Wipro Ltd.

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BFSI growth to sustain; Q3 to remain frail with resilient margins

Wipro Ltd. reported Q2FY25 revenues at \$2,660mn, up 0.6% QoQ but down 2.3% YoY in cc terms. In USD terms, reported revenue was up1.3% QoQ but down 1.9% YoY. INR revenue stood at INR223bn, up 1.5% QoQ but down 1.0% YoY. During Q2, Order Book TCV stood at \$3.6bn, down 5.6% YoY cc of which \$1.5bn were large deal TCV. PAT for the quarter was INR32.3bn, up 21.0% YoY, driven by high other income. EPS for the quarter stood at INR6.1. Operating cash flows stood robust at 132.3% of net income at INR42.7bn.

- Management's top priority is to accelerate growth, having identified five strategic areas to achieve this in recent quarters. First, they aim to enhance large deal momentum through close collaboration with clients and partners. Second, they plan to strengthen relationships with existing large clients while identifying new accounts with potential for significant growth. Third, the focus will be on industry-specific offerings and business solutions driven by consulting and enhanced by AI. Fourth, they are committed to developing a skilled workforce that is AI-ready and capable of delivering tailored business solutions. Lastly, management seeks to simplify the operating model and emphasize execution rigor and speed. Confident in their ability to implement these strategies, they are prepared to adapt to technological shifts and market conditions while sharing their progress.
- The demand environment remains cautious and hence, short term challenges exist. Discretionary spends are similar to previous quarters as there is no improvement. Clients are still making conservative investments focusing on returns and better optimization. Company is seeing good progress with its consulting-led industry solutions in the automotive manufacturing segment. In addition, there are also signs of uptick in demand in the industrial segment. Management identifies opportunities for vendor consolidation and cost takeout, especially within the energy sector. Management anticipates a seasonally weak Q3FY25E, with revenue expected to be in the range -2.0% to 0.0% cc and margins to be in narrow band. Management identifies margin improvement levers as rotation, off-shoring, lowered SG&A expenses etc. and aspires margin to be in 17-17.5% range over long term.
- In Q2, Americas 1 reported sequential growth of 1.2%, fueled by strong performance in the healthcare, technology, and communication sectors. Similarly, Americas 2 achieved sequential growth of 0.8%, bolstered by robust demand and effective execution in the BFSI sector. APMEA saw a growth of 0.3%, driven by positive developments in Capco, indicating early signs of business stabilization in the region. In contrast, Europe experienced a sequential decline of 0.1% due to overall weak demand and specific issues with certain clients. The energy and utilities sector continues to be weak, experiencing a sequential decline of 3.7%. In Q3FY25E management expects, IT service business segment to be in range between \$2,607-2,660mn.

Valuation: Wipro continues to invest in its clients, its strategic priorities, and building a strong AI powered company. We have introduced FY27E and expect Revenue/EBIT/PAT to grow at a CAGR of 4.9%/9.7%/10.6% respectively over FY24-FY27E. We maintain our **REDUCE** rating to arrive at a revised target price of INR555, implying a 22x PE on Sep-FY27E EPS of INR27.1.

Financial Snapshot

Year end: March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue (USD Mn.)	11,160	10,805	10,605	11,190	12,228
Revenue (INR Mn.)	9,04,876	8,97,603	8,89,395	9,43,181	10,35,588
Gross Profit (INR Mn.)	2,59,430	2,66,106	2,68,543	2,89,389	3,23,103
EBIT (INR Mn.)	1,36,525	1,35,759	1,46,639	1,58,744	1,79,157
EBIT Margin	15.1	15.1	16.5	16.8	17.3
EPS (INR)	20.7	20.9	23.5	25.2	28.7

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CMP (Rs.)	529
Target Price (Rs.)	555
Potential Upside (%)	4.9

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ISIN	INE075A01022
Face Value (Rs.)	2.0
52 Week High (Rs.)	580.0
52 Week Low (Rs.)	375.0
Mkt Cap (Rs bn.)	2,766.4
Mkt Cap (\$ bn.)	32.9
Shares o/s (Mn.)/Float	5,231.4/27
FY24 EPS (Rs.)	20.9
FY27E EPS (Rs.)	28.7

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	Sep-24	Jun-24	Mar-24					
Promoters	72.80	72.82	72.89					
FII's	7.27	7.12	6.96					
DII's	8.71	8.26	8.28					
Public	11.22	11.80	11.87					

Relative Performance			
YTD	3Y	2Y	1Y
BSE IT	21.1	52.7	34.1
WIPRO	28.6	41.0	(25.4)

Rebased Price Performance



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Sequential Operating Performance

	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25
Income Statement						
Revenues (INR Mn.)	2,28,310	2,25,159	2,22,051	2,22,083	2,19,638	2,23,016
Gross Profit (INR mn.)	67,049	65,968	68,225	64,864	66,332	67,967
Gross Margin	29.4	29.3	30.7	29.2	30.2	30.5
EBIT (INR mn.)	34,578	33,077	32,603	35,501	36,275	37,545
EBIT Margin	15.1	14.7	14.7	16.0	16.5	16.8
PAT (INR mn.)	28,860	26,673	27,006	28,582	30,366	32,266
Basic EPS (INR)	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.4	5.8	6.1
Operating Metrics						
Revenue - Geography (%)						
Americas 1	28.8	29.8	31.0	30.4	30.9	30.8
Americas 2	30.0	29.9	30.0	30.7	30.8	30.6
Europe	29.5	28.6	27.7	27.8	27.6	27.9
APMEA	11.7	11.7	11.3	11.1	10.7	10.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Revenues - Segments (%)						
BFSI	33.9	33.6	32.7	33.5	34.0	34.8
Consumer	18.7	18.7	18.8	18.7	19.2	19.2
Health	12.2	12.7	13.9	14.1	13.9	13.6
Energy, Natural Resources & Utilities	12.0	11.6	11.8	11.9	11.2	10.8
Manufacturing	7.3	7.0	6.7	6.6	6.4	6.2
Technology & Communication	15.9	16.4	16.1	15.2	15.3	15.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Client Metrics						
Number of new customers	65	49	55	60	43	28
Total Number of active customers	1,444	1,393	1,349	1,371	1,364	1,342
Client Concentration (%)						
Top Customer	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.8	4.0	4.1
Top 5	12.5	12.3	12.1	13.4	13.6	14.0
Top 10	20.5	20.6	20.5	22.0	22.5	22.9
Employee Metrics						
Tech. Employees	2,32,816	2,27,929	2,23,822	2,17,013	2,17,372	2,18,553
Sales and Support Staff	16,942	16,778	15,833	15,601	15,539	15,336
Total Headcount	2,49,758	2,44,707	2,39,655	2,32,614	2,32,911	2,33,889
Attrition LTM (%)	17.3	15.5	14.2	14.2	14.1	14.5
Utilization (%)						
Net Utilization	83.7	84.5	84.0	86.9	87.7	86.4

CEBPL Estimates vs Actual for Q2FY25

Wipro Ltd. (INR Mn.)	Q2FY25	Q2FY24	YoY(%)	Q1FY25	QoQ (%)	CEBPL Est.	Dev. (%)
Revenues (USD mn.)	2,660	2,713	(1.9)	2,626	1.3	2,629	1.2
Revenues (INR mn.)	2,23,016	2,25,159	(1.0)	2,19,638	1.5	2,19,989	1.4
Cost of Sales	1,55,049	1,59,191	(2.6)	1,53,306	1.1		
Gross Profit (INR mn.)	67,967	65,968	3.0	66,332	2.5	65,777	3.3
Gross Margin (%)	30.5	29.3	118 bps	30.2	28 bps	29.9	58 bps
Depreciation	8,308.0	8,970.0	(7.4)	7,289.0	14.0		
EBIT (INR mn.)	37,545	33,077	13.5	36,275	3.5	34,978	7.3
EBIT Margin (%)	16.8	14.7	214 bps	16.5	32 bps	15.9	94 bps
Other Income	8,802	5,048	74.4	7,274	21.0		
Interest	3,569	3,033	17.7	3,288	8.5		
PBT (INR mn.)	42,778	35,092	21.9	40,261	6.3		
Tax	10,512	8,419	24.9	9,850	6.7		
PAT (INR mn.)	32,266	26,673	21.0	30,366	6.3	29,259	10.3
Basic EPS (INR)	6.1	5.1	21.3	5.8	6.8	5.5	10.9

Source: Company, CEBPL

Change in estimates

Income Statement	FY25E		FY26E			FY27E	
(INR Mn.)	Old	New	Dev. (%)	Old	New	Dev. (%)	New
Revenues (USD Mn.)	10,603	10,605	0.0	11,310	11,190	(1.1)	12,228
Revenues	8,87,297	8,89,395	0.2	9,46,900	9,43,181	(0.4)	10,35,588
Gross Profit Margin (%)	30.0	30.2	14 bps	30.7	30.7	(0)bps	31.2
EBIT	1,43,998	1,46,639	1.8	1,58,195	1,58,744	0.3	1,79,157
EBIT Margin (%)	16.2	16.5	26 bps	16.7	16.8	12 bps	17.3
EPS	22.85	23.5	2.7	25.3	25.2	(0.5)	28.7

Source: Company, CEBPL

Historical 1 Yr Fwd PE Band

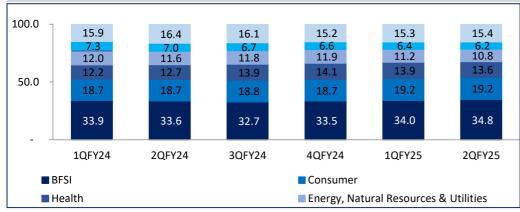


Revenue within guided range



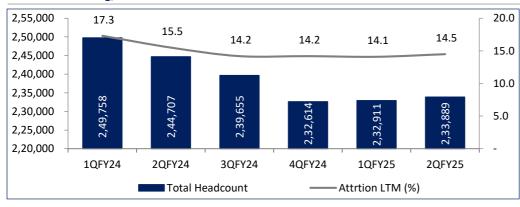
Source: Company, CEBPL

Revenue diversified across key verticals



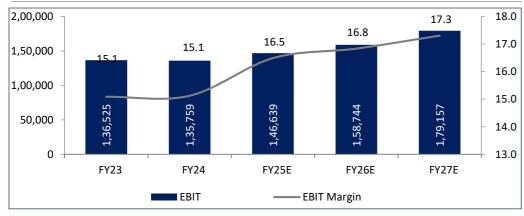
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Positive net hiring; Increase in Attrition



Source: Company, CEBPL

EBIT Margins expected to be in narrow band



Management Call - Highlights

- Capco's business maintained its momentum, experiencing a QoQ growth of 3.2% and a YoY increase of 6.9%. In the Capco business, the BFSI sector continued to gain momentum, achieving a sequential growth of 2.7%. This increase was primarily driven by performance in the Americas.
- The company has trained 230,000 employees in the fundamentals of GenAl, and currently, 44,000 employees are undergoing advanced training.
- During the quarter, Wipro secured 19 large deals with a TCV of \$1,489mn. This represents a sequential growth of 29% and a YoY increase of 16.8%. The deals encompass a range of themes, including cost reduction, vendor consolidation, application modernization, and cloud operations.
- Operating margins for the quarter stood at 16.8%, reflecting an expansion of 35bps QoQ and 71bps YoY. This moves Wipro closer to its previously communicated target range of 17% to 17.5%. The margin expansion was driven by operational improvements, despite the company absorbing one month of salary increments for its associates that took effect in September.
- Operating cash flows for Q2 reached \$510mn, representing 132.3% of its net income. Cumulatively, for H1FY25, company have generated nearly \$1bn in operating cash flows. As of the end of Q2, its investments and cash balances on the balance sheet amount to \$6.2bn.
- Other income, net of finance expenses, increased by 34.2% sequentially, with an accounting yield of 7.9% on average investments held in India. The effective tax rate for Q2 stands at 24.6%, and hedges remain consistent with the company's policy. As of the end of Q2, the company had approximately \$2.8bn in foreign exchange derivative contracts as hedges.
- The Board of Directors recommended issue of bonus shares to shareholders (including stock dividend to ADS holders) in the ratio of 1:1, subject to approval of shareholders.
- A US-based health insurance provider has chosen Wipro to enhance its operational efficiency. By consolidating the client's vendor landscape, Wipro aims to reduce the risks associated with dependence on multiple providers. The Wipro team will utilize its diverse expertise to promote efficiency and innovation, optimize costs, and deliver the tools and knowledge necessary to ensure the accuracy, integrity, and security of the customer's data. This initiative will facilitate improved care coordination and better health outcomes.
- A global apparel leader has partnered with Wipro to strengthen its direct-to-consumer strategy and expand its digital presence. Wipro will revamp the client's IT operations and enhance overall product development. Additionally, Wipro will implement artificial intelligence in critical areas. This project aims to drive innovation, optimize operations, and create a seamless customer experience across both physical and online platforms.

Financial Summary (Consolidated in INR Mn.)

Income Statement (INR Mn.)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	9,04,876	8,97,603	8,89,395	9,43,181	10,35,588
Gross profit	2,59,430	2,66,106	2,68,543	2,89,389	3,23,103
EBITDA	1,69,927	1,69,830	1,77,647	1,90,812	2,14,367
Depreciation	33,402	34,071	31,008	32,068	35,210
EBIT	1,36,525	1,35,759	1,46,639	1,58,744	1,79,157
Other income	21,554	24,202	30,372	30,182	34,174
Interest expense	10,077	12,552	13,558	13,904	14,498
Exceptional items	-	-	-	-	-
PAT	1,13,665	1,11,121	1,23,505	1,32,491	1,50,516
EPS	20.7	20.9	23.5	25.2	28.7
Balance Sheet (INR Mn.)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Tangible fixed assets	1,07,361	99,317	1,01,303	1,03,329	1,05,396
Goodwill & intangible assets	3,51,015	3,44,197	3,44,852	3,45,520	3,46,201
Investments	20,720	21,629	21,266	23,393	25,732
Cash & Cash equivalents	91,880	96,953	97,577	94,545	93,191
Other non-current assets	35,630	32,101	35,326	38,856	42,739
Other current assets	5,69,216	5,53,709	6,09,080	6,69,988	7,36,987
Total assets	11,75,822	11,47,906	12,09,404	12,75,631	13,50,246
Shareholder's funds	7,81,164	7,45,330	7,94,732	8,47,728	9,07,935
Minority interest	589	1,340	1,340	1,340	1,340
Borrowings	1,50,093	1,64,649	1,64,043	1,63,848	1,64,064
Other non-current liabilities	65,044	72,516	77,015	81,827	86,975
Other current liabilities	1,78,932	1,64,071	1,72,275	1,80,888	1,89,933
Total equity & liabilities	11,75,822	11,47,906	12,09,404	12,75,631	13,50,246
Cash Flows (INR Mn.)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
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Historical recommendations and target price: Wipro Ltd.



WIPRO LTD.		
1. 31-12-2021	NEUTRAL,	Target Price 690
2. 02-04-2022	ADD,	Target Price 542
3. 21-07-2022	NEUTRAL,	Target Price 400
4. 13-10-2022	REDUCE,	Target Price 373
5. 13-01-2023	NEUTRAL,	Target Price 394
6. 28-04-2023	ADD,	Target Price 396
7. 14-07-2023	NEUTRAL,	Target Price 396
8. 25-09-2023	NEUTRAL,	Target Price 426
9. 19-10-2023	ADD,	Target Price 445
10. 13-01-2024	ADD,	Target Price 530
11 18-03-2024	BUY,	Target Price 530
12 20-04-2024	BUY,	Target Price 500
13 20-07-2024	REDUCE,	Target Price 558
14 18-10-2024	REDUCE,	Target Price 555

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