# Larsen & Toubro Infotech (LTINFO)

CMP: ₹ 3913

Target: ₹ 4580 (17%)

Target Period: 12 months

May 6, 2021

# Robust growth in revenues continues...

Larsen & Toubro Infotech (LTI) reported a healthy set of Q4FY21 numbers Constant currency (CC) dollar revenues increased 4.4% QoQ (vs. our estimate of 4.5% QoQ). However, margins declined 133 bps QoQ to 21.9% (vs. our estimate of 21.5%). Digital (~46% of revenues) grew 7.5% QoQ, 22.3% YoY. The company has also won two large deals with net new TCV of US\$66 million. LTI declared a dividend of ₹ 25/share.

### Strong deal wins, digital prowess to drive growth

Despite healthy growth in the previous two quarters, the company saw robust 4.4% QoQ growth in Q4FY21. LTI registered industry leading growth in FY21 despite headwinds. This was mainly led by the company's ability to deliver end-to-end solutions right from cloud migration, core modernisation, data analytics and customer experience. Going forward, we expect LTI to be a key beneficiary of recent trends of multi-year technology transformation phase. In addition, the company's ability to win large deals, effectively mine clients, adding Fortune 500 clients (added two this quarter) and acquire new clients will enable LTI to deliver industry leading revenue growth in coming years. With this, coupled with ramp up of deals won, vendor consolidation opportunity and digital acceleration, we expect LTI to register 16.1% CAGR in FY21-23E.

### Expect margins to remain stable

The company registered a 133 bps decline in EBITDA margins mainly led by wage hikes partially offset by operating efficiencies. LTI plans to give wage hike in Q1FY22E, which will impact its margins. In the long term, the company expects to invest in SG&A to drive growth, invest in Nordics for geographic expansion and in new data products to drive growth that may impact margins. However, considering operating levers available to LTI due to revenue growth we expect margins to broadly remain flat at 22% in FY21E-23E.

## Valuation & Outlook

LTI's ability to deliver end-to-end solutions right from cloud migration, core modernisation, data analytics and customer experience have enabled it to register industry leading growth. In addition, with the company's ability to win large deals, presence in niche verticals, effectively mine clients, adding Fortune 500 clients, and digital prowess bode well for long term revenue growth. This, coupled with healthy margins and recent correction in the stock prompt us to upgrade the stock from HOLD to **BUY**. We maintain our target price of ₹ 4580 (30x PE on FY23E EPS).



BUY



Particulars	
Particular	Amount
Market Cap	₹ 68695 crore
Total Debt	₹ 41 crore
Cash and Investment	₹ 4388 crore
EV	₹ 64349 crore
52 week H/L	4500 / 1515
Equity Capital	₹ 18 crore
Face Value	₹1

#### **Key Risk**

- We expect LTI to register healthy growth based on its digital prowess and ability to win large deals. However, inability to win large deals and deceleration in digital will impact the company's financial adversely
- We expect revenue growth and operational efficiencies to offset key margin headwinds. However, inability of the company to realise expected cost savings may impact margins

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Key Financial Summary						
(₹ Crore)	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	CAGR (FY21-23E)
Net Sales	9,445.8	10,878.6	12,369.8	14,645.0	17,109.7	17.6%
EBITDA	1,883.4	2,029.4	2,725.1	3,221.6	3,786.1	17.9%
EBITDA Margins (%)	19.9	18.7	22.0	22.0	22.1	
Net Profit	1,515.5	1,520.5	1,938.2	2,293.9	2,664.9	17.3%
EPS (₹)	87.3	86.6	110.3	130.5	151.6	
P/E (x)	44.8	45.2	35.5	30.0	25.8	
RoE (%)	31.0	28.1	26.5	26.6	26.2	
RoCE (%)	40.4	30.7	31.9	32.1	31.7	

Exhibit 1: Variance	Analysis						
	Q4FY21	Q4FY21E	Q4FY20	YoY (%)	Q3FY21	QoQ (%)	Comments
Revenue	3,269.4	3,274.6	3,011.9	8.5	3,152.8	3.7	Constant currency (CC) revenues increased 4.4% QoQ mainly led by banking financial services (up 5.0% QoQ), manufacturing (5.0% QoQ), high-tech, media & entertainment (up 15.8% QoQ), and others (up 8.0% QoQ)
Employee expenses	2,223.3	2,197.3	2,025.1	9.8	2,050.7	8.4	
Gross Margin	1,046.1	1,077.3	986.9	6.0	1,102.1	-5.1	
Gross margin (%)	32.0	32.9	32.8	-77 bps	35.0	-296 bps	
Other expenses	330.6	373.3	408.7	-19.1	370.1	-10.7	
EBITDA	715.5	704.0	578.2	23.8	732.0	-2.3	
EBITDA Margin (%)	21.9	21.5	19.2	269 bps	23.2	-133 bps	EBITDA magrin delcined 133 bps due to wage hike and dip in utilisation partially offset by rationalisation of SG&A expenses
Depreciation & amort	82.6	81.9	74.7	10.6	81.9	0.9	
EBIT	632.9	622.2	503.5	25.7	650.2	-2.7	
EBIT Margin (%)	19.4	19.0	16.7	264 bps	20.6	-126 bps	
Other income	83.9	49.2	47.9	75.2	49.2	70.5	Other income was higher due to write-back of earnouts
PBT	716.8	671.4	551.4	30.0	699.4	2.5	
Tax paid	171.1	172.9	123.9	38.1	180.1	-5.0	
PAT	545.7	498.5	427.5	27.7	519.3	5.1	PAT was higher than our expectation mainly led by better performance at the operating level and higher other income

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

		FY22E			FY23E		Comments
(₹ Crore)	Old	New	% Change	Old	New	% Change	
Revenue	14,426	14,645	1.5	17,126.0	17,110	-0.1	We expect acceleration in digital technologies to drive revenue growth
EBITDA	3,134	3,222	2.8	3,768.0	3,786	0.5	
EBITDA Margin (%)	21.7	22.0	27 bps	22.0	22.1	13 bps	We expect margins to stabilise at 22% in FY23E
PAT	2,226	2,294	3.1	2,644.0	2,665	0.8	
EPS (₹)	126.8	130.5	2.9	150.6	151.6	0.7	

# Conference Call Highlights

- FY22E outlook: LTI is seeing healthy traction in banking & financial services, manufacturing, CPG, retail, pharma and hi tech, media & entertainment. The company has added one Fortune 500 client in banking & hi tech, which will drive growth in coming quarters. Further, LTI's top client (in BFSI) continues to grow and is expected to do so in coming quarters. Ramp up of deal won in the current quarter, in E&U and other deals will have a positive impact on Q1FY22E. The company expects FY22E to register industry leading growth. LTI won two large deals in the quarter of which one was in insurance (US\$21 million for five years, a vendor consolidation deal) and one in banking (US\$45 million deal for 10 years). The ramp up of the same is expected in Q1FY22E. With this, coupled with traction in cloud, we expect the company to register healthy double digit growth in coming years
- Margins: The company registered a 133 bps decline in EBITDA margins mainly led by wage hikes partially offset by operating efficiencies. LTI plans to give a wage hike in Q1FY22E, which will impact its margins. In the long term, the company expects to invest in SG&A to drive growth, invest in Nordics for geographic expansion and in new data products to drive growth, which may impact margins. However, considering operating levers available to LTI due to revenue growth, we expect margins to broadly remain flat at 22% in FY21E-23E
- Digital business: Digital business, now comprising 45.6% of revenues in Q3FY21, saw an increase of 7.5% QoQ (up 22.3% YoY) in the quarter. Due to blurring line between new and traditional the company will stop reporting digital revenues in FY22E
- Vertical commentary: This quarter the company saw healthy growth in BFS led healthy growth in top client. BFS is seeing growth in core infra, building utilities (like front end pay app) and retail banking. Manufacturing is seeing healthy recovery and the company added one Fortune 500 client in CPG, retail & pharma segment. The company witnessed improvement in hi tech and media mainly due to Injazat deal. LTI witnessed a deal win of US\$74 million in energy & utility but still is cautious in the vertical
- Deal wins: The company won two large deals in the quarter of US\$66 million
- Employee details: The company added 2008 employees in Q4FY21 taking the total employee count to 33,991. LTI's attrition was flat at 12.3% while utilisation (ex-trainees) decreased 190 bps QoQ to 82.2%
- Other highlights: DSO days (including unbilled) increased by one day QoQ to 94. The company added three clients in the US\$10 million bucket. LTI has added two Fortune 500 clients in the quarter taking the total to 71 (total added five during the year)

# **Key Metrics**

Exhibit 3: Geography wise	break-up				
	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21
Revenue by geography (%)					
North America	68.9	70.8	68.7	67.9	66.2
Europe	15.1	14.4	16.1	16.1	16.5
India	8.1	7.9	6.9	8.6	8.9
ROW	7.8	6.9	8.2	7.4	8.4
Growth QoQ (%)					
North America	3.0	-2.2	0.6	4.5	2.0
Europe	0.6	-9.2	15.9	5.8	7.2
India	10.8	-7.1	-9.5	31.8	8.2
ROW	9.5	-15.8	23.2	-4.6	18.7

Revenue growth across geographies in quarter and led by Rest of the World (RoW) & Europe

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21
Revenue by vertical (%)					
BFS	27.6	27.7	29.9	30.6	30.7
Insurance	16.8	17.2	16.0	15.0	14.5
Manufacturing	18.0	15.8	16.2	16.8	16.9
Energy &Utilities	11.4	10.8	10.6	10.0	9.1
CPG,Retail&Pharma	11.2	11.5	11.0	10.9	10.8
HTME	11.0	11.6	10.6	10.6	11.8
Others	4.0	5.4	5.7	6.0	6.2
Growth QoQ (%)					
BFS	3.2	-4.4	11.9	8.2	4.9
Insurance	-1.4	-2.5	-3.6	-0.8	1.1
Manufacturing	6.9	-16.4	6.3	9.7	5.2
Energy & Utilities	4.8	-9.8	1.7	-0.2	-4.8
CPG, Retail & Pharma	3.9	-2.2	-0.9	4.8	3.6
HTME	5.9	0.4	-5.3	5.8	16.4
Others	12.4	28.5	9.4	11.3	8.1

Growth in revenues mainly led by manufacturing, BFS, HTME

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research; HTME: High-Tech, Media & Entertainment

	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21
Revenue by service offering (%)					
ADM*	34.7	35.6	36.0	33.6	33.3
Enterprise Solutions	32.5	29.7	30.8	31.4	32.3
IMS	12.6	13.6	14.4	14.3	15.1
Analytics, Al & Cognitive	11.6	12.5	10.6	11.9	11.1
EIM	8.7	8.6	8.3	8.8	8.2
Growth QoQ (%)					
ADM	0.7	-2.3	4.8	-1.3	3.6
Enterprise Solutions	17.7	-13.0	7.5	7.8	7.6
IMS	13.9	2.8	9.7	5.0	10.4
Analytics, Al & Cognitive	-5.8	2.6	-12.1	18.7	-2.4
EIM	6.4	-5.9	0.0	12.1	-2.5

Infrastructure management services (IMS), Enterprise Solution and ADM drove revenues in the quarter

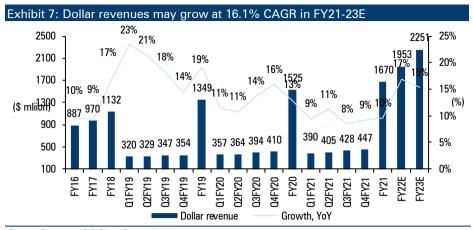
Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research; \*ADM: Application Development Maintenance is now combined with testing hence certain quarters are not comparable, IMS: Infrastructure Management Services, EIM: Enterprise Integration & Mobility

	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	0.2FY21	0.3FY21	0.4FY21
	2				
5 Million dollar +	53	59	61	60	63
10 Million Dollar +	27	30	32	32	35
20 Million dollar +	16	16	16	18	18
50 Million dollar +	6	6	6	5	5
100 Million dollar +	1	1	1	1	1
Total Headcount	31437	31477	32455	33983	35991
Utilisation	80.6	79.6	82.0	84.1	82.2
Attrition	16.5	15.2	13.5	12.4	12.3

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

The company added three clients in US\$10 million plus category. Attrition is flat and utilisation dipped due to hiring

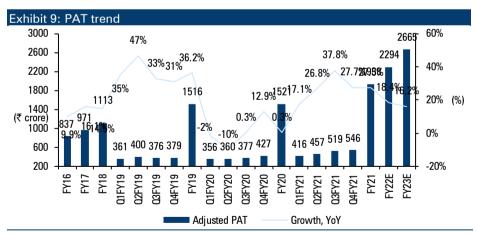
# Financial story in charts



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research



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## Exhibit 10: Price Performance



# Financial summary

xhibit 11: Profit and loss:	statement			₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
Total Revenues	10,879	12,370	14,645	17,110
Growth (%)	15.2	13.7	18.4	16.8
Employee costs	7,359	8,219	9,607	11,219
Total Operating Expenditure	8,849	9,645	11,423	13,324
EBITDA	2,029	2,725	3,222	3,786
Growth (%)	7.8	34.3	18.2	17.5
Depreciation & Amortization	273	333	395	462
Other Income (net)	247	196	253	253
PBT before Exceptional Items	2,003	2,588	3,079	3,577
Growth (%)	(1.2)	29.2	19.0	16.2
Tax	482	650	785	912
PAT before Exceptional Items	1,521	1,938	2,294	2,665
PAT	1,521	1,938	2,294	2,665
Growth (%)	0.3	27.5	18.4	16.2
Diluted EPS	86.6	110.3	130.5	151.6
EPS (Growth %)	(0.8)	27.3	18.4	16.2

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

xhibit 12: Cash flow staten	nent		₹	crore
(Year-end March)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23
PBT	2,003	2,588	3,079	3,57
Add: Depreciation	273	333	395	46
Inc)/Dec in current assets	(592)	(217)	(383)	(41
nc/(Dec) in current liabilities	360	488	141	15
CF from operations	1,644	2,400	2,373	2,76
Inc)/dec in other investments	(357)	(1,363)	(655)	(62
Inc)/dec in Fixed Assets	(243)	(267)	(322)	(37
Other investing cash flow	6	16	8	1
CF from investing Activities	(652)	(1,656)	(969)	(98
ssue of equity	-	0	-	
nc/(dec) in loan funds	(178)	185	(0)	
Dividend paid & dividend tax	(568)	(532)	(963)	(1,11
Others	(4)	(2)	-	
CF from Financial Activities	(890)	(509)	(1,083)	(1,21
Net cash flow	102	235	320	55
Effect of exchange rate change	9	(1)	-	
Opening cash	415	525	759	1,08
Closing cash	525	759	1,080	1,63

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

xhibit 13: Balance sheet				₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
Liabilities				
Equity	17	18	18	18
Reserves & Surplus	5,387	7,286	8,616	10,162
Networth	5,404	7,303	8,634	10,180
Long term Liabilties & provisior	1,089	770	911	1,063
Total Debt	32	41	41	4
Source of funds	6,526	8,118	9,590	11,288
Assets				
Net fixed assets	1,211	1,048	1,135	1,19
Net intangible assets	132	267	226	17
Goodwill	637	657	657	65
Other non current assets	517	606	698	79
Unbilled revenue	442	607	719	84
Debtors	2,312	2,084	2,467	2,88
Current Investments	2,219	3,628	4,428	5,22
Cash & Cash equivalents	525	759	1,080	1,63
Other current assets	831	1,053	1,247	1,45
Trade payables	695	828	980	1,14
Current liabilities	1,604	1,763	2,088	2,43
Application of funds	6,526	8,118	9,590	11,28

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

xhibit 14: Key ratios				₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
Per share data (₹)				
EPS	86.6	110.3	130.5	151.6
Cash Per Share	30.2	43.5	61.8	93.5
BV	307.8	415.5	491.2	579.1
DPS	28.0	40.3	55.2	64.1
Operating Ratios (%)				
EBITDA Margin	18.7	22.0	22.0	22.1
PBT Margin	18.4	20.9	21.0	20.9
PAT Margin	14.0	15.7	15.7	15.6
Turnover Ratios				
Debtor days	78	61	61	61
Creditor days	23	24	24	24
Return Ratios (%)				
RoE	28.1	26.5	26.6	26.2
RoCE	30.7	31.9	32.1	31.7
RoIC	46.4	64.1	69.2	75.1
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	45.2	35.5	30.0	25.8
EV / EBITDA	32.5	23.6	19.6	16.3
Market Cap / Sales	6.3	5.6	4.7	4.0
Solvency Ratios				
Debt/EBITDA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Debt/Equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current Ratio	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
Quick Ratio	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2

Exhibit 15: ICICI Direct coverage universe (IT)																				
						EPS (₹)	P/E (x)				RoCE (%)				RoE (%)					
Company	Cmp (₹)	<b>TP</b> (₹)	Rating	Mcap (₹ Cr)	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY20	FY21 E	FY22 E	FY23 E	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
HCL Tech (HCLTEC)	910	1,110	Buy	2,46,777	40.8	45.8	52.3	60.9	22	20	17	15	23.0	23.5	24.7	25.5	21.6	20.8	21.0	21.2
Infosys (INFTEC)	1,342	1,650	Buy	5,71,466	38.9	45.5	55.0	64.1	34	29	24	21	30.8	31.7	34.1	36.9	25.2	25.2	27.9	30.2
TCS (TCS)	3,096	3,800	Buy	11,45,650	86.2	86.7	109.3	128.7	36	36	28	24	44.4	45.9	51.2	54.4	38.4	37.5	43.3	45.7
Tech M (TECMAH)	962	1,120	Buy	93,041	59.5	50.2	60.1	70.2	16	19	16	14	18.3	19.8	21.2	22.5	17.5	17.8	19.1	19.9
Wipro (WIPRO)	491	530	Hold	2,69,059	16.6	19.1	20.5	24.8	30	26	24	20	19.3	21.3	21.6	25.7	17.4	19.5	21.0	25.4
Mindtree (MINCON)	2,166	2,390	Buy	35,698	38.3	67.4	79.8	94.0	57	32	27	23	23.0	32.5	32.6	32.6	20.0	25.7	25.5	25.3
LTI (LTINFC)	3,913	4,580	Buy	68,695	86.6	110.3	130.5	151.6	45	35	30	26	30.7	31.9	32.1	31.7	28.1	26.5	26.6	26.2
Coforge (NIITEC)	2,892	3,300	Hold	17,529	71.4	72.3	102.9	121.2	41	40	28	24	23.0	23.5	26.4	27.1	18.5	19.4	23.9	24.4
Infoedge (INFEDG)	4,842	5,725	Hold	62,266	26.8	21.8	38.9	49.0	181	222	124	99	18.0	8.3	14.0	16.3	13.5	6.3	10.5	12.3
Teamlease (TEASER)	3,354	3,290	Buy	5,735	20.5	53.1	68.8	85.6	164	63	49	39	15.0	13.5	15.7	16.5	6.5	14.4	15.5	16.3

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