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Core strength intact, new energy execution vital...

About the stock: Amara Raja Energy & Mobility (AREM) is a part of the duopolistic organised Indian lead acid battery market with a strong presence across Automotive (OEM & aftermarket) and Industrial battery space (UPS, Telecom, etc.).

- Approaching E-Mobility through a mix of EV chargers, Li-On battery pack assembly, captive Li-On cell manufacturing and stake in Log-9 materials

Q4FY26 Result: On standalone basis, net sales for the quarter came in at ₹ 3,460 crore, up 16% YoY. EBITDA in Q4FY26 came in at ₹ 377 crore with corresponding EBITDA margins at 10.9%, down ~30 bps QoQ. PAT in Q4FY26 stood at ₹ 322 crore, up ~93% YoY. Q4FY26 has a one-time gain of ₹181 crores due to insurance claims.

Investment Rationale:

- Steady Lead-Acid business with positives for margin recovery:** Amara Raja is a prominent player in Lead acid business with sizeable presence across Automobile (~70%) & Industrial side (~30%). In automobile space it is present across OEM & aftermarket channel and is the leader in the aftermarket space. The lead-acid battery business continues to demonstrate strong resilience despite industry maturity. The company is gaining market share in both OEM and replacement segments, supported by its strong Amaron brand, extensive distribution network, and deep OEM relationships. Growth in home energy solutions, tubular batteries, UPS applications, and auxiliary batteries for hybrid vehicles provides additional runway beyond traditional automotive demand. Management continues to expect the business to grow at mid-to high-single digits and expects margins to gradually move towards the 13–14% range in the long term amidst near term pressure due to rise in metal prices and INR depreciation.
- New energy business strategy, back ended execution:** The new energy business at AREM offers substantial long-term growth potential through lithium battery packs, BESS, and domestic cell manufacturing. The company has already established meaningful scale in telecom lithium batteries and is expanding into EV and stationary storage markets. The commissioning of the customer qualification plant, the upcoming 2 GWh facility (by Q2CY27), and accelerated investments into BESS provide visibility on future growth. The said facility is expected to have cell manufacturing capacity of up-to 16GWh by FY30E. However, the technology roadmap remains a key monitorable as management acknowledged that technology licensing and transfer arrangements with Gotion have been impacted by increasing restrictions on Chinese technology transfers, resulting in the company pursuing a predominantly self-driven R&D approach for cell development.

Rating and Target Price

- Company saw healthy demand in its base lead acid business, however, with the lack of progress on the previously announced Gotion technology partnership for new energy business vertical, introduce execution uncertainty and hence, we assign **HOLD** rating on Amara Raja and value it at **₹ 960** on SoTP basis wherein we value its base business at 15x PE on FY28E and assign 0.8x CWIP to estimated capex in Li-On cell domain.

Key Financial Summary

Key Financials (₹ crore)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26P	5 year CAGR (FY21-26P)	FY27E	FY28E	2 year CAGR (FY26P-28E)
Net Sales	8,695.8	10,389.7	11,260.3	12,404.9	13,548.9	13.6%	14,452.6	15,657.2	7.5%
EBITDA	1,022.6	1,435.0	1,621.4	1,629.0	1,544.2	6.7%	1,503.7	1,949.8	12.4%
EBITDA Margins (%)	11.8	13.8	14.4	13.1	11.4		10.4	12.5	
Net Profit	511.2	730.7	905.9	963.9	970.4	8.5%	696.4	1,014.7	2.3%
Adjusted Profit	511.2	765.6	905.9	881.4	778.0	3.8%	696.4	1,014.7	14.2%
EPS (₹)	29.9	39.9	49.5	52.7	53.0		38.1	55.4	
P/E	29.1	21.8	17.6	16.5	16.4		22.9	15.7	
RoNW (%)	11.2	12.7	13.4	11.9	9.5		8.0	10.7	
RoCE (%)	13.6	15.8	16.5	15.0	11.7		9.5	13.0	

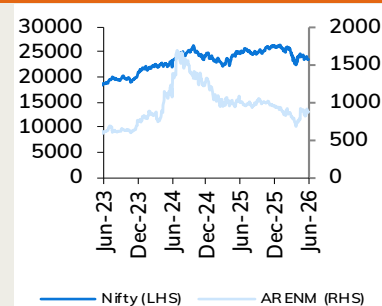
Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research


AMARA RAJA
Gotta be a better way
Particulars

Particular	₹ crore
Market Capitalization	15,921
Total Debt (FY26P)	271
Cash & Invt. (FY26P)	115
Enterprise Value	16,077
52 week H/L (₹)	1,058 / 670
Equity capital	18.3
Face value (₹)	1.0

Shareholding pattern

	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26
Promoter	32.9	32.9	32.9	32.9
FII	19.4	18.0	17.4	17.3
DII	14.0	16.2	17.1	17.0
Other	33.8	32.9	32.7	32.9

Price Chart**Recent event & key risks**

- Margin for Q4FY26 came in multi quarter low at 10.9%.
- Key Risk: (i) higher than built in margin recovery in the base business (ii) delay in capex execution in the new energy business (Li-On battery space)

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Key Takeaways of Recent Quarter

Q4FY26 Earnings Conference Call Highlights

Lead-Acid Business Witnessing Broad-Based Volume Momentum: 4W and 2W OEM volumes grew by over 30% during the quarter, while replacement demand grew by 5–6%. The home energy segment remained a standout performer, with tubular battery volumes increasing by more than 35%, supported by seasonal demand and higher in-house manufacturing contribution. Industrial battery demand remained stable, excluding telecom, where the shift toward lithium continues; however, Amara Raja maintained nearly 50% market share in telecom power backup solutions through its lithium offerings.

Capex: The company spent around ₹600 crore on lead-acid and recycling businesses during FY26, while continuing investments into new energy infrastructure. For FY27, management has guided for total capex of ₹1,500–1,700 crore, with ₹1,100–1,200 crore earmarked for new energy projects and the balance allocated to the lead-acid business. Cumulative investment in the cell manufacturing subsidiary has already reached approximately ₹1,500 crore.

Margins Remain Resilient Despite Cost Pressures: The lead-acid business maintained healthy profitability despite rising raw material costs. Adjusted lead-acid EBITDA margin stood at 12.3%, supported by operational efficiencies and benefits from the recycling business. Margin performance remained resilient despite elevated costs of lead alloys, sulfuric acid, logistics, and a higher OEM mix. Management implemented price hikes of 5–6% during Q4 and indicated that additional price increases may be required if raw material inflation persists.

Significant Progress on Cell Manufacturing Roadmap: The customer qualification plant (CPP) is in the final commissioning phase and is expected to begin supplying commercial samples in the coming months. The 2 GWh cell manufacturing facility remains on track for commissioning in June 2027. Equipment procurement has already been completed, with commissioning progress currently dependent on availability of Chinese technical personnel. The lithium business continued to gain traction with nearly 300 MWh of telecom battery pack supplies during the quarter. The company has now crossed 1 GWh of cumulative telecom lithium installations and continues to expand in 2W, 3Ws and LCVs.

BESS Emerging as a Key Growth Driver: Amara Raja announced a dedicated BESS integration facility at Divitipally with an initial capacity of 5 GWh and eventual capacity of 10 GWh. Management expects initial EBITDA margins of 6–7% in the BESS business, with profitability improving as scale increases. Importantly, the company now expects BESS to contribute a materially higher share of future cell demand, revising its long-term mix expectations from 80% EV / 20% BESS to potentially two-thirds EV and one-third BESS or higher.

Exhibit 1: Quarterly P&L performance

Standalone Financials (₹ crore)	Q4FY26	Q4FY25	YoY (Chg %)	Q3FY26	QoQ (Chg %)
Total Operating Income	3,460	2,974	16.3	3,351	3.3
Raw Material Expenses	2,430	2,013	20.7	2,287	6.3
Employee Expenses	214	180	19.0	205	4.7
Other Expenses	438	438	0.0	485	-9.6
EBITDA	377	342	10.2	374	0.7
EBITDA Margin (%)	10.9	11.5	-61 bps	11.2	-28 bps
Other Income	28	20	37.7	26	4.6
Depreciation	140	128	8.7	141	-0.9
Interest	13	9	40.9	9	53.9
Tax	111	58	92.1	56	98.2
Reported PAT	322	167	93.2	152	112.5
EPS (₹)	17.6	9.1	93.2	8.3	112.5

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 2: Lead Acid business- Growth Strategy

Growth Strategy- LAB

AUTOMOTIVE- DOMESTIC
(DRIVE EFFICIENCY)

Existing Auto business-

- Focus on market share protection, strengthen the brand and channel
- Deepen brand relevance across all demographics

Robust new product pipeline-

- Solar, Advanced Home Energy Solutions & Other Ancillaries
- Leverage the channel network for penetrating into other allied products

AUTOMOTIVE
INTERNATIONAL
(EXPAND PRESENCE)

- Expand market presence in Europe & Americas
- Deepen presence in APAC and MEA regions with enhanced marketing investment
- Wide range of products for maximum market fit including Allied business such as Lubes
- Enhance Brand presence through digital marketing and localized branding campaigns

INDUSTRIAL
(ENERGY SOLUTIONS)

- Tap into emerging growth segments such as BESS across C&I applications in India and Globally
- Sustain leadership in India and expand Telecom energy solutions into Global export markets
- Build Capabilities for offering Chemistry Agnostic Solutions
- Enter new international markets across UPS and Motive
- Strengthen our leadership in domestic UPS and Data Centers



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Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 3: New Energy Business - Strategy

Growth Strategy- NEB



TECHNOLOGY

- Establish E Positive Energy Labs, enhance in-house competency in cell technology
- Build strategic technology partnerships
- Create best-in-class product portfolio for both EV and ESS



CUSTOMERS

- Standard and custom-built products to be developed
- Capitalize CQP- pilot production run & product optimization as per customer specification
- Cater to wide range of application- mobility, stationary and BESS (Grid and C&I)



SUPPLY CHAIN

- Build strategic alliances with upstream and downstream partners
- Establish Sustainable, Secure & Cost-efficient supply chain for Critical Raw Materials with a clear roadmap of Domestic Value Addition (DVA)



TALENT

- Recruitment of global talent of subject matter experts
- Build deep tech expertise in Technology, Supply Chain and Operations
- AR Way culture integration, Diversity & Inclusion; and capability development



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Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 4: SOTP Target Price Calculation

Particulars	Units	Amount
FY28E PAT of Base Business (Lead Acid Battery)	₹ crore	1,015
Total No of Shares (B)	crore	18.3
FY28E EPS (A/B)	₹/share	55
PE Multiple Assigned	x	15
per share value (A)	₹/share	830
Our Estimates of CWIP in New Energy business, as of FY28E	₹ crore	3,000
Multiple Assigned	x	0.8
Value to new energy business	₹ crore	2,400
per share value	₹/share	130
Total Target Price	₹/share	960

Source: ICICI Direct Research

Financial Summary

Exhibit 5: Profit and loss statement

₹ crore

(Year-end March)	FY25	FY26P	FY27E	FY28E
Total operating Income	12,405	13,549	14,453	15,657
Growth (%)	10.2	9.2	6.7	8.3
Raw Material Expenses	8,407	9,357	10,217	10,756
Employee Expenses	747	840	911	994
Other Expenses	1,622	1,808	1,821	1,957
Total Operating Expenditure	10,776	12,005	12,949	13,707
EBITDA	1,629	1,544	1,504	1,950
Growth (%)	0.5	-5.2	-2.6	29.7
Depreciation	492	548	593	642
Interest	42	41	81	61
Other Income	93	92	101	110
PBT	1,188	1,048	931	1,356
Total Tax	335	337	235	342
PAT	964	970	696	1,015
Growth (%)	6.4	0.7	-28.2	45.7
EPS (₹)	52.7	53.0	38.1	55.4

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 6: Cash flow statement

₹ crore

(Year-end March)	FY25	FY26P	FY27E	FY28E
Profit after Tax	964	970	696	1,015
Add: Depreciation	492	548	593	642
(Inc)/dec in Current Assets	(164)	(372)	(131)	(321)
Inc/(dec) in CL and Provisions	425	116	28	183
CF from operating activities	1,717	1,262	1,185	1,519
(Inc)/dec in Investments	(69)	62	(60)	(65)
(Inc)/dec in Fixed Assets	(1,389)	(1,395)	(1,500)	(900)
Others	64	82	11	13
CF from investing activities	(1,393)	(1,251)	(1,549)	(952)
Issue/(Buy back) of Equity	-	-	-	-
Inc/(dec) in loan funds	91	127	510	(350)
Dividend & others	(354)	(188)	(142)	(206)
CF from financing activities	(263)	(61)	368	(556)
Net Cash flow	61	(50)	4	11
Opening Cash	104	165	115	120
Closing Cash	165	115	120	131

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 7: Balance Sheet

₹ crore

(Year-end March)	FY25	FY26P	FY27E	FY28E
Liabilities				
Equity Capital	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.3
Reserve and Surplus	7,360	8,142	8,697	9,506
Total Shareholders funds	7,378	8,161	8,715	9,524
Total Debt	145	271	781	431
Deferred Tax Liability	73	90	96	104
Total Liabilities	7,937	8,954	10,029	10,501
Assets				
Gross Block	6,663	7,282	7,682	8,182
Less: Acc Depreciation	3,249	3,797	4,389	5,031
Net Block	3,414	3,485	3,293	3,151
Capital WIP	1,294	2,088	3,188	3,588
Total Fixed Assets	4,741	5,589	6,496	6,754
Investments	1,148	1,085	1,145	1,210
Inventory	2,036	2,283	2,376	2,574
Debtors	1,143	1,167	1,188	1,287
Loans and Advances	23	97	104	112
Other Current Assets	142	169	180	195
Cash	165	115	120	131
Total Current Assets	3,509	3,831	3,967	4,299
Creditors	1,047	1,203	1,188	1,287
Provisions	171	279	275	298
Other current liabilities	839	690	736	798
Total Current Liabilities	2,056	2,172	2,199	2,383
Net Current Assets	1,453	1,660	1,768	1,916
Other Non-Current Assets	167	192	192	192
Application of Funds	7,937	8,954	10,029	10,501

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Exhibit 8: Key ratios

(Year-end March)	FY25	FY26P	FY27E	FY28E
Per share data (₹)				
EPS	52.7	53.0	38.1	55.4
Cash EPS	79.6	83.0	70.4	90.5
BV	403.2	445.9	476.2	520.4
DPS	10.5	10.6	7.8	11.3
Cash Per Share	12.4	6.3	7.1	8.5
Operating Ratios (%)				
EBITDA Margin	13.1	11.4	10.4	11.7
PBT / Net sales	9.2	7.4	6.3	8.4
PAT Margin	7.8	7.2	4.8	5.6
Inventory days	59.9	61.5	60.0	60.0
Debtor days	33.6	31.4	30.0	30.0
Creditor days	30.8	32.4	30.0	30.0
Return Ratios (%)				
RoE	11.9	9.5	8.0	10.7
RoCE	15.0	11.7	9.5	13.0
RoIC	18.7	15.8	14.5	20.7
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	18.1	20.5	22.9	15.7
EV / EBITDA	9.7	10.4	11.0	8.3
EV / Net Sales	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0
Market Cap / Sales	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0
Price to Book Value	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.7
Solvency Ratios				
Debt/Equity	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Current Ratio	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7
Quick Ratio	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7

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