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A period of multiple headwinds

Summary

In the last three months, BSE IT index (+31.4%) has performed largely in-line with BSE SENSEX (30.6%). There have been near-term headwinds on growth due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the sector's track record of dealing with headwinds, strong FCF profile, payouts (dividend/buyback) and corporate governance has augured well with robust FII flows and performance of broader markets.

Q1FY21 has been another quarter of currency volatility – cross-currency movement (negative for reported US\$ revenue growth) and INR depreciation (positive on EBIT margin). However, this has been overshadowed by QoQ decline in revenue (in CC) and subsequent impact on EBIT margin. We forecast Larsen & Toubro Infotech (LTI) to have one of the least impact on revenue and expect it to report a QoQ improvement in EBIT margin, unlike others.

Amongst the large-caps, we forecast revenue decline of between 5.3% and 8.8% QoQ in CC terms and decline in EBIT to the extent of 3.4% to 17% QoQ. We expect companies to wait for one more quarter to resume giving guidance. However, we would watch out for their commentary across verticals, EBIT margin outlook for rest of FY21 and on client feedback for structural changes in service delivery.

Q1FY21 – Expect QoQ revenue decline of 5.3%-8.8% in CC for large-caps We forecast Infosys (INFO) to report a QoQ decline of 5.3% and Tech Mahindra (TECHM) to report a 8.8% QoQ decline. We forecast cross-currency headwind of 35bps to 65bps.

Q1FY21 EBIT margin – forecast QoQ decline of 45bps to 185bps

The QoQ revenue decline would be the biggest headwind for EBIT margin which would be offset by INR depreciation, lower travel costs, cost optimization initiatives and no CSR spend as in Q4. We forecast HCLT Technologies to see an 185bps QoQ decline in EBIT margin to 19% post a strong beat in Q4FY20

Expect LTI to again put-up a best-in-class show

We forecast LTI to report a CC revenue decline of 4% QoQ. We expect it to be one of the few companies to report QoQ improvement in EBIT margin of 45bps QoQ to 17.1%. We also expect it to announce at least 1 large deal.

- Focus would be on:
 - **Outlook:** Expect companies to take one more quarter to resume giving guidance
 - 1) On verticals like Manufacturing, Retail and ENU which have been hit the most in Q1FY21; 2) Also, on other verticals; 3) Update on client interactions and assessment of impact on IT spend due to Convid-19 pandemic especially on the pricing environment.
 - Outlook on EBIT margin
 - o Outlook on receivables days
 - Large deal wins, their ramp-up and growth in large clients
 - Client feedback on structural change in service delivery
 - Commentary on M&A and capital allocation

	СМР	ТР		Mkt Cap	Revenue (Rs mn)		EPS (Rs)		P/E (x)		EV/EBITDA (x)		RoE (%)	RoCE (%)
Companies	(Rs)	(Rs)	Recommendation	(Rs mn)	FY21E	FY22E	FY21E	FY22E	FY21E	FY22E	FY21E	FY22E	FY22E	FY22E
Tata Consultancy Services	2,199	1,763	HOLD	8,251,495	1,593,880	1,741,555	84.2	92.8	26.1	23.7	18.6	16.6	35.7	43.2
Infosys	763	678	HOLD	3,248,032	936,412	1,038,101	37.5	42.4	20.4	18.0	13.3	11.6	24.3	28.8
HCL Technologies	579	533	HOLD	1,571,212	722,371	774,478	39.1	44.4	14.8	13.0	9.3	7.6	20.6	24.5
Wipro	225	189	HOLD	1,284,034	602,350	637,000	14.6	15.8	15.4	14.2	9.2	8.2	14.7	12.7
Tech Mahindra	567	537	HOLD	547,823	360,716	394,563	37.8	48.9	15.0	11.6	8.9	6.5	16.9	14.9
Larsen & Toubro Infotech	1,977	1,768	HOLD	344,411	118,602	135,042	85.0	110.5	23.3	17.9	13.9	10.8	28.2	36.9
Cyient	267	272	BUY	29,357	38,316	41,614	26.3	33.9	10.1	7.9	3.7	2.8	13.9	13.0

Exhibit: Valuation snapshot

(Rs mn)

Exhibit: Estimates

Company		June 20	Mar 20	June 19	QoQ %	YoY %		Comments				
	Revenue (US\$ mn)	5,165	5,444	5,485	(5.1)	(5.8)		We forecast revenue to decline by 6.5% and cross-currency impact of -65bps. We forecast EBIT margin to decline by 85bps QoQ with headwinds from decline in				
	Revenue (Rs mn)	391,896	399,460	381,720	(1.9)	2.7		revenue offset by INR depreciation, lower travel cost, lower variable payout operational efficiencies.				
TCS	EBIT (Rs mn)	95,073	100,250	92,200	(5.2)	3.1	-	Would watch for: 1) Update on client interactions on FY21 outlook especially in key				
	EBIT margin (%)	24.3	25.1	24.2	(84)	11		verticals - BFSI, Retail & CPG and Manufacturing; 2) TCV of deal wins - likely to be much lower than US\$8.9 bn in Q4FY20; 3) Commentary on pricing, deal closures and deal				
	Net profit (Rs mn)	77,672	80,490	81,310	(3.5)	(4.5)	_	pipelines; 4) Commentary on client feedback on TCS structural change in work-from home strategy; 5) Outlook on EBIT margin; 6) DSO and outlook for rest of FY21				
	EPS (Rs)	20.7	21.5	21.7	(3.5)	(4.5)	_	7) Growth in Digital services and outlook amid the slowdown; 8) Commentary or attrition and 9) Outlook on capital allocation.				
	Revenue (US\$ mn)	3,015	3,197	3,131	(5.7)	(3.7)	-	We forecast revenue to decline by 5.3% QoQ in CC and cross-currency headwind of 35bps.				
	Revenue (Rs mn)	228,750	232,670	218,030	(1.7)	4.9	-	We expect EBIT margin to decline by 45bps QoQ to 20.7% which would have been higher but for -50bps impact in Q4FY20 due to provisions for receivables and higher CSR spend.				
Infosys	EBIT (Rs mn)	47,459	49,270	44,710	(3.7)	6.1	-	Would watch for: 1) FY21 guidance - we expect INFO to take one more quarter for resumption of annual guidance; 2) Update on client interactions and commentary or impact on IT spend due to Convid-19 pandemic across all verticals for rest of FY21				
	EBIT margin (%)	20.7	21.2	20.5	(43)	24	_					
	Net profit (Rs mn)	39,954	43,210	37,980	(7.5)	5.2	_	 3) Large deal wins (expect TCV of less than US\$1bn) and pipeline/pricing environment; 4) Outlook on EBIT margin in the current uncertainty; 5) Attrition level and commentary 				
	EPS (Rs)	9.4	10.2	8.8	(7.5)	6.7	_	on reducing the same; 6) Feedback of clients on INFO's plans for structural changes in delivery model; and 7) Commentary on capital allocation				
	Revenue (US\$ mn)	1,958	2,143	2,103	(8.6)	(6.9)	•	We forecast IT services revenue to decline by 8% QoQ in CC. We factor cross currency				
	Revenue (Rs mn)	147,815	157,110	147,161	(5.9)	0.4		tailwind of ~45bps. We forecast EBIT margin to decline by 65bps QoQ impacted by revenue decline partly				
Wipro	EBIT (Rs mn)	22,583	25,001	23,816	(9.7)	(5.2)		offset by INR depreciation, lower travel cost and cost optimisation. Would watch for: 1) Timeline for Mr Thierry Delaporte's strategy for reviving WPRO's				
	EBIT margin (%)	15.3	15.9	16.2	(64)	(91)		growth; 2) Q2FY21 guidance – we expect WPRO wait for one more quarter for providing				
	Net profit (Rs mn)	21,406	23,260	23,874	(8.0)	(10.3)		quarterly guidance; 3) Update on client interactions and assessment of impact on IT spend due to Convid-19 pandemic across verticals - especially BFSI, Consumer business unit and ENU; 4) Commentary on EBIT margin and 5) Outlook on capital allocation.				
	EPS (Rs)	3.8	4.1	4.0	(8.0)	(5.3)	_					

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Company		June 20	Mar 20	June 19	Q0Q %	YoY %	Comments				
	Revenue (US\$ mn)	2,335	2,543	2,364	(8.2)	(1.2)	We forecast CC revenue decline of 7.8% QoQ and cross-currency headwind of ~40b				
	Revenue (Rs mn)	177,146	185,900	164,250	(4.7)	7.9	We expect EBIT margin to decline by 185bps QoQ impacted by decline in utilisation lower product sales partly off-set by INR depreciation, lower travel cost and				
HCLT	EBIT (Rs mn)	33,733	38,810	28,050	(13.1)	20.3	 optimisation. Would watch for: 1) FY21 guidance - We expect HCLT to wait for one more quarter 	er for			
	EBIT margin (%)	19.0	20.9	17.1	(183)	196	providing annual guidance; 2) Update on client interactions and assessment of in on IT spend due to Convid-19 pandemic across all verticals and for Mode 2	npact			
	Net profit (Rs mn)	26,297	31,530	22,200	(16.6)	18.5	solutions; 3) Commentary on deal pipeline and pricing; 4) Commentary on pro	oducts			
	EPS (Rs)	9.7	11.6	8.2	(16.6)	18.4	business for FY21; 5) Commentary on structural change in delivery model and ou on EBIT margin and 6) Commentary on Capital allocation.	ποοκ			
	Revenue (US\$ mn)	1,174	1,295	1,247	(9.3)	(5.9)	We forecast CC revenue decline of ~8.8% QoQ despite factoring +100bps benefit consolidation of Cerium Systems and Zen3 Infosolutions. We factor cross-cure				
	Revenue (Rs mn)	89,072	94,902	86,530	(6.1)	2.9	headwind of ~55bps.	-			
TechM	EBIT (Rs mn)	7,846	9,496	9,928	(17.4)	(21.0)	We expect EBIT margin to decline by ~120bps QoQ impacted by decline in utilis which would offset the benefit from INR depreciation, lower travel cost and control.				
	EBIT margin (%)	8.8	10.0	11.5	(120)	(266)	• Would watch for: 1) Large deal wins (expect TCV of US\$250mn to US\$300				
	Net profit (Rs mn)	7,538	10,214	9,593	(26.2)	(21.4)	2) Update client acceptance of change in work-from-home; 3) Update on interactions and assessment of impact on IT spend due to Convid-19 pandemic all verticals especially on 5G deals in H2; 4) Outlook on EBIT margin; 5) Outl attrition; 6) M&A and capital allocation.	across			
	EPS (Rs)	8.7	11.7	11.0	(26.2)	(21.5)		ok on			
	Revenue (US\$ mn)	390.8	409.9	356.5	(4.7)	9.6	We forecast CC revenue decline of 4% QoQ and cross currency headwind of ~7 QoQ.	70bps			
	Revenue (Rs mn)	29,649	30,119	24,849	(1.6)	19.3	 We forecast EBIT margin to improve by 45bps QoQ remain stable QoQ and remain 				
	EBIT (Rs mn)	5,084	5,033	3,968	1.0	28.1	stable QoQ adjusted for higher CSR. We expect headwinds from revenue declin offset by lower travel cost and operational efficiency.	ne to			
L & T Infotech	EBIT margin (%)	17.1	16.7	16.0	44	118	 Would watch for: 1) Expect LTI to announce atleast 1 large deal; 2) Update on a interactions and assessment of impact on IT spend due to Convid-19 pandemic a 	across			
	Net profit (Rs mn)	3,760	4,267	3,558	(11.9)	5.7	all verticals; 2) Commentary on large-deals pipeline, closures and pricing; 3) Outlook 14-15% NPM in the current scenario; 4) Commentary on attrition, receivabl				
	EPS (Rs)	21.6	24.5	20.5	(11.9)	5.3	5) Outlook on payout for FY21; 6) Update on joint go-to-market with Mindtree.				

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Company		June 20	Mar 20	June 19	Q0Q %	YoY %	Comments			
Revenue (US	Revenue (US\$ mn)	126.1	149.2	156.6	(15.5)	(19.5)	We forecast services revenue (in US\$) to decline by 19% QoQ and 18.5% QoQ in CC. We forecast DLM revenue of US\$19 mn vs. US\$16.9 mn QoQ.			
Revenue (Rs mn)		9,333	10,736	10,890	(13.1)	(14.3)	We forecast EBIT margin to decline sharply by 500bps QoQ mainly driven by severance			
CYIENT	EBIT (Rs mn)	319	905	1,005	(64.7)	(68.2)	cost. We also expect ~200bps due to the impact decline in services revenue and higher share of DLM.			
	EBIT margin (%)	3.4	8.4	9.2	(501)	(580)	Would watch for: 1) Update on client interactions and assessment of impact on IT spend due to Convid-19 pandemic across all verticals; 2) Commentary on client			
	Net profit (Rs mn)	639	754	905	(15.2)	(29.3)	feedback on structural change in service delivery; 3) Outlook on EBIT margin post the			
	EPS (Rs)	5.8	6.9	8.0	(15.2)	(27.4)	cost-control measures taken by the company; 4) Outlook on attrition; and 5) M&A pipeline and commentary on capital deployment			
Source: IDBI Capit	Source: IDBI Capital Research; Note: data for EBITDA Margin YOY and QOQ is in bps.									

Exhibit: Stock price performance

Change (%)	1-mnth	3-mnth	6-mnth	1-yr	YTD
SENSEX	5.6	30.6	(13.1)	(9.6)	(12.7)
BSE IT	7.4	31.4	(1.9)	(1.1)	0.0
TCS	7.5	32.9	(0.1)	(1.7)	1.7
INFO	8.7	30.2	2.2	4.3	4.3
WPRO	6.3	24.8	(10.4)	(20.6)	(8.6)
HCLT	2.8	43.0	(1.0)	10.0	1.9
ТЕСНМ	2.6	8.9	(26.8)	(19.1)	(25.6)
LTI	7.0	46.0	9.1	14.0	13.0
Cyient	27.6	18.2	(38.7)	(50.6)	(34.8)

Source: Bloomberg

Exhibit: Cross-currency movement trend

Currency	Details	Q2FY19	Q3FY19	Q4FY19	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21
USD/INR	Average	70.0	72.1	70.5	69.6	70.3	71.2	72.4	75.9
	QoQ	4.5	2.9	(2.2)	(1.3)	1.1	1.3	1.6	4.8
	Closing	72.5	69.8	69.2	69.0	70.9	71.4	75.5	75.5
	QoQ	5.9	(3.8)	(0.9)	(0.2)	2.7	0.7	5.8	(0.0)
GBP/USD	Average	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2
	QoQ	(4.2)	(1.3)	1.3	(1.3)	(4.1)	4.5	(0.6)	(3.0)
	Closing	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2
	QoQ	(1.3)	(2.1)	2.2	(2.6)	(3.2)	7.9	(6.3)	(0.2)
EUR/USD	Average	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
	QoQ	(2.4)	(1.9)	(0.4)	(1.1)	(1.1)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.1)
	Closing	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
	QoQ	(0.7)	(1.2)	(2.2)	1.4	(4.2)	2.9	1.1	1.1
AUD/USD	Average	0.7	0.72	0.71	0.70	0.69	0.68	0.66	0.66
	QoQ	(3.3)	(2.0)	(0.6)	(1.7)	(2.1)	(0.2)	(3.7)	(0.1)
	Closing	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
	QoQ	(2.4)	(2.4)	0.7	(1.1)	(3.8)	4.0	(12.7)	12.6

Source: Bloomberg



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