YoY, with EPS at INR15.7.

BUY

Upgraded guidance to 3.75-4.50% cc; Financial services segment growth to sustain

Infosys Ltd. reported strong Q2FY25 revenues at \$4,894mn, up 3.1% QoQ and 3.3% YoY in cc terms driven by growth in financial services. In USD terms, reported revenue was up 3.8% QoQ and 3.7% YoY. INR revenue for Q2FY25 stood at INR409.9bn, up 4.3% QoQ and 5.1% YoY. Q2FY25 Large TCV stood at \$2.4bn (41% being net new). PAT for the quarter came in at INR65.1bn, up 2.2% QoQ and 4.7%

- Revenue guidance improved to 3.75-4.50% cc for FY25E: Management sees increase in discretionary spending in Financial Services vertical in North America. Growth is visible in cards, payments, mortgages and capital markets space within the vertical. Company also saw strong growth in large deals and along-with the completion of in-tech acquisition, the visibility has improved and company has revised its revenue guidance to 3.75-4.50% cc. Revenue contribution from in-tech in Q2 was 80bps. Softness is seen in automotive space in Europe and hence it is expected to remain weak. Retail, Hi-tech and Communication verticals are expected to grow in similar lines as FY24. Geographically, the Emerging market business is anticipated to see good growth. The guidance is baked in after considering the macro-environment with focus on cost optimisation and vendor consolidation deals. Management is observing strong traction in GenAl programs by leveraging its Topaz and Cobalt capability. Company has huge focus on three GenAl areas viz. building Enterprise wide GenAl platform, building small language model and launching multi-agent solutions.
- Discretionary type of deals still need to wait: The company has indicated that deals related to digital transformation are likely to face further delays, as market conditions have not significantly improved. Market sentiment and discretionary spending remain comparable to previous quarters and continue to be lower, with the exception of a recovery observed in the Financial Services segment. However, the company is experiencing strong traction with clients in GenAI, particularly among enterprises leveraging data sets on a cloud foundation.
- Comfortable margin band is 20-22%: Operating (EBIT) Margins came in at 21.1% for Q2FY25, flat sequentially and down 12bps YoY driven by continued benefits from value-based pricing and utilization despite higher employee payouts. Company has retained their comfortable operating margin band of 20-22% for FY25E. H2 margins would have certain headwinds like Q3 seasonality softness and wage hikes offset by tailwinds from Project Maximus and margin guidance is after baking in such scenarios.

Valuation: Company is witnessing strong traction in GenAI projects spanning software engineering, process optimization, customer support, advisory services, and sales and marketing. This widespread growth, coupled with margin expansion, substantial large deals, and record cash generation, bolsters confidence in near-term growth prospects. We have introduced FY27E and expect Revenue/EBIT/PAT to grow at a CAGR of 9.5%/13.5%/11.6% respectively over FY24-FY27E. We maintain **BUY** rating to arrive at a revised target price of INR2,142 implying a PE of 29x on Sep-FY27E EPS of INR81.

Financial Snapshot

Year end: March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue (USD Mn.)	18,208	18,562	19,460	21,145	23,923
Revenue (INR Mn.)	14,67,670	15,36,710	16,29,264	17,78,491	20,19,799
Gross Profit (INR Mn.)	4,41,120	4,53,030	4,83,928	5,48,443	6,37,071
EBIT (INR Mn.)	3,11,080	3,17,470	3,38,535	3,89,299	4,64,430
EBIT Margin (%)	21.2	20.7	20.8	21.9	23.0
EPS (INR)	57.6	63.4	63.3	73.9	88.1

Source: Company, CEBPL

Choice

Oct 18, 2024

CMP (Rs.)	1,970
Target Price (Rs.)	2,142
Potential Upside (%)	8.7

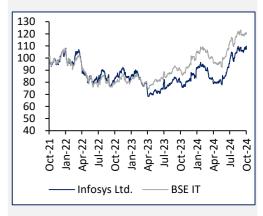
Company Info	
BB Code	INFO IN EQUITY
ISIN	INE009A01021
Face Value (Rs.)	5.0
52 Week High (Rs.)	1,990.9
52 Week Low (Rs.)	1,352.0
Mkt Cap (Rs Bn.)	8,177.7
Mkt Cap (\$ Bn.)	97.3
Shares o/s (Mn.)/Float(%)	4,152.2/87
FY24 EPS (Rs.)	63.4
FY27E EPS (Rs.)	88.1

	Sep-24	Jun-24	Mar-24
Promoters	14.43	14.61	14.71
FII's	33.28	32.74	34.11
DII's	37.81	37.28	35.62
Public	14.48	15.39	15.56

Relative Perfori	mance (%)		
YTD	3Y	2 Y	1Y
BSE IT	21.0	52.5	34.0
Infosys	9.9	32.2	36.5

Rebased Price Performance

Shareholding Pattern (%)



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Sequential Operating Performance

	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25
Income Statement						
Revenues (USD Mn.)	4,617	4,718	4,663	4,564	4,714	4,894
Revenues (INR Mn.)	3,79,330	3,89,940	3,88,210	3,79,230	3,93,150	4,09,860
Gross Profit (INR mn.)	1,13,080	1,17,370	1,13,820	1,08,760	1,17,570	1,22,830
Gross Margin (%)	29.8	30.1	29.3	28.7	29.9	30.0
EBIT (INR mn.)	78,910	82,740	79,610	76,210	82,880	86,490
EBIT Margin (%)	20.8	21.2	20.5	20.1	21.1	21.1
PAT (INR mn.)	59,450	62,120	61,060	79,690	63,680	65,060
Basic EPS (INR)	14.37	15.01	14.73	19.25	15.38	15.71
Operating Metrics						
Revenues - Geography (%)						
North America	60.8	61.1	59.0	59.6	58.9	57.4
Europe	26.8	26.5	28.2	28.6	28.4	29.8
India	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.2	3.1	3.1
ROW	9.7	9.6	10.4	9.6	9.6	9.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Revenues -Industry (%)						
Financial Services	28.1	27.5	27.8	26.4	27.5	27.2
Retail	14.5	15.2	14.6	14.3	13.8	13.3
Communication	11.7	11.4	11.4	12.3	12.1	11.9
Energy, Utilities, Resources and Services	12.9	12.7	13.2	13.4	13.3	13.5
Manufacturing	14.1	14.3	14.9	14.7	14.7	15.7
Hi Tech	8.1	7.8	7.7	8.7	8.0	8.0
Life Sciences	7.2	7.8	7.6	7.3	7.3	7.3
Others	3.4	3.3	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Employee Metrics						
Total Headcount	3,36,294	3,28,764	3,22,663	3,17,240	3,15,332	3,17,788
Attrition Rate LTM (%)	17.3	14.6	12.9	12.6	12.7	12.9
Utilization - incl trainees (%)	78.9	80.4	81.7	82.0	83.9	84.3
Effort Split (%)						
Onsite	24.7	24.6	24.4	24.2	23.9	24.1
Offshore	75.3	75.4	75.6	75.8	76.1	75.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
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CEBPL Estimates vs Actual for Q2FY25

Infosys (INR Mn.)	Q2FY25	Q2FY24	YoY(%)	Q1FY25	QoQ (%)	CEBPL Est.	Dev. (%)
Revenues (\$ mn.)	4,894	4,718	3.7	4,714	3.8	4,838	1.2
Revenues	4,09,860	3,89,940	5.1	3,93,150	4.3	4,03,999	1.5
Employee Cost	2,87,030	2,72,570	5.3	2,75,580	4.2		
Gross Profit (INR mn.)	1,22,830	1,17,370	4.7	1,17,570	4.5	1,19,300	3.0
Gross Margin (%)	30.0	30.1	(13) bps	29.9	6 bps	29.5	44 bps
Other costs	24,740	22,970	7.7	23,200	6.6		
Depreciation	11,600	11,660	(0.5)	11,490	1.0		
EBIT (INR mn.)	86,490	82,740	4.5	82,880	4.4	83,344	3.8
EBIT Margin (%)	21.1	21.2	(12) bps	21.1	2 bps	20.6	47 bps
Other Income	7,120	6,320	12.7	8,380	(15.0)		
Interest	1,080	1,380	(21.7)	1,050	2.9		
PBT (INR mn.)	92,530	87,680	5.5	90,210	2.6		
Tax	27,370	25,530	7.2	26,470	3.4		
Adj. PAT (INR mn.)	65,060	62,120	4.7	63,680	2.2	66,074	(1.5)
Basic EPS (INR)	15.7	15.0	4.7	15.4	2.1	16.0	(1.6)

Source: Company, CEBPL

Change in estimates

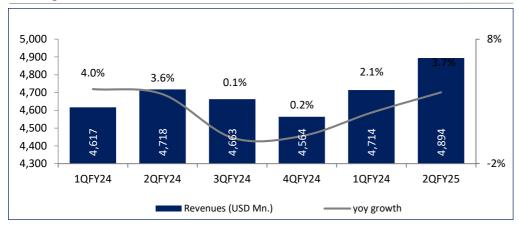
Income Statement		FY25E			FY26E		
(INR Mn.)	Old	New	Dev. (%)	Old	New	Dev.(%)	New
Revenues (USD Mn.)	19,513	19,460	(0.3)	21,403	21,145	(1.2)	23,923
Revenues	16,29,861	16,29,264	(0.0)	17,94,642	17,78,491	(0.9)	20,19,799
Gross Profit Margin (%)	30.0	29.7	(26) bps	30.8	30.8	(1) bps	31.5
EBIT	3,44,496	3,38,535	(1.7)	3,95,606	3,89,299	(1.6)	4,64,430
EBIT Margin (%)	21.1	20.8	(36) bps	22.0	21.9	(15) bps	23.0
EPS	65.6	63.3	(3.5)	76.1	73.9	(2.9)	88.1

Source: Company, CEBPL

Historical 1 Yr Fwd PE Band

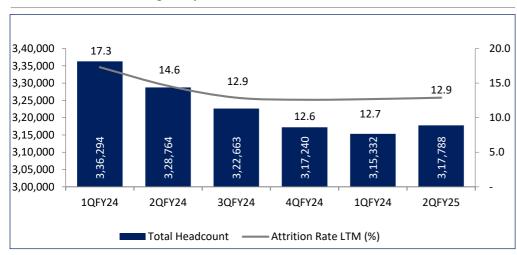


Robust growth in revenue



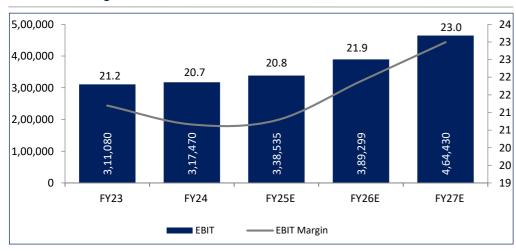
Source: Company, CEBPL

Positive net addition; Marginal uptick in attrition



Source: Company, CEBPL

Comfortable margin band 20-22%



Management Call - Highlights

- In Q2FY25, the Company recorded FCF amounting to \$839mn, growing 25.2% YoY. The free cash flow to net profit ratio for Q2FY25 stood at 107.8%.
- The Company maintained a stable attrition rate of 12.9%, slightly up from 12.7% in the previous quarter. However, it remains on track to hire between 15,000 and 20,000 freshers in FY25E.
- The Company plans to implement wage increases in Q4 in a phased manner, with some occurring in January and others scheduled for April 2025
- The Board has announced an interim dividend of INR21 in Q2FY25.
- In Q2FY25, segmental performance was driven by Manufacturing, which contributed 15.7% of total revenue, up from 14.7% sequentially. This was followed by Energy at 13.5%. Meanwhile, the Hi-tech, Life Sciences, Financial Services, Retail, and Other segments experienced flat performance sequentially.
- In terms of geography, growth was driven by Europe, which accounted for 29.8% of total revenue, up from 28.4% sequentially. India and the Rest of the World (ROW) experienced flat performance, while revenue from North America remained muted for the quarter.

Deal Wins & Strategic Partnerships

- Infosys announced that it has entered into a long-term collaboration with Metro Bank to enhance some of its IT and support functions, while digitally transforming the bank's business operations.
- Infosys announced a strategic collaboration with Proximus to help unlock new business opportunities.
- Infosys announced its collaboration with TDC Net to help them transform from a traditional infrastructure Company to a leading customer-centric technology Company.

Financial Summary (Consolidated in INR Mn.)

Income Statement (INR Mn.)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
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Revenue	14,67,670	15,36,710	16,29,264	17,78,491	20,19,799
Gross profit	4,41,120	4,53,030	4,83,928	5,48,443	6,37,071
EBITDA	3,53,330	3,64,250	3,86,413	4,42,654	5,20,984
Depreciation	42,250	46,780	47,878	53,355	56,554
EBIT	3,11,080	3,17,470	3,38,535	3,89,299	4,64,430
Other income	24,980	47,110	33,678	40,478	47,944
Interest expense	2,840	4,690	4,196	4,446	5,049
Reported PAT	2,40,950	2,62,330	2,61,985	3,05,885	3,64,852
EPS	57.6	63.4	63.3	73.9	88.1
Balance Sheet (INR Mn.)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Tangible fixed assets	2,05,160	1,92,150	1,99,695	2,09,250	2,28,953
Goodwill & intangible assets	89,970	87,000	87,000	87,000	87,000
Investments	2,23,150	2,77,620	2,99,891	3,25,502	3,54,954
Cash & Cash equivalents	1,21,730	1,47,860	1,59,294	1,59,299	1,60,470
Other non-current assets	1,00,160	56,200	65,010	75,353	87,502
Other current assets		6,17,310	6,41,233		7,39,538
	5,17,990			6,88,863	
Total assets	12,58,160	13,78,140	14,52,122	15,45,267	16,58,416
Shareholder's funds	7,54,070	8,81,160	9,60,070	10,52,188	11,62,065
Minority interest	3,880	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450
Borrowings	82990	83590	83590	84870	86175.6
Other non-current liabilities	37,780	41,590	41,590	42,422	43,270
Other current liabilities	379440	368350	363422	362337	363455
Total equity & liabilities	12,58,160	13,78,140	14,52,122	15,45,267	16,58,416
Cash Flows (INR Mn.)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Cash flows from Operations	3,12,610	3,44,410	2,56,060	2,78,893	3,33,262
Cash flows from Investing	(12,090)	(50,090)	(53,657)	(54,318)	(89,624)
Cash flows from financing	(2,66,950)	(1,75,040)	(1,87,585)	(2,18,566)	(2,60,446)
Ratio Analysis	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Growth Ratios (%)					
Revenues	20.7	4.7	6.0	9.2	13.6
Gross Profit	6.6	2.7	6.8	13.3	16.2
EBITDA	12.2	3.1	6.1	14.6	17.7
EBIT	11.0	2.1	6.6	15.0	19.3
Margin Ratios (%)					
Gross Profit Margin	30.1	29.5	29.7	30.8	31.5
EBITDA Margin	24.1	23.7	23.7	24.9	25.8
EBIT Margin	21.2	20.7	20.8	21.9	23.0
Profitability (%)					
Return on equity	31.8	34.6	29.7	31.8	34.6
Return on invested capital	36.8	29.5	29.0	31.4	34.8
Return on capital employed	27.2	24.4	23.5	25.0	27.1
Valuation					
OCF / Net profit (%)	93.2	96.1	57.4	52.2	52.4
		45.7	14.8	12.9	11.0
EV / EBITDA (x)	16.3	15.7	14.0	12.5	11.0
EV / EBITDA (x) Book Value per share (x)	16.3 180.4	212.9	231.8	254.1	280.6

Historical recommendations and target price: Infosys Ltd.



Info	sys Ltd.		
1.	16-01-2022	Add,	Target Price 1,513
2.	25-04-2022	Add,	Target Price 1,243
3.	13-07-2022	Outperform,	Target Price 1,257
4.	13-10-2022	Outperform,	Target Price 1,238
5.	10-01-2023	Add,	Target Price 1,207
6.	21-04-2023	Outperform,	Target Price 1,670
7.	21-07-2023	Add,	Target Price 1,570
8.	25-09-2023	Add,	Target Price 1,690
9.	13-10-2023	Add,	Target Price 1,655
10	. 12-01-2024	Add,	Target Price 1,625
11.	. 18-03-2024	Buy,	Target Price 1,625
12.	. 18-04-2024	Buy,	Target Price 1,545
13.	. 19-07-2024	Buy,	Target Price 1,885
14.	. 18-07-2024	Buy,	Target Price 2,142

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