CMP: INR 557 Target Price: INR 460 (INR 430) 🔻 -17%

#### 21 July 2024

# Wipro

#### Technology

## Portfolio problems mar growth; downgrade to SELL

Wipro's (WPRO) 1% QoQ cc revenue decline stood lower than street / I-Sec's estimate of flattish growth and was in contrast to the trend of positive growth surprises delivered by peers in Q1FY25-TD. The weakness stemmed from energy utilities, manufacturing and Europe. Management maintained demand environment remains largely unchanged vs Q4FY24 but indicated of green shoots going into Q2FY25. However, we do not see that reflecting in Q2 guidance of -1% to 1%. Some silver linings from Q1 include: 1) Robust Capco growth (3.4% QoQ), 2) rangebound margin guidance for FY25 with an upward bias, 3) improving consumer business in North America. We revise down our FY26-27 EPS by 6%/5% on weak performance and guidance. We note key portfolio problems in the company, with some components dragging down growth. Downgrade Wipro to **SELL** from Reduce with a revised TP of INR 460 (vs INR 430 earlier).

### Weak set of earnings

Wipro has reported revenue decline of 1% in cc vs our estimate of 0.5% growth and street's 0.1%. The weakness was broad based with energy utilities/ manufacturing/health declining the most by -6.3%/-3%/-2.8% QoQ cc. Energy utilities ramp-down was because of some large projects winding down in the vertical. BFSI was flattish at 0.7% QoQ, unlike strong show by peers. Consumer business was the strongest with 1.6% QoQ growth. Geography wise, North America was strong similar to peers with 0.8% growth. Europe weakness continued with 1.9% QoQ USD decline. APMEA was weak (-4.2%).

### Margin improves QoQ

EBIT margin stood at 16.5% (up 50bps QoQ), in line with our estimate of 16.4%. Utilisation was up 80bps QoQ. FPP declined 130bps QoQ. Offshoring was down 250bps QoQ. The margin pickup was largely driven by reduced employee cost.

#### Silver linings

A few areas of green shoots include: 1) Improving demand in BFSI and consulting (Capco), 2) improving demand in North America- in BFS, consumer business and communication. 3) Accelerated deployment of gAI powered solutions. Management indicated better demand going into Q2FY25, but Q2 guidance of -1% to 1% QoQ cc growth does not reflect that.

#### **Financial Summary**

Y/E March (INR mn)	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenue	8,97,603	8,91,860	9,47,798	10,12,131
EBITDA	1,69,568	1,70,673	1,94,581	2,07,510
EBITDA Margin (%)	18.9	19.1	20.5	20.5
Net Profit	1,10,859	1,14,955	1,31,645	1,42,136
EPS (INR)	20.3	21.0	24.1	26.0
EPS % Chg YoY	(2.5)	3.7	14.5	8.0
P/E (x)	27.5	26.5	23.1	21.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	16.4	15.7	13.6	12.5
RoCE (%)	11.3	11.2	11.9	12.1
RoE (%)	14.5	14.3	14.9	15.0

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#### Market Data

2,914bn
34,834mn
WPRO IN
WIPR.BO
580/375
27.0
52.8

Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	23.1	14.9	33.3
Relative to Sensex	12.8	2.4	13.2

Earnings Revisions (%)	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	(3.2)	(3.8)	(3.8)
EBITDA	(9.8)	(5.4)	(4.2)
EPS	(8.9)	(5.6)	(4.5)

#### Previous Reports

22-04-2024: <u>Q4FY24 results review</u> 14-01-2024: <u>Q3FY24 results review</u>



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# **Other highlights**

#### Demand commentary

- 1% decline in cc was within the guided range. Similar to peers' commentary, Wipro management indicated there is no significant shift in demand environment. It also iterated improvement in the number of short-cycle deals, similar to what peers have said this quarter.
- Americas delivered 0.4% QoQ growth in Q1. Wipro is seeing momentum in consumer and communication as well in the US geography. Management is optimistic of returning to growth in the market in medium term.
- Capco grew 3.4% QoQ. Europe and APMEA continued to be weak. Pipeline is good in Europe. The company is reviewing its strategy in APMEA.
- WIPRO saw growth in banking for two consecutive quarters. Manufacturing was weak.

#### Update across five strategic priorities of the new CEO.

- 1. Focus on large deals: Large deal focus was driven across client base. Pipeline continues to be robust. 10 large deals were signed in Q1. Two large deals were signed in areas of US-based communication company (in area of managed services) and US automotive segment.
- 2. Strengthening relationships with major clients and partners: Company continued to focus on partners and strategic clients, especially in areas of consulting, delivery and solutioning focus in strategic accounts.
- 3. Al focus: Al-powered solutions using consulting-led approach: actively strengthening industry capabilities to support this, across horizontal plays. It is nurturing Al capabilities by investing in Lab45 Al platform and Wipro Gen-Al studio.
- Focusing on talent: Wipro rolled out i-aspire- an AI powered talent platform.
  30k employees have received advanced AI training.
- 5. Company continues working on its principle of driving execution rigor with speed using AI, consulting.
- **Guidance:** Q2FY25 is looking better than Q1. Wipro aspires to manage its margin in a narrow range in the coming quarter with an upward bias. The levers for margin improvement include: 1) Pyramid optimisation, 2) optimisation of overheads, 3) synergy from acquired entities.
- TCV at USD 1.4bn declined 3.6% QoQ. Deal tenures are becoming shorter with 3-5 year deals becoming more common place.
- Headcount addition stood at 337 in Q1. Attrition was flattish at 14.1% QoQ.
- Q2FY25 revenue growth guidance was weak at -1% to 1% QoQ cc. Management expects to keep the margin rangebound with an upward bias.

Key risks: 1) TCV pickup led by leadership change 2) strong traction in BFSI

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#### Exhibit 1: Quarterly performance

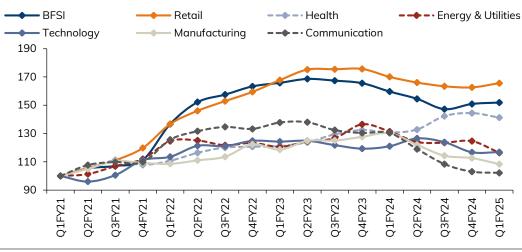
(INR bn)	Q1FY25	Q4FY24	QoQ	Q1FY24	YoY
IT Services QoQ CC	-1.0%	-0.3%		-2.8%	
IT Services revenue (USD mn)	2,636	2,657	-0.8%	2,779	-5.1%
Consolidated revenue (USD mn)	2,641	2,671	-1.1%	2,787	-5.2%
Average (USD rate)	83.5	83.5	0.0%	81.9	2.0%
Consolidated revenue (INR mn)	2,19,638	2,22,083	-1.1%	2,28,310	-3.8%
EBIT	36,275	35,501	2.2%	34,578	4.9%
EBIT Margin	16.5%	16.0%	53 bps	15.1%	137 bps
Reported PAT	30,032	28,346	5.9%	28,701	4.6%
EPS	5.7	5.4	5.9%	5.1	11.9%

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

#### Exhibit 2: Wipro - change in estimates

		Revised		Old		Change			
	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenues (US\$ mn)	10,664	11,255	12,017	10,983	11,654	12,445	-2.9%	-3.4%	-3.4%
Revenue growth YoY CC	-1.5%	5.5%	6.8%	1.7%	6.1%	6.8%	-310bps	-60bps	0bps
Revenue growth YoY US\$	-1.3%	5.5%	6.8%	1.6%	6.1%	6.8%	-290bps	-60bps	0bps
USD/INR	83.4	84.0	84.0	83.4	84.0	84.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
INR bn									
Revenues	892	948	1,012	921	985	1,052	-3.2%	-3.8%	-3.8%
EBIT	139	160	172	154	169	180	-9.8%	-5.4%	-4.2%
EBIT margin	15.6%	16.8%	17.0%	16.7%	17.1%	17.1%	-110bps	-30bps	-10bps
EPS (INR/share)	21.7	24.9	26.9	23.8	26.4	28.2	-8.9%	-5.6%	-4.5%

Source: Company data, I-Sec research



# Exhibit 3: Energy & utilities and manufacturing see the biggest downturn in Q1FY25

Source: I-Sec research, Company data, Note: Vertical revenue is indexed to 100

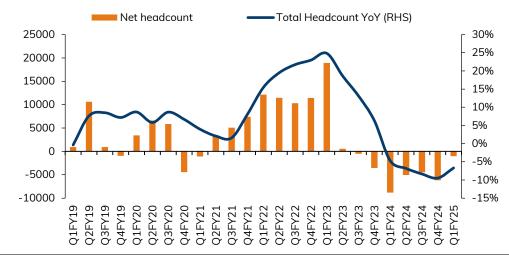
# Exhibit 4: Revenue growth has been muted in energy & utilities, manufacturing and healthcare

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	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25
Revenue YoY CC					
Banking, Financial Services and Insurance	-3.40%	-9.50%	-13.20%	-9.40%	-4.80%
Consumer	1.50%	-6.70%	-8.10%	-7.40%	-2.30%
Healthcare, Life Sciences & Services	8.50%	7.10%	9.90%	9.00%	7.20%
Energy & Utilities	9.90%	-1.60%	-3.80%	-9.70%	-11.10%
Technology	-3.20%	1.70%	1.00%	-2.10%	-3.20%
Manufacturing	8.70%	-3.60%	-10.50%	-10.80%	-14.50%
Communications	-4.80%	14.60%	-19.20%	-19.60%	-20.60%
Revenue QoQ CC					
Banking, Financial Services and Insurance	-4.30%	-3.00%	-4.30%	2.10%	0.50%
Consumer	-3.50%	-2.30%	-1.00%	-0.60%	1.60%
Healthcare, Life Sciences & Services	-1.30%	1.40%	7.50%	1.20%	-2.80%
Energy & Utilities	-4.90%	-5.30%	0.70%	-0.30%	-6.30%
Technology	0.10%	5.80%	-1.90%	-6.00%	-0.50%
Manufacturing	0.90%	-5.40%	-6.10%	-0.60%	-3.00%
Communications	-0.50%	-7.20%	-8.60%	-4.80%	-1.80%

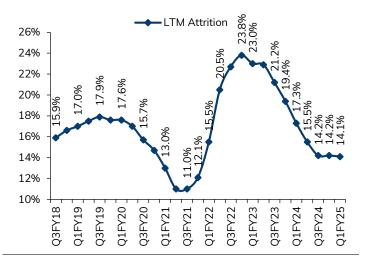
Source: I-Sec research, Company data

#### Exhibit 5: Headcount was down 6.2% YoY



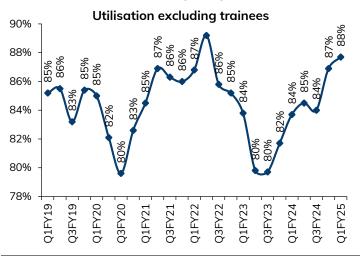
Source: I-Sec research, Company data

#### Exhibit 6: LTM attrition flattish QoQ



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

#### Exhibit 7: Utilisation inches up 80bps QoQ



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

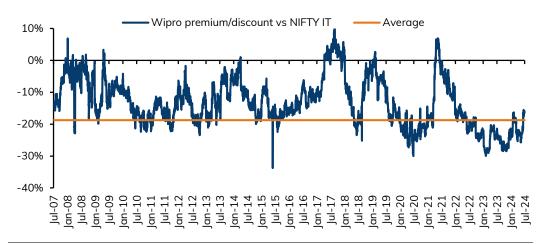


#### Exhibit 8: Wipro is trading closer to 24x (2-yr forward P/E), in line with avg+1SD



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

# Exhibit 9: Wipro is trading at -16% discount to NIFTY IT vs average discount of ${\sim}19\%$ on continued growth underperformance



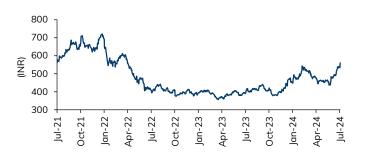
Source: I-Sec research, Company data

#### Exhibit 10: Shareholding pattern

%	Dec'23	Mar'24	Jun'24
Promoters	72.9	72.9	72.0
Institutional investors	17.2	17.6	17.0
MFs and others	3.2	3.5	3.0
Fls/Banks	0.0	0.1	0.0
Insurance	4.8	4.6	4.0
FIIs	9.2	9.4	10.0
Others	9.9	9.5	11.0

Source: Bloomberg

#### Exhibit 11: Price chart



Source: Bloomberg



# **Financial Summary**

#### Exhibit 12: Profit & Loss

#### (INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Sales (US\$ mn)	10,855	10,688	11,283	12,049
Net Sales (Rs. mn)	8,97,603	8,91,860	9,47,798	10,12,131
Operating Expense	7,28,035	7,21,187	7,53,217	8,04,621
EBITDA	1,69,568	1,70,673	1,94,581	2,07,510
EBITDA Margin (%)	18.9	19.1	20.5	20.5
Depreciation & Amortization	34,071	31,920	35,038	35,425
EBIT	1,35,497	1,38,753	1,59,543	1,72,086
Interest expenditure	-	-	-	-
Other Non-operating	11,451	12,765	13,674	14,935
Income	11,101	12,700	10,07 1	11,000
Recurring PBT	1,46,948	1,51,518	1,73,217	1,87,021
Profit / (Loss) from	_	_	_	_
Associates	_	_	_	_
Less: Taxes	36,089	36,562	41,572	44,885
PAT	1,10,859	1,14,955	1,31,645	1,42,136
Less: Minority Interest	(669)	(1,336)	(1,336)	(1,336)
Net Income (Reported)	1,10,859	1,14,955	1,31,645	1,42,136
Extraordinaries (Net)	-	-	-	-
Recurring Net Income	1,10,190	1,13,619	1,30,309	1,40,800

Source Company data, I-Sec research

#### Exhibit 13: Balance sheet

#### (INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Total Current Assets	3,39,501	4,02,953	4,62,353	5,34,285
of which cash & cash eqv.	96,953	1,53,154	2,00,119	2,54,403
Total Current Liabilities & Provisions	1,73,302	1,74,733	1,79,601	1,86,510
Net Current Assets	1,66,199	2,28,220	2,82,752	3,47,775
Investments	3,33,844	3,74,178	3,74,178	3,74,178
Net Fixed Assets	74,128	82,957	86,957	90,957
ROU Assets	17,955	19,233	19,233	19,233
Capital Work-in-Progress	7,234	-	-	-
Goodwill	3,11,449	3,16,054	3,16,054	3,16,054
Other assets	29,240	26,983	26,983	26,983
Deferred Tax Assets	1,817	1,752	1,752	1,752
Total Assets	9,74,614	10,80,348	11,38,880	12,07,903
Liabilities				
Borrowings	1,41,466	1,44,600	1,44,600	1,44,600
Deferred Tax Liability	17,467	17,231	17,231	17,231
provisions	4,219	-	-	-
other Liabilities	50,830	56,864	56,864	56,864
Minority Interest	1,340	2,671	4,007	5,343
Equity Share Capital	10,450	10,460	10,460	10,460
Reserves & Surplus*	7,34,880	8,32,331	8,89,527	9,57,214
Total Net Worth	7,45,330	8,42,791	8,99,987	9,67,674
Total Liabilities	9,74,614	10,80,348	11,38,880	12,07,903

Source Company data, I-Sec research

#### **Exhibit 14: Quarterly trend**

(INR mn, year ending March)

	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24
Net Sales	2,25,159	2,22,051	2,22,083	2,19,638
% growth (YOY)	(1.4)	(1.4)	0.0	(1.1)
EBITDA	42,047	41,657	43,906	43,564
Margin %	18.7	18.8	19.8	19.8
Other Income	2,015	2,918	3,121	3,941
Extraordinaries	0	1	1	1
Adjusted Net Profit	26,463	26,680	28,346	30,032

Source Company data, I-Sec research

#### **Exhibit 15: Cashflow statement**

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
CFO before WC changes	1,69,006	1,69,086	1,93,245	2,06,174
CFO after WC changes	1,69,218	1,25,637	1,85,678	1,95,435
Capital Commitments	(23,846)	(37,621)	(39,038)	(39,425)
Free Cashflow	1,56,975	1,26,696	1,83,144	1,89,974
Other investing cashflow	14,116	15,750	13,674	14,935
Cashflow from Investing Activities	(9,730)	(21,871)	(25,364)	(24,490)
Issue of Share Capital	(1,35,321)	7,039	4,757	4,757
Interest Cost	-	-	-	-
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	1,028	17	-	-
Cash flow from Financing Activities	(1,18,326)	(11,002)	(71,777)	(71,777)
Dividend paid	(5,467)	(21,867)	(76,534)	(76,534)
Others	21,434	3,808	-	-
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	5,073	56,201	46,966	54,283
Closing cash & balance	96,953	1,53,154	2,00,119	2,54,403

Source Company data, I-Sec research

#### Exhibit 16: Key ratios

(Year ending March)

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	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Per Share Data (INR)				
Reported EPS	20.3	21.0	24.1	26.0
Diluted EPS	20.2	21.0	24.0	25.9
Cash EPS	26.4	26.6	30.2	32.2
Dividend per share (DPS)	1.0	4.0	14.0	14.0
Book Value per share (BV)	136.3	154.2	164.6	177.0
Dividend Payout (%)	4.9	19.1	58.3	54.0
Growth (%)				
Net Sales	(0.8)	(0.6)	6.3	6.8
EBITDA	0.6	0.7	14.0	6.6
EPS	(2.5)	3.7	14.5	8.0
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	27.5	26.5	23.1	21.4
P/CEPS	21.1	20.9	18.4	17.3
P/BV	4.1	3.6	3.4	3.1
EV / EBITDA	16.4	15.7	13.6	12.5
P/S	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.0
Dividend Yield (%)	0.2	0.7	2.5	2.5
Operating Ratios				
EBITDA Margins (%)	18.9	19.1	20.5	20.5
EBIT Margins (%)	15.1	15.6	16.8	17.0
Effective Tax Rate (%)	24.6	24.1	24.0	24.0
Net Profit Margins (%)	12.4	12.9	13.9	14.0
Inventory Turnover Days	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	10.6	10.9	11.2	11.4
Receivables Days	49	49	49	49
Payables Days	24	29	33	33
Working Capital Days	31	30	30	32
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	(7.8)	(11.3)	(11.6)	(13.0)
Profitability Ratios				
RoCE (%)	11.3	11.2	11.9	12.1
RoIC (%)	20.7	20.8	23.5	24.6
RoNW (%)	14.5	14.3	14.9	15.0
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