Soft quarter; on track to achieve FY27 goals



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CMP (Rs): 1,445 | TP (Rs): 1,600

TechM's results were a mixed bag in Q4, with miss on revenue and improvement in margin. Revenue declined 1.5% CC QoQ to USD1.55bn due to delay in deal renewal in a hi-tech client (BPS segment client) and retail business seasonality. EBITM expanded by 30bps QoQ to 10.5% on the back of operating efficiencies from Project Fortius offsetting the wage hike impact. Deal intake stood strong for a second consecutive quarter at USD798mn, which includes 2 deals of +USD100mn TCV. Consolidation and cost takeout opportunities continue to drive the deal pipeline. TechM continues to prioritize margin over growth in the near term, and is therefore selectively participating in large deals. The company provided update on its Vision FY27 and commented that it is on track to deliver on stated objectives: 1) revenue growth above peer average, 2) EBITM of 15%, 3) ROCE of over 30%, and 4) returns more than 85% of FCF to shareholders. Prolonged period of an uncertain and tough macro environment poses a risk to these goals. We marginally tweak FY26-27E EPS, factoring in the Q4 performance. We retain ADD with unchanged TP of Rs1,600 at 20x Mar-27E EPS.

Results Summary

Revenue declined 1.2% QoQ (down 1.5% CC) to USD1.55bn, below our CC expectation of a 0.3% decline. Revenue for the IT Services and BPS segments declined 0.3% and 5.7% QoQ, respectively. Hi-Tech (8.5% QoQ in USD), HLS (6.2%), RTL (0.3%), and Manufacturing (0.1%) led the decline, whereas BFSI (2.2%) and Communications (1.0%) saw growth in Q4. EBITM expanded by 30bps QoQ as wage hike impact of 100bps was more than offset by operating efficiencies through Project Fortius, Comviva seasonality, and gain from currency movement. Net-new deal wins improved sequentially to USD798mn. Total headcount declined 1.2% QoQ to 148,731, largely owing to fall in BPO headcount. Attrition (LTM) inched up, to 11.8% (vs 11.2% in Q3). What we liked: Healthy deal intake, continued momentum in BFSI. What we did not like: BPS slowdown, softness in the Manufacturing and Technology verticals.

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1) The tariff uncertainty impacted growth in Q4 (particularly Manufacturing and Hi-tech) owing to cut in discretionary spending in Auto and headwinds in BPS (Hi-tech). 2) Communication vertical is not impacted by tariff so far. However, higher interest rates, possibility of slowdown in consumer spending in US, and lower capex continue to impact tech spending. 3) The management remains confident of making transformation progress, even amid macroeconomic challenges. 4) A conscious decision to scale down its non-core and loss-making portfolio led to ~1% impact on revenue in FY25 with 20-30bps margin benefit. 5) The mgmt listed some of its margin levers under Project Fortius - FPP optimization with automation and productivity improvement, better price realization, pyramid optimization, and utilization. 6) It added 45 must-have accounts in FY25, each of which provides significant headroom for growth. 7) The company expects the US hi-tech client's renewal decision to be finalized soon. 8) One-time income tax refund led to lower ETR in Q4. ETR is expected to normalize to 26-27% in FY26.

Tech Mahindra: Financial Snapshot (Consolidated)								
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E			
Revenue	532,902	519,956	529,883	551,738	588,615			
EBITDA	80,288	49,645	69,911	88,335	104,510			
Adj. PAT	50,683	28,160	42,788	55,198	68,357			
Adj. EPS (Rs)	57.6	31.9	48.4	62.4	77.3			
EBITDA margin (%)	15.1	9.5	13.2	16.0	17.8			
EBITDA growth (%)	0.1	(38.2)	40.8	26.4	18.3			
Adj. EPS growth (%)	(9.2)	(44.6)	51.6	29.0	23.8			
RoE (%)	18.5	10.3	15.8	19.7	23.2			
RoIC (%)	24.0	12.7	21.4	29.1	35.6			
P/E (x)	25.1	45.3	29.9	23.2	18.7			
EV/EBITDA (x)	15.1	24.4	17.3	13.7	11.6			
P/B (x)	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.2			
FCFF yield (%)	3.8	4.7	4.4	4.7	5.9			
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Source: Company, Emkay Research

Target Price – 12M	Mar-26
Change in TP (%)	-
Current Reco.	ADD
Previous Reco.	ADD
Upside/(Downside) (%)	10.7

Stock Data	TECHM IN
52-week High (Rs)	1,808
52-week Low (Rs)	1,173
Shares outstanding (mn)	979.0
Market-cap (Rs bn)	1,415
Market-cap (USD mn)	16,592
Net-debt, FY25E (Rs mn)	0
ADTV-3M (mn shares)	2
ADTV-3M (Rs mn)	3,115.1
ADTV-3M (USD mn)	36.5
Free float (%)	64.8
Nifty-50	24,246.7
INR/USD	85.3
Shareholding, Mar-25	
Promoters (%)	35.0
FPIs/MFs (%)	23.0/32.1

Price Performance							
(%)	1M	3M	12M				
Absolute	(0.9)	(16.1)	21.9				
Rel. to Nifty	(3.3)	(20.1)	12.6				



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(Rs mn)	Q4FY25	Q3FY25	QoQ (%)	Q4FY24	YoY (%)
Revenue (USD mn)	1,549	1,567	-1.2	1,548	0.0
Net sales	133,840	132,856	0.7	128,713	4.0
Total Income	133,840	132,856	0.7	128,713	
Operating expenses	115,166	114,766		114,635	
EBITDA	18,674	18,090	3.2	14,078	32.6
Margins (%)	14.0	13.6	30	10.9	300
Depreciation	4,621	4,588		4,614	
EBIT	14,053	13,502	4.1	9,464	48.5
Margins (%)	10.5	10.2	30	7.4	310
Interest	(853)	(759)		(585)	
Other income	1,727	165		3,735	
Pre-tax profit	14,927	12,908	15.6	12,614	18.3
Tax provided	3,223	3,086		2,949	
Profit after tax	11,704	9,822	19.2	9,665	21.1

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: Actuals vs estimates

(Rs mn)		Esti	mate	% variation		Comments
	Actual	Emkay	Consensus	Emkay	Consensus	
Revenue (USD mn)	1,549	1,574	1,553	-1.6%	-0.3%	Revenue growth was weaker than expected.
Sales	133,840	136,435	134,441	-1.9%	-0.4%	
EBIT	14,053	13,969	13,982	0.6%	0.5%	EBITM came higher than expectations.
EBIT margin	10.5%	10.2%	10.4%	30 bps	10 bps	
Profit	11,667	10,339	10,755	12.8%	8.5%	Profit beat expectations due to margin beat, higher other income, and lower ETR.

Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 3: Changes in estimates

(Rs mn)	FY26E			726E FY27		
	Old	New	Change	Old	New	Change
Revenue (USD mn)	6,440	6,378	-1.0%	6,888	6,727	-2.3%
YoY growth	2.7%	1.8%		7.0%	5.5%	
Revenue	557,026	551,738	-0.9%	602,693	588,615	-2.3%
EBIT (Rs mn)	70,461	69,603	-1.2%	87,497	85,222	-2.6%
EBITM (%)	12.6	12.6		14.5	14.5	
Net Profit	55,230	55,198	-0.1%	69,226	68,357	-1.3%
EPS (Rs)	62.5	62.4	-0.2%	78.3	77.3	-1.3%

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 4: TechM - One-year forward PER



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Tech Mahindra: Consolidated Financials and Valuations

Profit & Loss					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	532,902	519,956	529,883	551,738	588,615
Revenue growth (%)	19.4	(2.4)	1.9	4.1	6.7
EBITDA	80,288	49,645	69,911	88,335	104,510
EBITDA growth (%)	0.1	(38.2)	40.8	26.4	18.3
Depreciation & Amortization	19,567	18,171	18,529	18,733	19,289
EBIT	60,721	31,474	51,382	69,603	85,222
EBIT growth (%)	(6.6)	(48.2)	63.3	35.5	22.4
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	9,650	9,169	8,554	7,306	9,375
Financial expense	3,256	3,922	3,217	2,937	3,081
PBT	67,115	36,721	56,719	73,971	91,516
Extraordinary items	(2,370)	(4,582)	(273)	0	0
Taxes	15,885	8,276	14,002	18,493	22,879
Minority interest	(547)	(285)	71	(280)	(280)
Income from JV/Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	48,313	23,578	42,515	55,198	68,357
PAT growth (%)	(13.2)	(51.2)	80.3	29.8	23.8
Adjusted PAT	50,683	28,160	42,788	55,198	68,357
Diluted EPS (Rs)	57.6	31.9	48.4	62.4	77.3
Diluted EPS growth (%)	(9.2)	(44.6)	51.6	29.0	23.8
DPS (Rs)	50.0	40.0	45.0	47.5	60.0
Dividend payout (%)	91.0	149.7	93.6	76.1	77.7
EBITDA margin (%)	15.1	9.5	13.2	16.0	17.8
EBIT margin (%)	11.4	6.1	9.7	12.6	14.5
Effective tax rate (%)	23.7	22.5	24.7	25.0	25.0
NOPLAT (pre-IndAS)	46,349	24,381	38,697	52,202	63,916
Shares outstanding (mn)	880	883	885	885	885

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Cash flows					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
PBT (ex-other income)	64,455	32,244	56,532	73,971	91,516
Others (non-cash items)	29,647	31,002	18,731	18,453	19,009
Taxes paid	(19,931)	(12,469)	(14,744)	(18,493)	(22,879)
Change in NWC	(18,451)	12,987	(2,662)	(5,702)	(4,301)
Operating cash flow	55,720	63,764	57,857	68,229	83,345
Capital expenditure	(9,692)	(7,377)	(4,829)	(11,244)	(11,680)
Acquisition of business	(10,672)	(7,488)	(1,620)	0	0
Interest & dividend income	1,448	1,531	1,910	0	0
Investing cash flow	(2,785)	(13,137)	(232)	(29,006)	(11,680)
Equity raised/(repaid)	442	238	90	-	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	(1,594)	(688)	(10,751)	5,693	0
Payment of lease liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Interest paid	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend paid (incl tax)	(42,633)	(39,170)	(39,345)	(42,026)	(53,085)
Others	(6,996)	(8,052)	(7,986)	0	0
Financing cash flow	(50,781)	(47,672)	(57,992)	(36,333)	(53,085)
Net chg in Cash	2,154	2,955	(367)	2,890	18,579
OCF	55,720	63,764	57,857	68,229	83,345
Adj. OCF (w/o NWC chg.)	74,171	50,777	60,519	73,931	87,646
FCFF	46,028	56,387	53,028	56,985	71,665
FCFE	44,220	53,996	51,721	54,048	68,584
OCF/EBITDA (%)	69.4	128.4	82.8	77.2	79.7
FCFE/PAT (%)	91.5	229.0	121.7	97.9	100.3
FCFF/NOPLAT (%)	99.3	231.3	137.0	109.2	112.1

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Balance Sheet					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Share capital	4,400	4,413	4,424	4,424	4,424
Reserves & Surplus	274,845	262,281	269,191	282,364	297,635
Net worth	279,245	266,694	273,615	286,787	302,059
Minority interests	4,702	4,774	4,302	4,302	4,302
Non-current liab. & prov.	(9,704)	(11,651)	(16,294)	(11,651)	(11,651)
Total debt	14,858	14,606	8,780	14,473	14,473
Total liabilities & equity	289,101	274,423	270,403	293,911	309,183
Net tangible fixed assets	28,622	25,577	23,806	21,655	19,902
Net intangible assets	33,425	29,063	23,831	18,880	13,808
Net ROU assets	10,972	9,605	15,186	14,505	13,720
Capital WIP	836	1,011	206	500	500
Goodwill	76,657	75,106	76,993	76,993	76,993
Investments [JV/Associates]	-	-	-	-	-
Cash & equivalents	76,428	79,732	77,243	97,895	116,474
Current assets (ex-cash)	221,628	199,746	209,108	212,477	223,697
Current Liab. & Prov.	159,467	145,417	155,969	148,993	155,912
NWC (ex-cash)	62,161	54,329	53,139	63,484	67,785
Total assets	289,101	274,423	270,403	293,911	309,183
Net debt	(61,570)	(65,126)	(68,463)	(83,422)	(102,001)
Capital employed	289,101	274,423	270,403	293,911	309,183
Invested capital	200,865	184,075	177,769	181,012	178,489
BVPS (Rs)	317.4	302.2	309.3	324.1	341.4
Net Debt/Equity (x)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	(0.8)	(1.3)	(1.0)	(0.9)	(1.0)
Interest coverage (x)	21.6	10.4	18.6	26.2	30.7
RoCE (%)	24.0	13.9	20.9	26.0	30.2

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Valuations and key Ratios								
Y/E Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E			
P/E (x)	25.1	45.3	29.9	23.2	18.7			
P/CE(x)	18.1	27.5	20.9	17.3	14.6			
P/B (x)	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.2			
EV/Sales (x)	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1			
EV/EBITDA (x)	15.1	24.4	17.3	13.7	11.6			
EV/EBIT(x)	19.9	38.5	23.6	17.4	14.2			
EV/IC (x)	6.0	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.8			
FCFF yield (%)	3.8	4.7	4.4	4.7	5.9			
FCFE yield (%)	3.5	4.2	4.0	4.2	5.4			
Dividend yield (%)	3.5	2.8	3.1	3.3	4.2			
DuPont-RoE split								
Net profit margin (%)	9.5	5.4	8.1	10.0	11.6			
Total asset turnover (x)	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.0			
Assets/Equity (x)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0			
RoE (%)	18.5	10.3	15.8	19.7	23.2			
DuPont-RoIC								
NOPLAT margin (%)	8.7	4.7	7.3	9.5	10.9			
IC turnover (x)	2.8	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.3			
RoIC (%)	24.0	12.7	21.4	29.1	35.6			
Operating metrics								
Core NWC days	42.6	38.1	36.6	42.0	42.0			
Total NWC days	42.6	38.1	36.6	42.0	42.0			
Fixed asset turnover	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.6	5.2			
Opex-to-revenue (%)	84.9	90.5	86.8	84.0	82.2			

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

Date	Closing Price (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
31-Mar-25	1,418	1,600	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
18-Jan-25	1,660	1,800	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
01-Jan-25	1,704	1,800	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
20-Oct-24	1,688	1,700	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
01-Oct-24	1,625	1,700	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
26-Jul-24	1,541	1,650	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
01-Jul-24	1,472	1,425	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
10-Jun-24	1,340	1,350	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
09-Jun-24	1,378	1,350	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
03-Jun-24	1,245	1,350	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
27-May-24	1,330	1,350	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
26-Apr-24	1,279	1,350	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
31-Mar-24	1,248	1,450	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
01-Mar-24	1,272	1,450	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
25-Jan-24	1,322	1,450	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
31-Dec-23	1,273	1,450	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
30-Nov-23	1,221	1,330	Add	Dipeshkumar Mehta
25-Oct-23	1,142	1,330	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
02-Oct-23	1,223	1,360	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
26-Jul-23	1,143	1,200	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
02-Jul-23	1,131	1,200	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
28-Apr-23	1,024	1,170	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

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