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SELL (from Hold)

Target Price: **RM0.54**
Previously: **RM0.78**
Current Price: **RM0.675**

Capital upside	-20.0%
Dividend yield	5.9%
Expected total return	-14.1%

Sector coverage: Automotive

Company description: Bermaz Auto is involved in distribution, assembly, retailing and after sales service of Mazda, Kia and Xpeng vehicles in Malaysia and distribution of Mazda in the Philippines. Bermaz Auto is also involved in export of locally assembled Mazda and Kia vehicles.

Share price


Historical return (%)	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	0.0	-28.6	-70.4
Relative	-1.2	-31.2	-69.4

Stock information

Bloomberg ticker	BAUTO MK
Bursa code	5248
Issued shares (m)	1,154
Market capitalisation (RM m)	779
3-mth average volume ('000)	5,311
SC Shariah compliant	Yes
F4GBM Index member	Yes
ESG rating	★★★★

Major shareholders

Dynamic Milestone	15.5%
Permodalan Nasional Berhad	11.9%
Employees Provident Fund	10.7%

Earnings summary

FYE (Apr)	FY25	FY26f	FY27f
PATMI - core (RM m)	154	57	86
EPS - core (sen)	13.3	4.9	7.4
P/E (x)	5.1	13.6	9.1

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A weak start for FY26

Reported core PATMI of RM8.8m for 1QFY26 (-58.9% QoQ; -87.3% YoY). The results were below our expectation (8.9%) and consensus (6.6%). Declared first interim dividend of 0.75 sen/share. Downgrade to SELL (from Hold) with a lower TP of RM0.54 (from RM0.78) based on 8x CY26 P/E. We expect upcoming quarterly earnings to remain weak, before potential rebound in 4QFY26, on new contribution from CX-60 and CX-80 PHEV. BAUTO has a net cash of RM182.6m (15.8 sen/share), supporting a decent dividend yield of 5.9%.

Below expectations. 1QFY26 core PATMI of RM8.8m (-58.9% QoQ, -87.3% YoY), came in below expectations, at only 6.6-8.9% of consensus and our FY26 estimates of RM134.5m and RM99.8m. The group recorded net EIs of -RM0.5m during the quarter, mainly on provisions and forex loss.

Dividend. Declared first interim dividend of 0.75 sen/share (ex-date: 16 Oct 2025).

QoQ & YoY. Core PATMI dropped -58.9% QoQ/-87.3% YoY to RM8.8m, dragged mainly by lower automotive sales volume (-11.1% QoQ/-48.4% YoY) along with lower margins, further dragged by the cumulative negative associates' contribution (lower production volume).

Outlook. Operating landscape in Malaysia is expected to become more competitive, given the entrance of China OEMs at attractive price points, while its core Mazda models are facing end-of-product lifecycles and new generation will only be available in 2 years. The group has recently launched 2 new models, namely CX-60 and CX-80 PHEV, as interim measures to keep the market excited and protect sales volume. BAUTO's new Xpeng distributorship is contributing positively to the group's bottomline. On the other hand, its Philippines operation is looking more stable, driven by its well-received new premium models (CX-60 and CX-90).

Forecast. Given the disappointing numbers, we lowered our FY26-27 earnings forecast by -42.4% and -31.5% respectively. We have also introduced FY28 earnings at RM112m.

Downgrade SELL, TP: RM0.54. Following the downward revision in our earnings forecasts, we downgrade our Rating on BAUTO to SELL (from Hold earlier) with a lower TP of RM0.54 (from RM0.78) based on P/E of 8x revised CY26's 6.7 sen. While its balance sheet position remains healthy (with net cash of RM182.6m or 15.8 sen/share as at end 1QFY26), earnings prospects remain weak given the challenging operating landscape in Malaysia.

Financial Forecast

All items in (RM m) unless otherwise stated

Balance Sheet

FYE Apr	FY24	FY25	FY26f	FY27f	FY28f
Cash	365	434	436	456	466
Receivables	224	206	205	213	227
Inventories	687	501	513	532	568
PPE	48	46	49	52	54
Others	564	501	473	449	431
Assets	1,887	1,688	1,676	1,703	1,747
Payables	381	226	242	248	263
Debt	63	226	276	276	276
Others	535	504	497	490	484
Liabilities	979	955	1,014	1,014	1,022
Shareholder's equity	816	642	566	588	619
Minority interest	93	91	95	100	106
Equity	909	733	662	689	725

Cash Flow Statement

FYE Apr	FY24	FY25	FY26f	FY27f	FY28f
EBITDA	464	240	144	181	209
Net Interest	3	(3)	(7)	(10)	(11)
Taxation	(129)	(75)	(27)	(35)	(42)
Working Capital	(155)	29	6	(21)	(35)
Others	26	36	5	5	5
CFO	209	227	120	119	126
Capex	(14)	(10)	(15)	(15)	(15)
Others	(11)	70	0	0	0
CFI	(26)	60	(15)	(15)	(15)
Changes in debt	(37)	163	50	0	0
Shares issued	(2)	(6)	0	0	0
Dividends	(298)	(345)	(134)	(64)	(81)
Others	(21)	(27)	(19)	(19)	(19)
CFF	(358)	(215)	(103)	(83)	(101)
Net cash flow	(174)	72	2	20	10
Forex	1	(3)	0	0	0
Others	0	0	(0)	0	(0)
Beginning cash	538	365	434	436	456
Ending cash	365	434	436	456	466

Income Statement

FYE Apr	FY24	FY25	FY26f	FY27f	FY28f
Revenue	3,911	2,622	2,563	2,660	2,841
EBITDA	464	240	144	181	209
EBIT	437	213	117	152	180
Net interest	3	(3)	(7)	(10)	(11)
Associates & JV	45	12	(20)	(15)	(10)
Profit before tax	485	222	90	127	160
Tax	(111)	(56)	(27)	(35)	(42)
Net profit	373	166	62	91	117
Minority interest	(27)	(12)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Core PATMI	346	154	57	86	112
Exceptionals	(1)	(1)	0	0	0
Reported PATMI	346	154	57	86	112
Consensus core PATMI			135	141	149
HLIB/ Consensus (%)			43%	61%	75%

Valuation & Ratios

FYE Apr	FY24	FY25	FY26f	FY27f	FY28f
Reported EPS (sen)	29.6	13.2	4.9	7.4	9.6
Core EPS (sen)	29.7	13.3	4.9	7.4	9.6
P/E (x)	2.3	5.1	13.6	9.1	7.0
DPS (sen)	26.0	16.8	4.0	6.0	7.5
Dividend yield (%)	38.5%	24.8%	5.9%	8.9%	11.1%
BVPS (RM)	0.70	0.55	0.49	0.51	0.53
P/B (x)	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3
EBITDA margin	11.9%	9.2%	5.6%	6.8%	7.4%
EBIT margin	11.2%	8.1%	4.5%	5.7%	6.3%
PBT margin	12.4%	8.5%	3.5%	4.8%	5.6%
Net margin	8.9%	5.9%	2.2%	3.2%	3.9%
ROE (%)	43.8%	21.2%	9.5%	14.9%	18.5%
ROA (%)	18.9%	8.6%	3.4%	5.1%	6.5%
Net gearing (%)	N.Cash	N.Cash	N.Cash	N.Cash	N.Cash
N.Cash/share (sen)	25.9	17.9	13.8	15.6	16.4

Assumptions

FYE Apr	FY24	FY25	FY26f	FY27f	FY28f
Sales volume					
Mazda Msia	18,394	11,468	9,155	9,725	10,425
Kia Msia	1,851	951	1,000	1,000	1,200
Xpeng Msia		824	1,600	1,600	1,600
Deepal Msia			500	1,000	1,000
Peugeot Msia	947	444	0	0	0
Mazda Php	2,583	1,779	2,005	2,105	2,205

Figure #1 Quarterly results comparison

FYE Apr (RMm)	1QFY25	4QFY25	1QFY26	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)
Revenue	846.2	528.6	491.3	-7.1%	-41.9%
EBITDA	92.8	42.8	35.9	-16.1%	-61.3%
Core EBIT	86.6	35.7	29.4	-17.8%	-66.1%
Interest Expense	(1.1)	(2.2)	(1.9)	-17.2%	68.1%
Interest on Lease Liability	(1.1)	(1.2)	(1.0)	-10.1%	-6.1%
Interest and Investment Income	1.9	2.9	2.3	-19.0%	21.0%
Associates					
MMSB	5.8	2.9	(0.2)	N.M.	N.M.
Inokom	3.8	(2.4)	(5.7)	132.9%	N.M.
KMSB	1.5	(0.6)	(3.2)		
Others	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.2)		
Core PBT	97.0	34.9	19.5	-44.2%	-79.9%
Exceptionals	0.7	(0.3)	(0.6)		
Reported PBT	97.8	34.6	18.9	-45.3%	-80.6%
Tax	(22.4)	(11.2)	(8.3)	-25.3%	-62.7%
MI	(5.2)	(2.3)	(2.3)	2.2%	-55.1%
Reported PATAMI	70.2	21.2	8.3	-60.9%	-88.2%
Core PATAMI	69.5	21.5	8.8	-58.9%	-87.3%
Reported EPS (Sen)	6.0	1.8	0.7	-60.8%	-88.1%
Core EPS (Sen)	5.9	1.9	0.8	-58.8%	-87.2%
				<u>%-pts</u>	<u>%-pts</u>
EBITDA Margin (%)	11.0%	8.1%	7.3%	(0.8)	(3.7)
Core EBIT Margin (%)	10.2%	6.8%	6.0%	(0.8)	(4.3)
Core PATAMI Margin (%)	8.2%	4.1%	1.8%	(2.3)	(6.4)











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Figure #2 Quarterly result breakdown

FYE Apr (RM m)	1QFY25	4QFY25	1QFY26	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)
Revenue					
Malaysia	755.0	465.3	425.0	-8.7%	-43.7%
Philippines	91.2	63.4	66.2	4.6%	-27.4%
Total	846.2	528.6	491.3	-7.1%	-41.9%
EBIT					
Malaysia	69.3	27.4	22.1	-19.4%	-68.1%
Philippines	18.4	8.6	7.2	-16.5%	-60.7%
Others	(0.4)	(0.6)	(0.5)		
Total	87.3	35.4	28.8	-18.7%	-67.0%
Core EBIT	86.6	35.7	29.4	-17.8%	-66.1%

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Figure #3 Model line up 2025

	CY2025		
	<div>CX-5 MS LE (Jan '25)</div> 	<div>New CX-60 (Aug '25)</div> 	<div>New CX-80 (Aug '25)</div> 
	<div>All-New EV9 CBU (Jun 24')</div> 	<div>All-New Sportage CKD (Dec 24')</div> 	
	<div>All-New G6 CBU (Aug 24')</div> 	<div>All-New X9 CBU (Mar 25')</div> 	

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Figure #4 Quarterly sales breakdown

Malaysia Sales Statistics	1QFY25	4QFY25	1QFY26	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)
<u>Mazda CBU</u>					
Mazda 2	33	13	6	-53.8%	-81.8%
Mazda 3	339	194	100	-48.5%	-70.5%
Mazda 6	10	4	5	25.0%	-50.0%
CX-3	241	37	31	-16.2%	-87.1%
CX-9	7	3	1	-66.7%	-85.7%
MX-5	5	5	4	-20.0%	-20.0%
Biante	1	0	0	N.M.	N.M.
BT-50	25	5	4	-20.0%	-84.0%
Subtotal	661	261	151	-42.1%	-77.2%
<u>Mazda CKD</u>					
CX-30	1,140	824	573	-30.5%	-49.7%
CX-5	1,698	654	684	4.6%	-59.7%
CX-8	353	212	185	-12.7%	-47.6%
Subtotal	3,191	1,690	1,442	-14.7%	-54.8%
Total Mazda Malaysia	3,852	1,951	1,593	-18.3%	-58.6%
<u>Peugeot CKD</u>					
2008	100	0	0	N.M.	N.M.
E-2008	0	0	0	N.M.	N.M.
3008	308	0	0	N.M.	N.M.
5008	13	0	0	N.M.	N.M.
Landtrek	8	0	0	N.M.	N.M.
Total Peugeot Malaysia	429	0	0	N.M.	N.M.
<u>KIA</u>					
Carnival (CKD)	232	131	117	-10.7%	-49.6%
Sorento (CKD)	22	10	3	-70.0%	-86.4%
Kia Sportage (CKD)	0	97	72	-25.8%	N.M.
EV6	0	0	2	N.M.	N.M.
EV9	20	2	1	-50.0%	-95.0%
Total KIA Malaysia	274	240	195	-18.8%	-28.8%
<u>Xpeng</u>					
G6 (CBU)	0	227	128	-43.6%	N.M.
X9 (CBU)	0	100	258	158.0%	N.M.
Total XPeng Malaysia	0	327	386	18.0%	N.M.
Total Malaysia	4,555	2,518	2,174	-13.7%	-52.3%

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Figure #5 **Quarterly sales breakdown**

Philippines Sales Statistics	1QFY25	4QFY25	1QFY26	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)
Mazda 2	6	9	0	-100.0%	-100.0%
Mazda 3	39	99	53	-46.5%	35.9%
Mazda 6	6	4	1	-75.0%	-83.3%
CX-3	6	0	0	N.M.	N.M.
CX-30	9	23	11	-52.2%	22.2%
CX-5	79	46	37	-19.6%	-53.2%
CX-60	169	50	88	76.0%	-47.9%
CX-7	72	47	45	-4.3%	-37.5%
CX-9	29	3	0	N.M.	N.M.
CX-90	86	38	36	-5.3%	-58.1%
MX-5	30	46	65	41.3%	116.7%
BT-50	31	86	128	48.8%	312.9%
Total Mazda Philippines	562	451	464	2.9%	-17.4%
Total Group Sales	5,117	2,969	2,638	-11.1%	-48.4%
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