

# **Bajaj Auto sets sights higher as sales slow**

As the company loses ground in the mass-market segment, it is betting on high-end Husqvarna to woo upscale buyers

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ajaj Auto's Dominar, the company's first premium motorcycle launched late last year, is yet to create visible ripples in India. But that hasn't tempered the two-wheeler maker's enthusiasm for the high-end segment.

After Dominar, the company has decided to bring to India the world's second oldest motorcycle brand after Royal Enfield - the Husovarna.

For a company that bets on its image for making affordable bikes, taking on a new segment far removed from its mass-market products shows how far Bajaj Auto is willing to go to capture new sales at a time when its traditional market is stagnating.

"A better product can just satisfy a customer but does not lead to customer acquisition. It is only by creating differentiation in the form of an altogether new category that we can take away somebody else's customer and market," said Rajiv Bajaj at the launch of the Dominar in December.

The demand for motorcycles, the largest segment by volume, has remained stuck between 10 and 11 million units a year in the last four years. While two consecutive defi-

cient monsoons -2014 and 2015 were a factor, the larger impact is coming from a shift in consumer preference towards scooters. However, Bajaj Auto, which once ruled the Indian roads with its scooters, exited the segment in 2010. In motorcycles, too, it has been losing ground, with sales declining 22 per cent in April-June quarter this year.

The company is betting on the Hasqvarna's global appeal to woo upscale buyers. In 2016, the "It is only by creating differentiation in Hasqvarna recorded its highest ever sale of 30,000 units. "Husqvarna the form of an has done very well in recent years. altogether new We look to further expand volumes category that we by combining forces with KTM. We can take away will make the motorcycles at our somebody else's Chakan plant for distribution in customer and Indian and overseas," says S market" Ravikumar, president (business **RAJIV BAJAJ** development), Bajaj Auto. MD, Bajaj Auto

Bajaj Auto has a 48 per cent stake in Austria's KTM, a manufacturer of motorcycles and sports cars, and produces the KTM range of bikes in India for the local and export markets. "KTM was sharper in posi-

tioning. Husqvarna will appeal to a larger population in India, and we expect it to bring bigger traction than KTM," adds Kumar.

Husqvarna started life as a Swedish company more than 114 years ago in 1903. The motorcycle gained popularity in Europe in the 1950s, and enjoys an iconic status in biking history like its Indian counterpart, the Royal Enfield, which was set up in 1893. German auto major BMW acquired Husqvarna in 2007, and the brand was sold to Austrian motorcycle maker KTM in 2013. A year later, Husqvarna posted record sales and revenue.

About 40 per cent of KTM's production, or about 100,000 units, come from the Chakan plant in Pune. India, the world's biggest two-wheeler market by volume, emerged as the second biggest market for KTM in 2016. The company sold 36,000 bikes in India, just 1,000 less than in

its biggest market, the US, and has plans to sell a total of 50.000 this calendar year. The price of KTM motorcycles sold in India

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### **A GROWING SEGMENT**

The share of premium bikes in overall sales

Year	Engine capacity above 250	Engine capacity above 350cc (premium bikes)		
FY14	1,82,233	24,909		
FY15	2,91,077	38,238		
FY16	4,58,429	48,387		
FY17	6,05,676	62,955		
Domestic sales		Source: Sian		

start at ₹1.45 lakh and goes up to ₹2.33 lakh. Husqvarna will be positioned above this range. Husqvarna, experts say, is easier to ride than KTM bikes, and therefore it is likely to pull more buyers than KTM. "I do not think there is a competition to Husqvarna in India," says Ravikumar.

A new range of Husqvarna models will be rolled out in Austria in early 2018. Later, in 2018, production of the 400cc Svartpilen 401 and Vitpilen 401 for global markets will be shifted to Chakan. Husqvarna will compete with brands like Royal Enfield in the middle weight segment of bikes.

However, it will not compete with the company's other premium brand, the Dominar. Ravikumar says, "Husqvarna is a premium brand and there is no overlap or clash with Dominar or KTM. In fact, it complements our product range. We will do everything with KTM to make Husqvarna as big a brand as KTM."

The company, which sits on cash reserves of \$2 billion, is also believed to be in the fray to acquire European performance motorcycle brand Ducati. The thrust on premium powerful motorcycles, however, is not limited to Bajaj alone. Hero MotoCorp, is also gung-ho on this segment.

"We have an enhanced focus on the premium segment of motorcycles, as this category continues to see steady growth," says Pawan Munjal, chairman, managing director and chief executive officer at Hero MotoCorp. The first product from Hero MotoCorp in this category will be a new 200cc sports bike, and the range will be expanded gradually. Its former partner, Honda, is also keen to mark a presence in the premium motorcycle market here.

But Royal Enfield, which dominates the premium middleweight segment in India, will prove a formidable challenge. "Our success in the mid-size motorcycling segment has attracted many other players from within and outside the country. While their entry will help develop the leisure motorcycling segment further, with our extremely strong value proposition and a highly differentiated brand, we will maintain our stronghold on the market,' says Siddhartha Lal, managing director and chief executive officer at Eicher, which owns the Royal Enfield brand.

Lal says the company's success has not made it "complacent". "We will continue to play to our strengths.'

# **Marketers** scramble to tailor strategies for Amazon

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Amazon's rapidly expanding influence on a wide portion of the American public has become impossible to ignore - and it is giving rise to a whole new side of the advertising industry.

As more people live large portions of their lives in Amazon's ecosystem, ad agencies are increasingly offering specialised services to help brands take full advantage of the company's universe. That means adding flourishes like recipes and magazine-style images to product pages, coming up with creative ways to get customers to post reviews on Amazon and plotting how companies can best connect with people who are using devices like the voice-activated Echo.

And Amazon itself, aware of its growing power, is encouraging companies to buy more ads through its own media group. Its argument: When an ad is on Amazon, a direct connection can be made between people seeing it and then



making a purchase.

"How your product is perceived on Amazon and in the Amazon community in ratings and reviews has such a powerful impact on the future of you as a brand," said John Denny, vice president for digital and e-commerce at Bai Brands, the beverage company. "Increasingly, if you win on Amazon, you win, period. And this is the world marketers have to wrap their brains around."

Several advertising executives anticipate that more agencies will begin offering Amazon-focused services,  $comparing the \, company `s \, rise \, to \, previous \, paradigm \, shifts \, like$ when search engines and social media became a daily part of people's lives.

It's already affecting what shoppers see. Take, for example, the Amazon product page for a whey protein powder from Optimum Nutrition. It was put together with help from the Tombras Group, based in Knoxville, Tenn., which recently started an Amazon-focused division.

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GUJARAT INDUSTRIES POWER COMPANY LIMITED

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Wednesday, 09 August 2017, inter alia, to approve the unaudited financial results of the Company for the first quarter ended on 30 June 2017.

The instant notice is al so available on the website of the Company at www.ineosstyrolutionindia.com and on the website of Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com

> By order of the Board For INEOS Styrolution India Limited Sd/-Haresh Khilnani Company Secretary, Head – Legal and Compliance

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ीदा Bank of Baroda VIDHANSABHA BRANCH : Sector 11, Gandhinagar POSSESSION NOTICE (AS PER APPENDIX IV READ WITH RULE 8(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002) Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and In exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **13-05-2017**, calling upon. The Borrower Shri Shreekant kanaiyalal sadhu and Shri Kanaiyalal R Sadhu to repay. The amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.6,63,414 as on 17-07-2017 (Rupees six lakh sixty eight thousand four hundred fourteen only ) as on 7-07-2017 together with urther interest thereon at the contractual rate pl charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receip

of the said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession o the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interes Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the 27 day of july of the year 2017.

The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is nereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property ies will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs. 6,68,414** + Unapplied interest as on 17-07-2017 (Rupees six lakh sixty eight thousand four hundred fourteen only) and further interest thereon at the contractual rate olus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

#### **Description of immovable property:-**

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Block No 1035, Survey No 55, 148 House no 1488 of Unava Dist Gandhinagar.

#### Bounded:

Place : Vadodara Date : 01.08.2017

> On the North by : Road, On the South by: House Of Ramanbhai v PAtel On the East by: Road, On the West by: Road

Date:27-07-2017	Chief Manager / Authorised Officer,
Place:Gandhinagar	Bank of Baroda

n application under Sections 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act. 2013 for sanctioning the Scheme of Arrangement between Congruent Solutions Private Limited and Congruent IT Services Private Limited was presented by the Applicant Company and heard by the Hon'ble Tribunal. As per the Orders dated 25.04.2017 and 27.07.2017, the next date of hearing before the National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai Bench is fixed on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2017. Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the Petitioner's Advocates, notice of his intentior signed by him or his Advocate, with his name and address, so as to reach the Applicant's Advocates not later than two days before the date fixed for hearing of the Petition. Where he seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same. Dated at Chennai this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017.

NOTICE OF PETITION

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL** 

**BENCH AT CHENNAI** 

Company Application No. TCA/54/CAA/2017

In the matter of Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act. 2013

AND In the matter of Scheme of Arrangement between Congruent Solutions Private Limited and Congruent IT Services Private Limited

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#### EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2017

	Standalone			Consolidated				
Particulars	Quarter ended 30.06.2017 Unaudited	Quarter ended 31.03.2017 Unaudited	Quarter ended 30.06.2016 Unaudited	Year ended 31.03.2017 Unaudited	Quarter ended 30.06.2017 Unaudited	Quarter ended 31.03.2017 Unaudited	Quarter ended 30.06.2016 Unaudited	Year ended 31.03.2017 Unaudited
Total income from Operations	16,099	15,560	16,484	61,837	38,660	31,837	41,154	1,38,396
Net profit /(loss) for the period ( before tax, exceptional and/or extra ordinary items)	2,622	2,708	4,115	13,655	4,084	1,575	5,574	14,080
Net profit /(loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional and/or extra ordinary items)	2,622	2,708	4,115	13,655	4,084	1,575	5,574	14,080
Net profit /(loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional and/or extra ordinary items)	2,175	2,195	3,225	10,961	2,272	1,117	3,577	9,720
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	2,132	2,300	3,256	11,148	2,229	1,215	3,608	9,900
Equity Share Capital	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of previous year)	Rs.53,985/-Lacs as on 31st March 2017			Rs. 70,467 lacs/- as on 31st March 2017				
Earning per share (of Rs. 2 /- each) ( for continuing and discontinued operations)								
Basic	3.04	3.07	4.51	15.33	3.18	1.56	5.00	13.59
Diluted	3.04	3.07	4.51	15.33	3.18	1.56	5.00	13.59

Note : The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended on 30th June 2017 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarter ended on 30th June 2017 are available on the website of BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com, National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and on the website of the Company at www.bancoindia.com.

The company has adopted Indian Accounting Standards ('IND AS) notified by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs with effect from 1st April 2017. Accordingly the financial result for the Quarter Ended on 30th June 2017 are in compliances with IND AS and other accounting principles generally accepted in India and the result for comparative quarter ended on 30th June 2016, Quarter ended on 31st March 2017 and previous year ended on 31st March 2017 are also compliant with IND-AS.

> For Banco Products (India) Limited Mehul Patel Chairman

Place : Bil Date 31st July, 2017