

BUY
TP: Rs 1,890 | A 24%

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Growth outperforms; 5G demand outlook robust

- Q2 revenue growth beat estimates at 6.4% QoQ USD on 6.3%/6.7% enterprise/communications business growth
- Management maintained upbeat commentary on demand and 5G-led deal activity
- We raise our target P/E to 22.5x and revise our Sep'22 TP to Rs 1,890 (vs. Rs 1,660) on a buoyant outlook; reiterate BUY

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Growth ahead, margin in line: TECHM reported broad-based Q2FY22 revenue growth of 6.4% QoQ USD/7.2% CC, exceeding our (4.1% USD/4.8% CC) and street expectations. This was due to traction in TME (+8.9% QoQ USD), retail, transport & logistics (8.1%), and other (+8.3%) verticals. Enterprise/communications business grew 6.3%/6.7% USD. EBIT margin at 15.2% was stable QoQ, in line with estimates. Employee costs and SG&A expense as a percentage of revenue were flat QoQ.

TCV slightly muted: TCV stood at US\$ 750mn, down 8% QoQ but up 78% YoY. The CME and enterprise segments contributed US\$ 255mn and US\$ 495mn respectively. Contract wins were in the areas of core digitisation, business process reengineering, cloud migration and transformation of legacy systems. Deals were from verticals such as telecom, energy and utility, manufacturing and transportation.

Abundant 5G opportunity: 5G rollout has expanded TECHM's addressable market. Demand is coming from the areas of (1) legacy OSS transformation, (2) network capability and 5G infrastructure buildup, and (3) R&D and product development.

Record hiring: TECHM hired its highest-ever quarterly tally of 14,930 employees in Q2, equally distributed between information technology and BPS. This was to backfill for elevated attrition of 21% (+400bps QoQ) amid intense talent supply pressure in the sector and inadequate hiring during Q3FY20-Q4FY21.

Robust outlook: Management expects deal win and growth momentum to continue. Communications business growth is likely to come from sustained 5G investments as well as digital and legacy modernisation, with H2FY22 to see the usual tailwind from Comviva revenues.

Maintain BUY: We adjust FY22/FY23 EPS estimates by -2% to +3% to factor in new USDINR estimates and retain BUY on revenue outperformance with margin resilience. During the 4G upcycle, TECHM traded at an average 15% discount to TCS. Baking in the upbeat 5G growth outlook, we raise our target one-year forward P/E from 20x to 22.5x - a 30-40% discount to Infosys/TCS – to arrive at a new Sep'22 TP of Rs 1,890.

Key changes

Target	Rating	
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Ticker/Price	TECHM IN/Rs 1,524
Market cap	US\$ 17.7bn
Free float	64%
3M ADV	US\$ 69.8mn
52wk high/low	Rs 1,577/Rs 782
Promoter/FPI/DII	36%/39%/25%

Source: NSE | Price as of 25 Oct 2021

Key financials

FY21A	FY22E	FY23E
378,551	441,203	516,470
68,471	82,513	102,807
44,281	57,302	70,359
50.4	65.2	80.0
50.4	59.9	66.2
18.7	21.4	23.3
30.3	23.4	19.1
19.3	16.0	12.7
4.2	29.4	22.8
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Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

Stock performance



Source: NSE





Other highlights

- During Q2FY22, TECHM acquired US-based Lodestone for US\$ 105mn (acquisition EV/revenue at 2.4x) in a deal that is expected to aid its digital engineering business. Lodestone posted annual revenue of US\$ 43.3mn in CY20 (0.8% of TECHM's FY21 revenue), having grown 45-55% YoY over the last two years. The company is a leading digital engineering quality assurance provider for new age digital companies.
- Management sees four drivers of demand: (1) cloud migration, (2) customer experience, (3) network modernisation, and (4) engineering services.
- The effective tax rate in Q2 was elevated at 29.4% due to one-off tax charges for a subsidiary. TECHM expects the tax rate to normalise at 26% going forward.
- The company's capital allocation policy is pivoted towards giving excess cash back to shareholders. The board has proposed an interim special dividend of Rs 15/sh, which will be its highest-ever dividend payout.
- DSO continued to decline, standing at 92 days in Q2, down 1 day QoQ and 5 YoY.

Fig 1 - Quarterly Performance

(Rs mn)	Q2FY22	Q2FY21	YoY (%)	Q1FY22	QoQ (%)	H1FY22	H1FY21	YoY (%)
Revenues (US\$ mn)	1,473	1,265	16.4	1,384	6.4	2,857	2,472	15.5
Revenue	108,813	93,718	16.1	101,976	6.7	210,789	184,781	14.1
Operating Expenditure	88,861	76,688	15.9	83,212	6.8	172,073	154,746	11.2
Cost of revenues	74,346	64,245	15.7	69,682	6.7	144,028	129,350	11.3
as % of sales	68.3	68.6	-	68.3	-	68.3	70.0	-
SG&A expenses	14,515	12,443	16.7	13,530	7.3	28,045	25,396	10.4
as % of sales	13.3	13.3	-	13.3	-	13.3	13.7	-
EBITDA	19,952	17,030	17.2	18,764	6.3	38,716	30,035	28.9
Depreciation	3,430	3,717	-	3,311	-	6,741	7,549	(10.7)
EBIT	16,522	13,313	24.1	15,453	6.9	31,975	22,486	42.2
Other Income	2,459	780	-	2,490	-	4,949	4,439	11.5
Impairment of goodwill and non-current assets	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-
PBT	18,981	14,093	34.7	17,943	5.8	36,924	26,925	37.1
Total Tax	5,572	3,462	-	4,286	-	9,858	6,738	-
Adjusted PAT	13,409	10,631	26.1	13,657	(1.8)	27,066	20,187	34.1
(Profit)/loss from JV's/Ass/MI	(22)	15	-	(125)	-	(147)	182	-
APAT after MI	13,387	10,646	25.7	13,532	(1.1)	26,919	20,369	32.2
Extra ordinary items	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	-
Reported PAT	13,387	10,646	25.7	13,532	(1.1)	26,919	20,369	32.2
Reported EPS	15.2	12.1	25.7	15.4	(1.1)	30.6	23.2	32.2
Margins (%)			(bps)		(bps)			(bps)
EBIDTA	18.3	18.2	20	18.4	(10)	18.4	16.3	210
EBIT	15.2	14.2	100	15.2	-	15.2	12.2	300
EBT	17.4	15.0	240	17.6	(20)	17.5	14.6	290
PAT	12.3	11.4	90	13.3	(100)	12.8	11.0	170
Effective Tax rate	29.4	24.6	480	23.9	550	26.7	25.0	170

Source: BOBCAPS Research



Fig 2 – Operating metrics

(im HCD towns)	Q2FY22	Growth		
(in USD terms)	(% Contr. to Revenue)	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	
Revenue by Geography				
North America	47.8	8.9	14.9	
Europe	25.9	1.3	19.6	
Rest of the World	26.3	7.2	15.9	
Client Concentration				
Top 5	22.0	5.7	19.1	
Top 10	31.0	6.4	18.7	
Top 20	43.0	5.8	17.1	
Non Top 10 client revenues	69.0	6.4	15.3	
Revenue by Vertical				
Telecom	40.1	6.6	16.1	
Manufacturing	16.0	3.0	14.1	
Technology, Media and Entertainment	9.0	8.9	17.1	
BFSI	16.3	5.9	15.8	
Retail , Transport and Logistics	7.8	8.1	18.1	
Others	10.8	8.3	19.7	
Revenue by Delivery				
Onsite	61.0	4.7	12.7	
Offshore	39.0	9.2	22.7	

		(bps)	(bps)
Utilisation (including trainees) (%)	87%	(100)	200
Attrition (%)	21%	400	700
Headcount	141,193	14,930	16,935

	Q2FY22	Q1FY22	Q2FY21
No. of Million \$ Clients			
≥ US\$ 1mn clients	488	466	460
≥ US\$ 5mn clients	169	168	165
≥ US\$ 10mn clients	90	86	82
≥ US\$ 20mn clients	50	51	50
≥ US\$ 50mn clients	22	22	21
DSO	92	93	97

Source: BOBCAPS Research, Company



Valuation methodology

TECHM's prowess in the communications vertical positions it well to benefit from 5G adoption (see our Deep Dive report of 14 Sep 2021: **5G juggernaut gains momentum**; **BUY TECHM**). We expect 5G capex to spur a ~15% revenue CAGR in TECHM's communications vertical over FY22-FY24 and value the company at a higher one-year forward P/E multiple of 22.5x vs. 20x earlier to bake in the upbeat growth outlook.

Factoring in the Q2FY22 print and new USDINR estimates, we adjust FY22/FY23 EPS estimates by -2% to +3%. Our Sep'22 TP rises to Rs 1,890 (vs. Rs 1,660). During the 4G upcycle, TECHM traded at an average 15% discount to TCS. We have valued the company at a 30-40% discount to our target multiples for TCS and Infosys (INFO). Reiterate BUY.

Fig 3 - Revised estimates

(Da)		New			Old		(Change (%)	
(Rs mn)	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenues (US\$ mn)	5,929	6,796	7833	5,831	6,649	7,833	1.7	2.2	0.0
YoY growth (%)	16.0	14.6	15.3	14.1	14.0	15.3	-	-	-
Revenues	441,203	516,470	595,287	438,742	520,348	595,287	0.6	(0.7)	0.0
EBITDA (Rs mn)	82,513	102,807	118,522	84,773	103,590	118,522	(2.7)	(0.8)	0.0
EBITDA margins (%)	18.7	19.9	19.9	19.3	19.9	19.9	-	-	-
EBIT Margin (%)	15.5	16.7	16.7	16.1	16.7	16.7	-	-	-
Net Profits	57302	70359	78557	58708	68668	78557	(2.4)	2.5	0.0
EPS (Rs)	65.2	80.0	89.3	66.8	78.1	89.3	(2.4)	2.5	0.0

Source: BOBCAPS Research

Fig 4 - Key assumptions

Parameter	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenues (US\$ mn)	5,111	5,929	6,796	7,833
YoY growth (%)	(1.4)	16.0	14.6	15.3
EBIT (%)	14.2	15.5	16.7	16.7

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 5 - Peer comparison

Ticker	Rating	Target Price	US\$ Revenue CAGR	EPS (F	Rs)	ROE (%)	P/E	
Tickei	Kaung	(Rs)	FY21-23E (%)	FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E
TCS IN	BUY	4,630	13.8	103.4	119.7	39.4	37.4	33.8	29.2
INFO IN	BUY	2,000	14.4	53.9	59.5	29.6	30.7	31.7	28.7
WPRO IN	BUY	840	18.4	23.4	26.9	21.2	21.6	28.5	24.8
HCLT IN	BUY	1,440	10.7	49.1	55.2	20.3	20.5	23.7	21.1
TECHM IN	BUY	1,890	15.3	65.2	80.0	21.4	23.3	23.4	19.1
LTI IN	BUY	7,980	21.1	134.5	161.8	29.5	29.9	47.7	39.6
MPHL IN	HOLD	3,510	16.1	76.5	92.6	21.0	23.6	41.9	34.6
MTCL IN	SELL	3,390	21.0	94.1	100.2	33.0	29.8	47.1	44.3
PSYS IN	HOLD	3,560	21.0	74.0	91.5	19.9	21.5	53.5	43.3
COFORGE IN	BUY	6,680	27.1	125.6	172.0	28.4	32.8	40.3	29.5

Source: BOBCAPS Research



Key risks

Key downside risks to our estimates are:

- low growth in the communications business,
- lack of synergy among portfolio companies, and
- prolonged delay in 5G timelines.

Sector recommendation snapshot

Company	Ticker	Market Cap (US\$ bn)	Price (Rs)	Target (Rs)	Rating
Affle (India)	AFFLE IN	0.4	1,154	1,240	BUY
Coforge	COFORGE IN	4.2	5,069	6,680	BUY
eClerx Services	ECLX IN	1.0	1,960	2,880	BUY
HCL Technologies	HCLT IN	42.1	1,165	1,440	BUY
IndiaMart InterMesh	INMART IN	3.0	7,324	8,430	HOLD
Info Edge	INFOE IN	10.2	5,956	6,530	BUY
Infosys	INFO IN	96.8	1,708	2,000	BUY
Just Dial	JUST IN	0.7	803	1,190	BUY
L&T Infotech	LTI IN	15.0	6,411	7,980	BUY
Mindtree	MTCL IN	9.7	4,433	3,390	SELL
Mphasis	MPHL IN	7.9	3,204	3,510	HOLD
Persistent Systems	PSYS IN	4.2	3,960	3,560	HOLD
Tata Consultancy Services	TCS IN	174.6	3,493	4,630	BUY
Tech Mahindra	TECHM IN	17.7	1,524	1,890	BUY
Wipro	WPRO IN	49.1	668	840	BUY

Source: BOBCAPS Research, NSE | Price as of 25 Oct 2021



Financials

Income Statement					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Total revenue	368,677	378,551	441,203	516,470	595,287
EBITDA	57,261	68,471	82,513	102,807	118,522
Depreciation	14,458	14,577	14,114	16,527	19,049
EBIT	42,803	53,894	68,399	86,280	99,473
Net interest inc./(exp.)	(1,919)	(1,740)	(1,510)	(1,650)	(1,650)
Other inc./(exp.)	11,924	7,871	9,207	6,401	3,517
Exceptional items	0	0	0	0	0
EBT	52,753	59,530	76,107	91,071	101,400
Income taxes	11,604	15,999	19,458	22,313	24,843
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Min. int./Inc. from assoc.	1,301	762	663	1,640	2,060
Reported net profit	42,505	44,281	57,302	70,359	78,557
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Adjusted net profit	42,505	44,281	57,302	70,359	78,557
Balance Sheet					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Accounts payables	0	0	0	0	0
Other current liabilities	103,830	102,292	114,834	134,424	154,938
Provisions	11,055	13,121	12,088	14,150	16,309
Debt funds	24,282	16,618	16,618	16,618	16,618
Other liabilities	12,304	12,304	12,304	12,304	12,304
Equity capital	4,359	4,370	4,370	4,370	4,370
Reserves & surplus	217,705	248,075	279,197	316,613	358,174
Shareholders' fund	222,064	252,445	283,567	320,983	362,544
Total liab. and equities	373,535	396,780	439,411	498,478	562,713
Cash and cash eq.	30,167	26,904	47,252	88,901	135,277
Accounts receivables	75,772	64,728	87,032	101,879	117,427
Inventories	358	242	242	242	242
Other current assets	121,702	110,932	113,995	120,182	126,660
Investments	61,046	104,436	104,436	104,436	104,436
Net fixed assets	76,047	80,405	77,321	73,706	69,539
CWIP	501	1,183	1,183	1,183	1,183
Intangible assets	33,877	40,082	40,082	40,082	40,082
Deferred tax assets, net	8,443	9,133	9,133	9,133	9,133
Other assets	0,443	9,133	9,133	9,133	9,133
Total assets	373,535	396,780	439,411	498,478	562,713
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Cash Flows Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Cash flow from operations	46,075	64,824	46,187	77,853	91,087
Capital expenditures	(15,386)	(12,048)	(11,030)	(12,912)	(14,882)
Change in investments	(16,880)	43,390	(11,030)	0	(14,002)
Other investing cash flows	13,843	(64,787)	10,717	8,051	5,167
Cash flow from investing	(18,423)	(33,445)	(313)	(4,861)	(9,716)
Equities issued/Others	(10,423)	(569)	(313)	(4,801)	(3,710)
Debt raised/repaid	0	(13,624)	0	0	0
Interest expenses	0		0	0	0
		(1,789)			
Other financing each flows	(17,912)	(18,660)	(25,527)	(31,344)	(34,996)
Other financing cash flows	(47.043)	(24 642)	(25 527)	(24.244)	(34,006)
Cash flow from financing	(17,912)	(34,642)	(25,527)	(31,344)	(34,996)
Chg in cash & cash eq.	9,740	(3,263)	20,348	41,649	46,376
Closing cash & cash eq.	30,167	26,904	47,252	88,901	135,277

Per Share					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Reported EPS	48.3	50.4	65.2	80.0	89.3
Adjusted EPS	48.3	50.4	65.2	80.0	89.3
Dividend per share	16.9	17.6	24.1	29.6	33.1
Book value per share	252.5	287.1	322.4	365.0	412.2
Valuations Ratios					
Y/E 31 Mar (x)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
EV/Sales	3.6	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.1
EV/EBITDA	23.2	19.3	16.0	12.7	10.8
Adjusted P/E	31.5	30.3	23.4	19.1	17.1
P/BV	6.0	5.3	4.7	4.2	3.7
DuPont Analysis					
Y/E 31 Mar (%)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Tax burden (Net profit/PBT)	80.6	74.4	75.3	77.3	77.
Interest burden (PBT/EBIT)	123.2	110.5	111.3	105.6	101.
EBIT margin (EBIT/Revenue)	11.6	14.2	15.5	16.7	16.
Asset turnover (Rev./Avg TA)	104.1	98.3	105.5	110.1	112.
Leverage (Avg TA/Avg Equity)	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.0
Adjusted ROAE	19.8	18.7	21.4	23.3	23.0
Ratio Analysis					
Y/E 31 Mar	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
YoY growth (%)					
Revenue	6.1	2.7	16.6	17.1	15.3
EBITDA	(9.6)	19.6	20.5	24.6	15.3
Adjusted EPS	1.2	4.2	29.4	22.8	11.
Profitability & Return ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	15.5	18.1	18.7	19.9	19.9
EBIT margin	11.6	14.2	15.5	16.7	16.
Adjusted profit margin	11.5	11.7	13.0	13.6	13.
Adjusted ROAE	19.8	18.7	21.4	23.3	23.0
ROCE	15.1	16.3	19.6	24.8	29.0
Working capital days (days)					
Receivables	72	68	63	67	6
Inventory	1	0	0	0	
Payables	114	121	110	110	11
Ratios (x)					
Gross asset turnover	5.0	4.8	5.6	6.8	8.

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research | Note: TA = Total Assets

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Current ratio

Net interest coverage ratio

Adjusted debt/equity



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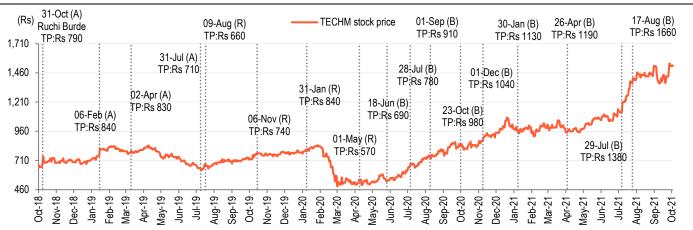
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