

Automobile Assembler

INDUS: 1HFY26 Management Call Takeaways

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- Additionally, the company declared a final cash dividend of PKR 46/share, bringing the total dividend for 1HFY26 to PKR 97/share, up from PKR 76/share in the corresponding period of the prior year.
- This financial surge was driven by a 64% increase in sales volumes (20,563 units) and a 63% rise in production (20,425 units).
- The company currently maintains a network of 58 3S dealerships nationwide — 27 in Punjab, 15 in Sindh, 6 in the Islamabad/Rawalpindi area, 5 in KPK, 4 in Balochistan, and 1 in Azad Kashmir as of March 2026.

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- INDU has laid out a structured product pipeline covering new launches and incremental updates across three planning windows: near-term (within 12 months), medium-term (25–30 months), and longer-range (up to 60 months).
- Management noted that the Company has been gaining market share, attributing this to its brand strength around reliability and durability, attractive resale premiums, and widespread parts availability through its 3S dealer footprint.
- Management indicated that it is currently prioritizing production planning to fulfill delivery obligations for the Fortuner's G and V trims, which have traditionally represented less than a tenth of the segment's overall sales.
- Management highlighted that geopolitical tensions in the Gulf pose a significant risk, potentially disrupting the country's oil imports and creating serious headwinds for global trade and supply chain operations.
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- Despite growing competition from Korean and Chinese automakers, management expressed confidence in the company's competitive positioning, citing its well-established reputation for dependability, longevity, and strong resale values.
- The auto industry is actively advocating for regulatory measures tailored to support domestic vehicle assemblers and component manufacturers. Meanwhile, the government is in the process of drafting the Auto Industry Policy 2026–31, set to succeed the existing framework in June 2026. The upcoming policy is anticipated to adopt a market-oriented approach, aligned with the National Tariff Policy under Pakistan's ongoing IMF Extended Fund Facility program.

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