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### MEGA DEALS RAMP-UP A KEY DRIVER

# Infosys likely to lead tier-I IT sector growth

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ Bengaluru, July 15

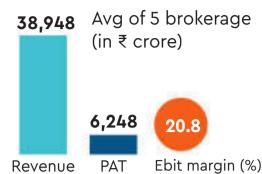
INFOSYS IS WELL-POSI-**TIONED** to lead growth among tier-I IT companies in the June quarter, with a sequential growth of nearly 3%. This growth is largely driven by the ramp-up of multiple mega deals, optimising operational efficiencies, and a one-off revenue impact adjustment from the previous quarter, according to brokerage firms.

As per the average of five brokerage firms' estimates, Infosys's revenue is expected to rise to ₹38,948 crore in April-June from ₹37,923 crore in the March quarter. The company is set to announce its Q1 earnings on July 18.

"We forecast sequential revenue growth of 2.5%, led by a ramp-up of multiple mega deals and the one-off impact of 100 basis points on revenues in the March quarter from rescoping of engagement with a financial services client—providing a low base and effectively a 1% kicker to the June quarter's growth numbers," said Kotak Institutional Equities.

The firm also anticipates Infosys will maintain its fiscal guidance between 1-3%, with the earnings before interest and tax (Ebit) margin

**ANALYST FORECAST** 



**2.7 70** bps

Growth (%, q-o-q)

guidance remaining steady at 20-22%.

Nomura supports this outlook, predicting a 3.0% sequential growth driven by large deals and

favourable adjustment from a one-time BFSI client contract restructuring.

On the profitability front, Infosys is expected to see a 70 basis point sequential increase to 20.8% in operating margin, also known

as Ebit margin.

This improvement is largely due to the absence of a one-off impact that previyear 2025 revenue growth alongside reduced visa and subcontractor charges and improved employee utilisation rates, brokerage



infosys"

reports said.

Other brokerages like JM Financial, ICICI Securities and Motilal Oswal Financial Services echoed similar sentiments on revenue

> growth and margin expansions driven by strategic deal wins and operational efficiencies. "We are build-

ing 2.1% q-o-q cc revenue growth with notable margin tailwinds from the absence of visa costs and partial reversal of one-time

ICICI Securities anticipates ously compressed margins, a 2% constant currency sequential revenue growth, emphasising the traction in high-tech and Banking, Finan-

cial Services and Insurance

impacts," JM Financial said in

(BFSI) sectors due to significant deals. Meanwhile, Motilal Oswal expects a revenue growth rebound to 2%, driven by the ramp-up of large deals won in the previous fiscal year.

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value (TCV), Kotak Institutional Equities forecasts a large deal of \$3 billion for the quarter. "The focus will be on the

translation of revenues from large deals signed in earlier quarters," the brokerage report said.

In terms of sectoral performance, particular attention is on the banking, financial services, and insurance (BFSI) sector, which has been underperforming.

The discretionary spending environment and management commentary on the sector will be pivotal, the ana-

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### Extract of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2024

SI. No.	Particulars	Three Months Ended 30.06.2024	Three Months Ended 30.06.2023	Year ended 31.03.2024 (Audited)	
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)		
1	Total Income from Operations	324.82	246.30	1,163.59	
2	Profit Before Interest, Depreciation & Taxes (EBITDA)	40.10	27.78	196.89	
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the Period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	(14.01)	6.31	75.89	
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the Period Before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(14.01)	6.31	84,78	
5	Net Profit / (Loss) for the Period After Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(10.28)	4.21	61.41	
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive income (after tax)]	(10.24)	4.10	62.88	
7	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value ₹ 4/- per Share)	224.22	124.56	224.22	
8	Other Equity (excld. Revaluation Reserve)			663.21	
9.	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 4/- each) (Not Annualised) Basic / Diluted	(0.18)	0.14	1.25	

#### Notes:

- (1) The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on 15th July, 2024.
- (2) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June 2024 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results is available on the websites of stock exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and also on Company's website at www.udaipurcement.com.

Place: New Delhi Date: 15th July 2024

Shareholders holding shares in Physical Mode are requested to dematerialise them & complete their KYC.



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# Brokerage firms raise HCLTech's target price

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ Bengaluru, July 15

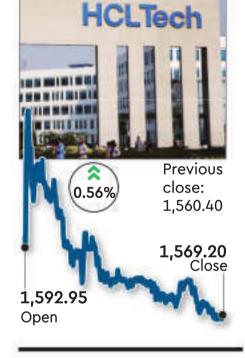
**INASERIES** of optimistic evaluations, multiple brokerage firms have revised their target prices for HCLTech stock after the company maintained its fiscal year revenue guidance at 3–5% year-on-year (y-o-y) and the operating margin at 18–19%, despite a challenging first quarter. The stock rose nearly 5%

intraday to ₹1,635.85 on the BSE. Eventually, the stock erased most of its gains to end 0.56% higher at ₹1,569.20. Nuvama Institutional

Equities maintained their 'buy' rating, elevating the target price from ₹1,700 to ₹1,800."HCLTech's sharp rerating has been driven by higher growth than peers and rectification of its capital allocation policy—fundamentals that shall sustain in FY25 too," they stated.

The Noida-headquartered IT company's consolidated revenue fell nearly 2% sequentially to ₹28,057 crore in April-June, while net profit rose 7% to ₹4,257 crore on the

**HCL Technologies** Intra-day on BSE (₹), July 15



back of a one-time gain. Motilal Oswal Financial

Services also upgraded its target price on the HCLTech stock to ₹1,850 due to consistent outperformance in growth compared to Infosys."Well set up for FY26: HCLTech has tackled seasonality in its first quarterwell. The second half is generally a strong period for HCLT," the brokerage said.

Prabhudas Lilladher said

act as a buffer against macroeconomic uncertainties. They expect HCLTech to report modest growth, keeping their 'buy'rating with a target price of ₹1,800, driven by anticipated recoveries in high-margin businesses in subsequent quarters.

the resilient business mix will

Emkay Global adjusted their target price to ₹1,700, stating: "The management is confident of growth in coming quarters, as clients continue to spend on genAI and other emerging technologies."

HCLTech has been signing several small unit deals."Most of these initiatives involve small projects at the moment, but a couple of them are substantial, double-digit milliondollar deals," said C Vijayakumar, CEO, HCLTech.

ICICI Securities maintained their guarded stance, pointing out headwinds such as the ASAP Group acquisition's integration and a slower ER&D segment. Their analysis led to a 'reduce' rating with a target price of ₹1,455, signaling skepticism about the nearterm growth trajectory.

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Extract of Audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2024

Standalone



Consolidated

Vinita Singhania

Chairperson

S. No.	Particulars		Quarter ende	i	Year ended	Audited	Q	uarter ende	Year ended	Year ended	
		Audited	Unaudited 31-Dec-23	Unaudited 31-Mar-23	Audited 31-Mar-24		Audited 31-Mar-24	Unaudited 31-Dec-23	Audited 31-Mar-23	Audited 31-Mar-24	Audited 31-Mar-23
		31-Mar-24									
1	Total revenue from operations	17,193.7	19,035.7	21,448.6	70,499.7	88,688.4	17,383.9	19,145.0	21,450.7	70,853.1	88,735.9
2	Net (Loss) / Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,190.0	(3,014.6)	168.6	(4,094.4)	(15,030.2)	1,268.7	(2,987.8)	(62.2)	(4,237.2)	(15,129.5)
3	Net (Loss) / Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	1,190.0	(3,014.6)	168.6	(4,094.4)	(15,030.2)	1,268.7	(2,987.8)	(62.2)	(4,237.2)	(15,129.5)
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5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising (Loss) / Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	1,195.9	(2,999.1)	107.4	(4,042.4)	(15,031.3)	1,274.2	(2,972.4)	(124.0)	(4,183.8)	(15,130.0)
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising (Loss) / Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)] attributable to :										
	- Owners of the holding company		8	8	8		1,277.0	(2,970.8)	(123.6)	(4,174.7)	(15,128.1)
	- Non-controlling interests	2	2	25	类		(2.9)	(1.6)	(0.4)	(9.1)	(1.8)
7	Equity share capital	7,834.1	6,843.4	6,018.5	6,843.4	6,018.5	7,834.1	6,843.4	6,018.5	7,834.1	6,018.5
8	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the year ended March 31, 2023.	2	0	To the second	(33,692.5)	(38,334.5)				(60,007.4)	(64,521.6)
9	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (not annualized)										
	a) Basic (Rs)	1.60	(4.41)	0.28	(6.17)	(24.97)	1.71	(4.37)	(0.10)	(6.39)	(25.14)
	b) Diluted (Rs)	1.42	(4.41)	0.28	(6.17)	(24.97)	1.51	(4.37)	(0.10)	(6.39)	(25.14)

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Date: 15 July, 2024

Place: Gurugram, Haryana

Ajay Singh Chairman and Managing Director

# Tanishq hopes for duty rationalisation on gold imports

**ABHINAY KUMAR** Ahmedabad, July 15

TANISHQ, THE JEWELLERY retail brand of Titan Company, is hoping for rationalisation in duty on gold imports in the Budget for 2024-25, to be presented next week. "Unofficial gold is coming into the country due to high duties and is causing too much discounting of gold," Ajoy Chawla, CEO, jewellery, Titan Company, told *FE*.

In January, the finance ministry had hiked the import duty on gold and silver findings and precious metal coins to 15% from the earlier 11%. The decision was aimed at eliminating the tax advantage gold and silver findings enjoy at the cost of bars.

The sharp increase in gold prices does not pose a significant problem for the jewellery market, Chawla said. "Despite a jump of around 20% in gold prices in the last one year and the doubling of prices in the last five years, the CAGR on the jewellery buyers has registered a double digit growth of around 12% for these five years. The gold price hike may trouble the



jewellery, Titan Company, to illegal discounting

Hewas speaking on the sidelines of an event to celebrate Tanishq's expansion of services to more than 300,000 families in Ahmedabad alone—contributing 2% of its overall business.Chawla said the market has a customer base of around 100 million, spread across various consumer groups. "Which is why we are aiming to target consumers via our brands like Tanishq, Mia and Caratlane. Tanishq is focused on classical, mainstream customers, Mia focuses on Gen Z customers, while Caratlane aims to cater to modern & millennial customers."



said high duties are leading

customer in the short term, but in the long term it increases the customer's interest in gold."

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(Rupees in millions)

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone							Consolidated						
		Quarter ended			Nine months period ended		Year ended	Quarter ended			Nine months period ended		Year ended		
		Unaudited 31-Dec-23	Unaudited 30-Sep-23	Secretary Control	Newsparts - result	CONTRACTOR OF STREET	V September 1999	0.00.00.000.0000	Unaudited 30-Sept-23	Partition (3)	Name and the second	Unaudited 31-Dec-22	Audited 31-Mar-23		
														1	Total income from operations
2	Net (Loss) / Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(3,014.6)	(4,315.4)	1,068.2	(5,284.4)	(15,198.8)	(15,030.2)	(2,987.8)	(4,494.3)	1,101.2	(5,505.9)	(15,067.2)	(15,129.5)		
3	Net (Loss) / Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	(3,014.6)	(4,315.4)	1,068.2	(5,284.4)	(15,198.8)	(15,030.2)	(2,987.8)	(4,494.3)	1,101.2	(5,505.9)	(15,067.2)	(15,129.5)		
4	Net (Loss) / Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(3,014.6)	(4,315.4)	1,068.2	(5,284.4)	(15,198.8)	(15,030.2)	(2,987.8)	(4,494.3)	1,101.2	(5,505.9)	(15,067.2)	(15,129.5)		
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising (Loss) / Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(2,999.1)	(4,284.5)	1,088.3	(5,238.)	(15,138.8)	(15,031.3)	(2,972.4)	(4,461.0)	1,121.2	(5,457.9)	(15,005.9)	(15,130.0)		
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising (Loss) / Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)] attributable to :														
	- Owners of the holding company			- 30 - 12			-27	(2,970.8)	(4,456.7)	1,124.7	(5,451.7)	(15,004.5)	(15,128.1)		
	- Non-controlling interests	- 3		***			38	(1.6)	(4.2)	(3.4)	(6.2)	(1.4)	(1.8)		
7	Equity share capital	6,843.4	6,841.4	6,018.5	6,841.4	6,018,5	6,018.5	6,843.4	6,841.4	6,018.5	6,843.4	6,018.5	6,018.5		
8	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the year ended March 31, 2023.	×	8		8	*	(38,334.5)						(64,521.6)		
9	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (not annualized)														
	a) Basic (Rs)	(4.41)	(6.89)	1.77	(8.29)	(25.25)	(24.97)	(4.37)	(7.18)	1.83	(8.64)	(25.04)	(25.14)		
	b) Diluted (Rs)	(4.41)	(6.89)	1.77	(8.29)	(25.25)	(24.97)	(4.37)	(7.18)	1.83	(8.64)	(25.04)	(25.14)		

Place: Gurugram, Haryana

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