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Dear Sir/Madam,

#### Sub.: Information Update for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2025

Please find enclosed the Information Update along with an earnings presentation on the un-audited consolidated financial results of the Company (i.e. Marico Limited and its Subsidiaries) for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2025.

The same is being made available on the website of the Company at: http://marico.com/india/investors/documentation/quarterly-updates

This is for your information and records.

Thank you.

For Marico Limited

Vinay M A **Company Secretary & Compliance Officer** 

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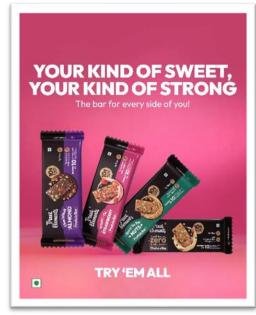


# **Q2 FY26 Results**

**NOVEMBER 2025** 









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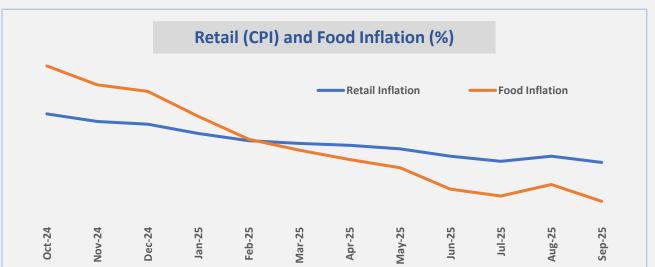
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### Demand trends remain steady | Expect gradual improvement in sentiment ahead





#### **Positive Macro Drivers**



#### **Easing Inflation**

Enhancing disposable incomes and driving premiumisation



# **Above-average Monsoons** and Healthy Crop Outlook

Supporting rural income and consumption recovery



#### **Policy Stimulus**

Ongoing fiscal and monetary measures to boost consumption



#### **GST Rate Rationalization**

Providing a structural fillip to long-term demand

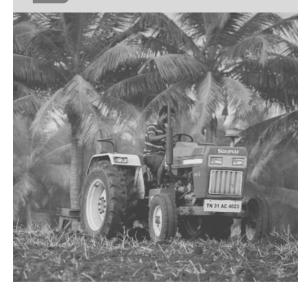


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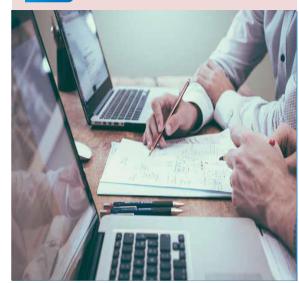
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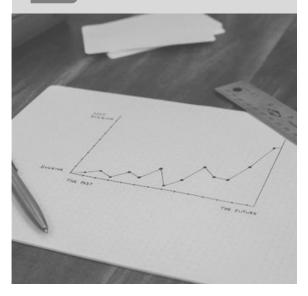


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**Financials** 



### Consolidated and India revenue at multi-quarter high | International business maintains robust momentum

Q2FY26 (YoY)

India

7%

Volume Growth

**International** 

20%

Constant Currency Growth

**Consolidated** 

31%

Revenue Growth

19%

Consolidated A&P Spends Growth

7%

Consolidated EBITDA
Growth

16.1%

Consolidated EBITDA Margin

8%

Consolidated PAT Growth (excl. one-offs)

**India Business Revenues up 35% YoY** 

95%+ of the business gained/sustained market share and 75%+ of the business gained/sustained penetration, both on MAT basis International Business Revenues up 19% (in INR terms)



### Parachute & Saffola remain steady despite elevated pricing | VAHO exhibits acceleration

Parachute Coconut Oil (36% of India Revenues)



(3%)\* 59%

Q2 Volume Growth Q2 Value Growth

Saffola Edible Oils (17% of India Revenues)



Flattish volumes in Q2

Q2 Value Growth

Value Added Hair Oils (16% of India Revenues)



150<sub>bps</sub> 16%

MAT Value MS gain Q2 Value Growth



\*After normalising for ml-age reductions, volumes were flattish in Q2.

### Foods: Annualized run rate in Q2 crosses ₹1100 Cr.









**Q2 Value Growth** 

12%

# **Premium Personal Care: Scaling in line with aspirations**

### **Serums | Male Grooming | Skin Care**









> ₹325 cr.

Q2 ARR

### **Digital-First Brands**







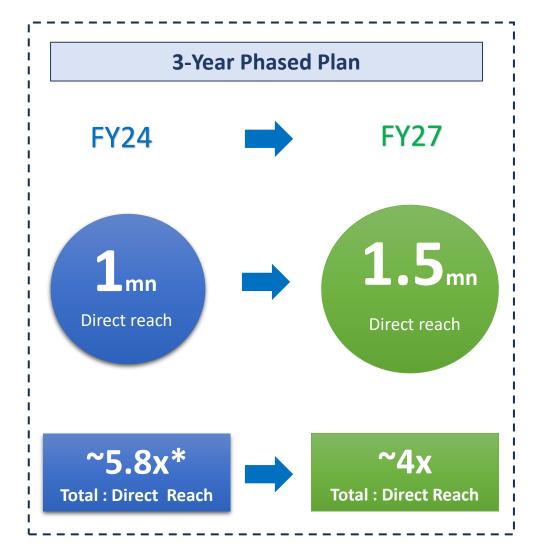




> ₹1000 cr.

**Q2 Exit ARR** 

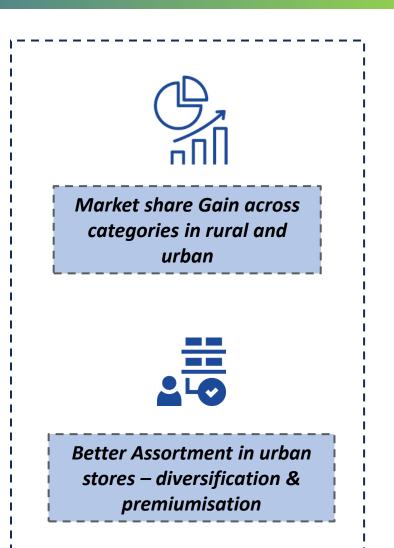
### Project SETU: Drive growth in GT through transformative expansion in Direct Reach



A fit for purpose and fit for future GTM Model



To drive **profitable growth** and **competitive advantage** 



### International business continues to thrive | Bangladesh & MENA deliver stellar performance





**22%** Q2 CCG

Accelerating growth driven by diversified portfolio





6% Q2 CCG

Visible recovery backed by targeted initiatives





**27%** Q2 CCG

Strong growth across core and emerging franchises





**1%** Q2 CCG

Recovery imminent in H2FY26

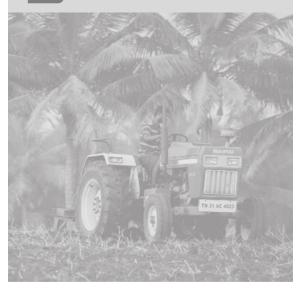
International business records 20% CCG in Q2FY26 and H1FY26



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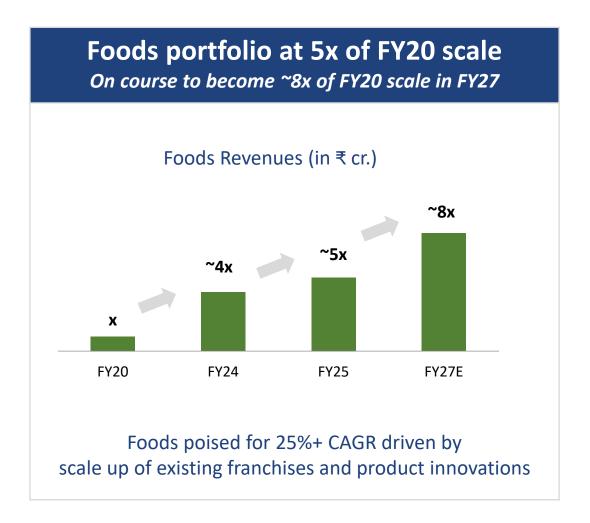
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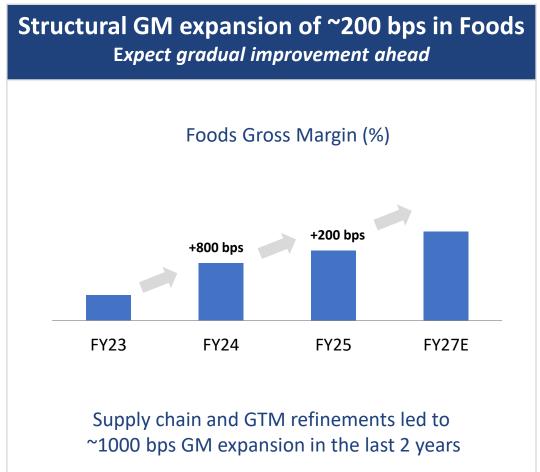


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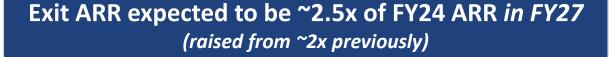


## Diversification on track: Foods scaling in line with aspirations | GM expansion to continue

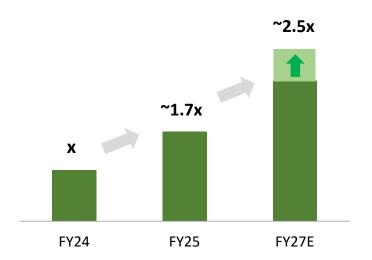




## Diversification on track: Digital marches ahead | Driving Profitable Unit Economics



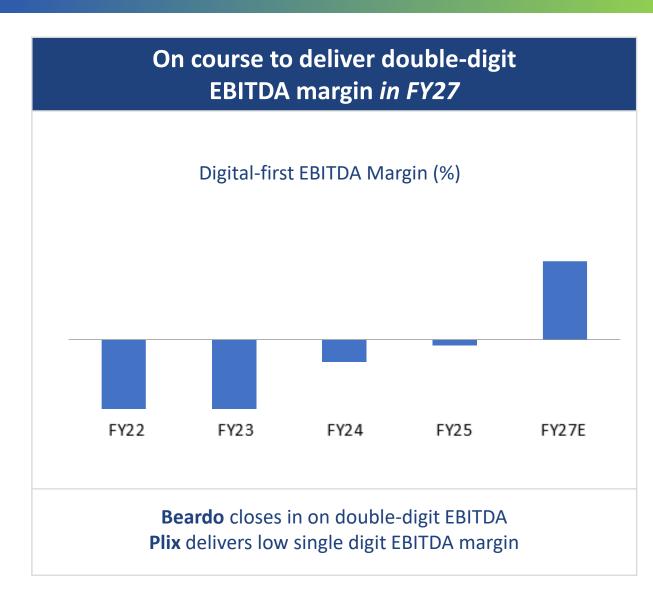




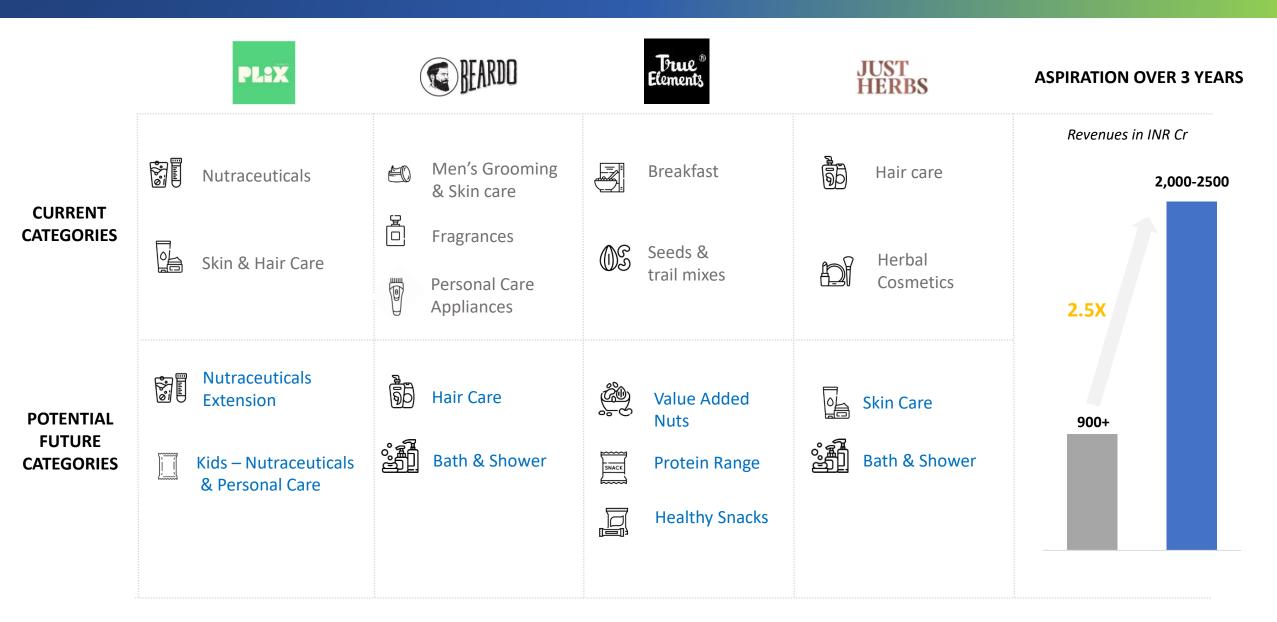
Beardo scales ~4x since FY21;

Just Herbs crosses ₹100 cr. revenues

Personal Care play in Plix gaining traction

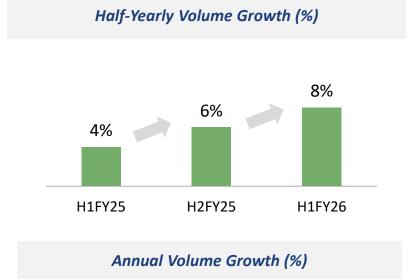


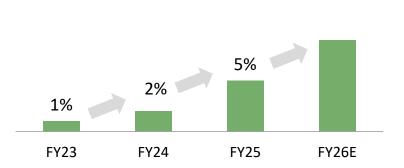
# Digital Businesses: Driving TAM Expansion and Brand Penetration



### Powering double-digit revenue growth aspirations in the near and medium term

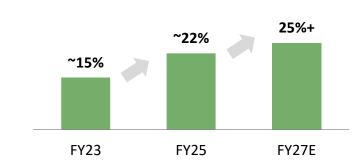
# India Business: Building volume and revenue growth momentum and driving diversification









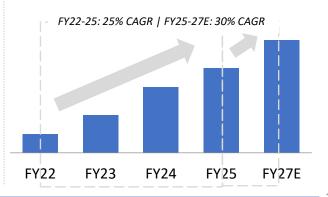


# International Business: Going Strong





#### Robust CCG Trajectory in MENA + SA





# Continue to deliver resilient profit growth amidst unprecedented hyperinflation in input costs

Pricing Power of Core Brands

Higher profit uplift driven by Foods & PPC scale-up

Scaling Premium
Categories
Overseas

Institutionalized
Cost Management
Program

Supply Chain & Back-end Capabilities





Strong brand equity enables mitigation of cost push

Tapping synergies and economies of scale

Margin accretion from operating leverage & growth led by premium categories

Structural cost savings driven through 'MarVal' program

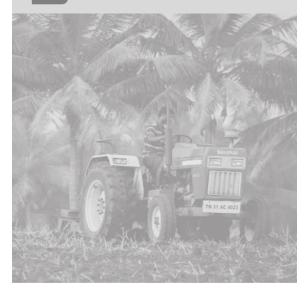
Robust sourcing in core commodities & supply chain intelligence



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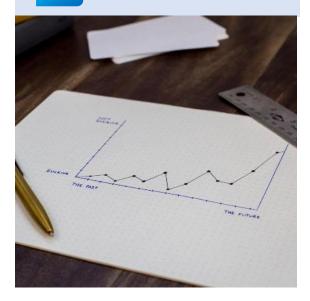


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# **Consolidated Profit & Loss Statement**

						(in ₹ cr.)
Particulars	Q2FY26	Q2FY25	Change (%)	H1FY26	H1FY25	Change (%)
Revenue from Operations	3,482	2,664	31%	6,741	5,307	27%
Material Cost	1,997	1,311	52%	3,727	2,573	45%
ASP	345	290	19%	644	530	22%
Employee Cost	218	213	2%	438	416	5%
Other Expenses	362	328	10%	717	640	12%
EBITDA	560	522	7%	1,215	1,148	6%
EBITDA Margin	16.1%	19.6%	(350 bps)	18.0%	21.6%	(360 bps)
PBT	550	552	0%	1,206	1,157	4%
Reported PAT	420	423	(1%)	924	887	4%
Recurring PAT	420	388	8%	924	852	8%



# **Annexure 1: Operating Margin Structure for Marico Limited (Consolidated)**

Particulars (% of Revenues)	Q2FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY25	H1FY26	H1FY25
Material Cost (Raw + Packaging)	57.4%	53.1%	49.2%	55.3%	48.5%
Advertising & Sales Promotion (ASP)	9.9%	9.2%	10.9%	9.6%	10.0%
Personnel Costs	6.3%	6.8%	8.0%	6.5%	7.8%
Other Expenses	10.4%	10.9%	12.3%	10.6%	12.1%
PBDIT margins	16.1%	20.1%	19.6%	18.0%	21.6%
PBDIT before ASP	26.0%	29.3%	30.5%	27.6%	31.6%

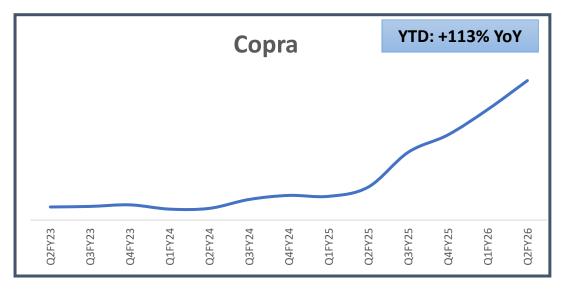


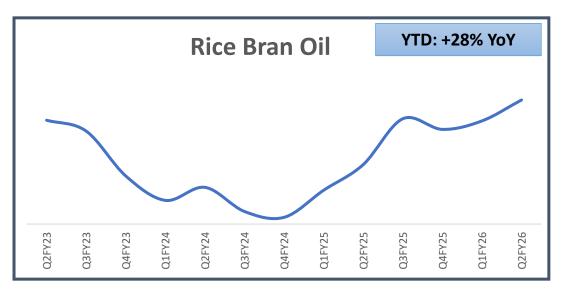
# **Annexure 2: Working Capital**

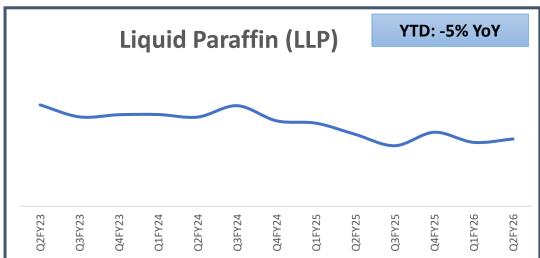
Particulars	Q2FY26	Q1FY26
Debtors Turnover (Days)	41	38
Inventory Turnover (Days)	35	31
Net Working Capital (Days)	35	32

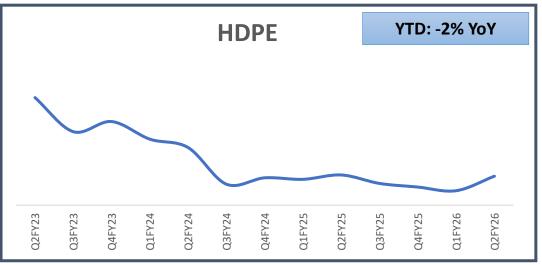
Note: The Company has maintained healthy working capital ratios through the year.

### **Annexure 3: Movement of Key Raw Material Prices**









\*The charts above exhibit the trend of average market prices on a quarterly basis and do not represent Marico's actual purchase prices.

# Annexure 4: Market Shares in Key Categories in the India Business - MAT Sep'25

Franchise	~MS%	Rank
O Coconut Oil Franchise	63%	1 <sup>st</sup>
O Parachute Rigids within Coconut Oil	53%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Saffola Oats	41%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Value Added Hair Oils	29%	1 <sup>st</sup>
O Post wash Leave-on Serums	46%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Hair Gels/Waxes/Creams	52%	1 <sup>st</sup>

Volume Market Share

Value Market Share



### **Annexure 5: ESG Performance Snapshot (Q2 FY26)**



**Above image**: Jalgaon plant, which transitioned to 100% green energy from January 2025 through a Green Energy Agreement with MSEDCL



**Above image**: Initiatives conducted as part of Jalashay across Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra



**Above image**: Teachers engagement at Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

#### **Emissions & Energy**

- 87.66% reduction (Scope 1+2)
   in GHG emissions intensity
   from baseline of FY 13
- 14.7% indirect GHG emissions intensity (Scope 3) reduction (FY19 baseline) in FY 25
- 78.83% of total energy consumption till date is sourced from renewable sources

#### **Water Stewardship**

- 12.93 KL/ Cr INR reduction in fresh water withdrawal intensity (for manufacturing operations only)
- 1053.7 KI rainwater storage (within facilities) achieved
- Approx. 464 Crore liters (till date) of water conservation potential created for community use and agricultural purposes.

#### **Circular Economy**

- 95.1% Recyclable packaging material share
- 28% Recycled plastic share in plastic packaging material (nonfood applications)

#### **Sustainable Agriculture**

- 1.33 lakhs of farmers enrolled till date (cumulative)
- 4.65 lakh acres of farmland enrolled till date (cumulative)
- 17% improvement in productivity during FY 25

#### **Social Value Creation**

92,000 students
 benefitted and
 40,000 active
 teachers covered
 under the Nihar
 Shanti Pathshala
 Funwala Programme
 and about 100
 Anganwadis reached
 till 30<sup>th</sup> September
 2025

### **Annexure 6: Recent Update on ESG Related Developments**

#### **Marico's Policies**

#### 4 existing policies updated:

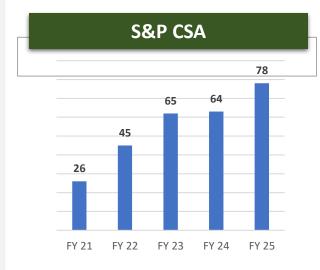
- 1. <u>Code of Conduct for Business Associates</u>: Nine new statements added in the sections "Legal & Regulatory Compliance", "Anti-bribery and Anti-Corruption" and "Gifts & Hospitality"
- 2. <u>Anti-bribery and Anti-corruption</u>: Fourteen new policy statements specific to areas on raising concerns and internal investigation
- 3. <u>Product Stewardship</u>: Eleven new policy statements added in line with the evolving ESG standards
- 4. <u>Human Rights Policy</u>: Revision made with respect to scope of the policy. A paragraph has been added to the Scope section which clarifies that the policy applies to 100% of operations and the relevant share of suppliers (as per the Supplier Code of Conduct), with annual disclosures.

#### 2 new policies added:

- 1. Animal Welfare: This policy has been created to meet the mandatory requirements set forth by ESG rating agencies towards demonstration of responsible sourcing practices, transparency, and alignment with ethical treatment of animals across a company's supply chain.
- 2. <u>Biodiversity & No Deforestation</u>: This policy has been created in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and other guidelines including Afi and EUDR towards biodiversity and no deforestation

#### Marico's ESG Ratings

S&P Global Corporate
Sustainability Assessment (CSA)
scores released: 78 (↑ by 14
points as compared to FY24)





Reference links of Marico's recent disclosures

**ESG Data Book** 

**Climate Action Report FY25** 

# **Annexure 7: Awards and Recognitions**



Marico Limited has been recognized as one of the ET Now's Most Iconic Brands of India 2025



Marico has been awarded the "Best Use of Technology in Customer Experience (CX)" at the DCX Confex & Awards 2025.



Marico Limited has been featured among ET NOW's Most Innovative Organisations 2025, recognised by ET Edge.

### **Annexure 7: Awards and Recognitions**





On the occasion of the 156<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Marico was conferred with the **Mahatma Award 2025** by the Mahatma Foundation for CSR Excellence in Water Management.

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# Thank You



#### **Executive Summary: Consolidated Results**

Particulars (₹ Cr)	Q2FY26	YoY Growth	H1FY26	YoY Growth
Revenue from Operations	3,482	31%	6,741	27%
EBITDA	560	7%	1,215	6%
EBITDA Margin (%)	16.1%	Down 350bps	18.0%	Down 360bps
Profit After Tax (excl. one-offs)	420	8%	924	8%
Domestic Volume Growth (%)		7%		8%
International Business (% CCG)		20%		20%

In Q2FY26, Revenue from Operations was at ₹3,482 crore, up 31% YoY, with underlying volume growth of 7% in the India business and constant currency growth of 20% in the international business. Consolidated and India revenue growth stood at multi-quarter highs.

We witnessed steady demand trends in India during the quarter, except for the transitionary disruption in trade channels ahead of the implementation of new GST rates in the month of September. The India business revenues stood at ₹2,667 crores, up 35% YoY, aided by price hikes in core portfolios in response to sharp inflation in key input costs. Offtake growth also remained strong, with more than 95% of the business gaining or sustaining market share and more than 75% of the business gaining or sustaining penetration, both on MAT basis.

The international business maintained its robust growth trajectory with 20% constant currency growth, demonstrating its strong fundamentals and sustained growth potential.

Gross margin contracted by ~810 bps YoY, on a particularly high base, as sharp inflation in key commodities also exerted incremental pressure in this quarter. Despite these headwinds, we continued to invest meaningfully to strengthen the long-term equity of our franchises and accelerate portfolio diversification, with A&P spends rising 19% YoY. Consequently, EBITDA was up 7%. EBITDA margin stood at 16.1%, down ~350 bps. PAT stood at ₹420 crore, up 8% YoY on a like-for-like basis, i.e. after adjusting for one-offs in the base quarter. Reported PAT was marginally lower on a YoY basis.

Other highlights relating to the quarterly performance are as follows:

- Parachute Rigids posted a volume decline of 3%, amidst headwinds posed by unprecedented hyperinflation in copra prices. After normalizing for ml-age reductions in lieu of price increases, the brand was flattish in volume terms. During the quarter, we also rationed supplies to certain institutional customers to safeguard brand profitability. The brand consolidated its market share on MAT basis, continuing to demonstrate resilience and pricing inelasticity, having absorbed multiple rounds of price hikes and ml-age reductions. Revenue growth for the brand stood at 59%. While copra prices remained rangebound after correcting ~15% from peak levels in early Q2, we expect Parachute to remain steady and reinforce its competitive edge on the back of its formidable brand strength and scaled back-end capabilities.
- Value-Added Hair Oils grew by 16% in value terms, marking the second consecutive quarter of double-digit growth and sustaining the pace of recovery despite the aforesaid impact of the GST transition. The portfolio gained 150 bps in value market share on a MAT basis. We expect the franchise to maintain a healthy growth momentum over the near and medium term, supported by the strategic focus on the mid and premium segments of the portfolio, enhanced direct reach driven by Project SETU and the recent GST rate rationalization.
- Saffola Edible Oils had a flattish quarter in volume terms amidst a relatively elevated pricing environment. The brand registered 19% revenue growth. During the quarter, the recently launched Saffola Cold Pressed Oils range witnessed a positive response on E-Com and Q-com platforms. On the occasion of World Heart Day, the brand launched an Al-powered campaign titled 'Heart to Heart Talk', designed to raise awareness about heart health through personalized engagement.
- Foods grew 12% YoY and crossed the ₹1100 crore mark in annualized run rate. Saffola Oats continued to gain market share on MAT basis, thereby retaining its position as the #1 Oats brand. True Elements and the plant-



based nutraceuticals portfolio of Plix maintained their strong growth momentum. Towards the quarter-end, True Elements expanded its ready-to-eat portfolio with high protein and fibre-rich offerings with the prototype of Protein Bars and Overnight Oats. Both offerings have been made available in multiple exciting variants across online channels.

- Premium Personal Care sustained its accelerated growth trajectory, led by the Digital-first portfolio. The Digital-first portfolio, comprising Beardo, Just Herbs and the personal care portfolio of Plix, crossed the ₹1000 cr. ARR mark.
- Copra and vegetable prices remained at elevated levels, while crude oil derivatives remained rangebound. We
  will continue to prioritize the expansion of our consumer franchises, while judiciously leveraging their pricing
  power.
- In the International business, **Bangladesh posted 22% CCG**, maintaining its robust growth momentum on the back of the steady core business and scale up of new franchises. The fundamentals and medium-term growth outlook of the business remain intact. **Vietnam grew 6% in CCG**, exhibiting signs of a gradual recovery. **MENA delivered 27% CCG**, with both the Gulf region and Egypt recording strong growth. While **South Africa recorded 1% CCG**, we are confident of a recovery in H2. **NCD and Exports recorded 53% growth**.

#### **Outlook**

The sector has witnessed stable demand trends during the quarter. We also expect consumer sentiment to gradually improve on the back of easing inflation, healthy crop outlook and policy stimulus.

The recent GST rate rationalization announced by the Government is a welcome step towards stimulating demand and long-term growth in the FMCG sector. ~30% of our India business has benefited from the GST rate rationalization. In line with the intent of the Government's measures, we have passed on the benefits of revised GST rates to consumers across relevant product categories, reinforcing affordability and accessibility.

Amidst this backdrop, we expect a steady growth trajectory in our core categories, despite input cost headwinds in the near term. This will be further aided by ongoing initiatives to support select General Trade (GT) channel partners and transformative expansion in our direct reach footprint under Project SETU. We also continue to draw confidence from healthy offtakes, penetration and market share gains across key portfolios. We will continue our focus on driving differential growth in our urban-centric and premium portfolios through the organized retail and ECommerce channels. Therefore, we expect to deliver consistent and competitive growth in the medium term by executing a more focused and channel-specific portfolio and SKU strategy.

Sustained investment towards the accelerated scale up of our Foods and Premium Personal Care portfolios (incl. Digital-first businesses) has not only resulted in a visible shift in the revenue construct of the India business, but also enabled differential growth outcomes over the past few quarters. We will continue to aggressively diversify through these portfolios in line with our medium-term strategic priorities. We aim to grow Foods at 25%+ CAGR to ~8x of FY20 revenues in FY27. We aim to scale the Digital-first portfolio to ~2.5x of FY24 ARR in FY27. We expect to unlock substantial growth levers in the digital-first franchises over the medium term through TAM expansion and driving brand penetration. The India revenue share of the Foods and Premium Personal Care portfolios stood at ~22% in H1FY26. Consequently, we expect the India revenue share of the Foods and Premium Personal Care portfolios to expand to ~25% by FY27.

The rapid scale up of these portfolios has been accompanied by significant improvement in their profitability, resulting in their share of India Net Contribution (NC) moving to double digits (~5x of FY22 levels). This underscores the profitable and sustainable growth focus of the diversification strategy. We will continue to focus on driving consistent improvements in profitability as constituent franchises of the Foods and Digital-First portfolios attain critical mass. We have driven structural GM expansion of ~1000 bps in Foods over FY24 and FY25. We expect gradual improvement in gross and operating margins of the Foods portfolio as we scale up over the medium term. Among Digital-first brands, Beardo is likely to cross double-digit EBITDA margin this year, while Plix is delivering single-digit EBITDA margin. We aim to maintain the pace of scale up and achieve double-digit EBITDA margin in this portfolio in FY27.



The International business has navigated headwinds, including macroeconomic volatility and currency devaluation in select markets. While the Bangladesh and Vietnam businesses remain strong anchors, the robust momentum in the MENA and South Africa businesses has visibly strengthened the revenue construct of the overall international business. This also reflects in the steadily reducing topline and bottomline dependence on the Bangladesh business. We have also made visible strides towards premiumisation of our portfolios across markets through innovation and expansion into premium personal care categories such as shampoos, skin care, hair styling/ care (ex-hair oils) and baby care. These portfolios have scaled at 24% CAGR over FY21-25 period and we aim to deliver 25%+ growth in the medium term. As a result, their revenue share in the International business rose from ~20% in FY21 to ~29% in FY25. We will continue to invest aggressively towards diversifying the portfolio, expanding the total addressable market and driving market share gains in each of the markets. We aim to maintain double-digit constant currency growth momentum in the International business over the medium term.

We will also continue to scout for inorganic growth opportunities that offer meaningful potential to consolidate our competitive position in existing categories, expand the total addressable market in existing geographies or access markets of interest, thereby adding visible levers to drive long term value creation.

In the first half of the fiscal year, we remained on course to achieve our strategic objectives outlined at the beginning of the year. The India business delivered high single digit volume growth, which was well-ahead of the sector, even amidst a particularly challenging input cost scenario. The scale-up in Foods and Digital-First portfolio has been broadly in line with aspirations. The international business also strengthened its robust double-digit growth momentum. We remain committed to consistent investments towards brand building, in line with our strategic vision to strengthen the core and drive accelerated growth across new franchises both in India and overseas markets. We expect to sustain positive volume and revenue growth momentum in the quarters ahead, while driving resilient profit growth as margin headwinds ease gradually.

Owing to the strengthening growth construct of the business, we maintain our aspiration to deliver double-digit revenue growth in the medium term through consistent outperformance vis-à-vis the category and market share gains in the India core portfolios, accelerated growth in the Foods and Premium Personal Care and double-digit constant currency growth in the International business. We also expect operating margin to inch up over the medium term, with leverage benefits as well as premiumisation of the portfolios across both the India and International businesses.

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#### **Mode of Issue of this update**

We have issued this Information Update, first to the Stock Exchanges, posted it on Marico's website and then sent it to the financial community members who are on Marico's regular mailing list.

We recommend that readers refer to the Marico Group financials to get a better appreciation of the business performance. A copy of the latest Annual Audited Financial Results of Marico Limited (Standalone and Consolidated) is available on Marico's website.

#### Disclosure of Information, Communication with Investors / Analysts / Financial Community

Marico issues fresh information updates, like the one you are reading now, on the day it declares its Quarterly Financial Results. Some forward-looking statements on projections, estimates, expectations, outlook etc. are included in such updates to help investors/ analysts get a better comprehension of the Company's prospects and make informed investment decisions.

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#### Marico Limited - Q2FY26 Results

Consolidated Revenue up 31%; highest in 17 quarters India Volume growth at 7%; momentum expected to sustain in H2 Digital-first Premium Personal Care portfolio crosses ₹1000 cr. ARR International business delivers robust 20% CCG EBITDA up 7%, PAT up 8% on like-for-like basis

In Q2FY26, Revenue from Operations was at ₹3,482 crore, up 31% YoY, with underlying volume growth of 7% in the India business and constant currency growth of 20% in the international business. Consolidated and India revenue growth stood at multi-quarter highs.

We witnessed steady demand trends in India during the quarter, except for the transitionary disruption in trade channels ahead of the implementation of new GST rates in the month of September. The India business revenues stood at ₹2,667 crores, up 35% YoY, aided by price hikes in core portfolios in response to sharp inflation in key input costs. Offtake growth also remained strong, with more than 95% of the business gaining or sustaining market share and more than 75% of the business gaining or sustaining penetration, both on MAT basis.

The international business maintained its robust growth trajectory with 20% constant currency growth, demonstrating its strong fundamentals and sustained growth potential.

Gross margin contracted by ~810 bps YoY, on a particularly high base, as sharp inflation in key commodities exerted incremental pressure in this quarter. Despite these headwinds, we continued to invest meaningfully to strengthen the long-term equity of our franchises and accelerate portfolio diversification, with A&P spends rising 19% YoY. Consequently, EBITDA was up 7%. EBITDA margin stood at 16.1%, down ~350 bps. PAT stood at ₹420 crore, up 8% YoY on a like-for-like basis, i.e. after adjusting for one-offs in the base quarter. Reported PAT was marginally lower on a YoY basis.

#### **India Business**

Parachute Rigids posted a volume decline of 3%, amidst headwinds posed by unprecedented hyperinflation in copra prices. After normalizing for ml-age reductions, the brand was flattish in volume terms. The brand consolidated its market share on MAT basis, continuing to demonstrate resilience and pricing inelasticity. Revenue growth for the brand stood at 59%. While copra prices remained rangebound after correcting ~15% from peak levels in early Q2, we expect Parachute to remain steady and reinforce its competitive edge on the back of its formidable brand strength and scaled back-end capabilities.

Value-Added Hair Oils grew by 16% in value terms, marking the second consecutive quarter of double-digit growth. The portfolio gained 150 bps in value market share on a MAT basis. We expect the franchise to maintain a healthy growth momentum over the near and medium term.

Saffola Edible Oils had a flattish quarter in volume terms amidst a relatively elevated pricing environment. The brand registered 19% revenue growth. During the quarter, the recently launched Saffola Cold Pressed Oils range witnessed a positive response on E-Com and Q-com platforms.

Foods grew 12% YoY and crossed the ₹1100 crore mark in annualized run rate. Saffola Oats continued to gain market share on MAT basis, thereby retaining its position as the #1 Oats brand. True Elements and the plant-based nutraceuticals portfolio of Plix maintained their strong growth momentum. Towards the quarter-end, True Elements expanded its ready-to-eat portfolio with high protein and fibre-rich offerings with the prototype of Protein Bars and Overnight Oats. Both offerings have been made available in multiple exciting variants across online channels.







































Premium Personal Care sustained its accelerated growth trajectory, led by the Digital-first portfolio. The Digital-first portfolio, comprising Beardo, Just Herbs and the personal care portfolio of Plix, crossed the ₹1000 cr. ARR mark.

#### **International Business**

Bangladesh posted 22% CCG, maintaining its robust growth momentum. The fundamentals and mediumterm growth outlook of the business remain intact. Vietnam grew 6% in CCG, exhibiting signs of a gradual recovery. MENA delivered 27% CCG, with both the Gulf region and Egypt recording strong growth. South Africa recorded 1% CCG and we are confident of a recovery in H2. NCD and Exports recorded 53% growth.

#### Outlook

The sector has witnessed stable demand trends during the quarter. We also expect consumer sentiment to gradually improve on the back of easing inflation, healthy crop outlook and policy stimulus.

The recent GST rate rationalization announced by the Government is a welcome step towards stimulating demand and long-term growth in the FMCG sector. ~30% of our India business has benefited from the GST rate rationalization. We have passed on the benefits of revised GST rates to consumers across relevant product categories, reinforcing affordability and accessibility.

We expect a steady growth trajectory in our core categories, despite input cost headwinds in the near term. This will be further aided by ongoing initiatives to support select General Trade (GT) channel partners and transformative expansion in our direct reach footprint under Project SETU. We will continue our focus on driving differential growth in our urban-centric and premium portfolios through the organized retail and ECommerce channels.

We will continue to aggressively diversify through Foods and Premium Personal Care (incl. the Digital-first portfolio) in line with our medium-term strategic priorities. We aim to grow Foods at 25%+ CAGR to ~8x of FY20 revenues (~2x of FY24 revenues) in FY27. We aim to scale this portfolio to ~2.5x of FY24 ARR in FY27. We expect the India revenue share of the Foods and Premium Personal Care portfolios is expected to expand to ~25% by FY27. Among Digital-first brands, Beardo is likely to cross double-digit EBITDA margin this year, while Plix is delivering single-digit EBITDA margin. We aim to maintain the pace of scale up and achieve double-digit EBITDA margin in this portfolio in FY27.

The International business has navigated headwinds, including macroeconomic volatility and currency devaluation in select markets. We aim to maintain double-digit constant currency growth momentum in the International business over the medium term.

Saugata Gupta, MD & CEO commented, "Our performance in the first half of the year reflects the institutionalized resilience of our operating model amidst tough inflationary conditions. We have sustained healthy volume-led growth in the India business, coupled with market share and penetration gains across key portfolios. The core franchises have been stable despite steep input cost headwinds, while the new businesses continue to advance towards strategic aspirations. The International business has delivered stellar growth, reinforcing the breadth and balance of our portfolio. We expect to maintain healthy volume and revenue growth momentum in the quarters ahead, with profit growth gaining traction as margin pressures gradually abate."



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