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Q1FY26 Result update

- During Q1FY26, net sales declined 10% YoY and 14% QoQ to ₹1,675crs, mainly on account of lower raw material prices and the deferment of bulk shipments from June to July. Non-energy business volumes grew to 9% YoY but dropped by 4% QoQ, impacted by weaker demand in NCBs and DCBs and shipment delays in ethylation products. In contrast, energy business volumes increased 3% YoY and 4% QoQ.
- EBITDA came in at ₹211crs, down 31% YoY and 20% QoQ, with margins contracting to 13% compared to 17% in the prior year. Profitability was adversely impacted by a steep 15–20% decline in benzene and aniline prices, resulting in inventory valuation losses of around ₹30crs, coupled with pricing pressure across product chains, logistics disruptions due to Middle East geopolitical tensions, and operational challenges at Kutch arising from the India–Pakistan conflict and MMA catalyst replacement/capacity expansion.
- Reported PAT declined 69% YoY and 55% QoQ to ₹43crs, translating into PAT margins of 3% versus 7% in Q1FY25 and 5% in Q4FY25. EPS stood at ₹1.19 compared to ₹3.81 in the year-ago quarter.

Product-wise Volume and Capacity Utilization – Q1FY26

- **NCB:** Volumes stood at 21.7 kt, down 9% QoQ but up 11% YoY. Capacity utilization was strong at 80%.
- **DCB:** Volumes declined to 19.3 kt, down 5% QoQ and 20% YoY, reflecting weak downstream automotive demand. Utilization was 64%.
- **Hydrogenation:** Volumes increased to 12.3 kt, up 6% QoQ and 19% YoY, with the highest utilization level at 82%.
- **PDA:** Volumes rose sharply to 2.0 kt, more than doubling QoQ and up 233% YoY, supported by tariff advantages versus China. Utilization stood at 67%.
- **NT (Nitrotoluene):** Volumes reached 8.7 kt, up 10% QoQ and 14% YoY. Utilization was healthy at 77%.
- **Ethylation:** Volumes were stable sequentially at 4.6 kt, but rose 77% YoY. Capacity utilization was 67%.
- **MMA (Methyl Methacrylate):** Capacity expanded to 260 KTPA in Q1FY26. Volumes increased to 38.4 kt, up 10% QoQ and 23% YoY. Utilization stood at 60%, impacted by curtailed Kutch operations and debottlenecking shutdowns.
- During Q1FY26, the end-use application mix remained broadly similar to Q1FY25. The energy segment accounted for 36% of revenues and is stabilizing with higher volumes, though margins remain under pressure due to weak pricing. Agrochemicals and fertilizers contributed 18% of revenues, but intermediates for this sector continue to face demand challenges. Dyes, pigments, and printing inks represented 15%, showing steady performance, while pharma applications improved slightly to 12%. The polymer and additives segment contributed 14% and displayed mixed trends across product value chains, whereas the “others” category declined to 5% of the mix.
- **Management guidance:** During FY26–FY28, the company expects to deliver sustainable EBITDA growth through a combination of cost optimisation, volume ramp-up, and CAPEX-led expansion. Cost initiatives such as cogeneration improvement, renewable power phase 2, waste energy utilisation, and fixed cost savings are expected to yield ₹150–200crs in benefits. Volume growth will be supported by the ramp-up of Acid, DCB, NCB,

Important Statistics

Nifty	24,715.05
Sensex	80,567.71
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MCAP (₹ bn)	~₹136
52-Week H/L (₹)	622/344
NSE Code	AARTIIND
BSE Code	524208
Bloomberg Code	ARTO:IN

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Shareholding Pattern (%) Jun'25

Promoter Holding	42.24
FII	6.44
DII	20.39
Public & Others	30.92

Financials

(₹ crs)

Particulars	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Net Sales	4,506	5,455	6,619	6,371	7,271
EBITDA	982	1,329	1,089	978	1,000
EBITDA M%	22%	28%	16%	15%	14%
Adjusted PAT	535	555	545	416	331
PATM%	12%	10%	8%	7%	5%
Adjusted EPS (₹)	15.02	15.30	15.04	11.49	9.13
ROE (%)	15%	12%	11%	8%	6%
ROCE (%)	13%	22%	10%	7%	6%
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.9	13.2	16.1	17.9	17.5
P/E (x)	25.7	25.2	25.7	33.6	42.3

Source: Company, Way2wealth Research

Relative Performance

Return (%)	1Yr	3Yr	5Yr
AARTIIND	-38%	-54%	-28%
Nifty 50	-3%	40%	113%
Sensex	-3%	36%	106%

Source: Company, Way2Wealth Research

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Ethylation, NT, MMA, and Specialty Chemicals, contributing ₹350–550crs, while ongoing CAPEX projects including MPP, Zone 4, and the UPL JV are expected to add another ₹300–450crs.

- Management maintains that EBITDA for FY25 was in line with guidance at ₹1,000–1,050crs, and capex for FY26 is projected at around ₹1,000crs. Looking ahead, consistent capacity-led volume growth, supported by operating leverage and margin improvements, is expected to drive EBITDA to ₹1,800–2,200crs by FY28, with a strong focus on maintaining Debt/EBITDA below 2.5x and delivering ROCE above 15%.
- **Key Upcoming Projects & Initiatives:**
 - Zone-IV Projects: Multipurpose Plant and CaCl₂ unit commissioning by Dec'25, with five additional blocks phased from Jan–May'26. Designed for 35–40 products in advanced polymers, agro, and pharma, targeting 20%+ EBITDA margins post-stabilization.
 - JV with UPL (Augene Chemicals): Commissioning expected in H1 CY26, enhancing specialty chemicals portfolio.
 - Circularity Initiative (Re Aarti Pvt Ltd): Technology selection completed; operations expected to commence by early FY27.
- The management has maintained its three-year EBITDA guidance of ~₹1,800crs by FY28, implying a CAGR of 20–25%. However, given the inherent volatility in raw material prices and global demand cycles, the company has refrained from providing annual EBITDA guidance and will continue to focus on sustainable long-term growth drivers.

View

Over FY14–FY22, Aarti Industries delivered strong growth with revenues rising from ₹2,619crs to ₹6,086crs and operating profit increasing from ₹402crs to a peak of ₹1,720crs. Operating margins improved steadily from 15% in FY14 to 28% in FY22, supported by capacity expansion, strong demand, and better realizations. Net profit also grew sharply, reaching 1,186crs in FY22. However, performance weakened thereafter, with margins compressing to 14% in FY25 due to raw material volatility, pricing pressure, and demand softness. As a result, net profit fell to ₹331crs in FY25, highlighting the sharp deterioration in profitability despite stable topline growth.

We initiated coverage on Aarti Industries on 21-Aug-2020 at ₹1,172 (prior to the bonus issue). Post the June 2021 1:1 bonus, the effective initiation price stood at ₹586. The stock touched a high of ₹1,107 on 14-Oct-2021 and is currently trading at ₹382, which implies a valuation of ~42x FY25 EPS of ₹9.

Aarti Industries faces margin pressure, weak operating profit growth, and expensive valuations (~42x FY25 EPS) despite subdued earnings. The stock has underperformed sharply, down ~40–50% from highs.

Our current recommendation is to **Exit** the stock at CMP for reasons stated above. Going forward, we will track the company closely and will update our guidance if we identify any 'green shoots' or a sustained improvement in its performance.

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Consolidated Quarterly Performance

	(₹ crs)				
Particulars	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	YoY %	Q4FY25	QoQ %
Net sales	1675	1851	-10%	1949	-14%
(Increase)/Decrease in stock in trade & WIP	-11	24		75	
Consumption of raw material	1060	1058	0%	1104	-4%
Purchase of Traded goods	73	75		72	
Employees cost	109	120	-9%	105	4%
other Expense	249	274	-9%	324	-23%
Total Expenditure	1464	1545	-5%	1686	-13%
EBITDA	211	306	-31%	263	-20%
EBITDA margins %	13%	17%		13%	
Depreciation	114	102	12%	113	1%
EBIT/ Operating Profit	97	204	-52%	150	-35%
Interest	60	64	-6%	64	-6%
Other income	4	6		3	33%
PBT	41	146	-72%	89	-54%
Provision for current tax	0	10	-100%	-3	-100%
Provision for Deferred Tax	-2	-2	0%	-4	-50%
PAT	43	138	-69%	96	-55%
reported PAT	43	138	-69%	96	-55%
PAT margins %	3%	7%		5%	
Adjusted PAT	43	138	-69%	96	-55%
Adjusted PAT margins %	3%	7%		5%	
EPS (Basic & diluted)	1.19	3.81		2.65	
Adjusted EPS	1.19	3.81		2.65	

Source: Company, Way2wealth Research

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