ADD

Topaz to drive market differentiation and market leadership in GenAl

Infosys Ltd. reported declining Q3FY24 revenues at \$4,663mn (in-line with our estimates), down 1.0% QoQ/YoY in constant currency terms. In USD terms, reported revenue was down 1.2% QoQ and flattish YoY. INR revenue for Q3FY24 stood at INR388.2bn, down 0.4% QoQ but up 1.3% YoY. Q3FY24 large deal TCV stood strong at \$3.2 bn, with 71% being net new. PAT for the quarter came at INR61bn, down 1.7% QoQ and 7.3% YoY. EPS for the quarter came in at INR14.8.

- Conservative revenue guidance for FY24E: The quarterly revenue was affected by seasonal industry trends, resulting in a 1% decline in constant currency terms. Looking forward, growth is anticipated in the manufacturing, energy utilities, and life sciences sectors. However, the financial services and technology segments are grappling with challenges in the market. Geographically, the North America business is affected, whereas the European business is showing growth. In response to the constraints on digital transformation initiatives and limited discretionary spending, decision-making processes have slowed down, adversely affecting Infosys's overall business volumes. As a strategic response, the management has revised the revenue guidance for FY24E to 1.5-2.0% in constant currency. Management is observing strong traction in GenAl programs by leveraging its Topaz capability.
- Acquisition: Infosys has revealed its acquisition of InSemi, a prominent semiconductor design and embedded services provider for INR2.8bn. The completion of the deal is contingent upon meeting customary closing conditions and is expected to be finalized during Q4FY24. This strategic investment serves to enhance Infosys' Engineering Research and Development (R&D) capabilities, showcasing the company's ongoing dedication to collaborating with global clients in co-creating solutions to facilitate their digital transformation journey.
- Margins to remain range bound: In Q3, operating margins stood at 20.5%, experiencing a sequential decline of 70 bps. This decrease was influenced by factors such as the wage hike implemented from November 1st and an additional impact of \$30mn related to the Mc Camish incident, impacting the balance between revenue and costs. Despite these challenges, the management is actively pursuing cost optimization measures. The guidance for a comfortable operating margin band of 20-22% has been provided for the FY24E. The company is directing its attention towards GenAl initiatives and is optimistic that securing large deals will contribute to margin improvement.
- Headcount dropped to 3,22,663: In Q3, the attrition rate decreased to 12.9% vs 14.6% in previous quarter, while the overall headcount was reduced by 6,101 employees, which includes reduction in S/W professionals by 5,785 and reduction in sales and support by 316 employees. The total headcount in Q3FY24 stood at 3,22,663 compared to 3,28,764 in Q2FY24.
- Valuation: The company is concentrating on securing substantial deals to propel further growth. The heightened adoption of next-generation artificial intelligence, such as TOPAZ and Cobalt cloud, is anticipated to generate long-term value for the business. The management is actively engaged in cost optimization efforts with the aim of enhancing margins and ensuring financial efficiency. We expect Revenue/EBIT/PAT to grow at a CAGR of 7.7%/11.7%/11.4% respectively over FY23-FY26E. We maintain our ADD rating with a revised target price of INR1,625 implying a PE of 24x (unchanged) on FY26E EPS of INR80.4.

Financial Snapshot

Year end: March	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD Mn.)	16,310	18,208	18,679	19,772	22,028
Revenue (INR Mn.)	12,16,410	14,67,670	15,47,199	16,46,088	18,33,876
Gross Profit (INR Mn.)	4,14,000	4,41,120	4,59,877	4,97,800	5,92,181
EBIT (INR Mn.)	2,80,150	3,11,080	3,24,520	3,61,175	4,33,468
EBIT Margin (%)	23.0	21.2	21.0	21.9	23.6
EPS (INR)	52.5	57.6	59.8	67.7	80.4

Source: Company, CEBPL

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CMP (Rs.)	1,495
Target Price (Rs.)	1,625
Potential Upside (%)	8.7

Company Info

BB Code	INFO IN EQUITY
ISIN	INE009A01021
Face Value (Rs.)	5.0
52 Week High (Rs.)	1,620.0
52 Week Low (Rs.)	1,215.4
Mkt Cap (Rs Bn.)	6,204.9
Mkt Cap (\$ Bn.)	74.7
Shares o/s (Mn.)/Float(%)	4,150.1/86
FY23 EPS (Rs.)	57.6
FY26E EPS (Rs.)	80.4

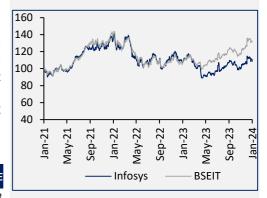
Shareholding Pattern (%)

	Sep-23	Jun-23	Mar-23
Promoters	14.89	14.94	15.14
FII's	33.60	33.44	35.09
DII's	35.19	34.58	33.59
Public	16.32	17.04	16.18

Relative Performance (%)

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YTD	3Y	2Y	1Y
BSE IT	32.0	(6.8)	23.5
Infosys	8.6	(19.5)	1.6

Rebased Price Performance



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Sequential Operating Performance

	20EV22	20EV22	40EV22	10EV24	20EV24	3QFY24
Income Statement	2QFY23	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFYZ4
Income Statement	4.555	4.650	4.554	4.647	4.740	4.662
Revenues (USD Mn.)	4,555	4,659	4,554	4,617	4,718	4,663
Revenues (INR Mn.)	3,65,380	3,83,180	3,74,410	3,79,330	3,89,940	3,88,210
Gross Profit (INR mn.)	1,11,260	1,17,570	1,11,280	1,13,080	1,17,370	1,13,820
Gross Margin (%)	30.5	30.7	29.7	29.8	30.1	29.3
EBIT (INR mn.)	79,390	83,220	78,770	78,910	82,740	79,610
EBIT Margin (%)	21.7	21.7	21.0	20.8	21.2	20.5
PAT (INR mn.)	60,210	65,860	61,280	59,450	62,120	61,060
Basic EPS (INR)	14.35	15.71	14.79	14.37	15.01	14.75
Operating Metrics						
Revenues - Geography (%)						
North America	62.5	62.0	61.0	60.8	61.1	59.0
Europe	24.7	25.8	27.0	26.8	26.5	28.2
India	2.9	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.4
ROW	9.9	9.8	9.4	9.7	9.6	10.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Revenues -Industry (%)						
Financial Services	30.5	29.3	28.9	28.1	27.5	27.8
Retail	14.2	14.3	14.8	14.5	15.2	14.6
Communication	12.3	12.3	11.8	11.7	11.4	11.4
Energy, Utilities, Resources and Servcies	12.3	13.0	12.9	12.9	12.7	13.2
Manufacturing	12.8	13.3	13.5	14.1	14.3	14.9
Hi Tech	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.1	7.8	7.7
Life Sciences	6.7	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.8	7.6
Others	3.0	2.7	2.9	3.4	3.3	2.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Employee Metrics						
Total Headcount	3,45,218	3,46,845	3,43,234	3,36,294	3,28,764	3,22,663
Attrition Rate LTM (%)	27.1	24.3	20.9	17.3	14.6	12.9
Utilization - incl trainees (%)	76.6	77.1	76.9	78.9	80.4	81.7
Effort Split (%)						
Onsite	24.4	24.5	24.6	24.7	24.6	24.4
Offshore	75.6	75.5	75.4	75.3	75.4	75.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
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CEBPL Estimates vs Actual for Q3FY24

Infosys (INR Mn.)	Q3FY24	Q3FY23	YoY(%)	Q2FY24	QoQ (%)	CEBPL Est.	Dev. (%)
Revenues (\$ mn.)	4,663	4,659	0.1	4,718	(1.2)	4,702	(0.8)
Revenues	3,88,210	3,83,180	1.3	3,89,940	(0.4)	3,88,625	(0.1)
Employee Cost	2,74,390	2,65,610	3.3	2,72,570	0.7		
Gross Profit (INR mn.)	1,13,820	1,17,570	(3.2)	1,17,370	(3.0)	1,14,145	(0.3)
Gross Margin (%)	29.3	30.7	(136) bps	30.1	(78) bps	29.4	(5) bps
Other costs	22,450	23,100	(2.8)	22,970	(2.3)		
Depreciation	11,760	11,250	4.5	11,660	0.9		
EBIT (INR mn.)	79,610	83,220	(4.3)	82,740	(3.8)	79,946	(0.4)
EBIT Margin (%)	20.5	21.7	(121) bps	21.2	(71) bps	20.6	(6) bps
Other Income	7,890	6,890	14.5	6,320	24.8		
Interest	1,310	800	63.8	1,380	(5.1)		
PBT (INR mn.)	86,190	89,310	(3.5)	87,680	(1.7)		
Tax	25,060	23,450	6.9	25,530	(1.8)		
Adj. PAT (INR mn.)	61,060	65,860	(7.3)	62,120	(1.7)	61,977	(1.5)
Basic EPS (INR)	14.8	15.7	(6.1)	15.0	(1.7)	15.0	(1.5)

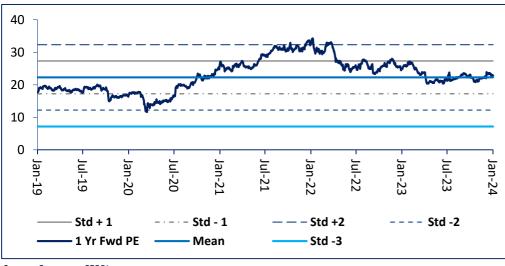
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Change in estimates

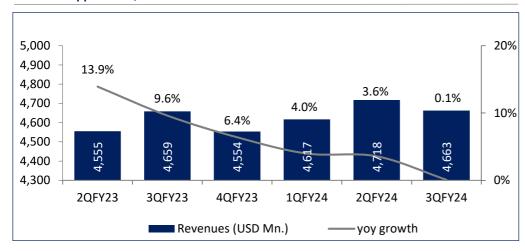
Income Statement	FY25E				FY26E	
(INR Mn.)	Old	New	Dev. (%)	Old	New	Dev.(%)
Revenues (USD Mn.)	19,990	19,772	(1.1)	21,681	22,028	1.6
Revenues	16,52,165	16,46,088	(0.4)	17,91,962	18,33,876	2.3
Gross Profit Margin (%)	29.1	30.2	117 bps	28.5	32.3	378 bps
EBIT	3,36,595	3,61,175	7.3	3,60,537	4,33,468	20.2
EBIT Margin (%)	20.4	21.9	157 bps	20.1	23.6	352 bps
EPS	63.3	67.7	6.9	67.2	80.4	19.6

Source: Company, CEBPL

Historical 1 Yr Fwd PE Band

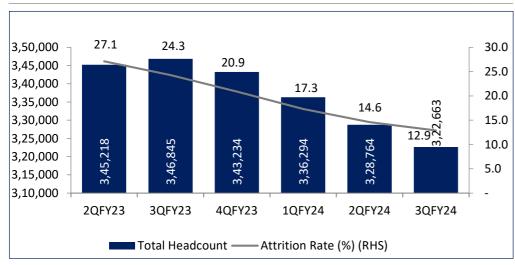


Revenue dipped for Q3



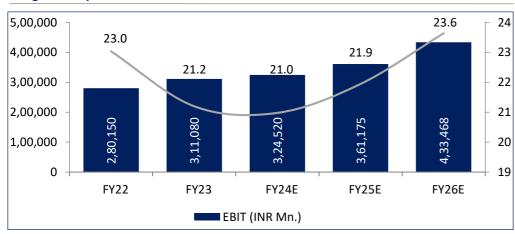
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Negative net addition; Attrition is trending lower



Source: Company, CEBPL

Margins to improve



Management Call - Highlights

- During the quarter, the free cash flow was strong, totaling INR55.5bn, and the conversion of this free cash flow to net profit for Q3 was also strong, with a robust rate of 90.8%.
- Infosys and Spirit Aero Systems have officially opened a specialized center for aerospace engineering excellence in Richardson, Texas. This facility will facilitate closer collaboration between Infosys and Spirit Aero Systems, allowing them to jointly address critical business challenges in the aircraft development lifecycle through the development of cross-functional solutions.
- Company biggest revenue chunk came from TOP 50, Top 100 and Top 200 clients.
- Infosys entered into a collaboration with smart Europe GmbH for five years to bring sustainable electric mobility to customers. Dirk Adelmann, Chief Executive Officer, smart Europe GmbH, said, "We are pleased to have Infosys as our partner on this journey. Infosys' strong leadership commitment backed by its ability to drive end-to-end application development and maintenance with efficiency and effectiveness, will help us boost our operational performance and user experience.
- Infosys announced a strategic long-term collaboration with TK Elevator (TKE) to help consolidate, harmonize, and modernize their digital landscape.

Financial Summary (Consolidated in INR Mn.)

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EBITDA Department of the control of	3,14,920	3,53,330	3,71,361	4,10,557	4,88,484
Depreciation EBIT	34,770 2,80,150	42,250	46,842	49,383	55,016
Other income	22,950	3,11,080 24,980	3,24,520 26,445	3,61,175 27,771	4,33,468 27,122
	2,000	24,980		4,517	
Interest expense Reported PAT	2,21,110	2,40,950	4,759 2,47,318	2,80,309	4,112 3,32,844
EPS	52.5	57.6	59.8	67.7	80.4
LF3	32.3	37.0	33.8	07.7	80.4
Balance Sheet (INR Mn.)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Tangible fixed assets	1,83,140	2,05,160	2,78,555	3,34,802	3,81,461
Goodwill & intangible assets	79,020	89,970	89,970	89,970	89,970
Investments	2,03,240	2,23,150	2,38,556	2,63,976	2,93,209
Cash & Cash equivalents	1,74,720	1,21,730	1,61,441	1,95,960	2,25,422
Other non-current assets	1,08,330	1,00,160	1,00,160	1,00,160	1,00,160
Other current assets	4,30,400	5,17,990	5,11,302	5,10,663	5,38,831
Total assets	11,78,850	12,58,160	13,79,984	14,95,531	16,29,053
Shareholder's funds	7,53,500	7,54,070	8,53,172	9,65,619	10,99,141
Minority interest	3,860	3,880	3,880	3,880	3,880
Borrowings	54740	82990	82990	82990	82990
Other non-current liabilities	39,440	37,780	37,780	37,780	37,780
Other current liabilities	327310	379440	402162	405262	405262
Total equity & liabilities	11,78,850	12,58,160	13,79,984	14,95,531	16,29,053
Cash Flows (INR Mn.)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Cash flows from Operations	3,14,970	3,12,610	3,02,058	3,10,500	
Cash flows from Investing	(64,160)	(12,090)	(90,973)	(95,252)	3,37,067 (88,781)
Cash flows from financing	(2,46,420)	(2,66,950)	(37,438)	(18,852)	(49,968)
cash nows from infancing	(2,40,420)	(2,00,330)	(57,430)	(10,032)	(43,308)
Ratio Analysis	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Growth Ratios (%)					
Revenues	21.1	20.7	5.4	6.4	11.4
Gross Profit	18.1	6.6	4.3	8.2	19.0
EBITDA	12.9	12.2	5.1	10.6	19.0
EBIT	13.8	11.0	4.3	11.3	20.0
Margin Ratios (%)					
Gross Profit Margin	34.0	30.1	29.7	30.2	32.3
EBITDA Margin	25.9	24.1	24.0	24.9	26.6
EBIT Margin	23.0	21.2	21.0	21.9	23.6
Profitability (%)					
Return on equity	28.8	31.8	32.7	32.7	34.4
Return on invested capital	34.5	36.8	33.3	33.7	35.7
Return on capital employed	25.6	27.2	25.0	25.4	27.0
Valuation	400.0	22.2	00.0	70.7	
OCF / Net profit (%)	108.0	93.2	82.2	73.7	64.2
EV / EBITDA (x)	19.7	17.5	16.9	15.1	12.6
Pook Value per share (v)	170.0	100 4	200.2	าาาา	205.0
Book Value per share (x) Free Cash flow yield (%)	179.0 4.6	180.4 4.9	206.2 3.3	233.3 3.8	265.6 4.4

Historical recommendations and target price: Infosys Ltd.



Infosys 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

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