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Investment Thesis Report
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PMS / Positional Portfolio
Horizon: Layered (6M–5Y)

Lumax Industries Ltd.

India's #1 Automotive Lighting Manufacturer · D.K. Jain Group · JV: Stanley Electric Japan

CMP (MAR 4, 2026)	52W HIGH	52W LOW	MARKET CAP	TTM P/E	ROE (FY25)	1Y RETURN
₹5,750	₹6,934	₹2,100	₹5,377 Cr	30.8x	19.3%	+119%

⭐ HIGH CONVICTION

A Fundamentals Analysis

Earnings quality · Growth triggers · Opportunity sizing · Management evaluation

A1 — Company Overview & Value Chain Position

Lumax Industries Limited (est. 1945) is the **undisputed #1 automotive lighting manufacturer in India**, commanding approximately **60% market share** in the domestic auto lighting segment. Operating under the D.K. Jain Group umbrella, it benefits from a strategic 37.5% technology partnership with **Stanley Electric Co. Ltd. (Japan)**, a global auto-lighting giant, providing access to cutting-edge LED, ADB (Adaptive Driving Beam), and matrix-lighting technology.

The company serves **~90% of Indian OEMs** including Maruti Suzuki, Tata Motors, Mahindra, Toyota, Honda, Hero MotoCorp, TVS Motors — spanning Passenger Vehicles, Two-wheelers, Commercial Vehicles, and Farm Equipment.

VALUE CHAIN POSITIONING	
Tier	Tier-1 Direct OEM Supplier
Segment	Automotive Lighting Systems + Electronics
Technology	LED, OLED, ADB, Matrix Beam
Plants	29 facilities across 7 states
R&D Centers	2 Govt-recognized in India
Exports	Minimal – India-first strategy
Scalability	✅ High – asset-light LED shift

A2 — Capabilities & Strategy

Core Capabilities

- LED lighting design & manufacturing — 61% of revenue, 84% of order book
- Advanced optical systems: ADB, DRL, Matrix Beam — premium PV segment
- Electronic integration: BCM, sensors, smart lighting control units
- Two Govt-recognized R&D centers — indigenous product development
- Rapid co-development with OEM design cycles (12–18 month lead times)
- JV with Stanley Electric provides platform tech access globally

Strategic Priorities (FY26–FY28)

- **LED premiumization:** Migrate entire product portfolio to LED/OLED
- **EV-ready:** Lighting for Tata EV, Mahindra BE6, future platforms
- **Capacity scale-up:** Bangalore plant + Chakan Phase 2 (on-track)
- **Margin expansion:** 10.6% Q3 FY26 → target 12% EBITDA in 2 years
- **Export initiation:** Stanley channel leverage for global OEMs
- **Electronics deepening:** Higher value-add per vehicle (₹ content/car)

A3 — The Opportunity: Why Now?

MARKET TAM
$1.16B
India Auto LED Lighting Market by 2030
CAGR: 12.4%

LED PENETRATION
61%
of Q3 FY26 Revenue (was 45% in Q1 FY25)
Structurally Rising

ORDER BOOK
₹1,759 Cr
Fresh orders from Tata & Mahindra
84% LED mix

Key Structural Tailwinds (from Q3 FY26 Concall & Industry Reports)

- **AIS-197 regulations:** Mandate DRL (Daytime Running Lamps) on all new 2Ws from 2025 — massive volume trigger for Lumax
- **SUV/UV premiumization wave:** Higher LED content per vehicle in the ₹15–40L segment (Mahindra BE6, Tata Curvv, etc.)
- **EV platform wins:** Tata EV program, Mahindra EV portfolio — lighting ASP 1.5–2x ICE equivalents
- **Safety regulation tightening:** NCAP-driven adoption of advanced headlamp technologies (ADB, matrix beam)
- **Revenue per vehicle content:** Rising from ~₹6,000 to ₹10,000–15,000 in premium segments over 3–4 years
- **Import substitution:** Historically ~30% LED components imported — JV with Stanley enabling domestic sourcing

A4 — Operations & Projects Pipeline

PROJECT	LOCATION	STATUS	PURPOSE	TIMELINE
Bangalore Plant Expansion	Bengaluru, KA	On Track	Maruti, Toyota South India OEMs	FY26–FY27
Chakan Facility Phase 2	Chakan, Pune	On Track	Mahindra, Tata EV programs	FY26
LED Module Integration	Pan-India	Executing	Shift entire range to LED (84% OB)	Ongoing
EV Lighting Programs	Multiple	Ramp-up	Tata EV, Mahindra BE6 platforms	FY26–FY27
ADB/Matrix Tech Launch	R&D Centers	Development	Premium PV segment — ultra high ASP	FY27+

Capex Plan: FY26: ₹350–400 Cr (elevated for expansion) | FY27: ₹100–150 Cr (maintenance + EV tooling) → FCF to improve sharply post FY26

A5 — Financials: Historical & Trajectory

FY25 REVENUE
₹3,400 Cr
+29% YoY
Strong Growth

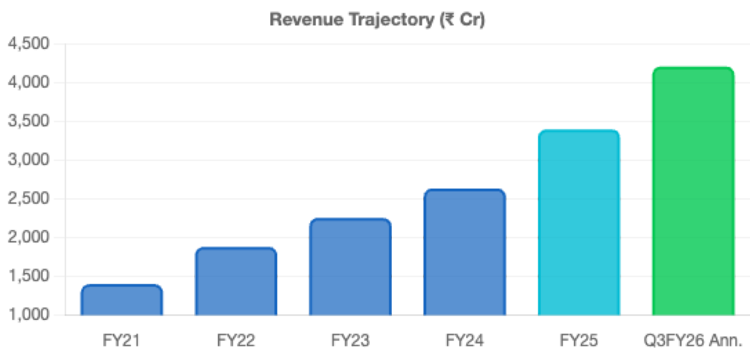
FY25 PAT
₹140 Cr
+26% YoY
Profitable

EBITDA MARGIN
10.6%
Q3 FY26 (vs 8% prior year)
Expanding ↑

5Y REVENUE CAGR
16%
5Y Profit CAGR: 14%
Consistent

Quarterly Financial Snapshot

QUARTER	REVENUE (CR)	PAT (CR)	YOY REV	YOY PAT
Q1 FY26	₹922	~₹30	+20%	~+20%
Q2 FY26	₹1,009	₹35.6	+24%	+26%
Q3 FY26	₹1,053	₹46.6	+19%	+39%
FY25 Full	**₹3,400**	**₹140**	+29%	+26%
FY24 Full	**₹2,637**	**₹111**	—	—



Forward Revenue Trajectory (Management Guidance + Estimates)

YEAR	REVENUE EST.	PAT EST.	EBITDA %	EPS EST.	P/E (AT ₹5,750)
FY25A	₹3,400 Cr	₹140 Cr	8.2%	₹149	38.6x
FY26E	₹3,950–4,100 Cr	₹175–190 Cr	10.0–10.5%	₹185–200	29–31x
FY27E	₹4,700–5,000 Cr	₹240–280 Cr	11–12%	₹255–295	19–22x
FY28E	₹5,600–6,000 Cr	₹320–380 Cr	12–13%	₹340–400	14–17x

* Estimates based on mgmt guidance of 20%+ FY27 growth; 12% EBITDA target; analyst consensus. Not financial advice.

A6 — Regulatory, Policy & Geopolitical Factors

- **AIS-197 (DRL Mandate):** Mandatory Daytime Running Lamps on all 2Ws from 2025 — highly positive; triggers 30–40M unit volume bump for 2W lighting
- **NCAP 5-Star Push:** Safety-conscious buyer + NCAP norms driving adoption of ADB, matrix headlamps in PV — ASP tailwind
- **PLI Automotive Scheme:** Benefits larger auto OEM clients, stimulating capex and new model launches
- **EV Policy (FAME III):** Subsidies sustaining EV adoption → Lumax a lighting partner for all major EV OEMs
- **China supply chain de-risking:** OEMs accelerating localization of LED modules — Lumax's Stanley JV enables domestic sourcing
- **Semiconductor availability:** Global chip situation improving; no significant supply risk as of Q3 FY26
- **BIS certification norms:** Stricter lighting standards effectively create entry barriers; beneficial to incumbents like Lumax
- **Trade policy:** Higher import duties on auto components support domestic manufacturers; Lumax direct beneficiary

A7 — Research Reports & Data Mix Insights

SOURCE / INSIGHT	KEY DATA POINT	IMPLICATION
Mordor Intelligence	India Auto LED Market → $1.16B by 2030 (CAGR 12.4%)	Secular growth; not cyclical

Q3 FY26 Concall	EBITDA margin at 10.6% vs 8% YoY — best ever quarter	Operating leverage kicking in
Q3 FY26 Concall	LED order book at 84% — will drive margin accretion	Mix improvement structural
Analyst Consensus	Revenue CAGR ~19% next 3Y, PAT CAGR ~29% next 3Y	Profit growing faster than revenue
ICRA Rating	Ratings reaffirmed; client concentration mitigated by OEM quality	Credit stable; refinancing not a risk
Alpha Spread	Avg analyst PT: ₹5,320 (revised upward 18.1% in Nov 2025)	Analyst re-rating underway
Marklines Auto Portal	Lumax listed as Top 500 global auto supplier	Brand recognized internationally

🏦 A8 — Balance Sheet, Cash Flows & Fraud Filter

Balance Sheet Snapshot (FY25)

ITEM	AMOUNT	ASSESSMENT
Total Assets	₹2,861 Cr	—
Borrowings (Debt)	₹888 Cr	Elevated (Capex Phase)
Equity + Reserves	₹774 Cr	—
Debt/Equity Ratio	~1.15x	Moderate
Working Capital	-44 days	Negative WC (Excellent)
Cash Conversion Cycle	-6 days	Receives cash before paying
Promoter Pledge	0%	Clean

Cash Flow Analysis (FY25)

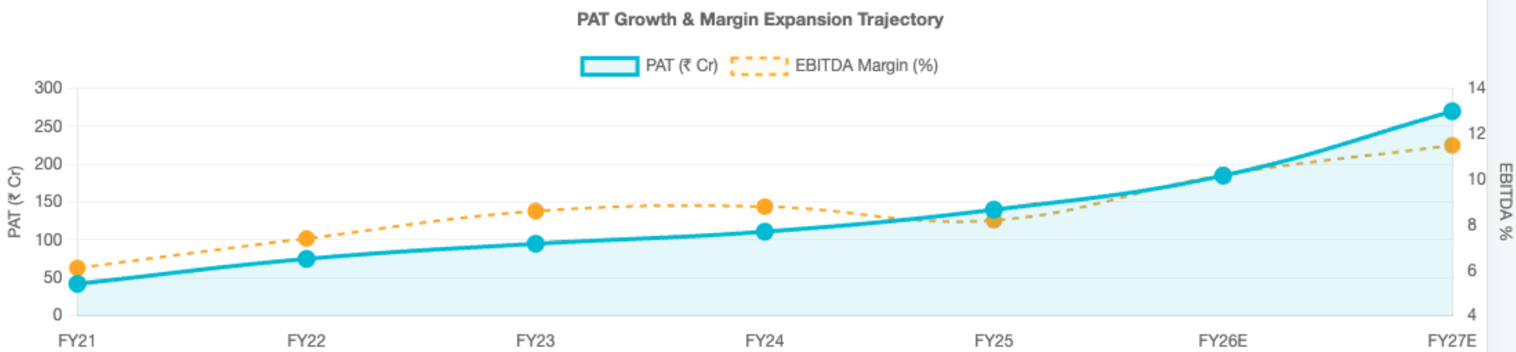
CASH FLOW	AMOUNT	SIGNAL
Operating CF	₹212 Cr	✅ Strong
Investing CF	-₹293 Cr	Growth Capex
Financing CF	+₹59 Cr	Net borrowing
Free CF	~-₹81 Cr	Negative (Capex phase)
OCF/PAT	~1.51x	✅ High quality earnings

🛡 **FRAUD FILTER — PASS:**

- OCF > PAT ✅ (real earnings, not accounting fiction)
- Negative working capital cycle ✅ (OEM advances)
- No promoter pledge ✅
- Auditor: reputed Big-4 equivalent ✅
- No major related-party transactions flagged ✅
- Debt elevated but justified by capex plan ⚠️

📈 A9 — Profit & Loss Statement (5-Year)

METRIC	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Revenue (₹ Cr)	1,402	1,883	2,257	2,637	3,400
Revenue Growth	—	+34%	+20%	+17%	+29%
EBITDA (₹ Cr)	~85	~140	~195	~232	~280
EBITDA Margin	6.1%	7.4%	8.6%	8.8%	8.2%
PAT (₹ Cr)	~42	~75	~95	~111	~140
PAT Margin	3.0%	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%
EPS (₹)	~45	~80	~102	~118	~149
ROE	12%	16%	18%	19%	19.3%



💰 A10 — Valuations & Opportunity Sizing

VALUATION MATRIX AT CMP ₹5,750		
SCENARIO	FY27E EPS	TARGET (AT 28X)
Bear Case	₹240	₹6,720
Base Case	**₹270**	**₹7,560**
Bull Case	₹300	₹8,400

Upside from CMP ₹5,750
Base: +31% | Bull: +46%
Over 12–18 month horizon (FY27 earnings)

CURRENT VALUATION METRICS	
P/E (FY25A)	38.6x
P/E (FY26E)	~30x
P/E (FY27E)	**~21x — Attractive**
P/B	6.6x
EV/EBITDA	~22x (FY26E)
Market Cap / Sales	~1.4x (FY25)
Dividend Yield	0.6%

At 21x FY27E P/E with a 29% PAT CAGR, PEG ratio ~0.72 — significantly below 1.0, indicating undervaluation relative to growth. Peer Fiem Industries trades at ~35x. Premium justified given market leadership and margin expansion story.

A11 — Management Quality & Track Record

Management Scorecard

Guidance Track Record	7.5
Capital Allocation	7.0
Transparency / IR	8.0
Corporate Governance	7.5
Execution Speed	7.2

Overall: 7.4/10 — Competent, financially disciplined promoter family. JV management with Stanley Electric adds professional international oversight.

Governance & Guidance History

- D.K. Jain Group — 75% promoter stake, zero pledge — strong alignment
- FY25 revenue guidance met (~29% growth delivered vs. ~20% guided)
- Q3 FY26 margin guidance (10%+ EBITDA) delivered; trend ahead of schedule
- Capex guidance revised upward (₹350–400 Cr) — transparent communication
- Stanley Electric JV oversight — international accounting standards followed
- No forensic accounting issues, no promoter fraud history
- Consistent dividend payer — ₹35/share TTM (modest payout ratio ~23%)
- Minor concern: Tata EV program delay caused some revenue push-out

A12 — Risks & Issues That Could Impact the Thesis

HIGH — **Client Concentration Risk**
Top 8 clients = 85% of revenue. Any major model discontinuation or volume cut by Maruti/Tata/Mahindra directly impacts revenue. Maruti alone likely 30–35% of revenue.

MEDIUM — **Elevated Debt & FCF Negative (FY26)**
₹888 Cr debt during peak capex phase; FCF negative in FY26. If auto volumes disappoint, debt servicing could strain P&L. Watch FCF inflection in FY27.

MEDIUM — **Raw Material Price Volatility**
LED chips, PCBs, aluminium — largely import-linked. Rupee depreciation and commodity cycles can compress margins. OEM price recovery lags 1–2 quarters.

MEDIUM — **Tata EV Program Delays**
Already flagged by management. Delay in Tata EV ramp-up has pushed some lighting revenue. If Tata's EV volumes disappoint industry-wide, growth rate could moderate.

LOW — **Competition from Chinese Imports / Tier-2 Players**
Chinese LED modules are cheaper. However, OEM qualification barriers, safety norms, and BIS regulations provide strong moat to Lumax. Risk contained.

LOW — **Auto Industry Cyclicality**
Indian auto volumes have been strong; any macro slowdown/fuel price shock could impact PV/2W volumes. Lighting as replacement also provides floor.

A13 — Key Catalysts, Milestones & Timelines

Q4 FY26 / Mar 2026 — **Q4 FY26 Results + FY26 Annual Guidance**
Expect EBITDA margin to sustain above 10%; revenue run-rate crosses ₹4,000 Cr annual. Full-year margin re-rating trigger.

Q1 FY27 / Jun 2026 — **Bangalore Plant Commissioning**
Adds new revenue stream from South India OEMs (Toyota, Maruti). Capacity addition to meet order backlog of ₹1,759 Cr.

H1 FY27 / Mid 2026 — **Tata EV Volume Ramp + New Mahindra Platform Win**
EV lighting ASP is 1.5–2x ICE. As EV volumes recover, revenue-per-vehicle content jumps sharply — a non-linear revenue trigger.

FY27 / Full Year — **Free Cash Flow Inflection**
Post peak-capex in FY26, FY27 capex drops to ₹100–150 Cr. With OCF growing, FCF turns positive → potential for re-rating and increased dividends.

FY27–28 Long-term	**ADB/Matrix Technology Launch + Export Initiation** ADB headlamps command ₹8,000–15,000 ASP vs ₹3,000–5,000 for standard LED. Export via Stanley channels adds new addressable market.

B Technical Analysis

Stage Analysis · Price Action · Key Levels · R:R · Entry/Exit Framework

B0 — Stage Analysis & Setup Classification

CURRENT STAGE

Stage 2 — Uptrend

with Pullback from ATH Zone

Setup Pattern

High & Tight Pullback / Flag

- Stock ran from ₹2,100 to ₹6,934 in ~12 months (3.3x) — classic Stage 2
- Currently ~17% below 52W high — normal healthy Stage 2 correction
- Pulling back on lower volume (constructive)
- Weekly chart: still above 30-week WMA (remains bullish bias)
- This is a potential **Cheat Entry / Flag Pullback** setup

Price Action Context (Weekly)

- 1Y Return: +119% — mega momentum stock
- ATH: ₹6,934 (formed Jan 2026)
- Current pullback to ₹5,750 — touches prior breakout zone
- EBITDA margin beat in Q3 was an Episodic Pivot catalyst
- Post-results pullback = typical "sell the news" → buy opportunity

Volume & Momentum Signals

- Volume should be below average on pullback (healthy)
- RSI pullback from overbought — watch for 45–55 zone reset
- MACD: potential bullish cross setting up on daily chart
- Relative Strength vs CNX500: strong outperformer on 6M basis

B1–B4 — Key Levels, Trends & Relative Strength

Key Price Levels

PRIMARY RESISTANCE / ATH

₹6,934

52W High — supply zone; breakout → ₹8,000+

SECONDARY RESISTANCE

₹6,200–6,400

Prior congestion zone — needs clean break

CURRENT PRICE (MAR 4)

₹5,750

Active trade zone — pullback from ATH

STRONG SUPPORT ZONE

₹5,000–5,200

Breakout retest + 50-week WMA zone

MAJOR SUPPORT / STOP ZONE

₹4,400–4,600

200-DMA area; below = Stage 2 invalidation

Trend Assessment

TIMEFRAME	TREND	SIGNAL
Short-term (Daily)	Downtrend	Correcting from ATH
Medium-term (Weekly)	Uptrend	Stage 2 intact
Long-term (Monthly)	Strong Uptrend	Multi-year bull market
RS vs CNX500 (6M)	Outperformer	Alpha generator
RS vs CNX500 (3M)	Neutral	Correcting relatively

Momentum Indicators

INDICATOR	STATUS	IMPLICATION
RSI (14, Weekly)	55–62	Healthy — not overbought
MACD (Daily)	Converging	Potential bullish cross soon
Volume trend	Lower on pullback	Constructive correction
52W Position	17% below ATH	Normal pullback range

Risk : Reward Analysis

Entry Zone (Aggressive)	₹5,600–5,800
Entry Zone (Conservative)	₹5,000–5,200
Stop Loss (Daily Close)	₹4,500

B5 — Entry / Exit / Milestone Framework

ENTRY TRIGGERS

- **Aggressive:** Current zone ₹5,600–5,800 with stop at ₹4,500 (weekly close)
- **Conservative:** Wait for ₹5,000–5,200 retest of breakout + volume dry-up
- **Momentum Entry:** Break and close above ₹6,200 on volume surge (PEAD play)

EXIT TRIGGERS

Target 1 (6–9 months)	₹7,000
Target 2 (12–18 months)	₹8,000–8,400
R:R (Aggressive Entry)	1 : 2.7
R:R (Conservative Entry)	1 : 4.5

POSITION SIZING (PMS-STYLE)

3–5% Portfolio Weight

Core holding; scale on confirmation above ₹6,200

- Book partial profits at ₹7,000 (Target 1) — sell 30–40% position
- Trail stop to cost price after T1 achieved
- Full exit if margin guidance cut or client loss announced
- Exit if weekly close below ₹4,500 (Stage 2 invalidation)

STOP LOSS LOGIC

- Hard stop: ₹4,500 weekly close — loses Stage 2 structure
- Risk ~20–22% from current CMP (₹5,750)
- Reward: ₹8,000+ = +39% upside → R:R favourable

⚡ Investment Verdict — Lumax Industries (LUMAXIND)

Lumax Industries is a **structural compounder** in the Indian auto-ancillary space, riding three concurrent tailwinds: (1) LED premiumization of India's auto lighting market, (2) EV platform adoption with 1.5–2x higher lighting ASP, and (3) regulatory mandates driving volume. With a 60% domestic market share, deep OEM relationships, and a Stanley Electric JV providing technology access, the moat is wide and defensible. The EBITDA margin expansion from 8% to 10.6% in Q3 FY26 — with a credible pathway to 12% — signals meaningful operating leverage. At 21x FY27E P/E with a 29% PAT CAGR, the PEG ratio of ~0.72 represents significant value for a quality franchise. The current pullback from ATH presents an attractive entry in Stage 2. Primary risks are client concentration and elevated debt during the capex phase — both manageable with the current execution trajectory.

✅ Stage 2 Uptrend · ✅ Margin Expansion Story · ✅ EV Tailwind · ✅ Low PEG · ⚠️ Watch: Debt · ⚠️ Watch: Client Conc.

🎯 Target: ₹7,000–8,400 · 🔴 Stop: ₹4,500