Happiest Minds Technologies Ltd.

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New strategic and structural changes to look forward to

Happiest Minds reported Q4FY24 revenues at \$50.1mn, up 1.4% QoQ and 9.5% YoY in cc terms. In USD terms, reported revenue was up 1.4% QoQ and 9.1% YoY. INR revenue stood at INR4,173mn, up 1.8% QoQ and 10.4% YoY. For FY24, company reported revenues at \$196.1mn, up 11% YoY in cc terms and 10.3% YoY in USD terms while INR revenue stood at INR16,247, up 13.7% YoY. During the year, company added 13 customers taking the total to 250 active clients. Reported PAT for the year came in at INR2,484mn, up 7.5% YoY, whereas reported basic EPS stood at INR16.7. The cash conversion remains strong with a free cash flow of INR4,107mn translating into 97.5% of EBITDA.

- Company established a new business unit, Generative AI Business Services (GBS) focused on GenAI which will offer full-scale GenAI offerings across multiple domains. It is generating new business opportunities into various industries and the use cases include contextual chatbots, learning simulators, contract management, sentiment analysis and content generation which can be replicated for multiple customers. GBS business unit is expected to grow to strong 250 people from current 70 people by end of FY25E. Secondly, the existing PES and DBS businesses will get combined into the Product and Digital Engineering Services (PDES) business unit and there will be no change in IMSS segment, therefore retaining 3 BUs: PDES, IMSS and GBS. Growth shall also be driven by the two strategic acquisitions done in early FY25E. Company remains committed to its long-term growth aspiration of achieving \$1bn revenue by FY31E for which it has to grow at a CAGR of 22% post FY25E performance. Company has created six new growth engines structured under six leaders covering many industry verticals.
- Company has built a very unique capability which is believed to be another transformational change and adds a significant value to the entire clan. They have built a capability in bioinformatics, which no one in the industry has. This comprises of experts in molecular biology, data scientists, data engineers and healthcare domain specialists. The team is working closely with the medical research community from prestigious medical institutions in India and abroad. The team is also working on finding solutions using metagenomics on gut microbiome, anomaly detection, MRI and CAT scan images, and conducting large cohort research studies to identify early predictions in stroke, cardiovascular diseases, etc.
- Company delivered a healthy EBITDA margin of 24.6% on total income, exceeding its margin guidance of 22-24%, despite the wage hikes, strong net additions and continued payout of variable pay. Management expects EBITDA margins on total income to be rangebound between 22-24% for FY25E.

Outlook and Valuation: Happiest Minds shall fuel its long term growth aspirations through continued investments to enhance its technical capabilities and venture into new markets through acquisitions. It is estimating a growth of 35-40% in FY25E after considering synergies from acquisitions. We maintain our BUY rating and arrive at a revised target price of INR905 implying a PE of 43x on FY26E EPS of INR21.

Financial Snapshot

Year end: March	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (INR Mn.)	10,937	14,293	16,247	20,186	25,052
Gross Profit (INR Mn.)	4,737	6,225	6,100	7,469	9,584
Gross Profit Margin (%)	43.3	43.6	37.5	37.0	38.3
EBIT (INR Mn.)	2,242	3,170	2,776	3,360	4,544
EBIT Margin (%)	20.5	22.2	17.1	16.6	18.1
EPS (INR)	12.8	16.1	16.7	19.2	21.1

Source: Company, CEBPL

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CMP (Rs.)	820
Target Price (Rs.)	905
Potential Upside (%)	10.3

Company	Info
BB Code	

BB Code	HAPPSTMN IN Equity
ISIN	INE419U01012
Face Value (Rs.)	2.0
52 Week High (Rs.)	1,022.3
52 Week Low (Rs.)	738.1
Mkt Cap (Rs. bn.)	124.9
Mkt Cap (\$ bn.)	1.50
Shares o/s (Mn.)/Float	152.2/47.0
FY24 EPS (Rs.)	16.7
FY26E EPS (Rs.)	21.1

Shareholding Pattern (%)

	Mar-24	Dec-23	Sep-23
Promoters	50.24	50.24	51.35
FII's	4.69	5.05	5.14
DII's	2.57	2.41	2.43
Public	42.50	42.30	41.08

Relative Performance (%)

YTD	1Y	2Y	3Y
BSE IT	26.6	9.2	22.8
Happiest Minds	(1.5)	(18.3)	(5.8)

Rebased Price Performance



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Sequential Operating Performance

	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24
Income Statement						
Revenues (INR Mn.)	3,669	3,780	3,909	4,066	4,099	4,173
Gross Profit (INR mn.)	1,581	1,569	1,554	1,515	1,485	1,545
Gross Margin (%)	43.1	41.5	39.8	37.3	36.2	37.0
EBIT (INR mn.)	795	792	751	681	661	683
EBIT Margin (%)	21.7	21.0	19.2	16.7	16.1	16.4
PAT (INR mn.)	576	577	583	585	596	720
Basic EPS (INR)	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.8
Operating Metrics						
Revenue - Geography						
(%)						
North America	67.5	70.5	71.9	71.5	70.3	69.0
Europe	15.4	15.0	15.5	15.7	16.4	17.7
India	9.4	9.4	8.7	9.0	9.0	9.0
Rest of the world	7.7	5.1	3.9	3.8	4.3	4.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Revenue - Industry (%)						
Edutech	23.2	22.2	24.1	25.0	24.0	22.3
Hitech	15.7	19.5	14.8	14.2	14.3	14.7
BFSI	10.3	10.8	11.0	10.3	10.9	11.4
Travel, media &						
entertainment	13.1	13.2	12.0	11.6	11.7	12.2
Healthcare	-	-	12.9	13.8	14.8	16.1
Retail / CPG	10.4	7.7	7.1	7.2	7.6	7.8
Industrial	9.2	8.3	8.2	7.6	6.8	7.4
Manufacturing	10.0	10.7	5.4	6.3	7.4	6.3
Others	8.1	7.6	4.5	4.0	2.5	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Revenue – Business Unit (9	%)					
Product Engineering						
Services	46.7	49.4	50.4	50.4	49.5	48.8
Digital Business Services	30.1	28.9	27.6	27.2	28.1	28.4
Services	21.1	19.5	18.6	17.2	16.8	17.1
Other Income	2.1	2.2	3.4	5.2	5.6	5.7
Total						
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Onsite	15.2	15.9	16.1	14.9	13.8	12.8
Offshore	84.8	84.1	83.9	85.1	86.2	87.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Digital Services Offering (%	6)					
Digital Infrastructure /						
Cloud	45.4	46.9	44.2	42.3	43.3	41.8
SaaS	20.1	20.1	22.2	27.1	26.8	26.5
Security Solutions	13.4	12.0	10.1	9.3	9.3	9.6
Analytics / Al	12.5	11.9	13.9	12.9	12.4	13.8
IoT						
	5.2	5.4	4.6	3.7	4.3	5.0
Total	96.6	96.3	95.0	95.3	96.1	96.7
Automation	27.7	27.3	28.3	29.6	29.1	26.9
Employee Metrics						
Onsite	228	227	244	231	224	211
Offshore	4,383	4,690	4,804	5,054	5,022	4,957
Total Headcount	4,611	4,917	5,048	5,285	5,246	5,168
Utilization (%)	•	•	•			
, ,	80.1	74.6	74.6	75.6	76.7	75.1
Attrition Rate LTM (%)	20.9	19.8	16.6	14.4	14.1	13.0

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CEBPL Estimates vs Actual for Q4FY24

Happiest Minds (INR Mn.)	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY(%)	Q3FY24	QoQ (%)	CEBPL Est.	Dev. (%)
Revenues (INR mn.)	4,173	3,780	10.4	4,099	1.8	4,250	(1.8)
Employee Cost	2,628	2,211	18.9	2,614	0.5		
Gross Profit (INR mn.)	1,545	1,569	(1.5)	1,485	4.1	1,615	(4.3)
Gross Margin (%)	37.0%	41.5%	(448) bps	36.2%	80 bps	38.0%	(97) bps
Other costs	715	647	10.5	676	5.8		
Depreciation	147	129	13.5	148	(0.8)		
EBIT (INR mn.)	683	792	(13.8)	661	3.4	752	(9.2)
EBIT Margin (%)	16.4%	21.0%	(459) bps	16.1%	25 bps	17.7%	(133) bps
Other Income	252	85	198.3	243	3.8		
Interest	103	88	18.1	107	(3.6)		
PBT (INR mn.)	832	789	5.4	797	4.4		
Tax	242	213	13.6	211	14.5		
PAT (INR mn.)	720	577	24.8	596	20.7	608	18.4
Basic EPS (INR)	4.79	4.0	19.5	4.0	20.4	4.08	17.5

Source: Company, CEBPL

Change in estimates

Income Statement	FY25E			FY26E		
(INR Mn.)	Old	New	Dev. (%)	Old	New	Dev. (%)
Revenues	19,159	20,186	5.4	23,271	25,052	7.7
Gross Profit Margin (%)	40.3	37.0	(327.7)bps	42.1	38.3	(385.8)bps
EBIT	3,842	3,360	(12.5)	5,154	4,544	(11.8)
EBIT Margin (%)	20.1	16.6	(340.8)bps	22.1	18.1	(400.9)bps
EPS	20.5	19.2	(6.3)	21.9	21.1	(4.1)

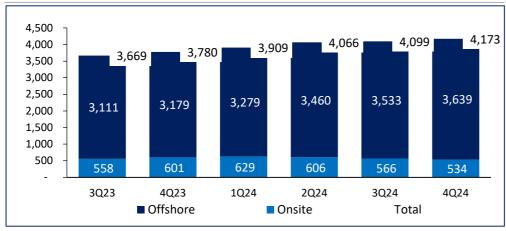
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Historical 1 Yr Fwd PE Band



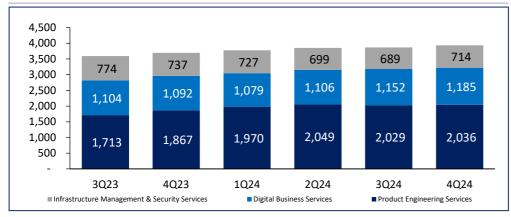
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Company is consistently increasing the revenue of offshore



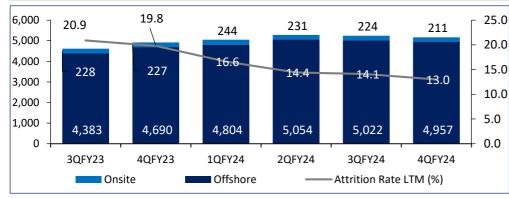
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Growth across all segments



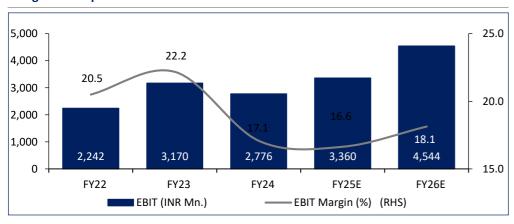
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Attrition has begun to ease



Source: Company, CEBPL

Margins are expected to remain flat in FY25E



Source: Company, CEBPL

Management Call - Highlights

- Within Gen-AI, the GBS business unit currently consists of 70 team members, with projections indicating a growth to 250 individuals by the end of FY25E.
- The cash conversion continues to demonstrate strength, with a free cash flow of approximately INR4,110mn for the year, representing roughly 97.5% of its EBITDA. As of year-end, the company's cash reserves stood at about INR13,640mn. This figure includes the INR5,000mn raised through QIP and the INR1,250mn obtained through an issue of non-convertible debentures.
- Happiest Minds boasts a robust ROCE of 22.3%, indicating efficient utilization of capital resources. Additionally, ROE stands at approximately 17%, reflecting the company's ability to generate profits relative to shareholder investments.
- The utilization rate for the quarter was 75.1%, showing a slight decrease from the 76.7% recorded in Q3. This decline can be attributed primarily to investments in hiring for the GBS business unit and ongoing training programs for new recruits from recent campuses.
- The board has proposed a final dividend of INR3.25 per share, pending shareholder approval. This will bring the total dividend for the year to INR5.75 per share.
- The count of customers with a value of \$10mn has risen by 1, bringing the total to 2. Additionally, the cohort with a value of \$3mn has seen a notable increase of 5, reaching a total of 37. Furthermore, the number of customers with a value of \$1bn has surged by 9 over the year.
- Happiest Minds has announced the signing of a definitive agreement to acquire 100% equity interest in Pure Soft Technologies and Macmillan Learning India. The acquisition of Pure Soft Technologies enhances its capabilities in BFSI, healthcare, and life sciences, enabling the company to pursue new opportunities within these sectors and expand its business with existing clientele.
- Alongside bolstering its footprint in the USA and India, Happiest Minds will acquire an offshore development center in Mexico and establish offices in Singapore, Malaysia, and Africa.

Financial Summary (Consolidated in	INR Mn.)				
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Gross profit	4,737	6,225	6,100	7,469	9,584
EBITDA	2,571	3,589	3,359	4,087	5,433
Depreciation	329	419	583	727	889
EBIT	2,242	3,170	2,776	3,360	4,544
Other income	371	211	854	1,070	1,453
Interest expense	93	219	423	505	626
PAT	1,873	2,310	2,484	2,885	3,947
EPS	12.8	16.1	16.7	19.2	21.1
Balance Sheet (INR Mn.)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Tangible fixed assets	8	1,346	1,379	1,514	1,682
Goodwill & intangible assets	1,572	2,996	2,754	3,022	3,356
Investments	4,640	0	0	0	0
Cash & Cash equivalents	673	700	1,147	713	990
Other non-current assets	397	1,336	568	624	687
Other current assets	3,961	10,030	16,631	19,522	22,855
Total assets	11,250	16,408	22,478	25,396	29,569
Shareholder's funds	6,658	8,388	14,802	17,688	21,635
Minority interest	-	-	- 1,000		,
Borrowings	1,906	4,676	4,424	4,215	4,173
Lease liabilities	591	662	698	726	755
Other non-current liabilities	338	652	504	504	504
Other current liabilities	1,757	2,030	2,049	2,263	2,502
Total equity & liabilities	11,250	16,408	22,478	25,396	29,569
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Cash Flows (INR Mn.)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Cash flows from Operations	1,681	2,072	2,126	2,552	3,446
Cash flows from Investing	(961)	(3,510)	(4,664)	(61)	63
Cash flows from financing	(908)	721	3,635	(505)	(626)
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Ratio Analysis	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Growth Ratios (%)					
Revenues	41.4	30.7	13.7	24.2	24.1
Gross Profit	47.5	31.4	(2.0)	22.4	28.3
EBITDA	34.2	39.6	(6.4)	21.7	32.9
EBIT	32.8	41.4	(12.4)	21.1	35.2
Margin Ratios (%)					
Gross Profit Margin	43.3	43.6	37.5	37.0	38.3
EBITDA Margin	23.5	25.1	20.7	20.2	21.7
EBIT Margin	20.5	22.2	17.1	16.6	18.1
Profitability (%)					
Return on equity	28.1	27.5	16.8	16.3	18.2
Return on invested capital	23.2	25.6	12.5	13.1	14.7
Return on capital employed	19.5	18.2	10.6	11.3	12.9
Valuation					
OCF / Net profit (%)	89.8	89.7	85.6	88.4	87.3
EV / EBITDA (x)	55.3	40.0	42.5	35.0	26.3
Book Value per share (x)	46.8	58.6	98.5	117.7	144.0
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Source: Company, CEBPL

Free Cash flow Yield

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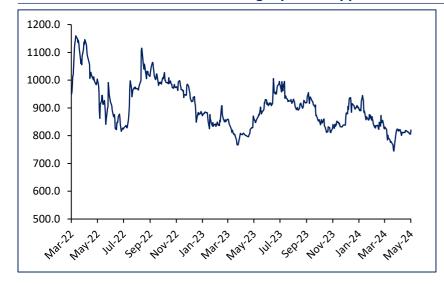
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Historical recommendations and target price: Happiest Minds Limited



1.	10-03-2022	Add,	Target Price 1,103
2.	06-05-2022	Neutral,	Target Price 1,025
3.	25-07-2022	Add,	Target Price 1,085
4.	28-10-2022	Outperform,	Target Price 1,164
5.	19-01-2023	Outperform,	Target Price 1,104
6.	09-05-2023	Outperform,	Target Price 1,096
7.	10-08-2023	Add,	Target Price 1,050
8.	25-09-2023	Add,	Target Price 1,020
9.	19-10-2023	Add,	Target Price 920
10.	19-01-2024	Add,	Target Price 945
11.	18-03-2024	Buy,	Target Price 945
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