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Q1FY23 result review and earnings revision

Technology

Target price: Rs1,021

Earnings revision

(%)	FY23E	FY24E
Sales	↑ 0.8	1.5
EBIT	↓ 0.8	↓ 1.2
EPS	1 2.2	1 2.6

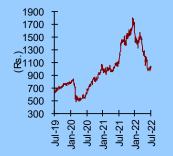
Target price revision Rs1,021 from Rs975

Shareholding pattern

	Dec '21	Mar '22	Jun '22
Promoters	35.7	35.3	35.2
Institutional			
investors	52.6	52.3	51.2
MFs and others	9.6	10.6	12.8
Fls/Bank	0.1	0.2	0.2
Insurance Cos.	7.4	7.2	7.7
FIIs	35.4	34.3	30.5
Others	11.7	12.4	13.6

Source: www.nseindia.com

Price chart



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Tech Mahindra

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Aiming for aggressive margin expansion- not an easy task!

Rs1,017

Tech Mahindra (TechM) reported revenue of US\$1,633mn +3.5% QoQ CC, 1.5% QoQ USD (I-Sec: 1.3%, consensus: 1.1%). Growth was broad-based between communications (+3.9% QoQ CC) and enterprise (3.2% QoQ CC) verticals. We note the impact of cross-currency revenue headwinds in communications was higher at ~290bps due to the company's larger exposure to Europe.

Net new deal TCV was soft during the quarter at US\$802mn (-1.6% YoY, -21% QoQ) vs the average TCV run-rate of US\$820mn in FY22. There are early signs of impact of a weak macro (a couple of telecom operators are reprioritizing their spends). But management mentioned demand is healthy in the communications segment with focus on automation, integrating data on cloud for monetisation, and network modernisation with spend on fiber space besides investment in 5G.

EBIT margin further contracted by 220bps QoQ (411bps YoY) to 11%, which was slightly lower than consensus / our estimates (11.4% / 11.4%). Margin performance was weak despite no annual wage hike in Q1. The weakness was due to headwinds from: 1) 100bps impact of intermittent wage increments, higher subcon costs and large deal transition costs; 2) 80bps impact due to visa costs and seasonality in the mobility business; and 3) normalisation of SG&A expenses.

Management indicated that margins have bottomed out and that it expects a 100-150bps increase every quarter hereon to reach ~14% exit margin by Q4FY23. In Q2FY23, annual wage increment cycle is expected to have an impact of 100bps on margins. Margin levers in Q2 are: absence of large deal transition costs, price improvements, lower impact of visa costs, and mobility business. Besides, the company will benefit from increased scope for utilisation and offshore mix over the next three quarters. We model 12.7% and 13.4% margins for FY23E and FY24E respectively.

TechM has exposure to engineering services and 'experience design' services, which are likely to slow down in case of lower discretionary spends. Aggressive acquisitions done in past one year also add to the risk in the event of a slowdown. Our EPS estimates increase by ~2% due to increase in other income and currency rate, yet they remain 6% below consensus estimates. TechM is currently trading at 16x / 14x over FY23E / FY24E EPS of Rs63 / Rs71. We value the stock at 14x FY24E earnings and arrive at a revised target price of Rs1,021 (earlier: Rs975). FCF/PAT generation has been declining for last two quarters and is now at 50.2% (vs 56% in Q4FY22 and 94% in Q1FY22). Maintain HOLD.

Market Cap	Rs990bn/US\$12.4br
Reuters/Bloomberg	TEML.BO/TECHM IN
Shares Outstanding (r	nn) 972.8
52-week Range (Rs)	1806/965
Free Float (%)	64.7
FII (%)	30.5
Daily Volume (US\$'00	0) 51,463
Absolute Return 3m (%) (17.6)
Absolute Return 12m	(%) (6.5)
Sensex Return 3m (%) (0.7)
Sensex Return 12m (9	%) 6.6

Year to March	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue (Rs mn)	3,78,551	4,46,460	5,28,305	5,63,241
Net Income (Rs mn)	44,281	55,662	55,385	62,432
EPS (Rs)	50.7	63.7	63.4	71.4
% Chg YoY	9.6	25.7	(0.5)	12.7
P/E (x)	20.1	16.0	16.0	14.2
CEPS (Rs)	67.3	81.1	82.6	92.0
EV/E (x)	11.4	10.2	9.8	8.4
Dividend Yield	4.4	4.4	3.0	3.0
RoCE (%)	14.1	15.9	14.7	15.0
RoE (%)	18.7	21.2	19.2	19.4

▶ Revenue slightly above estimates. TechM reported revenue of US\$1,632mn, +3.5% QoQ CC, 1.5% QoQ USD (I-Sec: 1.3%, consensus: 1.1%). Growth was broad-based between communications (+3.9% QoQ CC) and enterprise (3.2% QoQ CC) verticals. We note that the impact of cross-currency revenue headwinds in communications was higher at ~290bps due to larger exposure to Europe.

Within the enterprise segment, growth was led by: 1) technology (6.4% QoQ CC); 2) manufacturing (5.7% QoQ CC); and 3) retail, transport and logistics (6.8% QoQ CC). BFSI was flat QoQ CC after strong sequential growth in the previous quarter.

In terms of markets, growth was led by the US 4.4% QoQ USD. Europe declined by 1.9% QoQ USD. RoW was down by 0.4% QoQ USD.

Growth during Q1FY23 was driven by non-top-20 accounts, which grew 5% QoQ USD, while top 5, top 6-10 and top 11-20 reported muted growth of -3.1%, 2% and -7% respectively.

▶ Soft deal TCV: Net new deal TCV was soft during the quarter at US\$802mn (-1.6% QoQ, -21% YoY) vs the average TCV run-rate of US\$820 mn in FY22. We note that TechM has discontinued providing break-up between communications and enterprise deal TCVs, making it difficult to analyse demand in the communications vertical (40% of revenue). There are early signs of impact of a weak macro (a couple of telecom operators are reprioritizing their spends). But management mentioned demand is healthy in the communications segment with focus on automation, integrating data on cloud for monetisation, and network modernisation with spend on fiber space besides investment in 5G.

In the enterprise segment, demand is led by four broad themes: cloud, connectivity engineering and experience

- ▶ Weak margin performance for three consecutive quarters. EBIT margin further declined by 220bps QoQ, 411bps YoY, to 11% slightly lower than consensus / our estimates (11.4%/11.4%). Margin performance was weak despite no annual wage hike in Q1. The weakness was due to headwinds from: 1) 100bps impact of intermittent wage increments, higher subcon costs and large deal transition costs; 2) 80bps impact due to visa costs and seasonality in the mobility business; and 3) normalisation of SG&A expenses. Utilisation (excluding trainees) declined by 100bps QoQ to 83% due to investment in freshers in H2FY22.
- ▶ Moderation in headcount addition that too more on BPO- Net headcount addition of software professionals was modest at 2,200 employees, +2.6% QoQ. BPO headcount increased by 7.1% QoQ. IT LTM attrition was lower by 200bps QoQ at 22% (highest decline in LTM attrition among peers).
- ▶ **M&A strategy:** In terms of M&A strategy, the company is focusing on integrating the recent acquisitions. Though CTC has higher margin profile than TechM, it had lower margins this quarter due to one-time relocation costs of certain employees working in Belarus.
- ▶ Other highlights. FCF/PAT generation has been declining for last two quarters and is now at 50.2% (vs 56% in Q4FY22 and 94% in Q1FY22). Part of the impact was due to unfavourable foreign currency movement. Management expects it to improve to historical range of 90-100% by Q4FY23. FCF (post acquisitions) was weak at US\$13 mn or just 9% of net profit.

Table 1: Q1FY23 actuals vs estimates

						Q1FY23E-	vs our
	Q1FY23	Q4FY22	QoQ	Q1FY22	YoY	I-Sec	estimates
Sales (US\$ mn)	1,633	1,608	1.5%	1,384	18.0%	1,629	0.2%
Rs mn							
Sales	1,27,079	1,21,163	4.9%	1,01,976	24.6%	1,26,244	0.7%
EBIT Margin	11.0%	13.2%	-220 bps	15.2%	-411 bps	11.4%	-31 bps
PBT	14,855	18,733	-20.7%	17,943	-17.2%	16,281	-8.8%
Tax	3,380	3,280	3.0%	4,286	-21.1%	4,233	-20.2%
Tax Rate	22.8%	17.5%	524 bps	23.9%	-113 bps	26.0%	-325 bps
Reported PAT	11,316	15,057	-24.8%	13,532	-16.4%	11,652	-2.9%
EPS	12.8	16.9	-24.6%	15.3	-16.6%	13.1	-2.5%

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 2: Change in estimates

	Revised		Old		Change (%)	
	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E
Rs mn						
Revenues	5,28,305	5,63,241	5,24,041	5,54,894	0.8	1.5
EBIT	67,040	75,639	67,548	76,593	(8.0)	(1.2)
EBIT margin	12.7	13.4	12.9	13.8	-20bps	-40bps
EPS (Rs/share)	63.4	71.4	62.0	69.6	2.2	2.6
Revenues (US\$ mn)	6,776	7,221	6,762	7,114	0.2	1.5
Revenue growth (US\$. %)	13.0	6.6	12.7	5.2	20bps	140bps

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 3: TechM financial summary

Rs mn	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
USD Rev (mn)	4,971	5,182	5,111	5,998	6,776	7,221	7,974
Growth (%)	4.2%	4.3%	-1.4%	17.4%	13.0%	6.6%	10.4%
Revenues	3,47,421	3,68,677	3,78,551	4,46,460	5,28,305	5,63,241	6,29,927
EBIT	52,078	42,804	53,894	64,997	67,040	75,639	89,377
Margin	15.0%	11.6%	14.2%	14.6%	12.7%	13.4%	14.2%
PAT	42,975	40,330	44,281	55,662	55,385	62,432	71,636
EPS (Rs)	48.5	46.2	50.7	63.7	63.4	71.4	81.9
Growth (%)	12.7%	-4.7%	9.6%	25.7%	-0.5%	12.7%	14.7%
Payout	105%	39%	89%	71%	48%	42%	37%
OCF	44,320	43,581	80,938	52,853	40,631	66,270	68,605
FCF	36,274	35,135	74,278	43,269	20,930	48,047	48,247
RoE	21%	18%	18%	20%	18%	18%	19%
P/E	21.0	22.0	20.1	16.0	16.0	14.2	12.4

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

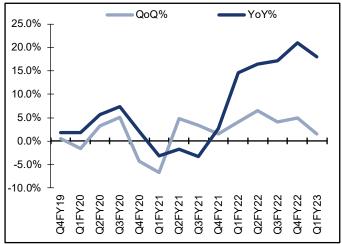
Table 4: Segmental growth (Q1FY23)

	Revenues			
	(US\$ mn)	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	% of total
Total Revenues	1,608	4.9	20.9	100.0
Revenue by geography				
Americas	777	3.6	28.4	48.3
Europe	425	8.6	20.5	26.4
Rest of world	407	3.6	9.2	25.3
Revenue by verticals				
Communications, Media &				
Entertainment (CME)	653	4.1	21.7	40.6
Manufacturing `	240	(1.1)	9.6	14.9
Technology	150	Ì6.Í	32.9	9.3
Banking, Financial services				
& Insurance	280	18.5	28.0	17.4
Retail, Transport &				
Logistics	122	(6.2)	18.8	7.6
Others	164	(1.9)	16.5	10.2
Client metrics		` ,		
Top 5 clients	354	0.3	19.6	22.0
Top 10 clients	499	4.9	20.9	31.0
Top 20 clients	691	7.4	20.3	43.0

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

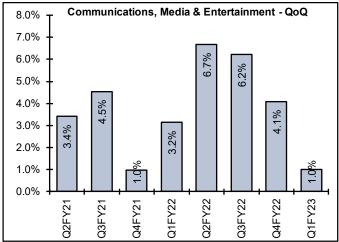
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Chart 1: TechM reported 3.5% QoQ CC growth



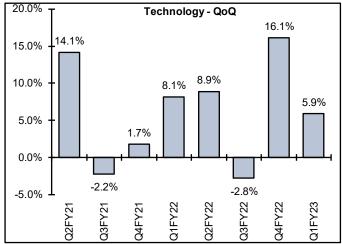
Source: Company, I-Sec research

Chart 3: Soft growth in CME



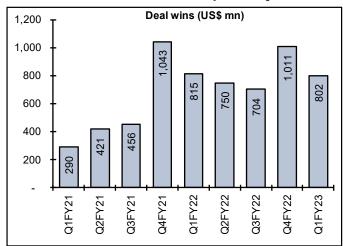
Source: Company, I-Sec research

Chart 5: Growth in technology normalised



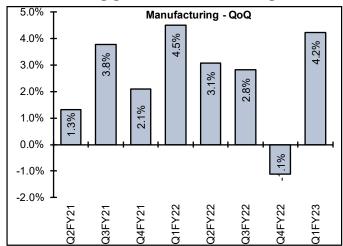
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Chart 2: Deal wins declined sequentially



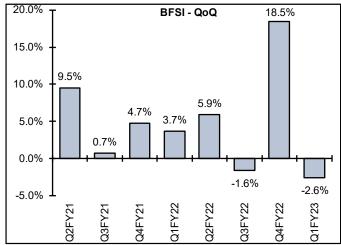
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Chart 4: Strong growth in manufacturing



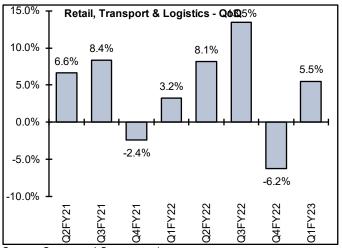
Source: Company, I-Sec research

Chart 6: Growth in BFSI declined sequentially



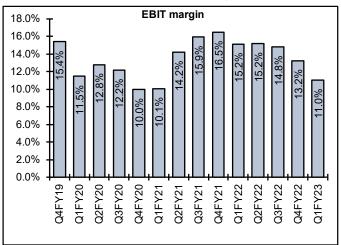
Source: Company, I-Sec research

Chart 7: Rebound in retail growth



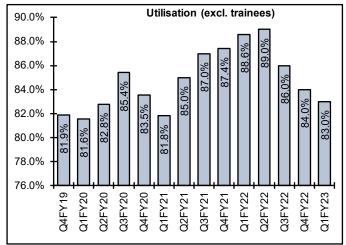
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Chart 9: 220bps QoQ drop in margins



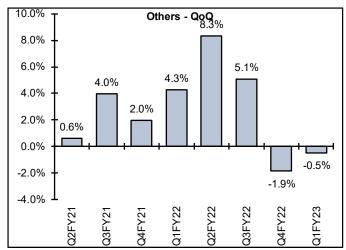
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Chart 11: Utilisation fell during the quarter



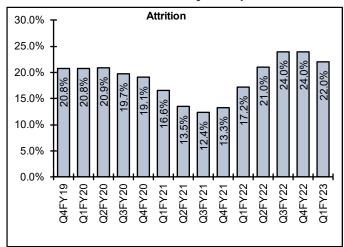
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Chart 8: 'Others' vertical continued to decline



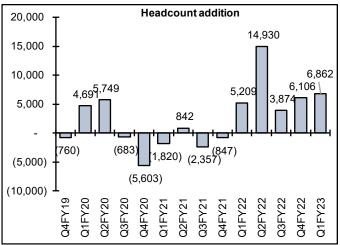
Source: Company, I-Sec research

Chart 10: Attrition reduced by 200bps QoQ



Source: Company, I-Sec research

Chart 12: Strong net headcount addition in Q1FY23



Source: Company, I-Sec research

Chart 13: 1-year forward P/E



Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research.

Financial summary

Table 5: Profit and Loss statement

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
5,111	5,998	6,776	7,221
3,78,551	4,46,460	5,28,305	5,63,241
3,10,081	3,66,259	4,44,461	4,69,579
68,470	80,201	83,844	93,662
18.1	18.0	15.9	16.6
14,576	15,204	16,804	18,024
53,894	64,997	67,040	75,639
14.2	14.6	12.7	13.4
5,636	9,525	8,012	9,588
59,530	74,522	75,052	85,227
15,999	18,220	19,031	22,159
-	-	-	-
750	(640)	(636)	(636)
44,281	55,662	55,385	62,432
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Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 6: Balance sheet

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
LIABILITIES				
Shareholders' funds	2,48,650	2,68,857	2,99,034	3,35,026
Minority Interest	3,795	4,954	4,906	4,906
Non-current liabilities	29,256	37,544	39,919	39,919
Current Liabilities	1,02,775	1,25,048	1,29,917	1,31,654
Amounts pending				
investigation	12,304	12,304	12,304	12,304
Total Liabilities	3,96,780	4,48,707	4,86,080	5,23,810
ASSETS				
Fixed Assets	91,647	1,51,456	1,54,353	1,54,553
Other non-current assets	52,580	52,694	55,082	55,082
Total non-current assets	1,44,227	2,04,150	2,09,435	2,09,635
Current Assets	2,52,553	2,44,557	2,76,645	3,14,175
Total Assets	3,96,780	4,48,707	4,86,080	5,23,810

Source: Company data, I-Sec Research

Table 7: Cashflow statement

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Operating Cashflow before				
W Cap changes	52,089	55,466	62,568	69,255
Working Capital Inflow /				
(Outflow)	28,850	(2,613)	(21,937)	(2,985)
Capex	(6,660)	(9,584)	(19,701)	(18,224)
Free Cashflow	74,278	43,269	20,930	48,047
Cashflow from other Invst Act				
(Ex Capex)	(47,841)	14,399	7,233	11,200
Change in equity	569	868	1,183	(0)
Change in debt	(7,949)	(6,802)	2,971	-
Dividend paid	(17,594)	(39,808)	(26,439)	(26,439)
Others	(4,895)	(924)	(596)	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	(3,431)	11,002	5,282	32,807
Source: Company data, I-Sec	research			

Table 8: Key ratios

(Year ending March 31)

(Year ending March 31)				
	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Per Share Data (Rs)				
Earnings per share (Basic				
Reported)	50.7	63.7	63.4	71.4
Cash earnings per share	67.3	81.1	82.6	92.0
Dividend per share	45.0	45.0	30.0	30.0
Book Value per share	288.8	313.2	347.7	388.8
Growth Ratios (%)				
Operating Income (Sales) - US\$	(1.4)	17.4	13.0	6.6
Operating Income (Sales)	2.7	17.9	18.3	6.6
EBITDA	19.6	17.1	4.5	11.7
Reported Net Income	9.8	25.7	(0.5)	12.7
Earnings per share (Basic			` ,	
Reported)	9.6	25.7	(0.5)	12.7
Cash earnings per share	7.3	20.4	` 1.9	11.5
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	20.1	16.0	16.0	14.2
P/CEPS	15.1	12.5	12.3	11.0
P/BV	3.5	3.2	2.9	2.6
EV / EBITDA	11.4	10.2	9.8	8.4
EV / Sales	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.4
Operating Ratios				
Other Income / PBT (%)	9.5	12.8	10.7	11.2
Effective Tax Rate (%)	26.9	24.4	25.4	26.0
Receivables (days) on average	69	62	60	59
D/E Ratio (x)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Return/Profitability Ratios (%)				
Net Income Margins	11.7	12.5	10.5	11.1
RoCE	14.1	15.9	14.7	15.0
RoNW	18.7	21.2	19.2	19.4
Dividend Payout Ratio	88.8	70.7	47.4	42.0
Dividend Yield	4.4	4.4	3.0	3.0
EBITDA Margin	18.1	18.0	15.9	16.6

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

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