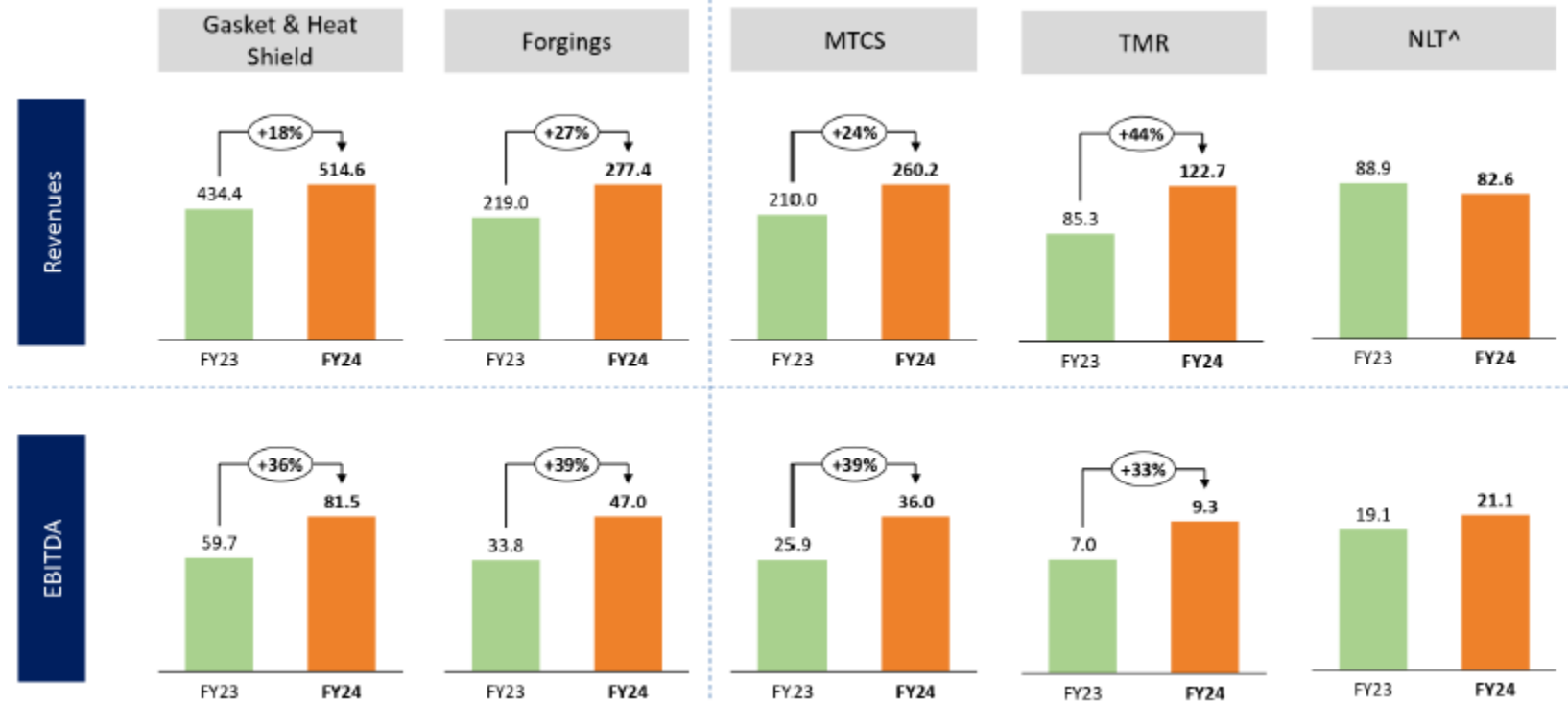
Evolving product portfolio



(Source: Company)

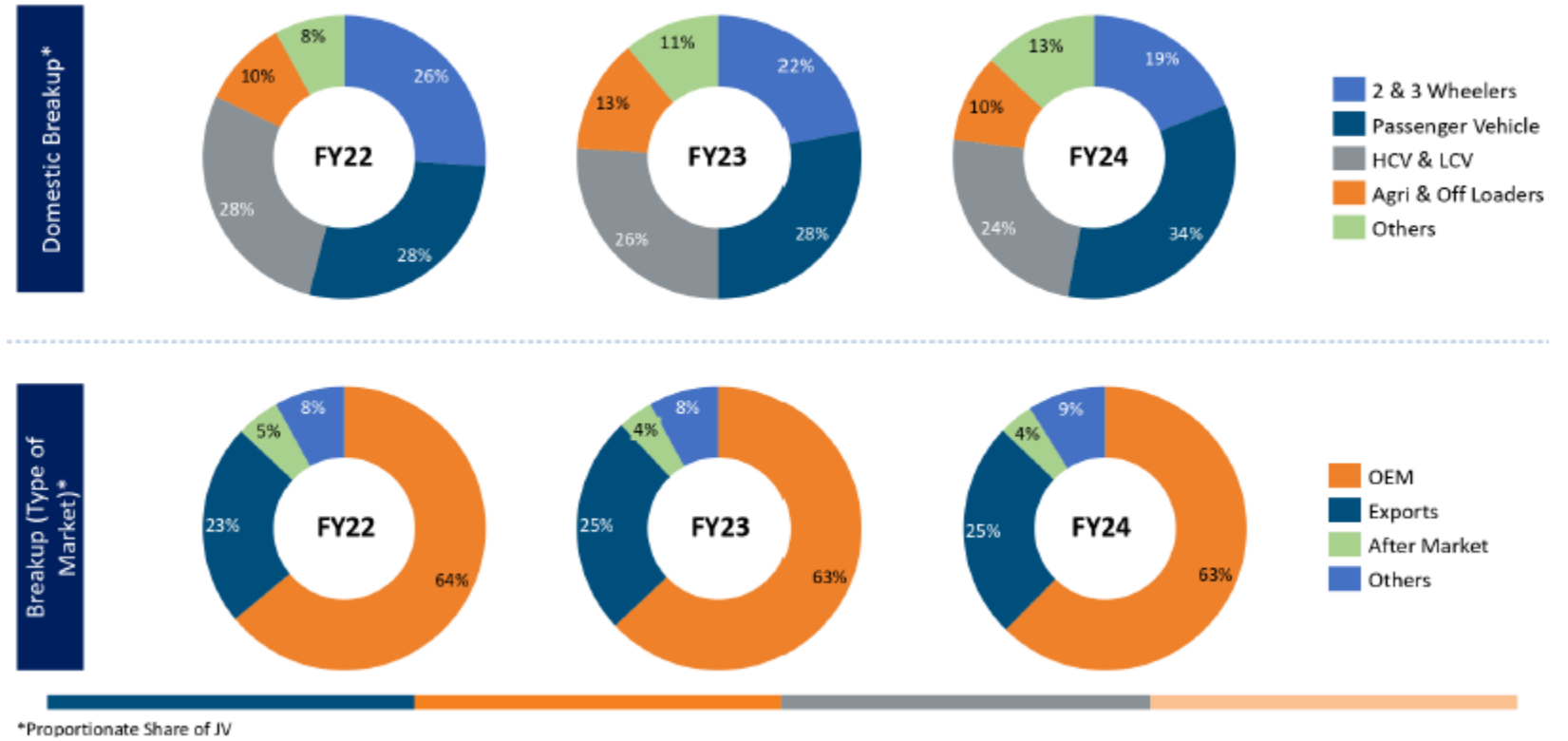
Talbro's multi-technological capabilities and integrated offerings combined with its product quality and strategic partnership with global brands such as Nippon Leakless Talbro Pvt. Ltd (now exited), Marelli Talbro Chassis Systems Pvt. Ltd. and Talbro Marugo Rubber Pvt. Ltd. has made it a preferred vendor for large corporates in and outside India.

FY24 Consolidated Performance (Rs cr)



(Source: Company)

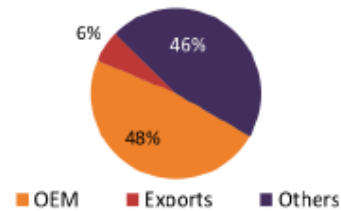
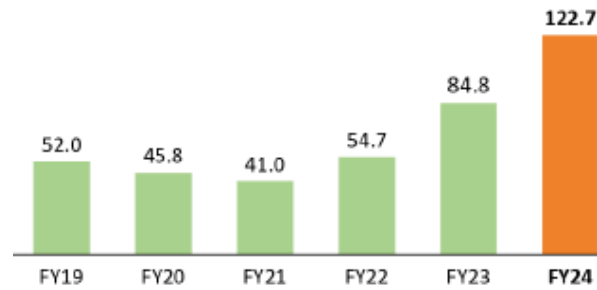
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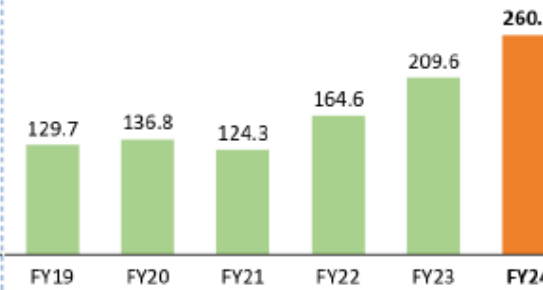
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JV's Performance Highlights

Talbro Marugo Rubber

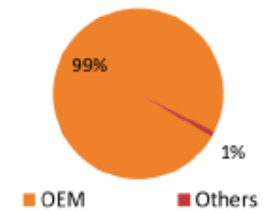
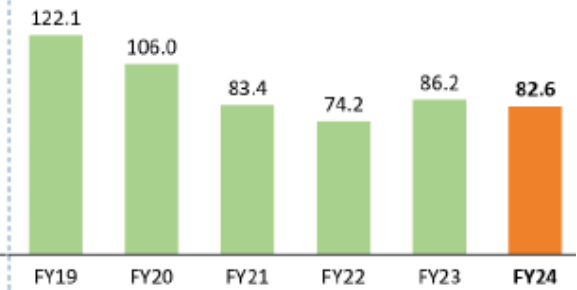


Marelli Talbro Chassis Systems



Note: Revenue from supply to EV in FY24 stood at Rs. 5.23 Crs

Nippon Leakless Talbro^



* Divested in Jan'24

(Source: Company)

Financials

Income Statement

(Rs cr)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Net Revenues	577	647	778	919	1089
Growth (%)	30.0	12.1	20.3	18.1	18.5
Operating Expenses	502	560	664	781	921
EBITDA	75	87	115	138	168
Growth (%)	35.6	15.6	31.3	20.2	21.7
EBITDA Margin (%)	13.1	13.5	14.7	15.0	15.4
Depreciation	23	24	26	29	33
Other Income	8	6	13	12	14
EBIT	60	70	101	121	149
Interest expenses	12	11	13	13	12
PBT	49	58	131	107	137
Tax	11	15	37	27	35
PAT	37	44	94	80	102
Share of Asso./Minority Int.	8	12	16	16	20
Adj. PAT	45	56	80	96	122
Growth (%)	14.6	23.9	43.2	21.1	27.0
EPS	7.3	9.0	12.9	15.6	19.8

Balance Sheet

As at March (Rs cr)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
SOURCE OF FUNDS					
Share Capital	12	12	12	12	12
Reserves & Surplus	256	310	525	616	731
Shareholders' Funds	268	322	537	628	744
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Total Debt	89	87	99	81	61
Net Deferred Taxes	11	15	33	33	33
Other Non-curr. Liab.	0	1	1	2	2
Total Sources of Funds	369	425	671	744	840
APPLICATION OF FUNDS					
Net Block & Goodwill	157	171	212	234	258
CWIP	3	5	7	6	5
Investments	64	81	186	201	221
Other Non-Curr. Assets	9	9	81	75	88
Total Non Current Assets	233	266	486	516	571
Inventories	114	133	127	164	194
Debtors	151	169	210	242	280
Cash & Equivalents	5	8	5	5	5
Other Current Assets	32	35	28	40	45
Total Current Assets	303	344	371	451	525
Creditors	153	169	168	201	233
Other Current Liab & Provisions	14	17	18	21	23
Total Current Liabilities	167	186	186	222	256
Net Current Assets	136	158	185	229	269
Total Application of Funds	369	425	671	744	840

Cash Flow Statement

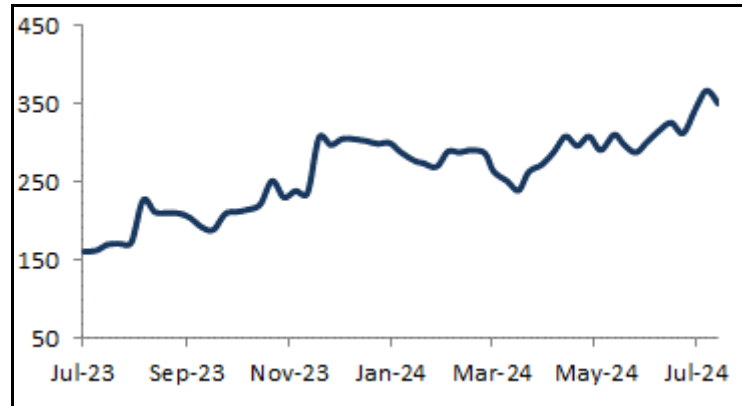
(Rs cr)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
PBT	56	70	147	124	157
Non-operating & EO items	-7	-13	-61	6	-13
Interest Expenses	11	11	12	13	12
Depreciation	23	24	26	29	33
Working Capital Change	-13	-21	-34	-44	-40
Tax Paid	-18	-15	-23	-27	-35
OPERATING CASH FLOW (a)	52	57	67	101	114
Capex	-32	-38	-58	-50	-55
Free Cash Flow	20	18	9	51	59
Investments	0	0	0	-15	-20
Non-operating income	6	1	6	0	0
INVESTING CASH FLOW (b)	-25	-37	-52	-65	-75
Debt Issuance / (Repaid)	-11	-2	-1	-18	-20
Interest Expenses	-12	-11	-13	-13	-12
FCFE	3	6	1	6	7
Share Capital Issuance	0	0	0	0	0
Dividend	-4	-3	-4	-6	-7
Others	0	0	-1	0	0
FINANCING CASH FLOW (c)	-27	-16	-18	-36	-39
NET CASH FLOW (a+b+c)	0	3	-3	0	0

Key Ratios

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Profitability Ratios (%)					
EBITDA Margin	13.1	13.5	14.7	15.0	15.4
EBIT Margin	10.4	10.8	13.0	13.1	13.7
APAT Margin	7.8	8.6	10.2	10.5	11.2
RoE	17.4	18.8	18.5	16.5	17.9
RoCE	17.5	18.2	19.4	17.9	19.7
Solvency Ratio (x)					
Net Debt/EBITDA	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.3
Net D/E	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
PER SHARE DATA (Rs)					
EPS	7.3	9.0	12.9	15.6	19.8
CEPS	11.0	12.8	17.1	20.4	25.2
BV	43.5	52.2	87.0	101.7	120.4
Dividend	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.1
Turnover Ratios (days)					
Inventory days	97	90	89	90	88
Debtor days	68	70	61	58	60
Creditors days	96	91	79	73	73
VALUATION (x)					
P/E	48.1	38.8	27.1	22.4	17.6
P/BV	8.0	6.7	4.0	3.4	2.9
EV/EBITDA	29.7	25.6	19.6	16.1	13.0
EV/Revenues	3.9	3.5	2.9	2.4	2.0
Dividend Yield (%)	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Dividend Payout (%)	6.9	6.7	5.4	5.8	5.5

(Source: Company, HDFCsec Research)

Price chart



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