

BUY TP: Rs 6,200 | A 49%

AFFLE (INDIA)

Internet

Stellar quarter

- Q1 revenue increased 70% YoY driven by 89% growth in CPCU business, with a broad-based uptick across E, F, G, H verticals
- EBITDA margin at 23% was slightly subdued due to higher employee and data inventory cost
- Jun'22 TP stands revised marginally to Rs 6,200 (vs. Rs 6,240) retain BUY

Strong revenue show: AFFLE reported stellar Q1FY22 revenue growth of 70% YoY led by peak growth of 89% in the CPCU (cost per converted user) business which contributed 87.7% of the topline. The CPCU rate stood at a record Rs 42. Growth was broad-based across the company's E, F, G and H verticals. EBITDA margin stood at 23%, down 130bps QoQ and 220bps YoY, as data inventory and employee cost increased 100bps and 300bps respectively. PAT was up 88% YoY.

International business to ramp up: Management expects its international business (50.3% of Q1 revenue) to grow faster than the India business as revenue from the Jampp acquisition starts coming through (no flowthrough in Q1). AFFLE is also looking to expand volumes and reach in the international market, especially in newer geographies such as LATAM, Africa and China. It further aims to raise penetration in developed markets to increase its CPCU rate and improve margins.

Strategic roadmap: AFFLE's near-term strategy is to: (1) focus on building strong partnerships with OEMs to deeply integrate its platform with the device interface and get first-party data, (2) deepen its vernacular component of the 4V strategy, (3) concentrate on topline and bottomline improvement at Jampp by shifting it from a cost-per-impression model to a CPCU model, (4) drive organic growth by deploying more feet on the ground, and (5) expand into emerging and developed markets.

Privacy concerns remain: Though concerns over privacy issues persist with Apple's iOS blocking cookies, AFFLE clarified that its business will remain unaffected as its delivery is independent of web browsers. Also, Google's decision to push back cookie-blocking to 2023 provides relief to the company. However, to derisk its business from user privacy-related concerns, it is focusing on strengthening partnerships with the OEM/carrier ecosystem to get first-party data.

Retain BUY: We raise our FY22 EPS estimate by ~4% post Q1 and reset our target one-year forward P/E from 62.5x to 61.8x, in line with the stock's post Covid average. Our Jun'22 TP moves to Rs 6,200 (from Rs 6,240). Marquee clientele, strong growth and robust margins are key positive growth drivers.

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Key changes

	Target	Rating				
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Ticke	er/Price	AFFLE IN/Rs 4,161				
Mark	et cap	US\$ 1.5bn				
Free	float	40%				
3M A	NDV	US\$ 3.7mn				
52wł	high/low	Rs 6,286/Rs 1,825				
Prom	noter/FPI/DII	60%/20%/20%				

Source: NSE | Price as of 6 Aug 2021

Key financials

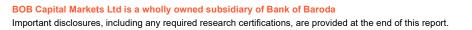
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5,169	8,807	11,747
1,300	1,930	2,794
1,350	1,638	2,484
53.0	61.5	93.3
53.0	57.9	77.5
37.6	14.6	18.1
78.6	67.7	44.6
85.4	57.7	39.3
102.7	16.1	51.7
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Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research | P - Provisional

Stock performance



Source: NSE







Earning call highlights

- Management is confident of sustaining ~25% organic EBITDA margins in the nearto-mid-term.
- AFFLE has 425+ employees and plans to put more feet on the ground to increase organic growth.
- The company is currently working with very large corporates and limits itself to credit-worthy customers.
- Revenue from acquisitions (DiscoverTech, Bauble Al and Jampp) are not yet significant.

Fig 1 – Quarterly performance

(Rs mn)	Q1FY22	Q1FY21	YoY (%)	Q4FY21	QoQ (%)	FY21	FY20	YoY (%)
Revenue	1,525	898	69.8	1,416	7.7	5,169	3,338	54.9
Inventory and Data costs	884	516	71.3	812	8.9	2,977	1,923	54.8
% of revenue	58.0	57.5	-	57.3	-	57.6	57.6	-
Employee benefit expense	188	83	126.5	164	14.6	539	272	98.2
% of revenue	12.3	9.2	-	11.6	-	10.4	8.1	-
Other expenses	102	73	39.7	95	7.4	353	264	33.7
% of revenue	6.7	8.1	-	6.7	-	6.8	7.9	-
Creditors written back	0	0	-	1	-	1	9	-
EBITDA	351	226	55.3	345	1.7	1,300	888	46.4
Depreciation and amortization costs	52	43	20.9	52	0.0	197	134	47.0
% of revenue	3.4	4.8	-	3.7	-	3.8	4.0	-
EBIT	299	183	63.4	293	2.0	1,103	754	46.3
Finance costs	14	5	180.0	13	7.7	37	14	164.3
Other income	127	25	408.0	360	(64.7)	415	52	698.1
PBT	412	203	103.0	640	(35.6)	1,481	792	87.0
Tax	53	13	307.7	54	(1.9)	129	138	(6.5)
Non-controlling interest	2	0	-	1	-	2	0	-
PAT	357	190	87.9	585	(39.0)	1,350	654	106.4
Basic EPS (Rs)	13.4	7.36	82.1	23.0	(41.7)	53.0	26.1	102.7
Diluted EPS (Rs)	13.4	7.36	82.1	23.0	(41.7)	53.0	26.1	102.7
Margins (%)			(bps)		(bps)			(bps)
EBITDA	23.0	25.2	(220)	24.4	(130)	25.1	26.6	150
EBIT	19.6	20.4	(80)	20.7	(110)	21.3	22.6	120
EBT	27.0	22.6	440	45.2	(1,820)	28.7	23.7	(490)
PAT	23.4	21.2	230	41.3	(1,790)	26.1	19.6	(650)
Effective Tax rate	12.9	6.4	650	8.4	440	8.7	17.4	870

Source: BOBCAPS Research, Company



Fig 2 – Operating metrics

Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21	Q1FY22
847	945	800	898	1,350	1,505	1,416	1,525
40.2	27.5	32.2	20.4	59.4	59.3	77.0	69.8
3.2	2.9	2.8	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.20
27	27	22	17	23	26	25	18
-	-	-	-	(15.3)	(6.6)	13.8	7.3
96.8	97.1	97.2	98.1	98.3	98.3	98.2	98.8
820	918	778	881	1,327	1,479	1,391	1,507
-	-	-	-	61.9	61.2	78.8	71.0
93.8	91.4	91.4	79.3	85.2	84.8	87.3	87.7
766	861	654	698	1,132	1,254	1,211	1,322
46.5	27.7	22.2	1.9	47.8	45.6	85.2	89.4
18.5	20.9	16.3	17	28.1	30.6	29.6	31.5
43.4	27.4	21.6	2.4	51.9	46.4	81.6	85.3
41.3	41.1	40.1	41	40.3	41	40.9	42
1.7	0.2	0.2	(0.5)	(2.4)	(0.2)	2.0	2.4
6.2	8.6	8.6	20.7	14.8	15.2	12.7	12.3
51	79	67	182	196	225	177	185
-	-	-	-	286.4	185.0	164.1	1.3
49.7	50.8	51.2	48.0	49.9	49.3	49.7	49.7
50.3	49.2	48.8	52.0	50.1	50.7	50.3	50.3
2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3
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Source: BOBCAPS Research, Company



Valuation methodology

AFFLE is a unique play on the fast-growing digital mobile advertising market. The company's resilient vertical exposure (90% of revenue from E – ecommerce, edtech, entertainment; F – fintech, foodtech, FMCG; G – gaming, groceries, government; H – healthtech) and marquee clientele further reinforce its growth narrative. We raise our FY22 EPS estimate by ~4% post Q1FY22 and reset our target Jun'23E P/E multiple from 62.5x to 61.8x, in line with the stock's post Covid average which bakes in the pandemic-led inflection for internet businesses. Our Jun'22 TP thus moves to Rs 6,200 (from Rs 6,240). Maintain BUY.

Fig 3 – Revised estimates

(Rs mn)		New			Old			Change (%)	
(((3 1111)	FY22E	FY23E FY24E FY22E FY23E FY24E F		FY22E	FY23E	FY24E			
Revenue	8,807	11,747	15,002	8,755	11,715	14,954	0.6	0.3	0.3
YoY growth (%)	70.4	33.4	27.7	69.4	33.8	27.7	-	-	-
EBITDA	1,930	2,794	3,601	1,962	2,812	3,589	(1.7)	(0.6)	0.3
EBITDA margin (%)	21.9	23.8	24.0	22.4	24.0	24.0	-	-	-
PAT	1,638	2,484	3,281	1,581	2,497	3,268	3.6	(0.5)	0.4
EPS (Rs)	61.5	93.3	123.2	59.3	93.7	122.7	3.7	(0.5)	0.4

Source: BOBCAPS Research

Fig 4 – Key assumptions

FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
105	151	203	275
40.8	41.2	41.0	41.0
4,296	6,209	8,342	11,261
83.1	70.5	71.0	75.1
44.9	44.5	34.3	35.0
873	2598	3406	3741
25.1	21.9	23.8	24.0
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Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Key risks

Key downside risks to our estimates are:

- Inability to collect adequate data: Any limitations imposed on consumer data collection will impair the performance of AFFLE's platform and significantly affect its business.
- High client concentration: The company's top 10 clients accounted for 42.8% of FY21 revenue. Slower business from top clients thus poses a risk.
- Failure to exploit M&A synergies: M&A is a key element of AFFLE's strategy. Inability to integrate acquisitions and realise synergies can expose the company to risk.



Sector recommendation snapshot

Company	Ticker	Market Cap (US\$ bn)	Price (Rs)	Target (Rs)	Rating
Affle (India)	AFFLE IN	1.5	4,161	6,200	BUY
IndiaMart InterMesh	INMART IN	3.0	7,354	7,200	HOLD
Just Dial	JUST IN	0.8	963	1,330	BUY

Source: BOBCAPS Research, NSE | Price as of 6 Aug 2021



Financials

Income Statement

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY20A	FY21P	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Total revenue	3,338	5,169	8,807	11,747	15,002
EBITDA	888	1,300	1,930	2,794	3,601
Depreciation	134	197	204	255	285
EBIT	754	1,103	1,724	2,539	3,315
Net interest inc./(exp.)	14	37	59	72	80
Other inc./(exp.)	52	415	190	329	455
Exceptional items	0	0	0	0	0
EBT	792	1,481	1,855	2,796	3,691
Income taxes	138	129	212	308	406
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Min. int./Inc. from assoc.	0	2	5	4	4
Reported net profit	654	1,350	1,638	2,484	3,281
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Adjusted net profit	654	1,350	1,638	2,484	3,281

Balance Sheet

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY20A	FY21P	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Accounts payables	750	1,260	2,172	2,897	3,699
Other current liabilities	128	352	603	805	1,028
Provisions	19	27	40	48	57
Debt funds	655	1,180	1,180	1,180	1,180
Other liabilities	176	1,115	1,115	1,115	1,115
Equity capital	255	255	266	266	266
Reserves & surplus	2,037	3,337	10,969	13,457	16,742
Shareholders' fund	2,292	3,592	11,235	13,723	17,008
Total liab. and equities	4,019	7,526	16,344	19,767	24,086
Cash and cash eq.	696	491	4,577	6,692	9,611
Accounts receivables	744	1,079	1,810	2,414	3,083
Inventories	0	0	0	0	0
Other current assets	881	936	1,589	2,072	2,607
Investments	23	1,009	1,009	1,009	1,009
Net fixed assets	10	13	16	18	20
CWIP	0	0	0	0	0
Intangible assets	523	828	1,078	1,296	1,490
Deferred tax assets, net	0	0	0	0	0
Other assets	1,143	3,168	6,266	6,266	6,266
Total assets	4,020	7,526	16,344	19,767	24,086

Cash Flows

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY20A	FY21P	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Cash flow from operations	719	1,016	1,509	2,334	3,025
Capital expenditures	(1,188)	(1,616)	(3,555)	(475)	(481)
Change in investments	(439)	22	190	329	455
Other investing cash flows	0	(154)	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing	(1,627)	(1,748)	(3,365)	(146)	(26)
Equities issued/Others	858	0	6,000	0	0
Debt raised/repaid	548	567	0	0	0
Interest expenses	(9)	(21)	(59)	(72)	(80)
Dividends paid	0	0	0	0	0
Other financing cash flows	(10)	(15)	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	1,387	531	5,941	(72)	(80)
Chg in cash & cash eq.	478	(201)	4,085	2,115	2,920
Closing cash & cash eq.	696	491	4,577	6,692	9,611

Per Share	FY20A	FY21P	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs)	26.1			-	
Reported EPS		53.0	61.5	93.3	123.2
Adjusted EPS	26.1	53.0	61.5	93.3	123.2
Dividend per share	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Book value per share	89.9	140.9	420.8	514.0	637.0
Valuations Ratios					
Y/E 31 Mar (x)	FY20A	FY21P	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
EV/Sales	33.3	21.5	12.7	9.3	7.1
EV/EBITDA	125.1	85.4	57.7	39.3	29.6
Adjusted P/E	159.3	78.6	67.7	44.6	33.8
P/BV	46.3	29.5	9.9	8.1	6.5
DuPont Analysis					
Y/E 31 Mar (%)	FY20A	FY21P	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Tax burden (Net profit/PBT)	82.6	91.1	88.3	88.9	88.9
Interest burden (PBT/EBIT)	105.0	134.3	107.6	110.1	111.3
EBIT margin (EBIT/Revenue)	22.6	21.3	19.6	21.6	22.
Asset turnover (Rev./Avg TA)	83.0	68.7	53.9	59.4	62.3
Leverage (Avg TA/Avg Equity)	1.8	2.1	1.5	1.4	1.4
Adjusted ROAE	28.5	37.6	14.6	18.1	19.3
Ratio Analysis					
Y/E 31 Mar	FY20A	FY21P	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
YoY growth (%)					
Revenue	33.8	54.9	70.4	33.4	27.
EBITDA	26.7	46.4	48.4	44.8	28.9
Adjusted EPS	30.0	102.7	16.1	51.7	32.1
Profitability & Return ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	26.6	25.1	21.9	23.8	24.0
EBIT margin	22.6	21.3	19.6	21.6	22.1
Adjusted profit margin	19.6	26.1	18.6	21.1	21.9
Adjusted ROAE	28.5	37.6	14.6	18.1	19.3
ROCE	19.4	15.4	11.0	13.4	14.4
Working capital days (days)					
Receivables	67	64	60	66	67
Inventory	0	0	0	0	(
Payables	69	71	71	79	80
Ratios (x)					
Gross asset turnover	327 0	386.3	5/0 2	642.8	746

Adjusted debt/equity Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research | Note: TA = Total Assets

Gross asset turnover Current ratio

Net interest coverage ratio

327.9

1.8

53.9

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386.3

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BUY – Expected return >+15%

HOLD - Expected return from -6% to +15%

SELL - Expected return <-6%

Note: Recommendation structure changed with effect from 21 June 2021

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