Green shoots visible; Growth to sustain for medium term

LTIMindtree Ltd. reported decent Q1FY25 revenues at \$1,096.2mn, +2.6% QoQ/+3.7% YoY in cc terms (+2.5% QoQ and +3.5% YoY in USD terms) amidst green shoots in demand. INR revenue stood at INR91.4bn, up 2.8% QoQ and 5.1% YoY. Q1FY25 Order book TCV stood strong at \$1.4bn. PAT for the quarter came in at INR11.3bn (-1.5% YoY). EPS stood at INR38.3. OCF to PAT was 109.9% while FCF to PAT was 88.6%.

- The company had a positive start to FY25E with signs of recovery in demand and hence it is expected that the momentum shall continue in Q2 as well. The broader macro environment has remained unchanged and businesses continue to adopt agile strategies to cope with the economic conditions. The focus shall continue to be on cost take-out and vendor consolidation deals. Company is seeing early signs of deploying the savings and additional budget towards kicking off high-priority transformation programs and making foundational investments for AI particularly in BFSI and Hi-tech, Media and Entertainment verticals. We expect FY25E to be better than FY24 with medium term growth visibility. As clients continue building their AI momentum and graduating AI beyond the proof-of-concept stages, LTIM is wellpositioned to capitalize on this opportunity. Company shall remain close to clients and adapt to the changes in the business environment.
- Many customers are looking to deploy AI use cases across the enterprise as more than 85% enterprises are looking to accelerate their AI related investments. Scaling of these AI solutions within the enterprise will require investments in infrastructure, data governance, data lineage, explainability etc. Knowledge management, customer service, intelligent content insights and generation, document summarization and software engineering are some key areas that are early adopters of AI and company is assisting majority of its top 100 clients in the same. Company is systematically investing in its Canvas. Al platform to enable customers in this journey.
- The operating margins for Q1 came at 15%, down 168bps YoY led by higher visa costs and SG&A costs on account of travel and marketing events. Margin improvement levers are identified as growth, pyramid rationalisation and reduction in discretionary spends. The margin improvement program is in place and will help improve margins steadily QoQ as growth momentum continues. The aspirational band is maintained at 17-18%.

Valuation: The company has a strong order inflow and healthy deal pipeline, setting the stage for medium-term growth. With green shoots visible, management has a significant runway to capitalize on the value preposition it brings to their clients. The stock has already rallied ~10% in a month and hence we downgrade our rating to **REDUCE** to arrive at a revised target price of INR5,715 implying a PE of 29x (modified) on FY26E EPS of INR197.

Financial Snapshot

Year end: March	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (\$ Mn.)	3,502	4,106	4,287	4,541	4,973
Revenue (INR Mn.)	2,61,087	3,31,830	3,55,170	3,78,694	4,14,738
Gross Profit (INR Mn.)	77,604	94,745	1,02,248	1,11,089	1,22,505
EBIT (INR Mn.)	46,515	53,850	55,685	60,885	69,963
EBIT Margin (%)	17.8	16.2	15.7	16.1	16.9
EPS (INR)	133.7	149.0	154.9	170.4	197.0

Source: Company, CEBPL

	July 10, 2024
CMP (Rs.)	5,562
Target Price (Rs.)	5,715
Potential Unside (%)	2.7

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Company Info	
BB Code	LTIM IN EQUITY
ISIN	INE214T01019
Face Value (Rs.)	1.0
52 Week High (Rs.)	6,442.7
52 Week Low (Rs.)	4,518.4
Mkt Cap (Rs bn.)	1,647.2
Mkt Cap (\$ Mn.)	19.7
Shares o/s (Mn.)/Float	296.2/31
FY24 EPS (Rs.)	154.9
FY26E EPS (Rs.)	197.0

Snareholding Pattern (%)						
	Jun-24	Mar-24	Dec-23			
Promoters	68.60	68.60	68.64			
FII's	7.28	7.86	8.65			
DII's	14.12	13.48	12.85			
Public	10.00	10.06	9.86			

Relative Performance (%)					
YTD	3Y	2 Y	1Y		
LTIM	26.9	39.9	8.3		
BSE IT	33.6	47.4	27.4		

Rebased Price Performance

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Sequential Operating Performance

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	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25
Income Statement						
Revenues (USD Mn.)	1,058	1,059	1,076	1,084	1,069	1,096
Revenues (INR Mn.)	86,910	87,021	89,054	90,166	88,929	91,426
Gross Profit (INR mn.)	24,401	24,624	25,527	27,324	24,773	25,994
Gross Margin (%)	28.1	28.3	28.7	30.3	27.9	28.4
EBIT (INR mn.)	14,214	14,508	14,231	13,859	13,087	13,709
EBIT Margin (%)	16.4	16.7	16.0	15.4	14.7	15.0
PAT (INR mn.)	11,137	11,515	11,618	11,689	10,999	11,338
Basic EPS (INR)	37.7	38.9	39.3	39.5	37.2	38.3
Operating Metrics						
Revenue - Geography (%)						
North America	71.9	73.1	73.4	72.7	73.8	75.1
Europe	15.4	15.2	15.3	14.5	14.6	14.4
RoW	12.7	11.7	11.3	12.8	11.6	10.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Revenue - Vertical (%)						
BFSI	38.0	37.5	36.5	35.6	35.1	35.2
Tech, Media & Telecom	23.0	23.7	23.8	22.9	24.3	25.6
Manufacturing & Resources	17.5	17.3	17.9	20.3	18.6	18.5
Consumer	15.4	15.1	15.3	14.7	15.1	14.5
Health, Life Science & Public	6.1	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.9	6.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Revenue - Client Contribution (%)						
Top 5 Clients	25.4	26.7	26.8	27.5	28.3	28.8
Top 10 Clients	32.9	34.1	34.3	35.3	35.5	35.7
Top 20 Clients	44.0	44.9	45.2	45.9	45.9	46.2
Top 40 Clients	56.8	57.2	57.6	58.5	58.0	58.9
Active Clients	728	723	737	739	738	700+
New Clients Added	31	19	30	23	30	-
Employee Metrics						
Software Professionals	80,283	77,555	78,276	77,203	76,460	76,837
Sales & Support	4,263	5,183	5,256	5,268	5,190	5,097
Total	84,546	82,738	83,532	82,471	81,650	81,934
Effort Mix (%)						
Offshore	85.1	85.2	85.2	85.0	84.9	84.6
Onsite	14.9	14.8	14.8	15.0	15.1	15.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
TTM Attrition Rate (%) (RHS)	20.2	17.8	15.2	14.2	14.4	14.4
Utilization (%)	81.7	84.8	86.6	87.4	86.9	88.3
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CEBPL Estimates vs Actual for Q1FY25

LTIMindtree Ltd. (INR Mn.)	Q1FY25	Q1FY24	YoY(%)	Q4FY24	QoQ (%)	CEBPL Est.	Dev. (%)
Revenues (INR mn.)	91,426	87,021	5.1	88,929	2.8	89,774	1.8
Employee Cost	65,432	62,397	4.9	64,156	2.0		
Gross Profit (INR mn.)	25,994	24,624	5.6	24,773	4.9	25,545	1.8
Gross Margin (%)	28.4	28.3	14 bps	27.9	57 bps	28.5	(2) bps
Other costs	9,933	8,269	20.1	9,416	5.5		
Depreciation	2,352	1,847	27.3	2,270	3.6		
EBIT (INR mn.)	13,709	14,508	(5.5)	13,087	4.8	13,874	(1.2)
EBIT Margin (%)	15.0	16.7	(168) bps	14.7	28 bps	15.5	(46) bps
Other Income	2,271	1,316	72.6	2,076	9.4		
Interest	724	460	57.4	680	6.5		
PBT (INR mn.)	15,256	15,364	(0.7)	14,483	5.3		
Tax	3,905	3,841	1.7	3,476	12.3		
Adj. PAT (INR mn.)	11,338	11,515	(1.5)	10,999	3.1	11,581	(2.1)
Basic EPS (INR)	38.3	38.9	(1.6)	37.2	3.1	39.1	(2.1)

Source: Company, CEBPL

Change in estimates

Income Statement	FY25E			FY26E		
(INR Mn.)	Old	New	Dev. (%)	Old	New	Dev. (%)
Revenues (USD Mn.)	4,438	4,541	2.3	4,811	4,973	3.4
Revenues	3,69,019	3,78,694	2.6	4,00,048	4,14,738	3.7
Gross Profit Margin (%)	28.9	29.3	44 bps	29.3	29.5	21 bps
EBIT	58,646	60,885	3.8	66,828	69,963	4.7
EBIT Margin (%)	15.9	16.1	19 bps	16.7	16.9	16 bps
EPS	164.4	170.4	3.6	185.6	197.0	6.1

Source: Company, CEBPL

Historical 1 Yr Fwd PE Band

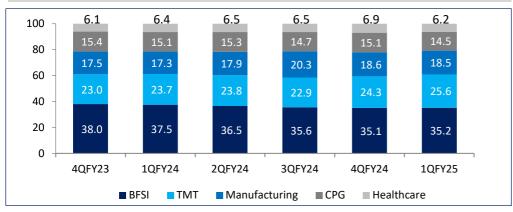


Growth in Revenue



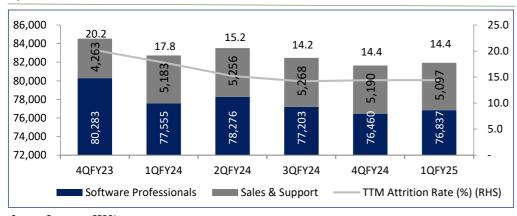
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Revenue verticals of LTIMindtree



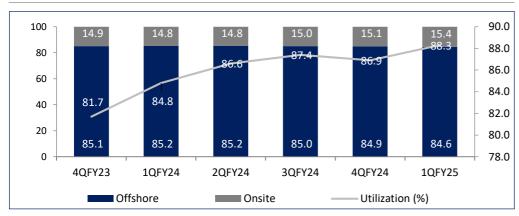
Source: Company, CEBPL

Upstick in Headcount; Attrition remain flattish



Source: Company, CEBPL

Uptick in Onsite



Management Call - Highlights

- A US-based company specializing in data center solutions for hyperscalers, cloud, and enterprise customers has awarded LTIMindtree a multi-year contract to provide port-based management services in application development, data engineering, infrastructure support, testing, and ITSM across various engagements.
- The BFSI vertical grew by 2.9% QoQ and declined by 2.7% YoY. Management observes BFSI customers beginning to scale up high-priority programs, showing momentum across various sub-segments.
- A major US airline selected LTIMindtree to deliver platform engineering and operations services, utilizing its global delivery network in the US, UK, Poland, and Australia.
- LTIMindtree is dedicated to expanding its global presence and becoming the preferred partner for its clients worldwide. The company recently inaugurated its regional headquarters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as part of its expansion in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Middle East. This follows the recent announcement of a joint venture with Aramco to create an IT services company in the Kingdom. This move will enable LTIMindtree to support, manage, and direct its strategic business initiatives in the region.
- The company management is also observing positive activity in MSA signings and anticipates this will drive growth in the upcoming quarter.
- The Technology, Media & Communications sector grew by 7.9% QoQ and 11.9% YoY. Key themes driving this growth include business model transformation and platform operations.
- The manufacturing and resources vertical grew by 1.8% QoQ and 10.5% YoY, with a continued focus on ERP transformation, data modernization, and Industry 4.0.
- In terms of geographies, America, accounting for 75.1% of revenue, grew by 4.4% QoQ. Europe contributed 14.4% of revenue, while the rest of the world accounted for 10.5%.
- The company has also opened offices in Calgary and Shanghai and is looking forward to expanding its presence in Brazil.
- The effective tax rate for the quarter was 25.6%, up from 24% in Q4FY24.
- DSO improved to 55 days compared to 57 days in Q4. Including unbilled receivables, total receivable days for Q1 are at 78 days, showing a sequential improvement of 2 days. This aligns with the company's goal of reducing total DSO.
- Management plans to implement wage hikes in Q3FY25E, alongside increased hiring to meet the demand pipeline.

Financial Summary (Consolidated in INR Mn.)

Income Statement (INR Mn.)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD Mn.)	3,502	4,106	4,287	4,541	4,973
Revenue	2,61,087	3,31,830	3,55,170	3,78,694	4,14,738
Gross profit	77,604	94,745	1,02,248	1,11,089	1,22,505
EBITDA	52,486	61,077	63,874	70,419	79,702
Depreciation	5,971	7,227	8,189	9,534	9,739
EBIT	46,515	53,850	55,685	60,885	69,963
Other income	7,658	5,569	7,019	9,165	9,954
Interest expense	1,234	1,504	2,217	3,022	2,688
Exceptional items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	39,483	44,083	45,821	50,472	58,377
EPS (RS)	134	149	155	170	197
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Balance Sheet (INR Mn.)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Tangible fixed assets	24,896	30,362	40,237	42,843	45,662
Goodwill & intangible assets	14,861	15,452	15,078	15,413	15,757
Investments	60,484	54,583	87,436	1,01,547	1,22,749
Cash & Cash equivalents	18,373	29,320	28,160	37,347	37,271
Other non-current assets	10,168	10,124	11,949	13,331	14,941
Other current assets	77,042	95,120	92,770	1,01,246	1,11,200
Total assets	2,05,824	2,34,961	2,75,630	3,11,726	3,47,579
Shareholder's funds	1,42,872	1,65,921	2,00,172	2,33,814	2,67,085
Minority interest	57	71	92	92	92
Borrowings	519	1,253	407	448	492
Lease Liabilties	13,392	14,159	20,299	20,705	21,119
Other non-current liabilities	636	2,271	662	694	729
Other current liabilities	48,348	51,286	53,998	55,974	58,062
Total equity & liabilities	2,05,824	2,34,961	2,75,630	3,11,726	3,47,579
Cash Flows (INR Mn.)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Cash flows from Operations	32,507	30,946	56,695	46,926	52,539
Cash flows from Investing	(16,453)	(3,309)	(39,121)	(18,533)	(25,469)
Cash flows from financing	(16,804)	(19,317)	(22,688)	(20,218)	(28,163)
Ratio Analysis	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Growth Ratios (%)					
Revenues	-	27.1	7.0	6.6	9.5
Gross Profit	-	22.1	7.9	8.6	10.3
EBITDA	-	16.4	4.6	10.2	13.2
EBIT	-	15.8	3.4	9.3	14.9
Margin Ratios (%)					
Gross Profit Margin	29.7	28.6	28.8	29.3	29.5
EBITDA Margin	20.1	18.4	18.0	18.6	19.2
EBIT Margin	17.8	16.2	15.7	16.1	16.9
Profitability (%)					
Return on equity	27.6	26.6	22.9	21.6	21.9
Return on invested capital	24.4	24.9	21.3	20.0	20.1
Return on capital employed	29.5	29.3	25.1	23.8	24.2
Valuation					_ n.z
OCF / Net profit (%)	82.3	70.2	123.7	93.0	90.0
EV / EBITDA (x)	02.3	22.6	28.7	22.9	20.3
Book Value per share (x)	483.5	560.7	675.8	788.9	901.2
DOOR VALUE PEL SHALE (A)	403.3	300.7	075.0	700.5	501.2
Free Cash flow yield (%)		2.0	0.7	1.1	1.0

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LTIMindtree Ltd		
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2. 28-04-2023	Add,	Target Price 4,907
3. 18-07-2023	Neutral,	Target Price 5,300
4. 25-09-2023	Add,	Target Price 5,995
5. 19-10-2023	Add,	Target Price 5,845
6. 18-01-2024	Neutral,	Target Price 6,475
7. 18-03-2024	Buy,	Target Price 5,697
8. 25-04-2024	Buy,	Target Price 5,005
9. 18-07-2024	Reduce,	Target Price 5,715

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