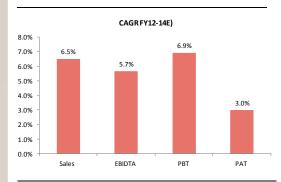
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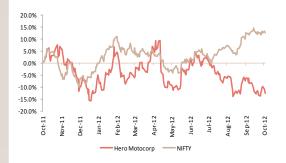


Stock Recommendation	Neutral
CMP (₹)	1795
Price Target (₹)	1894
Upside	6
52 Week H / L ₹	2278/1703
BSE 30	18710

Key Data No.of Shares, Mn. 199.7 Mcap, ₹ Mn 358425.6 Mcap,USD Mn @ ₹53 6516.8 2 W Avg Qty (BSE+NSE) Mn 0.3

Share holding, Sept'12 Promoters 52.2 FII 32.3 DII 6.7 Public & Others 8.8

Performance	1 M	3 M	6 M	12 M
Stock Return %	-3.8	-12.2	-16.5	-12.7
Relative Return %	-6.7	-22.0	-24.6	-25.4



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Reported PAT at ₹4.40bn – against estimates of ₹4.25bn

HMCL reported Q2FY13 results broadly in line with estimates. Revenue declined by 11% YoY to ₹51.9bn (v/s expectation of ₹50.9bn) due to 13.7% decline in volumes. Although 15% increase in revenue from high margin spare parts segment to ₹c4bn cushioned the fall to some extent in overall revenue. EBIDTA declined by 21.6% to ₹7.19bn (v/s expectation of ₹7.14 bn). EBIDTA margin contracted by 180 bps YoY to 13.9% (against expectation of14%). PAT declined by 27.0% YoY to ₹4.40 bn (against expectation of ₹4.25 bn). Going forward management expects healthy volume uptick during festive season, however indicated for a 5-6% growth in two wheeler industry in FY13 (against earlier expectation of 10% growth).

Passion xPro will be available in the market before Diwali

The competition is expected to rise further as BAL is expected to launch one new motorcycle in 100cc segment in coming months. Further HMCL has also started dispatching its new motorcycle – Passion xPro, which will be available in the market before Diwali. Although we do not expect HMCL to loose its leadership position in near term, we believe that rising competition and high base effect will limit its volume growth (unless it will expand its addressable market and attain success in export market. Currently export contributes 2-3% to the total HMCL volumes). It is to be noted that HMCL has lost 263 bps YoY market share during Sep Ytd FY13 on account of lower dispatch due to higher inventory in the system and intensified competition in the 2 wheeler segment.

Maintain Neutral rating on the stock with target price of ₹1894

We continue to remain Neutral on HMCL on account of rising competition in the domestic market, lack of visibility of growth in export volumes (or addressable market) and high base effect for volume growth coupled with higher dependence of profitability on volumes. Although festive season is expected to be healthy for HMCL, visibility for sustainable volume growth is still some time away. We revised our earnings estimates downward by 4.9%/9.6% to ₹116/₹126.3 for FY13E/FY14E. Post revision in our earnings estimates we reduced our target price to ₹1894 (from 2,096). At our target price stock would trade at 16.3xFY13E and 15xFY14E EPS.

Financials	Revenues ₹mn	EBIDTA ₹mn	APAT ₹mn	EPS ₹	P/E x	EV/EBIDTA x	ROAE %
FY11	193979	26125	20077	96.5	18.6	12.5	65
FY12	235790	36188	23781	119.1	15.1	9.3	66
FY13E	236329	35302	23171	116.0	15.5	9.0	47
FY14E	267415	40400	25220	126.3	14.2	7.6	41

Source: Company, Sunidhi Research

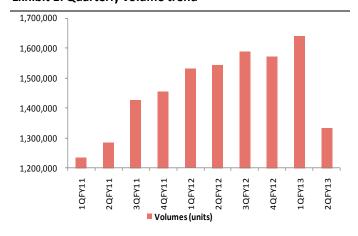


Quarterly Financials

			YoY		QoQ			YoY
	Q2FY13	Q2FY12	growth	Q1FY13	growth	Ytd FY13	Ytd FY12	growth
Net Sales	51875	58262	-11.0%	62473	-17.0%	114347	115079	-0.6%
Expenditure	44683	49091	-9.0%	53104	-15.9%	97787	97627	0.2%
Materials Consumed	37702	42237	-10.7%	46026	-18.1%	83727	84685	-1.1%
% of sales	72.7%	72.5%		73.7%		73.2%	73.6%	
Employee Cost	1922	1794	7.1%	2046	-6.1%	3968	3439	15.4%
% of sales	3.7%	3.1%		3.3%		3.5%	3.0%	
Other Exp	5059	5060	0.0%	5032	0.5%	10092	9503	6.2%
% of sales	9.8%	8.7%		8.1%		8.8%	8.3%	
EBITDA	7192	9171	-21.6%	9369	-23.2%	16561	17452	-5.1%
EBITDA margin (%)	13.9%	15.7%	-11.9%	15.0%	-7.6%	14.5%	15.2%	-4.5%
Depreciation	2895	2785	4.0%	3035	-4.6%	5930	5183	14.4%
EBIT	4297	6386	-32.7%	6334	-32.2%	10631	12269	-13.4%
Other Income	993	888	11.9%	1044	-4.9%	2038	1826	11.6%
Interest expenses	30	29	1.4%	29	0.7%	59	155	-61.9%
PBT	5261	7245	-27.4%	7349	-28.4%	12610	13940	-9.5%
Tax	855	1208	-29.3%	1194	-28.4%	2049	2325	-11.9%
Effective tax rate (%)	16.3%	16.7%	-2.6%	16.3%	0.0%	16.3%	16.7%	-2.6%
Reported PAT	4406	6036	-27.0%	6155	-28.4%	10560	11615	-9.1%
Net Margin (%)	8.5%	10.4%		9.9%		9.2%	10.1%	
EPS	22.1	30.2	-27.0%	30.8	-28.4%	52.9	58.2	-9.1%

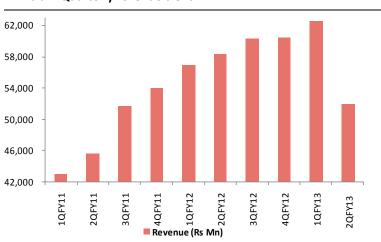
Source: Company, Sunidhi Research

Exhibit 1: Quarterly volume trend



Source: Company, Sunidhi Research

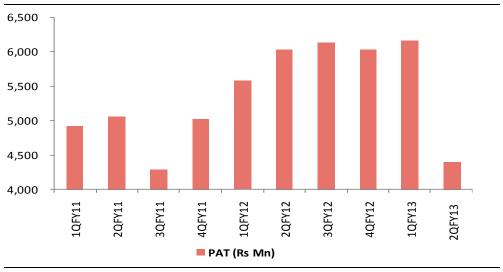
Exhibit 2: Quarterly revenue trend



Source: Company, Sunidhi Research







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HMCL lost 262 bps mkt share due to rise in competition and high inventory

During the quarter HMCL lost 262 bps YoY market share (to 42.69%) largely due to lower dispatch (led by higher inventory in the system and slow off take at dealer's level) and intensified competition (largely from HMSI). With the launch of Dream Yuga, HMSI has gained significant market share in the domestic two wheeler segment. HMSI's market share stood at 19.03% in Ytd Sep FY13 against 13.19% in Ytd Sep FY12.

Planning to enter into export market and government slashed DEPB rate

It is to be highlighted that assuming other things constant, HMCL would not be able to generate the profitability from export volumes, which BAL had generated in its earlier years as export benefits has been slashed down. Even though HMCL has been planning to enter into the export market, it will not be able to accrue the benefit of export incentives, given DEPB benefit has been reduced from 9% (till Sep 2011) to 2% (in Oct 2012) .It is to be noted that BAL had availed healthy export incentives in past, which offered 1.5-2.5% point additional EBIDTA margin to BAL.

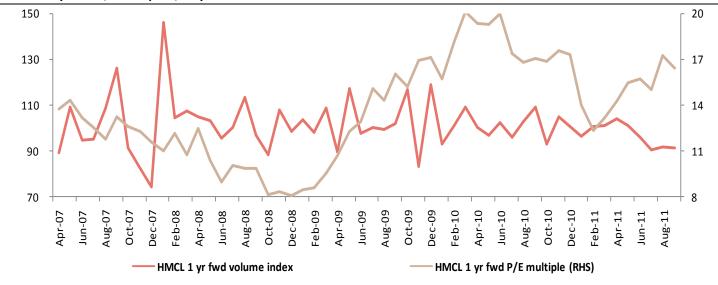
Stock re rated earlier led by stimulus packages

Given the higher dependency of profitability on volumes, we believe that the significant volume growth is pre-requisite for a sharp revival in earnings and re-rating of the stock. Before Q2FY12, HMCL had registered 4% decline in volumes (in a quarter) in Q3FY09 and it has been coincided by a re rating of the stock in Q4FY09. The rerating of the stock in Q4FY09 was led by the stimulus package offered by the government in Dec 08 and Feb 09, which helped HMCL to gain volume growth in subsequent quarters. Further HMCL's stock was traded at a significant premium during Q4FY10 to Q3FY11coincided by the significant higher dividend payout for FY10 and FY11, given dividend payout ratio (including extraordinary dividend) stood at 98% 108% for FY10/FY11, which subsequently reduced to 37.8% in FY12.



With no indication of any kind of stimulus package to be announced in near future, high base effect, rising competition and dividend payout ratio is expected to be in the range of 40% both for FY13E and FY14E, considerable re rating of the stock appears to be delayed.





Source: Company, Sunidhi Research

Concall extracts:

Healthy performance during festive season

- The management observes healthy recovery in two wheeler sales during festive season (Navratri / Dushera period).
- Average sales per day during shradha paksha were 10k units per day.
- Average sales per day during Navratri were 26k units per day.
- The management expects to sell more than 500k units in October (due to Navratir/ Dushera)

Outlook

- Two- wheelers segment is expected to grow by 5-6% in FY13E.
- HMCL aims to grow its volumes in line with the industry
- The management does not want to increase production or capacities without having a visible sign of upsurge in the industry.
- HMCL has started dispatching Passion xPro, which is likely to be available in the market before Diwali.

Finance penetration

- Finance penetration in HMCL volumes is 20%.
- HMCL is not offering any discount or freebies to increase two wheeler volumes.



Increased prices

- Increased prices by ₹300 across the model due to increase in diesel prices
- No price hike during Q2FY13.
- 6.99% financing scheme in association with HDFC is for festive season only.
- HMCL is not offering any interest subvention

Inventory in the system

• Inventory in the system stood at 4 weeks (c600k units)

Revised earning downward by 4.9%/9.6% for FY13E/FY14E

Although festive season is expected to be healthy for HMCL, visibility for sustainable volume growth is some time away. We revised our earnings estimates downward by 4.9%/9.6% to ₹116/₹126.3 for FY13E/FY14E. Even in our revised earnings estimates we assume improvement in two wheeler volumes in H2FY13E and FY14E, which are subjected to downward risk if macro factors will not turn positively from here on and monsoon situation will not improve in FY14E (given HMCL generates 46% of its volumes from rural segment).

Revision in earnings estimates

	Old		Ne	w	% change	
	FY13E	FY14E	FY13E	FY14E	FY13E	FY14E
Volumes	6,383,308	7,145,115	6,138,282	6,736,115	-3.8%	-5.7%
Revenue	245,408	283,742	236,329	267,415	-3.7%	-5.8%
EBIDTA	36,729	43,539	35,302	40,400	-3.9%	-7.2%
EBIDTA %	15.0%	15.3%	14.9%	15.1%		
PAT	24,356	27,907	23,171	25,220	-4.9%	-9.6%
EPS	122.0	139.7	116.0	126.3	-4.9%	-9.6%

Retain Neutral rating with target price of ₹1,894

We continue to remain Neutral on HMCL on account of rising competition in the domestic market, lack of visibility of growth in export volumes (or addressable market) and high base effect for volume growth coupled with higher dependence of profitability on volume growth.

Given the downward earnings revision (due to sluggishness in domestic two wheeler segment), and high base effect (for volume growth), we do not foresee a significant rerating of stock in near term. We believe that the improvement in the visibility for export volume growth (or expansion of addressable market opportunity) and commissioning of its new capacity (in Gujarat and Rajasthan) with road map of capacity utilization, will be the trigger for re- rating of the stock.

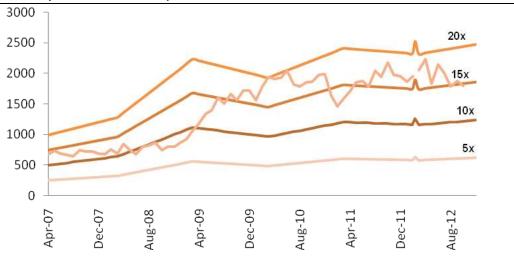
Post revision in our earnings estimates we reduced our target price to ₹1894 (from 2,096). At our target price stock would trade at 16.3xFY13E EPS of ₹116 and 15xFY14E EPS of ₹126.3. We prefer to look stock during correction and at lower valuations.



Bull- bear case scenario

FY14E	Volumes	EBIDTA %	EPS	Multiple	Tgt price
Bear case	6,399,310	15.1%	118.6	14	1660
Base case	6,736,115	15.1%	126.3	15	1894
Bull case	7,072,921	15.1%	134.0	16	2144

HMCL 1 yr forward P/E multiple trend



Source: Company, Sunidhi Research



Valuations Summary	<u> </u>			
Year End-March	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E
Per share (₹)				
EPS	96.5	119.1	116.0	126.3
CEPS	116.7	174.0	175.1	190.6
BVPS	148.0	214.8	276.9	344.5
DPS	105.0	45.0	46.4	50.5
Payout (%)	108.8	37.8	40.0	40.0
Valuation (x)				
P/E	18.6	15.1	15.5	14.2
P/BV	12.1	8.4	6.5	5.2
EV/EBITDA	12.5	9.3	9.0	7.6
Dividend Yield (%)	5.8	2.5	2.6	2.8
Return ratio (%)				
EBIDTA Margin	13.5	15.3	14.9	15.1
PAT Margin	9.9	10.1	9.8	9.4
ROAE	65.2	65.6	47.2	40.6
ROACE	51.4	56.3	45.7	44.3
Leverage Ratios (x)				
Long term D/E	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1
Net Debt/Equity	0.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Interest Coverage	203.9	205.9	188.1	212.9
Current ratio	1.0	1.1	1.6	1.7
Growth Ratios (%)				
Income growth	23.0	21.6	0.2	13.2
EBITDA growth	-1.9	38.5	-2.4	14.4
PAT growth	-13.6	23.4	-2.6	8.8
Turnover Ratios	20.0			0.0
F.A Turnover x	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.0
Inventory Days	9.9	10.5	10.3	10.3
Debtors Days	2.5	4.2	4.0	2.0
Payable days	45.1	41.9	37.6	37.7
Income Statement(₹	_	71.5	37.0	37.7
		FV12F	FV12F	FV1.4F
Year End-March	FY11	FY12E	FY13E	FY14E
Revenues	193979	235790	236329	267415
Op. Expenses	167854	199603	201027	227015
EBITDA	26125	36188	35302	40400
Other Income	2896	3646	4675	5464
Depreciation	4024	10973	11789	12841
EBIT	24998	28860	28188	33024
Interest	152	213	271	271
PBT -	24846	28647	27917	32753
Tax	4769	4866	4746	7533
PAT	20077	23781	23171	25220
Minority	-	-	-	-
Prior Period Adj	-	-	-	-
Sh. of Associates	-	-	-	-
Ex. ordinary	-	-	-	-
Adj Pat	20077	23781	23171	25220
Source: Company, So	unidhi Resea	ırch		

Balance Sheet (₹ mn)				
Year End-March	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E
Equity and Liabilities				
Share Capital	399	399	399	399
Reserves and Surplus	29161	42499	54898	68393
Total Shareholders funds	29561	42898	55297	68793
Minority Interest	-			-
Non-Current Liability				
Long Term Borrowings	14710	10114	10114	10114
Deferred Tax Liabilities (Net)	2468	2083	2083	2083
Long Term Liab/ Provisions	357	380	380	380
Current Liabilities				
Short Term Borrowings	-	-	-	-
Trade Payables	20733	22932	20719	23445
Other Current Liabilities	28980	9962	9065	10257
Short Term Provisions	10454	10521	9712	10990
Grand Total	107263	98889	107370	126061
Assets				
Non Current Assets				
Fixed Assets	41302	38244	29955	38614
Deferred Tax Assets	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Investments	4655	6740	6740	6740
Other non current assets	3423	5336	5336	5336
Trade Receivables	164	260	260	260
Current Assets				
Current Investments	46633	32903	35903	38903
Inventories	5249	6756	6638	7515
Trade Receivables	1306	2723	2590	1465
Cash and Cash Equivalents	715	768	14769	21366
Short Term Loans and Advances	3447	4756	4532	5129
Other Current Assets	368	404	647	733
Grand Total	107263	98889	107370	126061
Cash flow Statement				
Year End-March	FY11	FY12E	FY13E	FY14E
PBT	24846	28647	27917	32753
Depreciation	4024	10973	11789	12841
Interest Exp	152	213	271	271
Others	-	-	-	-
CF before W.cap	25506	36331	39977	45864
Inc/dec in W.cap	1847	-6906	-3687	4761
Op CF after W.cap	27354	29424	36289	50626
Less Taxes	4769	4866	4746	7533
Exceptional & Prior Period Adj	-43	-961	-	-
Net CF From Operations	22542	23598	31543	43092
Inc/(dec) in F.A + CWIP	-9963	15047	-3500	-21500
others	-3260	-14119	-3000	-3000
CF from Invst Activities	-13223	928	-6500	-24500
Loan Raised/(repaid)	-	-	-	-
Equity Raised	-	-	-	-
Dividend	-9401	-24369	-10772	-11724
Others	-152	-213	-271	-271
CF from Fin Activities	-9552	-24582	-11043	-11995
Net inc /(dec) in cash	-234	-56	14000	6597
Op. bal of cash	626	715	768	14769
Others	323	109	-	-
Cl. balance of cash	715	768	14769	21366



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The price target for a large cap stock represents the value the analyst expects the stock to reach over next 12 months. For a stock to be classified as **Outperform**, the expected return must exceed the local risk free return by at least 5% over the next 12 months. For a stock to be classified as **Underperform**, the stock return must be below the local risk free return by at least 5% over the next 12 months. Stocks between these bands are classified as **Neutral**.

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BUY Absolute Return >20%

ACCUMULATE Absolute Return Between 10-20%

HOLD Absolute Return Between 0-10%

REDUCE Absolute Return 0 To Negative 10%

SELL Absolute Return > Negative 10%

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