

IT Sector

More of the same is good news

IT sector (coverage universe) continues to transition from a protracted IT upgrade cycle and low discretionary spending to some normalisation in H2FY25E which is our 'base' case. We believe that the growth/earnings cut cycle has bottomed out, but the pace of recovery remains uncertain, especially with lingering macro events over the next couple of quarters. The relative under-ownership in the sector can still provide tactical opportunities, even as valuations relative to benchmarks are not compelling enough in aggregate—remain selective with preference for TCS within tier-1 and Persistent Systems within mid-tier IT.

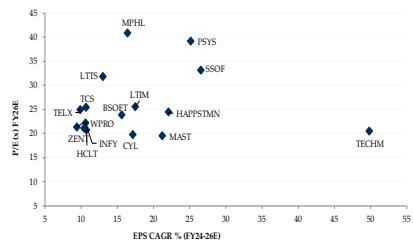
Growth divergence to continue in Q1FY25E: For Q1FY25E, revenue growth divergence continues and is expected to range from -2.2% to +1.5% QoQ (-4.6% to +4.8% in YoY terms) for tier-1 IT. Q1 growth expectations for mid-tier IT ranges from -1.6% QoQ to +4.9% QoQ. Within tier-1 IT, Infosys and LTIM are expected to lead growth at +1.4% and +1.5% QoQ, followed by +0.6/0.3% QoQ growth for TCS/TECHM and sequential decline for HCL Tech and Wipro. Within mid-tier IT, growth is expected to be led by Persistent Systems at 4.9% QoQ and Tata Elxsi at 3% QoQ (Transportation vertical). Q1 growth laggards are expected to be ER&D services such as LTTS (SWC seasonality and Industrial Products) and Cyient. The negative cross-currency impact is largely due to the weakening of Yen. Deal bookings have been steady with fewer mega deals (Wipro – Communications deal) and deal share gains vs. global peers have continued.

Unchanged guidance: We expect the companies to retain their revenue outlook for FY25E - Infosys to retain its guidance of 1 to 3% CC growth for FY25E (excluding in-tech acquisition), HCL Tech at 3 to 5% for FY25E, and L&T Tech at 8 to 10% organic for FY25E. Wipro is expected to guide -0.5 to +1.5% revenue growth for Q2FY25E. Margins during the quarter are expected to be subdued and impacted by higher visa costs, pricing pressure and wage hikes (TCS). We expect margins to gradually recover in H2FY25E with operating leverage and a favourable supply-side scenario.

Outlook: We expect IT sector growth at 4.0% in FY25E following 2.6% in FY24. Importantly, profit growth is expected to accelerate to a high single digit for FY25E following mid-single digit over the past two years. We raise target multiples for Wipro, Tech Mahindra, and Persistent, given improving growth/trajectories with a mega deal aiding visibility for Wipro (REDUCE), growth momentum in Persistent (BUY), and margin recovery track in Tech Mahindra (REDUCE). Valuation multiples have re-rated, on average, by ~10% over the past month with no change in earnings estimates (mid-single digit cuts over the past 3/6 months). NIFTY IT index valuations are above the historical premium/discount to NIFTY and Accenture valuations (near peak valuation premium) despite large strides by Accenture on GenAI. The current valuations at 27x are >10% over the 5Y average and ~30% above the 10Y average, which limits the upside case.

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INFO	1,621	ADD	1,610
HCLT	1,481	ADD	1,525
WPRO	538	REDUCE	465
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MAST	2,757	ADD	2,800

*CMP as on 2nd Jul 2024



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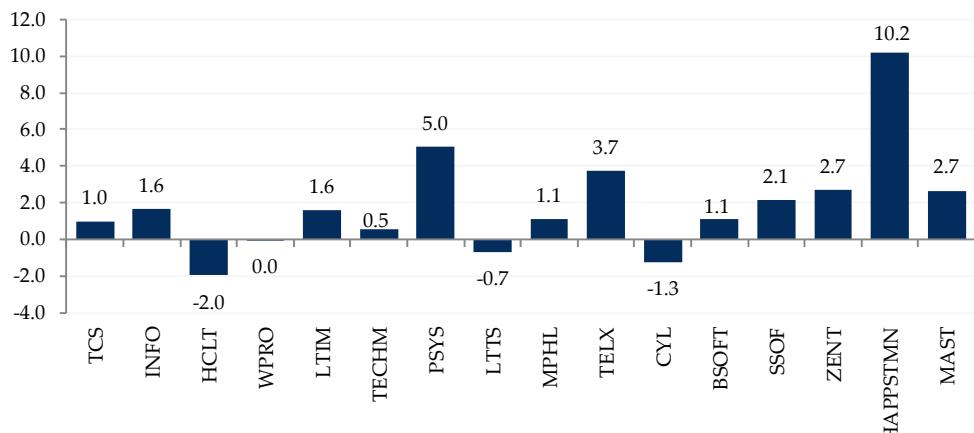
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Exhibit 1: IT Services: Q1FY25E Quarterly Financial Summary

Company	NET SALES (USD mn)			NET SALES (INR bn)			EBIT (INR bn)			EBIT Margin (%)			APAT (INR bn)			Adj. EPS (INR)		
	Q1 FY25E	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	Q1 FY25E	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	Q1 FY25E	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	Q1 FY25E	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	Q1 FY25E	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	Q1 FY25E	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY24
TCS	7,409	0.6	2.5	617.90	0.9	4.1	151.01	(5.1)	9.8	24.4	-156	127	119.12	(4.2)	7.6	32.9	34.4	30.6
INFO	4,630	1.4	0.3	386.15	1.8	1.8	79.93	4.9	1.3	20.7	60	-10	62.21	(3.9)	4.6	15.0	15.6	14.4
HCLT	3,353	(2.2)	4.8	279.66	(1.9)	6.4	47.74	(4.9)	7.0	17.1	-54	11	37.17	(6.7)	5.2	13.7	14.7	13.0
WPRO	2,651	(0.2)	(4.6)	222.19	0.0	(2.7)	36.23	2.1	4.8	16.3	32	116	29.83	5.2	3.9	5.7	5.4	5.2
LTIM	1,085	1.5	2.5	90.49	1.8	4.0	13.55	3.5	(6.6)	15.0	25	-170	11.60	5.4	0.7	39.2	37.2	39.0
TECHM	1,553	0.3	(3.0)	129.55	0.6	(1.6)	10.32	9.0	15.7	8.0	61	119	9.73	0.4	40.5	11.0	10.9	7.8
PSYS	326	4.9	15.3	27.21	5.0	17.2	3.75	0.3	8.3	13.8	-66	-113	3.04	(3.7)	14.6	19.7	20.5	17.2
LTTS	302	(0.9)	8.0	25.23	(0.6)	9.6	4.29	0.1	8.5	17.0	12	-18	3.47	1.8	11.6	32.8	32.3	29.4
MPHL	415	1.0	4.2	34.58	1.3	6.3	5.22	2.8	4.6	15.1	22	-25	4.00	1.8	1.0	21.4	21.0	21.1
TELX	112	3.0	8.3	9.34	3.1	9.9	2.24	(4.3)	(2.8)	23.9	-186	-312	1.88	(4.5)	(0.4)	30.2	31.6	30.3
CYL	176	(1.6)	(0.3)	14.73	(1.1)	1.2	2.21	(7.4)	(5.5)	15.0	-102	-106	1.59	(8.5)	(1.8)	14.4	15.7	14.8
BSOFT	166	1.0	7.8	13.81	1.3	9.3	2.06	2.8	20.0	14.9	21	133	1.66	(1.0)	20.7	6.0	6.1	5.0
SSOF	83	2.0	7.8	6.95	2.4	9.7	1.32	12.8	(1.1)	19.0	174	-209	1.29	16.5	7.1	4.6	3.9	4.3
ZENT	152	2.5	1.7	12.67	3.0	3.2	1.84	2.6	(2.0)	14.5	-6	-78	1.68	(3.3)	7.2	7.3	7.6	6.8
HAPPSTMN	55	10.1	15.9	4.60	10.2	17.6	0.45	(33.7)	(39.7)	9.9	-652	-936	0.36	(42.0)	(38.0)	2.8	4.8	4.0
MAST	96	2.3	8.8	8.05	3.3	11.1	1.03	5.4	(4.1)	12.8	25	-202	0.75	(18.6)	6.9	23.7	29.1	22.7
Aggregate	22,565	0.4	1.5	1,883.10	0.7	3.1	363.19	(1.3)	5.9	19.3	-39	52	289.37	(3.0)	6.6			

Source: HSIE Research, WPRO USD Rev is IT services, CYL is DET business and SSOF is IITS USD rev & IITS EBITDA margin

Exhibit 2: Q1FY25E revenue growth expectation (QoQ CC)



Infosys has contribution from InSemi (semiconductor design services ~900 employees) acquisition at <0.1% in Q1

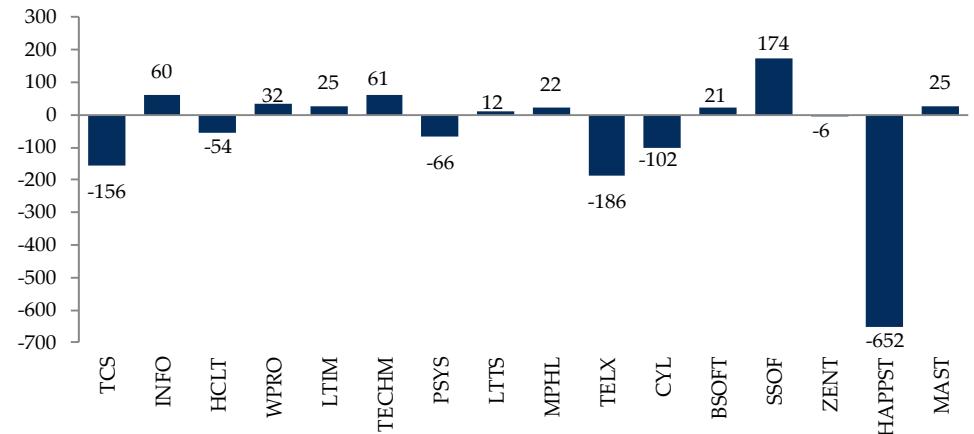
Wipro has contribution from Agnega Global (consulting & managed services in P&C insurance/ Duck Creek) 0.3% QoQ impact on growth

TECHM has contribution from Orchid Cybertech (TPG Telecom Philippines captive ~2,950 employees) or 0.2% QoQ impact on growth

Happiest Minds has contribution from PureSoft (BFSI, Healthcare vertical ~1,200 employees) and Aureus (Insurance vertical ~140 employees) at 8.5% QoQ impact on growth

Source: HSIE Research; Inorganic growth for Wipro is 0.3% QoQ, TECHM is 0.2% QoQ and HAPPSTMN is 8.5% QoQ

Exhibit 3: Q1FY25E EBITM QoQ bps expectation



Source: HSIE Research; Sonata is IITS EBITDA margin and Cyient is DET EBIT margin

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Exhibit 4: IT Services: valuation metrics

Company	MCap (INR bn)	CMP (INR)	TP INR)	RECO	EPS (INR)				P/E (x)				RoE (%)				USD Rev CAGR% FY24-26E	EPS CAGR% FY24- 26E
					FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E		
TCS	14,700	4,017	4,420	ADD	116.5	128.9	142.0	157.8	34.5	31.2	28.3	25.5	46.9	51.6	55.4	58.2	6.5	10.7
Infosys	6,727	1,621	1,610	ADD	58.2	59.7	63.1	73.0	27.9	27.1	25.7	22.2	32.0	30.3	29.1	32.1	5.6	10.6
HCL Tech	4,018	1,481	1,525	ADD	54.7	57.9	59.2	69.3	27.1	25.6	25.0	21.4	23.3	23.5	23.1	26.1	6.4	9.4
Wipro	2,818	538	465	REDUCE	21.7	21.1	22.7	25.9	24.8	25.5	23.8	20.8	15.8	14.4	15.5	17.0	3.5	10.7
LТИ Mindtree	1,618	5,474	5,340	ADD	149.1	155.0	173.9	213.7	36.7	35.3	31.5	25.6	28.6	25.0	23.9	25.5	10.3	17.4
TechM	1,299	1,472	1,220	REDUCE	57.5	31.9	49.5	71.7	25.6	46.1	29.8	20.5	18.5	10.3	16.1	22.4	5.7	49.8
Persistent	693	4,502	4,600	BUY	61.3	73.4	89.2	114.9	73.4	61.3	50.4	39.2	25.1	24.5	25.5	27.9	17.8	25.1
L&T Tech	531	5,025	4,260	REDUCE	110.8	123.5	133.0	157.7	45.3	40.7	37.8	31.9	25.7	25.4	24.4	25.0	10.9	13.0
Mphasis	469	2,506	2,210	REDUCE	87.6	83.1	86.5	100.4	28.6	30.1	29.0	25.0	22.0	18.6	17.8	19.2	7.5	9.9
Tata Elxsi	440	7,058	6,550	REDUCE	121.3	127.2	144.8	172.4	58.2	55.5	48.8	40.9	41.0	34.5	33.3	34.0	13.6	16.4
Cyient	204	1,846	2,050	ADD	51.2	67.8	73.9	93.0	36.1	27.2	25.0	19.9	17.2	19.4	18.3	20.8	11.5	17.1
Birlasoft	195	709	775	ADD	16.3	22.2	24.7	29.7	43.4	31.9	28.7	23.9	17.9	22.3	20.7	21.5	11.0	15.6
Sonata	177	630	600	ADD	16.1	17.2	19.9	25.7	39.1	36.6	31.6	24.5	37.7	35.7	36.1	38.6	13.0	22.1
Zensar	172	751	815	ADD	14.3	29.1	31.1	35.5	52.4	25.8	24.2	21.2	11.3	20.0	18.1	18.3	9.0	10.4
Happiest Minds	127	831	900	ADD	15.5	15.6	17.9	25.0	53.7	53.2	46.3	33.2	31.3	20.5	17.5	21.5	29.8	26.5
Mastek	85	2,757	2,800	ADD	86.6	96.2	112.2	141.3	31.8	28.6	24.6	19.5	19.4	16.1	15.8	17.3	12.3	21.2
IT AVG									39.9	36.4	31.9	25.9	25.9	24.5	24.4	26.6	10.9	17.9
IT Median									36.4	31.5	28.8	24.2	24.2	22.9	21.9	23.7	10.6	16.0

Source: HSIE Research, CMP as on 2nd Jul 2024

Exhibit 5: Global IT Peers: valuation metrics

Company	MCap (USD bn)	CMP USD	TP USD	RECO	EPS				P/E (x)				RoE (%)				USD Rev CAGR% FY24-26E	EPS CAGR% FY24- 26E
					FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E		
Accenture	203.2	303	NA	NR	11.7	11.9	12.8	14.1	25.9	25.4	23.6	21.4	28.8	27.6	27.1	26.2	6.3	8.9
Cognizant	33.5	68	NA	NR	4.4	4.6	4.6	5.0	15.3	14.9	14.7	13.7	18.8	16.7	16.6	16.3	2.3	4.4
Capgemini^	32.9	188	NA	NR	9.1	12.4	12.3	13.3	20.7	15.1	15.3	14.2	17.0	16.5	17.7	17.6	3.8	3.2
EPAM	10.6	186	NA	NR	7.3	10.6	10.1	11.0	25.4	17.5	18.4	16.9	15.3	12.9	15.4	14.4	3.1	1.9
Globant	7.7	176	NA	NR	3.6	5.7	6.4	7.5	49.7	30.7	27.7	23.4	10.6	9.8	14.6	15.2	16.1	14.6
TietoEVRY^	2.2	18	NA	NR	1.6	2.1	2.0	2.3	11.5	8.5	8.9	8.1	10.7	10.3	11.8	13.2	2.4	2.5
Global IT AVG									24.7	18.7	18.1	16.3	16.9	15.6	17.2	17.2	5.6	5.9
Global IT Median									23.0	16.3	16.8	15.5	16.1	14.7	16.0	15.8	3.4	3.8

Source: Bloomberg consensus, HSIE Research, CMP as on 2nd Jul 2024, ^ in EUR

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Exhibit 6: Change in estimates

Company	Revenue USD Mn (NEW)		Change (%)		EBIT % (NEW)		Change (bps)		EPS (INR) NEW		Change (%)	
	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E
TCS	30,542	32,995	-1.3%	-1.4%	25.6	26.0	12	-6	142.0	157.8	-0.7%	-1.7%
INFO	19,138	20,697	0.3%	0.6%	21.0	22.0	-14	4	63.1	73.0	-0.1%	0.8%
HCLT	13,764	15,029	-1.2%	-1.3%	18.0	19.0	-6	-2	59.2	69.3	-1.5%	-1.5%
WPRO*	10,854	11,568	-0.2%	0.2%	15.7	16.9	10	16	22.7	25.9	0.5%	1.1%
LTIM	4,560	5,213	0.0%	0.0%	15.8	17.0	-16	0	173.9	213.7	-0.6%	0.0%
TECHM	6,373	7,010	-0.2%	-0.2%	9.6	13.2	-93	-30	49.5	71.7	-5.1%	1.1%
PSYS	1,389	1,646	1.1%	1.0%	14.6	15.8	-69	-60	89.2	114.9	-3.3%	-2.2%
LTTS	1,268	1,432	0.9%	1.0%	16.4	17.1	6	-23	133.0	157.7	0.5%	-0.3%
MPHL	1,690	1,858	0.0%	0.0%	15.0	15.5	-3	0	86.5	100.4	-0.2%	0.0%
TELX	479	553	0.0%	0.0%	27.0	27.5	0	0	144.8	172.4	0.0%	0.0%
CYL	931	1,072	-2.1%	-1.5%	14.6	15.5	-36	-18	73.9	93.0	-4.8%	-2.7%
BSOFT	687	785	-3.0%	-3.7%	14.6	15.3	-3	-24	24.7	29.7	0.3%	-3.5%
SSOF*	354	413	0.0%	0.1%	19.5	21.5	-220	-86	19.9	25.7	-5.8%	-3.3%
ZENT	631	704	0.3%	0.5%	14.9	15.1	14	0	31.1	35.5	2.2%	2.3%
HAPPSTMN	263	331	0.0%	0.0%	16.1	17.8	2	0	17.9	25.0	0.4%	0.0%
MAST	405	465	-1.1%	-1.0%	14.2	15.2	-62	-26	112.2	141.3	-5.1%	-1.7%

Source : Company, HSIE Research; * Wipro is IT Services USD revenue and Sonata is IITS revenue & IITS EBITDA margin

Exhibit 7: Change in TP & Rating

Companies	M-cap (INR bn)	CMP (INR)	TP Old (INR)	New TP (INR)	Old Rating	New Rating	Old multiple (x)	New multiple (x)	5Y Avg (x)	10Y Avg (x)
TCS	14,700	4,017	4,500	4,420	ADD	ADD	28	28	27	23
INFY	6,727	1,621	1,595	1,610	ADD	ADD	22	22	23	20
HCLT	4,018	1,481	1,545	1,525	ADD	ADD	22	22	18	16
WPRO^	2,818	538	435	465	REDUCE	REDUCE	17	18	19	17
LTIM	1,618	5,474	5,340	5,340	ADD	ADD	25	25	28	24
TECHM^	1,299	1,472	1,135	1,220	REDUCE	REDUCE	16	17	18	16
PSYS^	693	4,502	4,110	4,600	BUY	BUY	35	40	29	22
LTTS	531	5,025	4,270	4,260	REDUCE	REDUCE	27	27	31	27
MPHL	469	2,506	2,210	2,210	REDUCE	REDUCE	22	22	23	18
TELX	440	7,058	6,550	6,550	REDUCE	REDUCE	38	38	43	33
CYL	204	1,846	2,100	2,050	ADD	ADD	22	22	16	15
BSOFT	195	709	800	775	ADD	ADD	26	26	18	13
SSOF	177	630	610	600	ADD	ADD	23	23	19	15
ZENT^	172	751	625	815	ADD	ADD	18	23	16	14
HAPPSTMN	127	831	900	900	ADD	ADD	36	36	53	NA
MAST	85	2,757	2,850	2,800	ADD	ADD	20	20	17	14

Source : Company, HSIE Research, CMP as on 2nd Jul 2024, ^ indicates multiple upgrade/downgrade

Exhibit 8: Consensus FY25E Earnings upgrade/downgrade

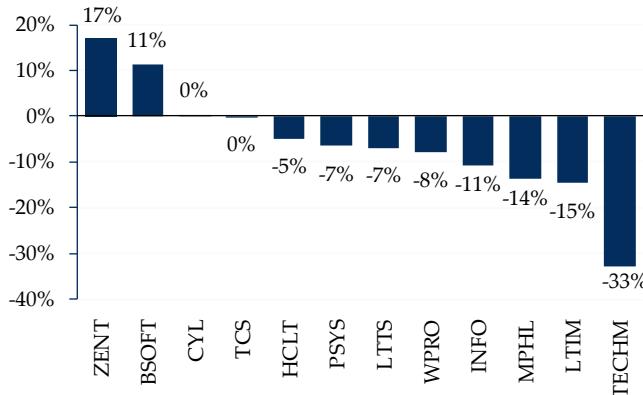
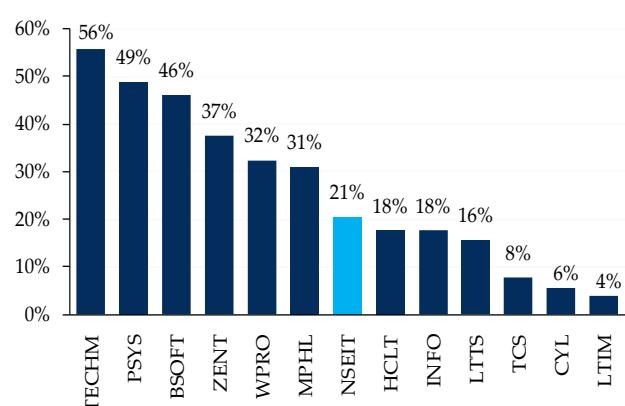


Exhibit 9: Consensus P/E multiple rerating/derating



Source: Bloomberg, HSIE Research, Note: change from Jun'23 till Jun'24

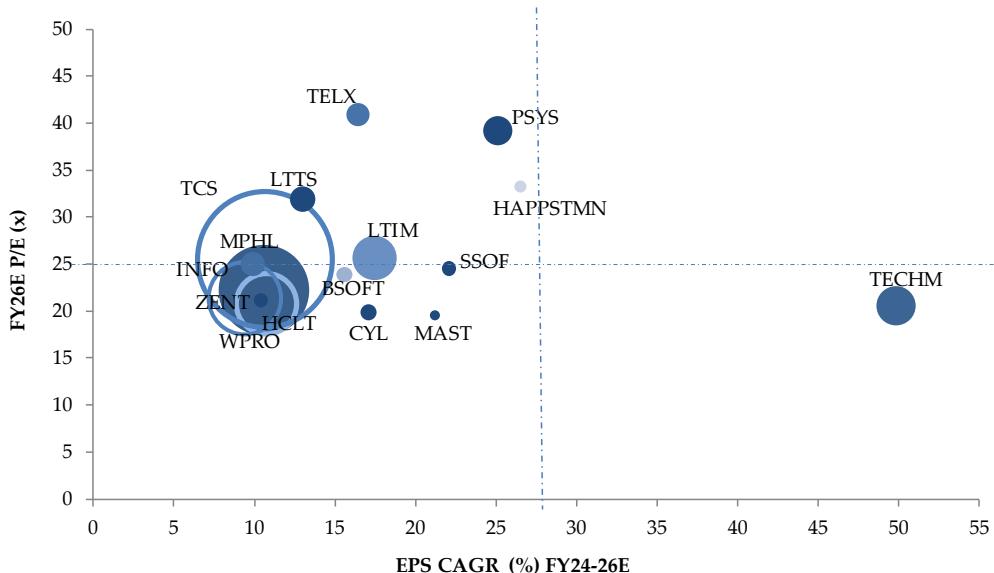
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Exhibit 10: IT Services stock performance (%) – ZENT, TECHM, PSYS, LTIM and WPRO led the outperformance in last 3M

Company	M-cap (USD bn)	CMP (INR)	1W (%)	1M (%)	3M (%)	6M (%)	1Y (%)	3Y (%)	5Y (%)	YTD (%)
TCS	174.2	4,017	5	9	3	6	22	21	78	6
INFO	80.6	1,621	5	15	9	6	21	3	119	5
HCLT	48.1	1,481	2	12	-3	1	25	50	179	1
WPRO	33.7	538	8	23	12	15	38	0	89	14
LTIM	19.4	5,474	7	16	12	-11	5	35	210	-13
TECHM	17.2	1,472	3	20	19	15	30	35	107	16
PSYS	8.3	4,502	13	32	13	23	80	207	1372	22
LTTS	6.4	5,025	4	12	-10	-3	28	75	191	-4
MPHL	5.7	2,506	4	10	2	-6	32	16	158	-9
TELX	5.3	7,058	-1	2	-8	-19	-7	59	666	-19
CYL	2.5	1,846	-1	6	-8	-20	23	111	242	-20
BSFT	2.3	709	2	17	-8	3	98	78	680	-2
SSOF	2.1	630	9	22	-14	-11	25	123	376	-15
ZENT	2.0	751	0	23	25	27	94	124	194	23
HAPPSTMN	1.5	831	0	5	3	-9	-15	-30	401	-7
MAST	1.0	2,757	3	16	7	2	42	18	482	-2
NSE IT Index			5	15	7	6	26	29	132	5
NIFTY			2	7	7	11	26	53	103	11
Nasdaq			1	7	10	21	30	22	120	19

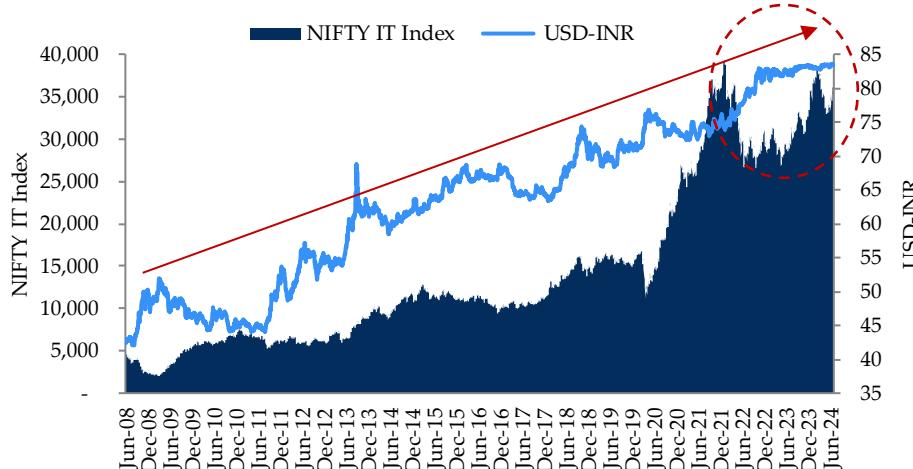
Source: Bloomberg, HSIE Research, CMP as on 2nd Jul 2024

Exhibit 11: IT Sector P/E and EPS Growth



Source : Company, HSIE Research, Size of the bubble denotes market cap

Exhibit 12: USD-INR vs IT index trend

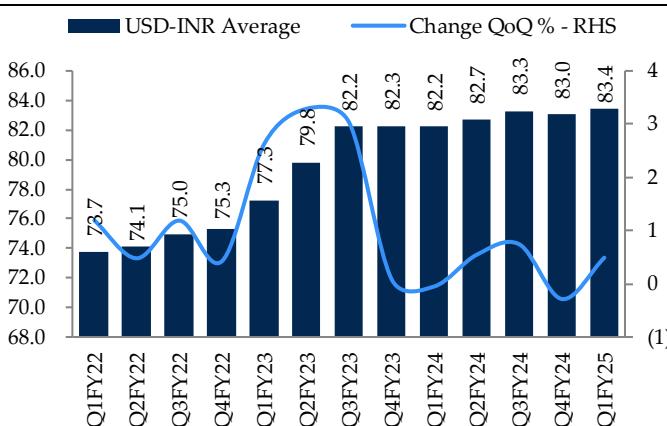


Source: Bloomberg

Exhibit 13: Currency trends

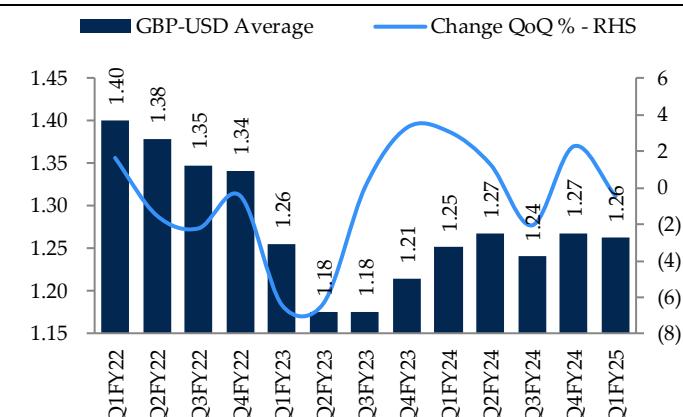
Unfavourable movement of GBP, EUR and JPY led negative cross currency impact in Q1

USD-INR trend



Source: NSE, Bloomberg, HSIE Research

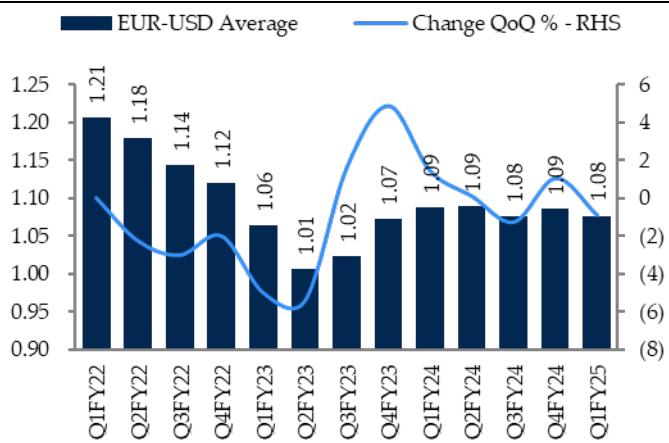
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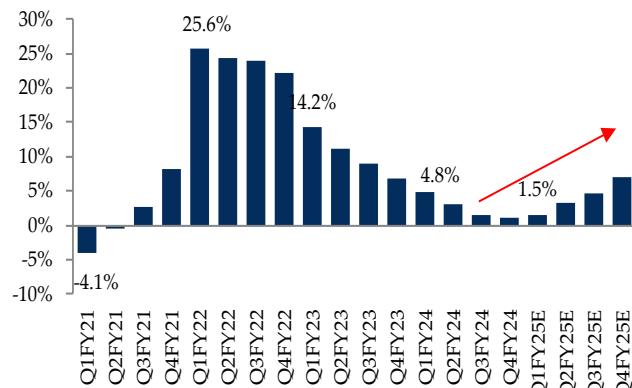
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EUR-USD trend



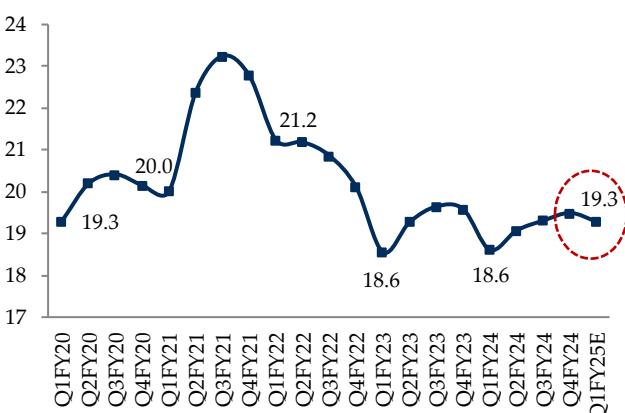
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Exhibit 14: IT Sector YoY revenue growth bottomed-out in Q1FY25



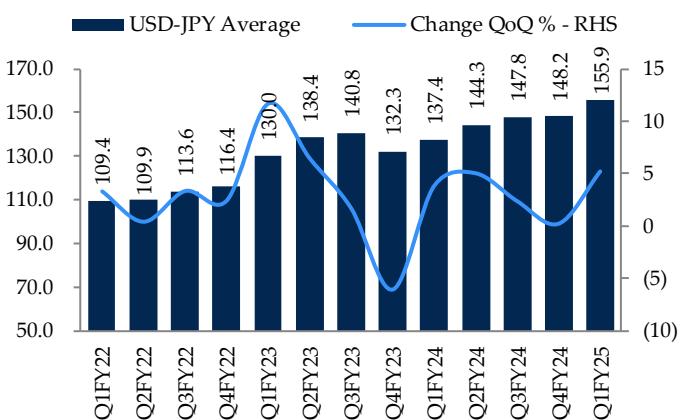
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Exhibit 16: Margin at bottom and to recover ahead – IT sector EBITM trend



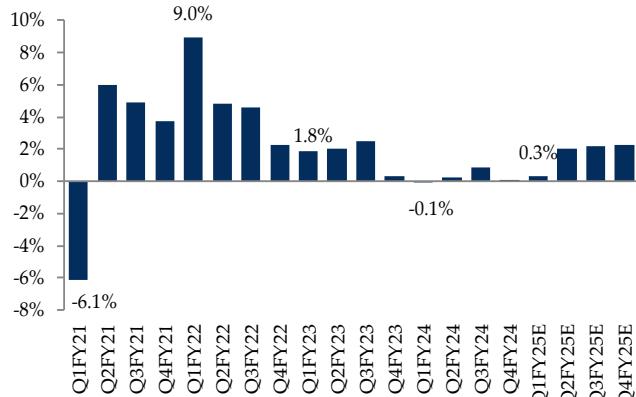
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USD-JPY trend



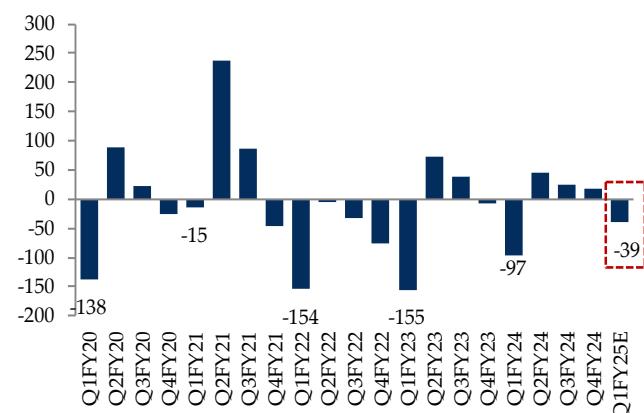
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Exhibit 15: IT Sector QoQ revenue growth remains soft due to weakness in discretionary IT spend



Source: Company, HSIE Research

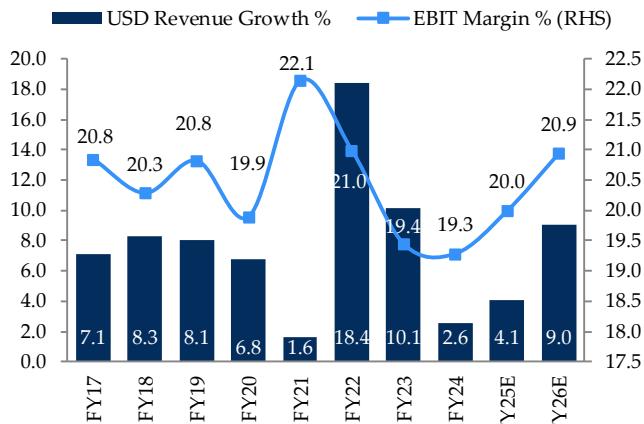
Exhibit 17: Margins moderated in Q1FY25E



Source: Company, HSIE Research

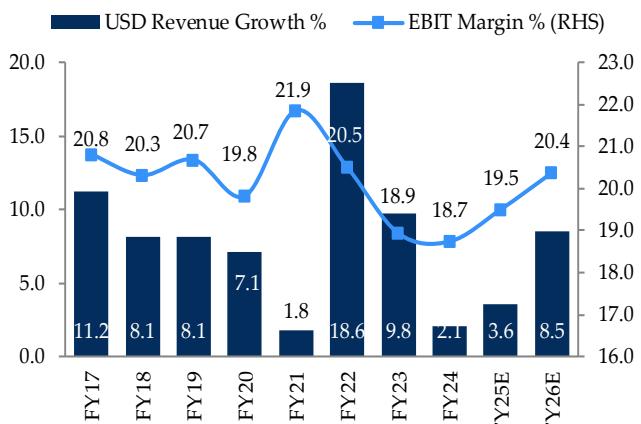
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Exhibit 18: Base case growth recovery from H2FY25E - IT Sector aggregate revenue growth and EBITM trend



Source: Company, HSIE Research

Exhibit 19: Tier -1 IT revenue growth and margin trend



Source: Company, HSIE Research; Tier 1 includes TCS, INFO, HCLT, WPRO, LTIM & TECHM

Exhibit 20: Key deals announced in Q1FY25

Company	Client	Vertical	Region	Services
TCS	Burgan Bank	BFSI	Kuwait	Consolidation of legacy applications
	Xerox	Technology & Services	US	Cloud & GenAI
Infosys	ABB FIA Formula E World Championship	Public Services (Sports)	US	Three year deal for AI & Digital experience services
	First Abu Dhabi Bank	BFSI	UAE	IT infrastructure services modernisation
	Telstra	Communication	Australia	AI-led Engineering transformation
	Commerzbank	BFSI	Germany	Unified trading platform
	Nihon Chouzai	Life sciences	Japan	Mobile app development – telemedicine services
HCL Tech	State Bank of India	BFSI	India	Five year digital transformation deal
	Olympus	Life science & Healthcare	Japan	Engineering and R&D services
	apoBank	BFSI	Germany	Managed services
Wipro	Nokia	Communication	Finland	Digital Workplace Services
	Close Brothers	BFSI	UK	IT operations & modernisation
	Hanesbrands Inc	Consumer Business Unit	US	Digital transformation
	NA	Communication	US	USD 500mn managed services deal
LTTS	FORVIA	Transportation	France	EUR 45mn deal for 5 yrs of Engineering development service
	Airbus	Transportation	Europe	Establishing Centre of Excellence

Source: Company, HSIE Research

Exhibit 21: Quarterly USD revenue growth trend (QoQ CC %)

USD Rev (QoQ CC %)	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25E
TCS	4.0	3.0	2.6	3.5	4.0	2.3	0.6	0.0	0.1	1.0	1.1	1.0
INFO	6.3	7.0	1.2	5.5	4.0	2.4	-3.2	0.4	2.3	-1.0	-2.2	1.6
HCLT	3.5	7.6	1.1	2.7	3.8	5.0	-1.2	-1.3	1.0	6.0	0.3	-2.0
WPRO	8.1	3.0	3.1	2.1	4.1	0.6	-0.6	-2.8	-2.0	-1.7	-0.3	0.0
LTIM	10.6	7.5	3.2	5.0	5.5	1.9	0.7	0.1	1.7	0.7	-1.3	1.6
TECHM	7.2	4.7	5.4	3.5	2.9	0.2	0.3	-4.2	-2.4	1.1	-0.8	0.5
PSYS	9.5	9.6	9.3	12.0	6.6	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.2	3.1	3.4	5.0
LTTS	6.0	4.2	3.6	4.7	4.5	0.0	2.2	-2.9	3.2	0.9	5.1	-0.7
MPHL	6.6	7.8	4.8	2.0	1.8	-2.5	-4.5	-3.5	0.0	1.0	2.1	1.1
TELX	7.4	6.5	7.4	6.5	4.7	3.5	1.6	1.2	3.4	3.0	-0.6	3.7
CYL	5.5	4.4	1.6	6.5	12.3	11.9	3.2	0.3	1.0	1.1	-0.5	-1.3
BSOFT	6.6	4.7	2.1	2.3	1.1	0.0	3.1	1.7	3.0	1.8	1.6	1.1
SSOF	11.0	8.6	4.7	3.9	3.3	3.9	8.0	17.4	5.2	3.0	-2.2	2.1
ZENT	12.3	4.7	4.2	3.1	1.6	-5.3	0.4	1.3	0.2	-3.2	2.0	2.7
HAPPSTMN	8.0	5.5	5.5	5.9	5.0	2.1	1.4	3.6	3.3	0.8	1.4	10.2
MAST	3.9	3.7	5.3	-0.1	10.7	3.1	5.3	0.4	4.4	2.7	-1.4	2.7

Source: Company, HSIE Research, Wipro is IT services rev and Sonata is IITS Rev, SSOF is USD rev growth from Q2FY22 to Q4FY22, HAPPSTMN is USD rev growth from Q2FY22 to Q2FY23; Inorganic growth for Wipro is 0.3% QoQ, TECHM is 0.2% QoQ and HAPPSTMN is 8.5% QoQ

Exhibit 22: Quarterly EBIT Margin trend (%)

EBIT Margin (%)	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25E
TCS	25.6	25.0	25.0	23.1	24.0	24.5	24.5	23.2	24.3	25.0	26.0	24.4
INFO	23.6	23.5	21.6	20.1	21.5	21.5	21.0	20.8	21.2	20.5	20.1	20.7
HCLT	19.0	19.1	18.0	17.0	17.9	19.6	18.2	17.0	18.5	19.7	17.6	17.1
WPRO	17.8	17.6	17.0	15.0	15.1	16.3	16.3	16.0	16.1	16.0	16.4	16.7
LTM	17.5	18.5	18.1	17.4	17.5	13.9	16.4	16.7	16.0	15.4	14.7	15.0
TECHM	15.2	14.8	13.2	11.0	11.4	12.0	11.2	6.8	4.7	5.4	7.4	8.0
PSYS	13.9	14.0	14.0	14.3	14.6	15.4	15.4	14.9	13.7	14.5	14.5	13.8
LTTS	18.4	18.6	18.6	18.3	18.1	18.7	18.7	17.2	17.1	17.2	16.9	17.0
MPHL	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.5	14.9	14.9	15.1
TELX	28.6	31.0	30.1	30.5	26.8	27.6	27.3	27.1	27.1	26.8	25.8	23.9
CYL	14.0	13.9	14.5	11.5	11.9	12.9	14.2	14.7	14.6	14.3	14.4	13.4
BSOFT	13.1	13.4	14.0	13.0	13.1	-1.1	11.9	13.6	14.2	14.4	14.7	14.9
SSOF	24.9	24.1	23.0	24.5	23.5	21.8	20.7	21.1	23.1	22.6	17.3	19.0
ZENT	10.9	10.1	10.1	7.2	4.6	7.1	11.6	15.3	15.7	14.6	14.6	14.5
HAPPSTMN	19.7	21.0	20.9	23.5	22.7	21.7	21.0	19.2	16.7	16.1	16.4	9.9
MAST	19.2	19.1	18.7	17.2	14.4	14.3	14.9	14.8	13.3	14.2	12.5	12.8

Source: Company, HSIE Research, WPRO is IT services margin and SSOF is IITS EBITDA Margin

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Exhibit 23: Financial Snapshot

TCS (M-cap INR 14,700bn, CMP 4017, TP 4420, ADD)

INR bn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD mn)	22,032	22,174	25,707	27,927	29,080	30,542	32,995
Revenue	1,569.49	1,641.77	1,917.54	2,254.58	2,408.93	2,557.29	2,804.56
EBIT	385.80	424.81	484.53	542.37	593.11	654.27	728.28
APAT	323.40	333.56	383.27	421.47	466.35	513.70	571.03
AEPS (INR)	89.4	92.2	105.9	116.5	128.9	142.0	157.8
EBIT margin (%)	24.6	25.9	25.3	24.1	24.6	25.6	26.0
USD Revenue growth (%)	5.4	0.6	15.9	8.6	4.1	5.0	8.0
EPS growth (%)	2.8	3.1	14.9	10.0	10.6	10.2	11.2
P/E (x)	44.9	43.6	37.9	34.5	31.2	28.3	25.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	33.5	30.2	26.4	23.7	21.9	19.9	17.9
RoE (%)	37.3	39.1	43.7	46.9	51.6	55.4	58.2

INFO (M-cap INR 6,727bn, CMP 1621, TP 1610, ADD)

INR bn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD mn)	12,781	13,562	16,310	18,212	18,562	19,138	20,697
Revenue	907.91	1,004.73	1,216.41	1,467.67	1,536.71	1,602.43	1,759.21
EBIT	193.74	246.22	280.15	309.06	317.47	337.29	387.11
APAT	164.04	193.51	221.11	240.95	247.50	261.50	302.58
AEPS (INR)	39.6	46.7	53.4	58.2	59.7	63.1	73.0
EBIT margin (%)	21.3	24.5	23.0	21.1	20.7	21.0	22.0
USD Revenue growth (%)	8.3	6.1	20.3	11.7	1.9	3.1	8.1
EPS growth (%)	4.0	18.0	14.3	9.0	2.7	5.7	15.7
P/E (x)	40.9	34.7	30.4	27.9	27.1	25.7	22.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	29.0	22.7	20.2	18.3	17.4	16.5	14.4
RoE (%)	25.2	27.3	29.2	32.0	30.3	29.1	32.1

HCLT (M-cap INR 4,018bn, CMP 1481, TP 1525, ADD)

INR bn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD mn)	9,936	10,176	11,537	12,586	13,270	13,764	15,029
Revenue	706.78	753.79	856.51	1,014.56	1,099.13	1,152.46	1,277.42
EBIT	138.53	160.71	162.04	184.84	200.27	207.00	242.83
APAT	110.62	124.62	134.99	148.52	157.02	160.71	187.98
AEPS (INR)	40.8	45.9	49.7	54.7	57.9	59.2	69.3
EBIT margin (%)	19.6	21.3	18.9	18.2	18.2	18.0	19.0
USD Revenue growth (%)	15.1	2.4	13.4	9.1	5.4	3.7	9.2
EPS growth (%)	9.3	12.7	8.3	10.0	5.7	2.3	17.0
P/E (x)	36.3	32.2	29.8	27.1	25.6	25.0	21.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	23.6	19.4	18.8	17.0	15.6	14.9	13.0
RoE (%)	23.8	22.4	22.1	23.3	23.5	23.1	26.1

WPRO (M-cap INR 2,818bn, CMP 538, TP 465, REDUCE)

INR bn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
ITS Revenue (USD mn)	8,256	8,137	10,356	11,147	10,805	10,854	11,568
Revenue	610.23	619.43	790.93	904.88	897.60	913.66	988.50
EBIT	101.42	120.14	133.75	135.13	135.76	143.32	166.89
APAT	97.22	107.95	122.19	113.50	110.45	118.61	135.47
AEPS (INR)	18.6	20.6	23.3	21.7	21.1	22.7	25.9
IT Services EBIT margin (%)	18.1	20.2	17.8	15.7	16.1	16.1	17.3
USD Revenue growth (%)	1.7	(1.4)	27.3	7.6	(3.1)	0.5	6.6
EPS growth (%)	7.0	11.0	13.2	(7.1)	(2.7)	7.4	14.2
P/E (x)	29.0	26.1	23.1	24.8	25.5	23.8	20.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	21.0	17.4	16.1	15.3	15.1	14.3	12.4
RoE (%)	17.3	19.4	20.2	15.8	14.4	15.5	17.0

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LTIM (M-cap INR 1,618bn, CMP 5474, TP 5340, ADD)

INR bn	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD mn)	3,502	4,106	4,287	4,560	5,213
Revenue	261.09	331.83	355.17	381.81	443.06
EBIT	46.52	53.85	55.69	60.50	75.11
APAT	39.50	44.10	45.85	51.44	63.22
AEPS (INR)	133.5	149.1	155.0	173.9	213.7
EBIT margin (%)	17.8	16.2	15.7	15.8	17.0
USD Revenue growth (%)	27.5	17.2	4.4	6.4	14.3
EPS growth (%)	29.5	11.6	4.0	12.2	22.9
P/E (x)	41.0	36.7	35.3	31.5	25.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	29.5	25.3	23.9	21.4	17.3
RoE (%)	30.5	28.6	25.0	23.9	25.5

TECHM (M-cap INR 1,299bn, CMP 1472, TP 1220, REDUCE)

INR bn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD mn)	5,182	5,111	5,998	6,606	6,277	6,373	7,010
Revenue	368.68	378.55	446.46	532.90	519.96	533.58	595.86
EBIT	42.80	53.89	65.00	60.72	31.47	51.38	78.59
APAT	42.51	44.79	55.66	50.68	28.16	43.64	63.22
AEPS (INR)	48.2	50.8	63.1	57.5	31.9	49.5	71.7
EBIT margin (%)	11.6	14.2	14.6	11.4	6.1	9.6	13.2
USD Revenue growth (%)	4.3	(1.4)	17.3	10.1	(5.0)	1.5	10.0
EPS growth (%)	(1.1)	5.4	24.3	(8.9)	(44.4)	55.0	44.9
P/E (x)	30.5	29.0	23.3	25.6	46.1	29.8	20.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	21.6	17.4	15.3	15.5	25.0	17.3	12.4
RoE (%)	20.2	19.2	21.5	18.5	10.3	16.1	22.4

PSYS (M-cap INR 693bn, CMP 4502, TP 4600, BUY)

INR bn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD mn)	502	566	766	1,036	1,186	1,389	1,646
Revenue	35.66	41.88	57.11	83.51	98.22	116.29	139.90
EBIT	3.27	5.07	7.92	12.47	14.15	17.01	22.13
APAT	3.59	4.51	6.90	9.43	11.30	13.73	17.68
AEPS (INR)	23.3	29.3	44.9	61.3	73.4	89.2	114.9
EBIT margin (%)	9.2	12.1	13.9	14.9	14.4	14.6	15.8
USD Revenue growth (%)	4.3	12.9	35.2	35.3	14.5	17.1	18.5
EPS growth (%)	(1.8)	25.6	53.2	36.6	19.8	21.5	28.8
P/E (x)	193.0	153.7	100.3	73.4	61.3	50.4	39.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	137.6	98.5	70.1	44.5	39.2	32.7	25.2
RoE (%)	14.4	17.4	22.4	25.1	24.5	25.5	27.9

LTTS (M-cap INR 531bn, CMP 5025, TP 4260, REDUCE)

INR bn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD mn)	786	737	880	990	1,164	1,268	1,432
Revenue	56.19	54.50	65.70	80.14	96.47	106.15	121.75
EBIT	9.28	7.89	12.01	14.79	16.47	17.36	20.81
APAT	7.51	6.27	9.57	11.70	13.04	14.03	16.64
AEPS (INR)	71.1	59.4	90.7	110.8	123.5	133.0	157.7
EBIT margin (%)	16.5	14.5	18.3	18.5	17.1	16.4	17.1
USD Revenue growth (%)	8.7	(6.3)	19.5	12.4	17.6	8.9	13.0
EPS growth (%)	9.3	(16.5)	52.7	22.2	11.4	7.7	18.6
P/E (x)	70.6	84.6	55.4	45.3	40.7	37.8	31.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	47.1	51.0	36.1	29.4	26.3	24.1	19.9
RoE (%)	28.6	20.1	25.1	25.7	25.4	24.4	25.0

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MPHL (M-cap INR 469bn, CMP 2506, TP 2210, REDUCE)

INR bn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD mn)	1,240	1,309	1,593	1,718	1,609	1,690	1,858
Revenue	88.44	97.22	119.62	137.99	132.79	141.54	157.97
EBIT	14.19	15.61	18.27	21.09	20.11	21.20	24.54
APAT	11.42	12.17	14.46	16.38	15.55	16.17	18.77
AEPS (INR)	61.1	65.0	77.3	87.6	83.1	86.5	100.4
EBIT margin (%)	16.0	16.1	15.3	15.3	15.1	15.0	15.5
USD Revenue growth (%)	10.8	5.6	21.7	7.8	(6.3)	5.0	9.9
EPS growth (%)	6.4	6.5	18.9	13.2	(5.1)	4.0	16.1
P/E (x)	41.0	38.5	32.4	28.6	30.1	29.0	25.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	27.4	24.8	21.2	18.3	18.5	17.0	14.8
RoE (%)	20.6	19.7	21.5	22.0	18.6	17.8	19.2

TELX (M-cap INR 440bn, CMP 7058, TP 6550, REDUCE)

INR bn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD mn)	227	247	331	390	429	479	553
Revenue	16.10	18.26	24.71	31.45	35.52	40.14	47.00
EBIT	3.00	4.78	7.10	8.80	9.47	10.82	12.90
APAT	2.71	3.68	5.50	7.55	7.92	9.02	10.73
AEPS (INR)	43.6	59.1	88.3	121.3	127.2	144.8	172.4
EBIT margin (%)	18.6	26.2	28.8	28.0	26.7	27.0	27.5
USD Revenue growth (%)	(0.9)	8.8	34.3	17.7	9.9	11.8	15.4
EPS growth (%)	(6.4)	35.6	49.3	37.4	4.9	13.8	19.1
P/E (x)	162.0	119.4	80.0	58.2	55.5	48.8	40.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	126.2	82.3	56.0	44.4	40.6	35.3	29.5
RoE (%)	26.7	30.1	37.2	41.0	34.5	33.3	34.0

CYL (M-cap INR 204bn, CMP 1846, TP 2050, ADD)

INR bn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD mn)	625	557	608	746	863	931	1,072
Revenue	44.27	41.32	45.34	60.16	71.47	78.08	91.69
EBIT	4.08	4.16	6.30	7.67	10.36	11.38	14.18
APAT	3.73	3.72	5.22	5.65	7.49	8.16	10.26
AEPS (INR)	33.8	33.7	47.3	51.2	67.8	73.9	93.0
EBIT margin (%)	9.2	10.1	13.9	12.8	14.5	14.6	15.5
USD Revenue growth (%)	(5.3)	(10.9)	9.2	22.7	15.6	7.9	15.2
EPS growth (%)	17.2	13.1	(24.0)	(0.2)	40.5	8.2	32.5
P/E (x)	54.7	54.8	39.0	36.1	27.2	25.0	19.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	33.5	31.7	23.8	20.1	15.3	13.9	11.2
RoE (%)	14.5	13.5	17.2	17.2	19.4	18.3	20.8

BSOFT (M-cap INR 195bn, CMP 709, TP 775, ADD)

INR bn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD mn)	464	480	555	595	637	687	785
Revenue	32.91	35.56	41.30	47.95	52.78	57.53	66.71
EBIT	3.09	4.49	5.64	4.38	7.51	8.43	10.19
APAT	2.24	3.21	4.64	4.50	6.11	6.80	8.17
AEPS (INR)	8.1	11.7	16.8	16.3	22.2	24.7	29.7
EBIT margin (%)	9.4	12.6	13.6	9.1	14.2	14.6	15.3
USD Revenue growth (%)	(2.2)	3.4	15.7	7.2	7.1	7.9	14.2
EPS growth (%)	(5.3)	43.1	44.5	(3.0)	36.0	11.2	20.1
P/E (x)	87.0	60.8	42.1	43.4	31.9	28.7	23.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	48.1	34.7	28.5	35.3	21.2	18.7	15.2
RoE (%)	12.4	15.8	19.5	17.9	22.3	20.7	21.5

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SSOF (M-cap INR 177bn, CMP 630, TP 600, ADD)

INR bn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD mn)	181	160	203	241	324	354	413
Revenue	37.43	42.28	55.53	74.49	86.13	95.79	111.17
EBIT	3.36	3.40	4.16	5.45	5.96	6.97	9.11
APAT	2.77	2.44	3.76	4.52	4.83	5.59	7.20
AEPS (INR)	9.9	8.7	13.4	16.1	17.2	19.9	25.7
IITS EBITDA margin (%)	22.0	24.1	23.0	20.9	21.0	19.5	21.5
EBIT margin (%)	9.0	8.0	7.5	7.3	6.9	7.3	8.2
USD Revenue growth (%)	12.2	(11.3)	26.6	18.7	34.3	9.4	16.8
EPS growth (%)	12.3	(11.9)	54.3	20.0	6.9	15.6	28.9
P/E (x)	63.8	72.4	46.9	39.1	36.6	31.6	24.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	47.0	45.4	36.9	30.4	25.6	22.0	17.1
RoE (%)	38.5	31.0	37.6	37.7	35.7	36.1	38.6

ZENT (M-cap INR 172bn, CMP 751, TP 815, ADD)

INR bn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD mn)	566	494	569	604	592	631	704
Revenue	40.10	36.68	42.44	48.48	49.02	52.92	59.86
EBIT	3.47	5.11	4.72	3.69	7.38	7.87	9.02
APAT	2.63	2.52	4.16	3.28	6.65	7.10	8.11
AEPS (INR)	11.5	15.3	18.2	14.3	29.1	31.1	35.5
EBIT margin (%)	8.7	13.9	11.1	7.6	15.0	14.9	15.1
USD Revenue growth (%)	1.6	(12.7)	15.3	6.1	(2.0)	6.5	11.6
EPS growth (%)	(22.4)	33.0	19.0	(21.3)	103.0	6.7	14.2
P/E (x)	65.3	49.1	41.3	52.4	25.8	24.2	21.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	32.6	23.0	24.0	27.7	16.9	16.0	13.5
RoE (%)	12.7	15.7	16.3	11.3	20.0	18.1	18.3

HAPPSTMN (M-cap INR 127bn, CMP 831, TP 900, ADD)

INR bn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD mn)	93	104	147	178	196	263	331
Revenue	6.98	7.73	10.94	14.29	16.25	22.01	28.09
EBIT	0.77	1.69	2.25	3.17	2.78	3.55	4.99
APAT	0.83	1.62	1.86	2.36	2.38	2.73	3.81
AEPS (INR)	5.4	10.7	12.2	15.5	15.6	17.9	25.0
EBIT margin (%)	11.0	21.8	20.6	22.2	17.1	16.1	17.8
USD Revenue growth (%)	8.5	12.2	41.0	21.3	10.3	34.0	25.8
EPS growth (%)	195.5	96.5	14.3	26.9	1.0	14.8	39.4
P/E (x)	153.0	77.9	68.1	53.7	53.2	46.3	33.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	129.7	64.0	47.4	34.6	35.0	26.9	19.8
RoE (%)	83.0	40.0	30.6	31.3	20.5	17.5	21.5

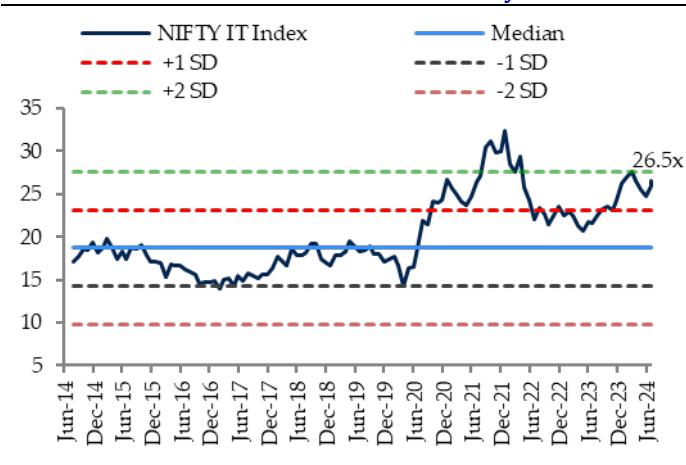
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INR bn	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (USD mn)	151	232	293	318	368	405	465
Revenue	10.71	17.22	21.84	25.63	30.55	34.04	39.51
EBIT	1.32	3.20	4.20	3.88	4.19	4.83	5.99
APAT	1.33	2.09	2.95	2.68	3.06	3.55	4.47
AEPS (INR)	46.7	73.5	96.6	86.6	96.2	112.2	141.3
EBIT margin (%)	12.3	18.6	19.2	15.2	13.7	14.2	15.2
USD Revenue growth (%)	2.2	53.6	26.3	8.6	15.8	10.0	14.7
EPS growth (%)	31.7	57.5	31.5	(10.4)	11.2	16.6	26.0
P/E (x)	59.1	37.5	28.5	31.8	28.6	24.6	19.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	49.8	19.9	16.9	18.9	17.2	14.5	11.4
RoE (%)	17.6	25.4	30.6	19.4	16.1	15.8	17.3

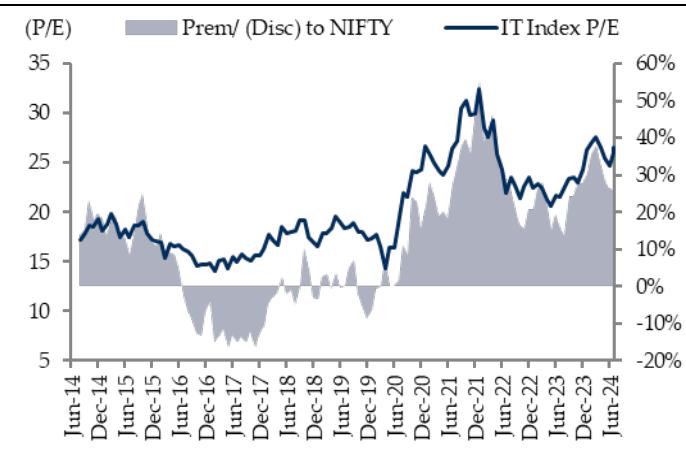
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Exhibit 24: Valuation charts

NIFTY IT Index Valuation Trend (P/E 1-yr fwd)



IT Index Valuation Trend vs NIFTY



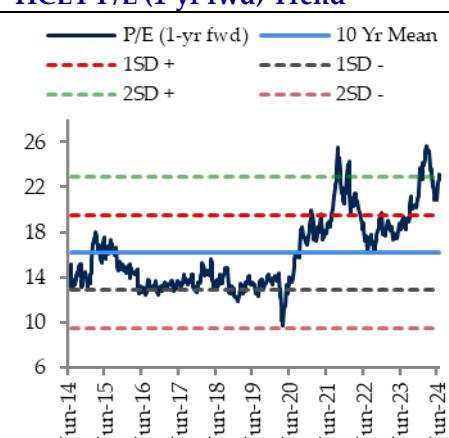
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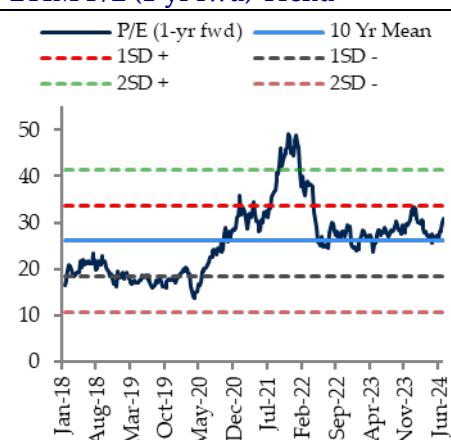
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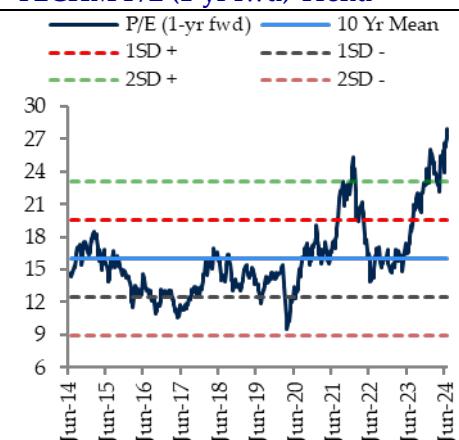
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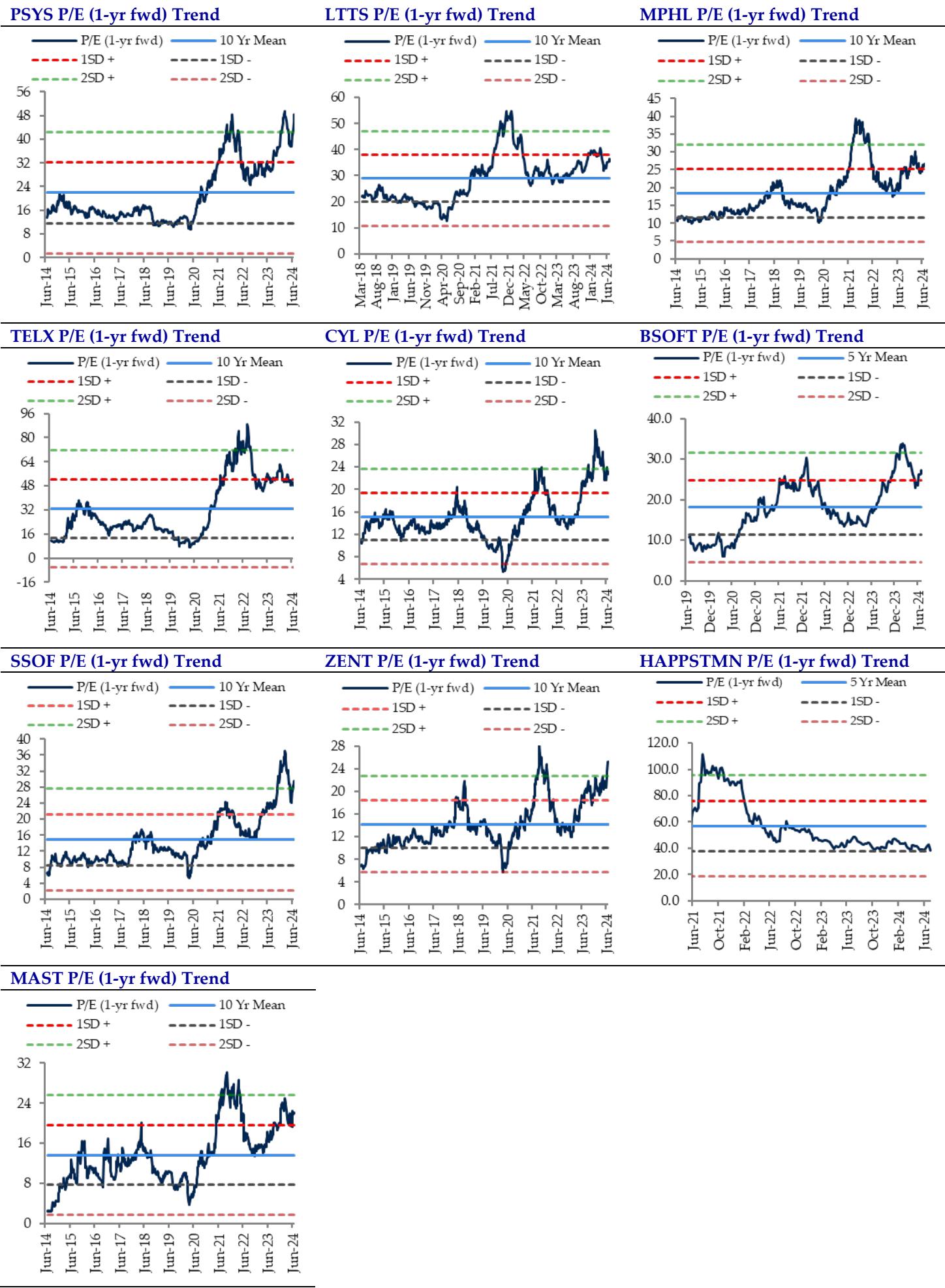


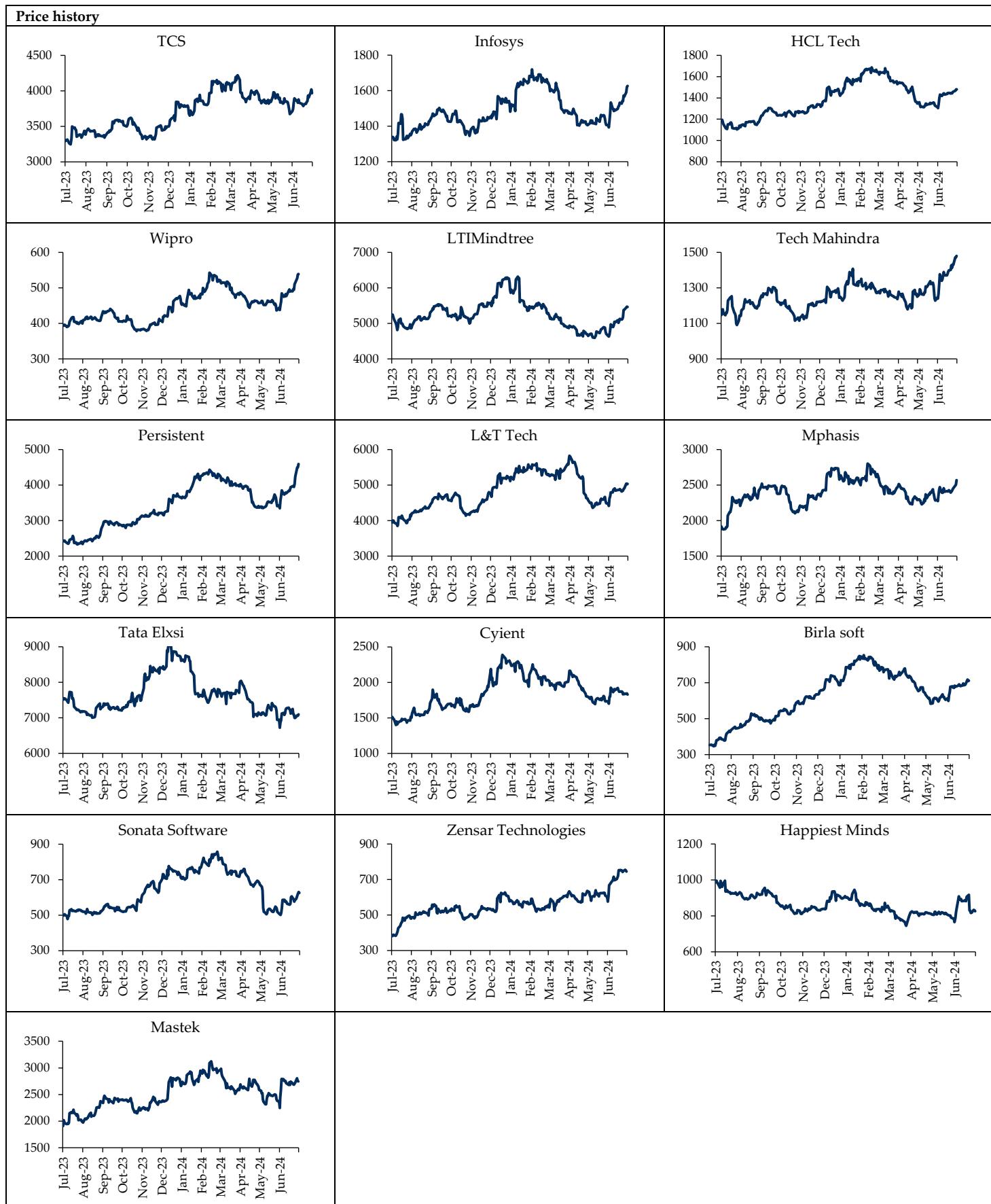
LTIM P/E (1-yr fwd) Trend



TECHM P/E (1-yr fwd) Trend







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