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Tata Motors's Q4FY07 results were marginally ahead of our expectations primarily on higher-than-expected other income. Net profit, without adjusting for foreign exchange gains, increased 28.4% Y-o-Y to INR 5.77 bn. The company booked a forex gain of INR 602 mn, on hedging its export receivables and translation of its outstanding FCCB issue. Adjusted for forex gains (considering hedging gains as operating income), EBITDA margins declined steeply by 145bps Q-o-Q to 11.3% in Q4FY07. We believe that Tata Motors faced margin pressures following slow down in CV sales and therefore, the sales mix had a higher proportion of passenger vehicles.

The basic demand drivers for CV sales i.e., freight generation from improved industrial activity and stable freight operator profitability rates, remain intact. However, in context of the recent rise in interest rates we are cautious on the volume growth outlook in the near term. Sales for the first quarter may decline by 6-8%. We continue to like the stock on back the of stable CV volume growth expectation for FY08, improved volume outlook for the car business on new model launches in the next few months, steady margins, and value in the balance sheet. The stock, at 11.6x FY08E and 10.2x FY09E consolidated earnings, looks attractive in relation to the rest of the automobile space. We reiterate 'BUY' recommendation.

Result highlights

- Robust revenue growth: Tata Motors's Q4FY07 net revenues increased by 19.6% to INR 82.4 bn, driven by an overall 16% Y-o-Y increase in volumes. Net revenues have been adjusted for hedging gains on export receivables. Average selling price (adjusting for translational gains on forex) increased 3.1% Y-o-Y, but was down 1.3% Q-o-Q, as the product mix favored LCVs and passenger cars with M&HCV sales slowing down in March.
- Margins hit by product mix: EBITDA margins, again adjusting for translational forex losses, fell 145bps Q-o-Q and 125bps Y-o-Y. The Y-o-Y margin decline also has to be seen in context of the absence of vehicle finance income which contributed about 5-6% to EBITDA, or about 50-60bps to EBITDA margin. Without the adjustments, the EBIDTA margin fell 210bps Q-o-Q and 125bps Y-o-Y.
- Net profit above expectations: Net profit, unadjusted, increased 28.4% Y-o-Y to INR 5.77 bn. Adjusted for forex gain, net profit increased 27.6% Y-o-Y to INR 5.5 bn. Consolidated EPS for FY07 stood at INR 56.3, in line with our estimates.

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Year to March	Q4FY07	Q4FY06	Y-o-Y%	Q3FY07 <i>Q</i>	-o-Q%	FY07E	FY08E
Net revenues (INR mn)	82,351	68,828	19.6	68,852	19.6	274,755	313,623
EBITDA (INR mn)	9,663	8,928	8.2	9,522	1.5	33,134	33,521
Net profit (INR mn)	5,771	4,494	28.4	5,136	12.4	19,149	21,491
EPS (INR)	15.0	11.7	27.6	13.3	12.3	49.7	55.0
P/E (x)						14.6	13.2
Consolidated EPS (INR)						56.3	62.3
Consolidated P/E (x)						12.9	11.6
EV/EBITDA (x)						9.1	7.4
ROE (%)						28.0	24.8

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Market Data

52-week range (INR) : 975 / 651

Share in issue (mn) : 382.9

M cap (INR bn/USD mn) :277.5 / 6,804.9

Avg. Daily Vol. BSE/NSE ('000) : 2,006.6

Share Holding Pattern (%)

 Promoters
 : 33.4

 MFs, Fls & Banks
 : 16.4

 Flls
 : 19.9

 Others
 : 30.3

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* Volume outlook: Moderate for M&HCVs; robust for LCVs

We expect M&HCV sales growth to moderate to around 10% in FY08E (on the higher base of FY07) from 33% in FY07. We believe basic demand drivers for CV sales—freight generation from improved industrial activity and stable freight operator profitability rates—remain intact. However, the rising interest rate scenario impels us to express caution on volume growth in the near term. The first quarter could, in fact, see a decline vis-à-vis the previous year. LCV sales growth is expected to remain strong at around 25% for FY08E on the back of strong sales of the *Tata ACE* with enhanced capacity and nationwide rollout. The greenfield plant at Uttarakhand for making *Tata ACE* and its variants has commenced operations in April with a capacity of 100,000 units p.a.

* Passenger vehicle segment to grow in line with industry

Tata Motors's passenger vehicle business is expected to remain robust in FY08, with the company being present in the high growth compact and entry-level mid-size segments. However, with new models being launched by other players (*Chevrolet Spark, New Hyundai Getz, and Mahindra Logan*) in these segments, we expect pricing power and profitability to remain under pressure.

Maruti's *Swift* diesel continues to perform well in the market and we expect some impact on the top-end of *Indica diesel /Indigo DICOR*. The company launched the *Tata Indigo XL* (petrol version costs INR 670,000 and the diesel version costs INR 735,000) expanding its product portfolio in the mid-size segment.

The company commenced construction work for its small car project at Singur, West Bengal, in January 2007 and expects to launch the car by mid-2008. There continue to be protests and attempts at disruption of construction work at the site and if the situation continues, we believe, it could potentially delay the launch of the car by a few months.

The Tata-Fiat alliance will add strength to Tata Motors's passenger car business, through access to technology (particularly powertrain), products, and overseas markets. The manufacturing joint venture at Ranjangaon will also provide Tata Motors with enhanced assembly capacity.

* Capacity expansion and capital expenditure programme

Tata Motors is running near capacity in most of its product segments and has embarked on a programme to significantly enhance capacity. The company has indicated a capex programme of INR 120 bn over the next three-four years (FY07-10). Of this, about INR 40 bn is for capacity expansion and sustenance and around INR 80 bn is for new products including the World Truck.

In addition, the company is expected to invest in a new joint venture and subsidiaries. In FY07, the company invested around INR 5.5 bn in TML Financial Services (INR 2 bn in Q4FY07) and about INR 116 mn in Tata Motors (Thailand) Ltd. (its 70:30 joint venture with Thonburi for making pick-ups in Thailand).



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('000 p.a.)	Current capacity	Expansion to	When
Cars	225	300	Mar-08
Utility vehicles	60	90	Mar-08
LCV	60	90	Mar-08
Ace	75	200	Oct-07
M&HCV	175	275	Jun-08

Source: Company

Table 2: Tata Motors—Capital expenditure planned over next three-four years

	(INR bn)
Routine sustenance & capacity expansion	40
New product launches	80
Total	120

Source: Company

Incremental vehicle financing through TMLFS

Tata Motors hived off its vehicle finance business into a separate subsidiary, TML Financial Services (TMLFS), in Q3FY07. We expect this move to reduce the strain on Tata Motors's balance sheet. Most of the incremental vehicle financing business will be done through TMLFS, though Tata Motors's vehicle financing business cannot be discontinued in the near future, in order to obtain tax benefits from the accumulated losses of Tata Finance which was merged with Tata Motors in 2005. The absence of vehicle financing income has removed 50-60bps from the EBIDTA margin this quarter on a Y-o-Y basis.

Table 3: Tata Motors—Key balance sheet data

(INR bn) Mar-07 Dec-06 Gross total debt 40.1 40.3 Net debt 33.0 35.3 Investible surplus 7.1 4.9 Capex (cumulative upto) 23.0 15.7 Vehicle finance Disbursals (cumulative upto) 94.2 63.6 Tata Motors 54.3 48.2 TML Financial services 39.9 15.4 Outstanding receivables 85.5 64.3 Tata Motors 42.9 49.3 TML Financial services 42.6 15.0

Source: Company

Subsidiary performance robust

Key subsidiaries of Tata Motors have continued their robust performance with aggregate profits increasing by 82% Y-o-Y in Q4FY07 and by 71% Y-o-Y for FY07.

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	Turnover (INR mn)		Change PAT (INR mn)			Change
	Q4FY07	Q4FY06	(%)	Q4FY07	Q4FY06	(%)
Tata Daewoo, Korea	7,117	4,757	49.6	161	125	29.1
Telco construction equipment	6,191	4,350	42.3	664	347	91.4
Tata Technologies (Cons.)	4,263	2,187	94.9	103	(25)	(515.4)
HV Transmissions	505	372	35.8	123	92	34.6
HV Axles	570	435	31.1	131	159	(17.5)
TML Financial services	1,081	-	NM	89	-	NM

Source: Company

Table 5: Tata Motors—Annual performance of key subsidiaries

	Turnover (I	NR mn)	Change	PAT (INR	mn)	Change
	FY07	FY06	(%)	FY07	FY06	(%)
Tata Daewoo, Korea	23,336	15,849	47.2	830	583	42.4
Telco Construction Equipment	18,277	13,050	40.1	1,839	868	111.9
Tata Technologies (Cons.)	9,605	5,450	76.2	163	116	40.5
HV Transmissions	1,756	1,277	37.5	450	301	49.5
HV Axles	1,967	1,439	36.7	579	463	25.1
TML Financial services	1,602	-	NM	128	-	NM

Source: Company

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Financial snapshot (Standalone)	Visit htt	:p://dead	lpreside.	nt.blogs	spot.con	n for mo	re repor	ts! (INR mn)
	Q4FY07	Q4FY06	Y-o-Y%	Q3FY07	Q-o-Q%	FY06	FY07	FY08E
Volumes								
CV	87,475	71,475	22.4	77,226	13.3	214,950	298,681	389,648
M&HCV	51,076	43,060	18.6	44,824	13.9	128,714	172,889	203,069
LCV	36,399	28,415	28.1	32,402	12.3	86,236	125,792	186,579
PV	69,883	61,346	13.9	52,991	31.9	188,856	226,893	275,812
UVs	16,543	12,985	27.4	11,425	44.8	37,905	47,893	56,955
Cars	53,340	48,361	10.3	41,289	29.2	150,951	179,000	218,857
Total domestic	157,358	132,821	18.5	130,217	20.8	403,806	525,574	596,152
Total export	14,568	15,334	(5.0)	11,610	25.5	48,795	53,301	69,308
Total vehicles sold	171,926	148,155	16.0	141,827	21.2	452,601	578,875	665,459
Avg realisation (INR)	478,991	464,564	3.1	485,467	(1.3)	452,278	474,637	471,289
Gross sales	95,691	79,793		79,758	-	238,721	318,428	364,362
Less:excise	13,340	10,965		10,906	-	34,019	43,673	50,739
Net sales	82,351	68,828		68,852	-	204,702	274,755	313,623
Total income from operations	82,351	68,828	19.6	68,852	19.6	204,702	274,755	313,623
Dec/(Inc) in stock	2,936	4,137	-	(1,355)	-		(3,497)	
Raw materials consumed	55,618	43,924	26.6	48,976	13.6	140,070	193,749	217,192
Staff cost	3,647	3,141	16.1	3,581	1.8	11,431	13,678	15,319
Other expenditure	10,488	8,697	20.6	8,129	29.0	28,724	37,690	47,591
Total expenditure	72,689	59,899	21.4	59,330	22.5	180,225	241,621	280,102
EBITDA	9,663	8,928	8.2	9,522	1.5	24,477	33,134	33,521
Other income	604	44	1,267.4	143	322.1	4,883	2,455	7,885
Interest	598	692	(13.6)	852	(29.8)	2,935	3,131	4,100
Depreciation	1,583	1,363	16.1	1,435	10.3	5,209	5,863	7,451
Product development expenses	285	529.1	(46.1)	287	(0.5)	681	850	1,200
Profit before tax	7,802	6,389	22.1	7,092	10.0	20,534	25,745	28,655
Tax	2,030	1,895	7.1	1,956	3.8	5,245	6,597	7,164
Adj. Net profit	5,771	4,494	28.4	5,136	12.4	15,289	19,149	21,491
Extraordinary items	(3)	87	(103.9)	(5)	(26.1)	1,643	(14)	-
Net profit	5,768	4,581	25.9	5,132	12.4	13,646	19,135	21,491
Equity capital (face value of Rs 10)	3,854	3,829	-	3,853	-	3,829	3,854	3,909
No. equity shares	385	383	-	385	-	383	385	391
EPS	15.0	11.7	27.6	13.3	12.3	35.6	49.7	55.0
% of net sales								
Raw material	71.1	69.8		69.2		68.4	69.2	69.3
Staff cost	4.4	4.6		5.2		5.6	5.0	4.9
Other expenditure	12.7	12.6		11.8		14.0	13.7	15.2
EBITDA	11.7	13.0		13.8		12.0	12.1	10.7
Net profit	7.0	6.5		7.5		7.5	7.0	6.9
Tax rate	26.0	29.7		27.6		25.5	25.6	25.0

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Tata Motors Limited is India's largest automobile company, with a presence in commercial and passenger vehicles. It is the leader in nearly all commercial vehicle segments, and the second largest in the passenger vehicles market with successful products in the compact and midsize car, and utility vehicle segments. The company is the world's fifth largest medium and heavy commercial vehicle manufacturer. Tata Motors is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (since September 2004). It derives about 10% of its revenues from exports. The company has R&D centers in Pune, Jamshedpur, Lucknow, in India, and in South Korea, Spain, and the UK.

Investment Theme

Tata Motors is in a strong position to ride the growth seen in commercial vehicles due to increased industrial activity. For the company's passenger car business, the recent alliance with Fiat strengthens its position significantly from the standpoint of access to world class technology in a highly competitive environment. We expect Tata Motors to have stable margins going forward. In addition, the company has significant potential for value unlocking from its investments in a variety of automotive and related businesses, such as auto components and automotive and engineering design.

Key Risks

A slowdown in economic activity may affect CV sales significantly. Another key risk is the increasing competition in the passenger vehicle space, especially in diesel cars, and also in the compact segment. Also, increases in input prices could affect margins, as competition limits the company's ability to pass on cost hikes entirely. The company plans to invest significant amount of money in launch of new products. Non-acceptance of these products in the market could cause a substantial financial setback for the company.



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Income statement					(INR mn)
Year to March	FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E	FY09E
Total volume (nos)	399,561	454,345	578,805	665,459	745,711
% growth	27.1	13.7	27.4	15.0	12.1
Income from operations	173,135	204,702	274,755	317,379	356,657
Raw material cost	117,855	140,070	186,863	217,192	244,412
Power and fuel	2,378	2,585	3,727	4,330	4,894
Employee cost	10,393	11,431	13,678	15,319	17,617
Factory and administrative expenses	20,453	24,527	34,553	39,830	45,367
Selling and advertising expenses	3,583	4,700	6,479	7,841	8,506
Total operating expenses	154,662	183,314	245,300	284,512	320,796
EBITDA	18,473	21,388	29,454	32,867	35,861
Add: Manufactured goods capitalised	2,181	3,089	3,680	4,410	5,133
Total other income	3,354	4,883	3,201	4,130	5,504
PBDIT	24,008	29,359	36,335	41,407	46,498
Amortisation of deferred expenses	671	738	850	1,200	1,400
Interest	2,178	2,935	3,869	4,100	3,125
Depreciation and amortisation	4,502	5,209	5,863	7,451	8,946
Provisions	97	-97	0	0	0
Employee separation cost	42	40	0	0	0
Profit before tax	16,519	20,534	25,754	28,655	33,027
Extraordinary items	0	1,643	14	0	0
Provision for tax	4,150	5,245	6,597	7,164	8,092
Profits after tax	12,370	15,289	19,171	21,491	24,935
Adj. profit after tax*	12,370	13,646	19,143	21,491	24,935
Consolidated profit after tax*	13,853	15,638	21,700	24,367	28,995
Shares outstanding	361.8	382.9	385.4	390.9	407.2
Dividend per share	14.3	14.8	17.6	19.4	21.6
Dividend payout (%)	41.8	37.1	35.3	35.4	35.4

^{*}Excluding extraordinary income/expenses

Common size metrics- as % of net revenues

Year to March	FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E	FY09E
Operating expenses	89.3	89.6	89.3	89.6	89.9
Depreciation	2.6	2.5	2.1	2.3	2.5
Interest expenditure	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.9
EBITDA margins	10.7	10.4	10.7	10.4	10.1
Net profit margins	7.0	7.3	6.9	6.7	6.9

Growth metrics (%)

Year to March	FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E	FY09E
Revenues	32.4	18.2	34.2	15.5	12.4
EBITDA	18.9	18.5	35.4	12.5	10.0
PBT	27.8	24.3	25.4	11.3	15.3
Adj. net profit	52.6	10.3	40.3	12.3	16.0
Adj. EPS	50.6	4.2	39.4	10.7	11.4



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Balance sheet	<i>-</i> ,			() () () () () () () () () () () () () ((INR mn)
As on 31st March	FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E	FY09E
Equity capital	3,618	3,829	3,854	3,909	4,072
Reserves & surplus	37,496	51,542	64,584	82,640	112,232
Shareholders funds	41,114	55,371	68,438	86,549	116,304
Deferred tax liability (net)	5,653	6,225	6,225	6,225	6,225
Secured loans	4,898	8,228	19,228	19,178	18,473
Unsecured loans	20,056	21,141	20,870	16,653	3,570
Borrowings	24,954	29,368	40,098	35,831	22,043
Sources of funds	71,721	90,965	114,761	128,605	144,572
Gross block	66,120	79,716	100,352	125,449	154,100
Depreciation	34,543	44,015	49,878	57,330	66,275
Net block	31,577	35,700	50,474	68,120	87,824
Capital work in progress	5,388	9,512	12,012	14,012	10,512
Intangible assets	0	0	0	0	1
Investments	29,121	20,152	42,141	66,601	66,601
Inventories	16,014	20,122	25,885	25,777	26,218
Sundry debtors	7,986	7,158	11,094	12,889	14,566
Cash and bank balances	20,050	11,194	8,243	9,521	10,700
Loans and advances	26,749	58,077	51,894	26,609	29,540
Other current assets	61	62	62	62	62
Total current assets	70,860	96,613	97,178	74,858	81,084
Sundry creditors and others	54,146	59,003	73,905	80,976	86,183
Provisions	11,261	12,150	13,239	14,070	15,287
Total current liab. and provisions	65,407	71,154	87,144	95,046	101,470
Net current assets	5,454	25,460	10,033	-20,188	-20,386
Others	182	141	101	60	20
Uses of funds	71,721	90,965	114,761	128,605	144,573
Book value per share (BV) (INR)	114	145	178	221	286

Cash flow statement					(INR mn)
Year to March	FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E	FY09E
PBIT	17,209	20,588	28,459	31,109	33,434
Less: Actual tax paid	4,150	5,245	6,597	7,164	8,092
Less: Tax shield on interest	668	900	1,186	1,257	958
Add: Tax on interest & investment income	704	1,092	617	873	1,263
NOPLAT	13,096	15,535	21,293	23,561	25,647
Add: Depreciation	4,502	5,209	5,863	7,451	8,946
Gross cash flow	17,598	20,744	27,156	31,012	34,592
Less: Capital expenditure	8,989	13,457	23,137	27,097	25,150
Less: Working capital investment	(5,180)	(1,909)	(5,203)	(5,385)	(3,089)
Less: Increase in other assets	15,183	0	0	0	0
Add: Increase in other liab./provisions	7,303	557	1,089	830	1,217
Add: Extra-ordinary income	0	0	0	0	1
Free cash flow	5.909	9.753	10.311	10.130	13.749

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Ratios

Year to March	FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E	FY09E
ROE (%)	30.1	27.6	28.0	24.8	21.4
ROCE (%)	28.3	27.7	27.3	26.8	26.1
Inventory days	34	37	35	30	27
Debtors days	17	13	15	15	15
Fixed assets T/o (x)	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.3
Debt/Equity	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.2

Valuation parameters

Year to March	FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E	FY09E
EPS (INR)	34.2	39.9	49.7	55.0	61.2
Adj. EPS (INR)	34.2	35.6	49.7	55.0	61.2
Y-o-Y growth (%)	52.6	10.3	40.3	12.3	16.0
Consolidated EPS	38.3	40.8	56.3	62.3	71.2
CEPS (INR)	46.6	53.5	65.0	74.0	83.2
P/E (x)	21.2	18.1	14.6	13.2	11.8
PE (x) Consolidated	18.9	17.7	12.9	11.6	10.2
Price/BV (x)	6.4	5.0	4.1	3.3	2.5
EV/Sales (x)	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	12.9	12.9	9.1	7.4	6.7

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Buy	Expected to appreciate more than 20% over a 12-month period	Reduce	Expected to depreciate up to 10% over a 12-month period
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Trading Buy	Expected to appreciate more than 10% over a 45-day period	Trading Sel	Expected to depreciate more than 10% over a 45-day period

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