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# Alicon Castalloy Ltd

### Strong order book

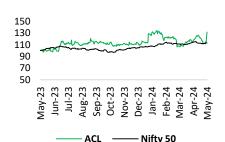
## **CMP: INR 994**

### **Rating: Buy**

#### Target Price: INR 1,479

Stock Info			
BSE		53	31147
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Face Value (INR)			5
Equity Capital (INR Mn)			80.6
Mkt Cap (INR Mn)		1	4,025
52w H/L (INR)		1,07	0/723
Avg Yearly Vol (in 000')			356
Shareholding Pattern (As on March, 2024)	n %		
Promoters			55.71
DIIs			9.00
FIIs			0.37
Others			34.92
Stock Performance (%)	1m	3m	12m
ACL	11.6	7.84	31.6
Nifty	2.3	2.09	14.04

ACL Vs Nifty



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Alicon Castalloy Ltd (ACL) reported Strong set of numbers in Q4FY24.Standalone revenue stood at INR 4,193 Mn, against our estimate of INR 4,150 Mn registering a growth of 31% YoY/ 3.5% QoQ led by a strong pipeline of SOPs from new products and customers. EBITDA stood at INR 576 Mn, against our estimate of INR 556 Mn, Registering a growth of 82%YoY/ 10%QoQ. On the margins front, the EBITDA margin has expanded to 38bps YoY/ up 8bps QoQ to 13.74%, above our estimate of 13.40% led by the improving product mix. Standalone PAT grew by 22.7%QoQ/ up 112% YoY to INR 205.4 Mn above our estimate of INR 185 Mn. EPS stood at INR 17.0 in Q4FY24 against INR 20.47 in Q3FY24.

### **Investment Rationale**

Alicon is strategically emphasizing the high-margin 4W segment: Alicon continues to increase the share of passenger and commercial vehicles in its product mix, reaching 52% of sales in FY24 compared to 49% in FY23. Maruti, JLR, Toyota, PSA, Dana, and Mahle are the main OEMs driving new order execution. In 2Ws, Honda motorcycles have seen strong order inflows and growth, surpassing Hero's numbers, with Alicon supplying ~88-90% of their needs. Actively collaborating with OEMs and Tier-1 suppliers, Alicon capitalizes on the structural change as OEMs outsource critical ICE components, presenting significant opportunities. The development of hybrid components for Maruti is expected to be a major breakthrough. We believe Alicon will outperform in the PV and CV segments, driven by its strong order book.

Strong order book: In Q4, Alicon secured INR 1.5Bn in new orders, bringing the total order book to INR 91.5 Bn to be executed by FY29. Orders from Maruti account for 97% of sales, totaling INR 8Bn Cr, with 83% of the business in passenger vehicles and 40% in commercial vehicles. Toyota has introduced two new models, with new technology implementation scheduled for Q3FY25. While no significant growth is expected in Europe, the company is leveraging higher technical expertise from the region. Production consists of 60% in-house manufacturing and 50% outsourcing for new parts.

## **Outlook and valuation**

We believe strong demand from OEMs has led the management to guide strong revenue growth guidance of 15% revenue growth in FY25, while targeting revenue of over INR 22,000 Mn by FY26 (CAGR 15%), on transitioning from small to larger and critical parts. Alicon is expected to benefit from its established market position in the aluminium casting auto component sector, driven by established client relationships and operations in India and Slovakia. The company is expected to benefit from the strong growth prospects of its key clients such as JLR, Daimler, Toyota, Stellantis, Maruti Suzuki. We have used a DCF Model to value ACL, it has healthy and consistent cash flow generation over the forecasted period and we value consolidated business at EV/EBITDA multiple of 4.5x to FY27E EBITDA of INR 3,672 Mn to FY27E EPS of INR 98.2 We maintain our "BUY" rating on the stock with the TP INR 1,479 per share based on DCF; an upside of 48.83%. Exhibit 1 : Financial Performance

YE March	Net Sales	EBITDA	PAT	EPS (INR)		• •	P/E (x)
(INR Mn)					Margin %		
FY24	15,594	1,953	613	37.7	12.53%	9.57%	26.4
FY25E	18,000	2,520	956	59.3	14.00%	12.50%	16.7
FY26E	22,000	3,146	1,311	81.4	14.30%	13.77%	12.2
FY27E	25,323	3,672	1,582	98.2	14.50%	13.75%	10.1

Source: Arihant Research. Company Filinas

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## Exhibit 2 : Q4FY24 - Quarterly Performance (Consolidated)

Quarterly Results									
Consolidated (INRm)	Q4FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY23	QoQ%	ΥοΥ%				
Net Sales	4,193	4,050	3,193	3.5%	31.3%				
Cost of material consumed	2,028	1,886	1,427	7.6%	42.2%				
Changes in inventories	(102)	89	(39)	-	-				
COGS	1,926	1,975	1,545	-2.5%	24.7%				
GP	2,267	2,075	1,648	9.2%	37.6%				
Employees benefits expense	534	500	401	7.0%	33.4%				
Other expenditure	1,156	1,054	930	9.7%	24.4%				
EBITDA	576	522	317	10.4%	81.6%				
Depreciation	208	201	167	3.6%	24.9%				
EBIT	368	321	150	14.6%	144.5%				
Other Income	14.7	7.8	14.2	-	-				
Finance costs	108	102	86	5.9%	26.7%				
РВТ	274	226	79	21.1%	247.0%				
Current Tax	76	70	21	8.0%	257.5%				
Deferred tax	(7)	(11)	(39)	-	-				
Тах	68	59	(18)	16.5%	-				
Adjusted PAT	205	167	97	22.7%	111.7%				
Non-controling interests	-	-	-						
Reported PAT	205.4	167.4	97.0	22.7%	111.7%				
EPS	12.8	10.4	6.0	22.7%	111.8%				
Margins	Q4FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY23	QoQ%	ΥοΥ%				
Gross margins	45.9%	48.8%	48.4%	-282Bps	-246Bps				
EBITDA	13.74%	12.89%	9.94%	85Bps	380Bps				

45.9%	48.8%	48.4%	-282Bps	-246Bps
13.74%	12.89%	9.94%	85Bps	380Bps
4.90%	4.13%	3.04%	77Bps	186Bps
25.00%	25.98%	-22.93%	-98Bps	4792Bps
25.00%	25.98%	-22.93%	-98Bps	-
48.38%	46.57%	44.69%	181Bps	369Bps
27.58%	26.02%	29.12%	156Bps	-154Bps
12.75%	12.34%	12.55%	41Bps	20Bps
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### **Exhibit 3: DCF Valuation**

**Total Capital** 

Valuation Assumptions	
g (World Economic Growth)	3%
Rf	7%
Rm	13%
Beta (2 Yr)	1.0
CMP (INR)	994

Valuation Data	
Total Debt (long term borrowings) (2024)	1,209
Cash & Cash Equivalents (2024)	112
Number of Diluted Shares (2024)	16
Tax Rate (2025)	5.31%
Interest Expense Rate (2025)	22.2%
MV of Equity	16,013
Total Debt	1,209

WACC	
We	93.0%
Wd	7.0%
Ке	12.9%
Kd	21.1%
WACC	13.51%

			FCFF 8	Target Price								
FCFF & Target Price		Explicit Forecast Period					Linear Decline Phase				Terminal Yi	
Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	20
EBIT * (1-Tax Rate)	820	1,194	1,517	1,764	2,135	2,569	2,817	3,027	3,188	3,286	3,316	3,41
Dep	775	805	966	1,138	1,373	1,539	2,479	2,664	2,805	2,892	2,918	3,00
Purchase of Assets	900	1,500	2,000	2,100	3,000	2,000	704	757	797	822	829	85
Changes in Working Capital	(404)	(81)	(73)	(72)	(70)	(1,127)	70	76	80	82	83	8
FCFF	1,099	580	557	874	578	3,234	4,521	4,859	5,116	5,275	5,323	5,48
% Growth in Post Tax EBIT		45.6%	27.1%	16.2%	14.0%	11.9%	9.7%	7.5%	5.3%	3.1%	0.9%	3.1
As % of Post Tax EBIT												
Dep	94.6%	67.4%	63.7%	64.5%	64.3%	64.4%	88.0%	88.0%	88.0%	88.0%	88.0%	88.0
Purchase of Assets	109.8%	125.6%	131.8%	119.1%	140.5%	129.8%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0
Changes in Working Capital	-49.2%	-6.8%	-4.8%	-4.1%	-3.3%	-3.7%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5
FCFF	1,099	580	557	874	578	3,234	4,521	4,859	5,116	5,275	5,323	5,48
Terminal Value												52,71
Total Cash Flow	1,099	580	557	874	578	3,234	4,521	4,859	5,116	5,275	5,323	58,20
nterprise Value (EV)												24,92
ess: Debt												1,20
dd: Cash												11
quity Value												23,83
quity Value per share (INR)												1,47
Returns												48.83
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## Sensitivity Analysis

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	1,479	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%	2.75%	3.00%	3.25%	3.50%	3.75%	4.00%
	12.12%	1637	1672	1708	1746	1786	1829	1873	1921	1971
	12.4530%	1564	1596	1629	1664	1701	1739	1780	1823	1869
	12.7860%	1496	1525	1556	1588	1622	1657	1694	1733	1775
WACC (%)	13.1190%	1432	1459	1487	1517	1548	1580	1614	1650	1688
VAC	13.4520%	1372	1397	1423	1451	1479	1509	1540	1573	1608
>	13.7850%	1316	1339	1363	1389	1415	1443	1471	1502	1533
	14.1180%	1263	1285	1307	1331	1355	1380	1407	1435	1464
	14.4510%	1214	1234	1254	1276	1299	1322	1347	1373	1400
	14.7840%	1167	1185	1205	1225	1246	1268	1291	1314	1339

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Guidance: Alicon anticipates revenue growth of 15% in FY25, aiming for a total income of INR 1800 cr. The company is focused on expanding its business further, with a target revenue of over INR 2200 cr by FY 25-26, representing a CAGR of over 15% over three years. The projected revenue growth of 15% over the next three years will add 700-800 cr of business, with an additional capex of 250-300 cr for both maintenance and growth. This growth projection is supported by a healthy pipeline of new products and customers, indicating a positive trajectory for the company's future performance. Margin: The company is targeting a 14% margin by FY27 but expects to achieve 14% in FY25.

#### **Revenue mix**

2W - 40%, EV - 6%, CV - 19%, PV - 33%, Export - EV was 12%. Focus is shifting from 2W to PV and CV segments due to higher content per vehicle. India remains a strong growth market with additional approaches for critical components. PV saw a 10% YoY growth, 2W grew by 26%, and CV experienced a 1% de-growth. PV is dominated by UV, shifting to hybrid and ICE. Retail volume of CV declined due to a shift to high tonnage, with demand in MHCV and LCV. Recent elections may impact demand.

#### Demand

Maruti is ramping up production with CH startup and SOPs in Q1, supplying the Gujarat plant next year, and mass production in Q4 for domestic and export to Europe. Rural demand may sustain post-election. There is momentum in nonauto sectors, supplying aluminum and adding wheel supply in the next three years for the larger tanks indicated in Q3FY24. JLR supply ramped up, providing upward momentum, and Daimler received good orders with further orders expected in Q4.

#### International

The share of the international market increased, adding four new parts (two carbon-neutral, one auto, one non-auto). 94% of new business is for the global market. Q4 saw 51 new parts added, with 85% new business for the global market. There were increased inquiries from Dana, US, and Europe for critical parts for upcoming projects. Operating normalcy is returning in Europe as electricity and gas prices stabilize.

#### Order book

Q4 saw INR 150 Cr in new orders, with a total of 9150 Cr to be executed by FY29. The order book from Maruti accounts for 97% of sales at 800 Cr, with 83% business PV and 40%. Toyota has two new models. New technology implementation is set for Q3 FY25, with no big growth expected in Europe, leveraging higher technical expertise from Europe. Production includes 60% in-house and 50% outsourcing for new parts.

#### PV& 2W

In FY24 growth is driven by Maruti, Danfoss, DANA, and Mahle, with strong 2W growth from Honda Motorcycles (90% business share) and Hero MotoCorp (strong order MoM). Freight costs increased due to the Red Sea issue but are always pass-through (12.7%).

#### Capex

It includes INR 150 Cr for E-axle capacity building and PSA robotic lines. Capacity utilization is at 70%, with over 50,000 tonnages, and can do 80-90% if required. The machining mix is 61%, with aims to increase. Maruti's new hybrid model includes high-pressure engine mounting.

#### **Gross Margin**

Gross profit of INR 803.52 crore, higher by 17% YoY. Gross margin improves 233bps to 50.6% due to higher value-added in product mix and stabilization of input prices at lower levels. Company expects to establish between 48-50%.

#### New Product

The company's investments in new product development, machinery, and capacity maintenance underscore its commitment to driving growth and enhancing competitiveness in the market.

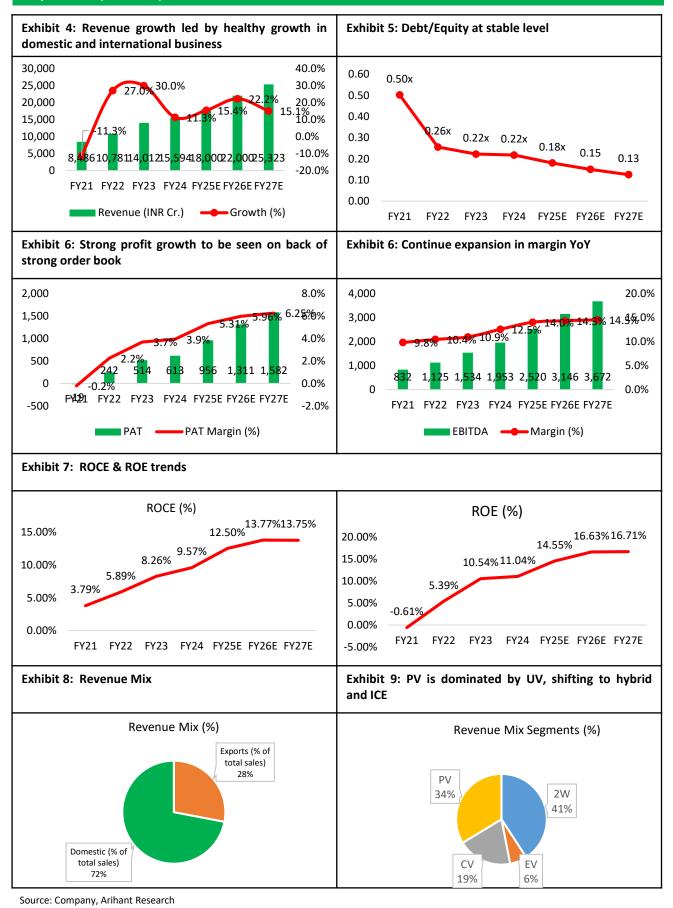
#### ESOP

Employee costs rose 33% YoY in Q4 due to higher minimum wages, new hires, and ESOP costs (3.6 crore for Q4, 14.4 crore for the year), impacting profitability focus.

**Depreciation** increased by 25% YoY, from 16.7 crore in Q4 last year to 20.9 crore in Q4 FY24. This rise is due to new asset additions, leasing of machines (adjusted over a five-year period), and a re-evaluation that shortened the useful life of some assets.

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#### Story in charts (INR in Mn)



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### Exhibit 10: Diversified base of marquee customers



## Exhibit 11: Global Presence : Close-to-Demand

# Strategic locations enable shorter time-to-market and enhanced cost optimization



Source: Company, Arihant Research

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## **Key Financials**

Income Statement (INR Mn)										
Year End-March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E					
Revenues	14,012	15,594	18,000	22,000	25,323					
Change (%)	30.0%	11.3%	15.4%	22.2%	15.1%					
Cost of Goods Sold (COGS)	7,119	7,559	7,974	9,746	11,218					
Gross Profit	6,893	8,035	10,026	12,254	14,105					
Employee costs	1,649	2,000	2,160	2,640	3,115					
Other expenses	3,710	4,082	5,346	6,468	7,318					
Total Expenses	12,477	13,641	15,480	18,854	21,651					
EBITDA	1,534	1,953	2,520	3,146	3,672					
EBITDA Margin	10.95%	12.53%	14.00%	14.30%	14.50%					
Depreciation	636	775	805	966	1,138					
EBIT	899	1178	1715	2180	2534					
Interest	312	407	497	497	497					
Other Income	35	38	40	43	45					
РВТ	621	809	1,258	1,725	2,081					
Exceptional Items	0	0	0	0	0					
PBT after exceptional Items	621	809	1,258	1,725	2,081					
Тах	107	196	302	414	500					
Rate (%)	3.7%	3.9%	5.3%	6.0%	6.2%					
РАТ	514.21	612.85	956.14	1,311.05	1,581.84					
PAT Margin (%)	3.7%	3.9%	5.3%	6.0%	6.2%					

	Balance Sheet (INR Mn)									
Year End-March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E					
Sources of Funds										
Share Capital	80.6	80.6	80.6	80.6	80.6					
Reserves & Surplus	4,798	5,471	6,492	7,804	9,385					
Net Worth	4,879	5,552	6,573	7,884	9,466					
Loan Funds	3,009	3,062	3,109	3,109	3,109					
MI, Deferred Tax & other Liabilities	196	139	139	139	139					
Capital Employed	10,876	12,302	13,721	15,832	18,426					
Application of Funds										
Gross Block	7,573	8,473	9,973	11,973	14,073					
Less: Depreciation	3,912	4,519	5,234	6,092	7,100					
Net Block	3,661	3,954	4,739	5,881	6,973					
CWIP	164	117	117	117	117					
Other Non-current Assets	106	221	221	221	221					
Other Current Assets	226.0	186.6	186.6	186.6	186.6					
Net Fixed Assets	4,157	4,479	5,264	6,406	7,498					
Investments	27.57	27.62	27.62	27.62	27.62					
Debtors	4,409	5,231	5,700	6,233	7,034					
Inventories	1,528	1,359	1,529	1,869	2,151					
Cash & Bank Balance	118	111	150	205	574					
Loans & Advances & other CA	1	78	78	78	78					
Total Current Assets	6,284	6,968	7,647	8,575	10,027					
Current Liabilities	4,655	5,148	5,635	6,434	7,446					
Provisions	87	91	27	27	27					
Net Current Assets	1,629	1,820	2,012	2,140	2,581					
Total Assets	10,876	12,302	13,721	15,832	18,426					

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Cash Flow Statement (INR Mn)										
Year End-March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E					
РВТ	621	809	1,258	1,725	2,081					
Cash From Operating Activities	994	1,827	2,479	3,116	3,645					
Tax	-90	-254	-302	-414	-500					
Net Cash From Operations	903	1,574	2,177	2,702	3,146					
Сарех	-630	-925	-1,500	-2,000	-2,100					
Cash From Investing	-817	-1,070	-1,624	-2,149	-2,279					
Borrowings	3,009	3,062	3,109	3,109	3,109					
Interest Income	(8.45)	(3.85)	-	-						
Cash From Financing	-74	-511	-514	-497	-497					
Net Increase/ Decrease in Cash	12	-7	39	55	369					
Cash at the beginning of the year	108	118	111	150	205					
Cash at the end of the year	121	111	150	205	574					

Key Ratios					
Year End-March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Per share (INR)					
EPS	31.9	37.7	59.3	81.4	98.2
BVPS	303	345	408	489	588
Valuation (x)					
P/E	31.1	26.4	16.7	12.2	10.1
P/BV	3.3	2.9	2.4	2.0	1.7
ev/ebitda	9.6	7.6	5.9	5.4	4.5
Return ratio (%)					
EBIDTA Margin	10.95%	12.53%	14.00%	14.30%	14.50%
PAT Margin	3.67%	3.93%	5.31%	5.96%	6.25%
ROE	10.54%	11.04%	14.55%	16.63%	16.71%
ROCE	8.26%	9.57%	12.50%	13.77%	13.75%
Leverage Ratio (%)					
Total D/E	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Turnover Ratios					
Asset Turnover (x)	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.5
Inventory Days	1528	1359	1529	1869	2151
Receivable Days	115	122	114	102	100
Payable days	64	65	73	73	78

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