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# Rating matrix Rating : Hold Target : ₹ 575 Target Period : 12 months Potential Upside : 6%

| What's changed? |                               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Target          | Changed from ₹ 520 to ₹ 575   |
| EPS FY18E       | Changed from ₹ 45.3 to ₹ 44.7 |
| EPS FY19E       | Changed from ₹ 52 to ₹ 52.3   |
| Rating          | Unchanged                     |

| Quarterly performance |        |        |         |        |          |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
|                       | Q1FY18 | Q1FY17 | YoY (%) | Q4FY17 | QoQ (%)  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue               | 709    | 669    | 5.9     | 745    | (4.8)    |  |  |  |  |  |
| EBITDA                | 111    | 102    | 8.3     | 156    | (29.1)   |  |  |  |  |  |
| EBITDA (%)            | 15.6   | 15.3   | 34 bps  | 21.0   | -536 bps |  |  |  |  |  |
| PAT                   | 51     | 31     | 63.9    | 109    | (52.9)   |  |  |  |  |  |

| <b>Key financials</b> |       |       |       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ₹ Crore               | FY16  | FY17P | FY18E | FY19E |
| Net Sales             | 2,682 | 2,797 | 2,896 | 3,219 |
| EBITDA                | 473   | 488   | 471   | 539   |
| Net Profit            | 280   | 265   | 273   | 320   |
| EPS (₹)               | 45.8  | 43.5  | 44.7  | 52.3  |

| Valuation summary |      |       |       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
|                   | FY16 | FY17P | FY18E | FY19E |  |  |  |  |  |
| P/E               | 11.8 | 11.4  | 12.1  | 10.4  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Target P/E        | 12.5 | 12.1  | 12.9  | 11.0  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EV / EBITDA       | 3.3  | 2.9   | 2.6   | 2.0   |  |  |  |  |  |
| P/BV              | 2.1  | 1.7   | 1.7   | 1.5   |  |  |  |  |  |
| RoNW (%)          | 17.6 | 15.0  | 13.9  | 14.5  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RoCE (%)          | 30.5 | 30.0  | 27.8  | 30.1  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Stock data                      |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Particular                      | Amount    |
| Market Capitalization (₹ Crore) | 1,945.5   |
| Total Debt (₹ Crore)            | 6.4       |
| Cash and Investments (₹ Crore)  | 410.2     |
| EV (₹ Crore)                    | 1,541.7   |
| 52 week H/L                     | 601 / 370 |
| Equity capital                  | 61.2      |
| Face value                      | 10.0      |

| Price performan | ce    |       |        |        |
|-----------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
|                 | 1M    | 3M    | 6M     | 12M    |
| TechMahindra    | (0.0) | (4.8) | (19.3) | (21.2) |
| MindTree        | (1.2) | 16.3  | 4.6    | (16.4) |
| KPIT Tech       | 4.6   | 2.4   | (8.1)  | (6.8)  |
| NIIT Tech       | (3.9) | 31.2  | 30.2   | 17.2   |

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# **NIIT Technologies (NIITEC)**

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## Expects Q2FY18 to be better...

- US\$ revenues declined 0.6% QoQ to \$109.9 million (including one-off gain of US\$ 4 million in Q4FY17) in line with our expectation of \$109.2 million. While excluding one-off gain, revenue grew 3.2% sequentially. In constant currency, revenues grew 1.4% sequentially on account of seasonality in GIS
- Rupee revenues declined 4.8% QoQ to ₹ 708.9 crore and were above our ₹ 703.7 crore estimate
- At 15.6%, EBITDA margins declined 230 bps QoQ on account of wage hike and adverse currency impact. It was below our 16% estimate (ex one-off gain in Q4)
- Reported profit of ₹ 51.3 crore was below our expectation of ₹ 63.1 crore estimate mainly on account of higher tax rate (effective tax rate at 34.7% vs. 23% in Q4)

## GIS business seasonality offset by international business...

NTL's \$ revenues increased 3.2% QoQ (excluding one-off gain) to \$109.9 million above our expectation of 2.7% growth. Despite the seasonality in GIS business, revenue growth was on account of good momentum in international business and one month contribution from RuleTek acquisition. In CC terms, growth was broad-based among verticals with manufacturing, media & others leading growth followed by BFSI vertical. The management is witnessing increasing traction in manufacturing, media and others segment. Ramp down of a client in travel and transport in EMEA region in the quarter impacted revenues in Q1 and is anticipated to have the full impact in Q2FY18 (~\$2 million). The management expects Q2FY18 to be better in terms of revenue performance on the back of strong order book and full quarter consolidation impact of RuleTek acquisition. Overall, the management anticipates growth in FY18E to be better compared to FY17. Going ahead, we anticipate its dollar revenues to grow at a CAGR of ~8.2% to US\$488 million in FY17-19E.

#### Wage hike, currency impacts margins...

EBITDA margins fell 230 bps QoQ to 15.6% on account of wage hike and adverse currency impact. Margins were also impacted by higher SG&A expenses (up 8% QoQ). Margins in Q2FY18E are expected to witness some improvement with expectation of exiting the fiscal with 18% margins. Though management is comfortable in margin improvement in FY17E in CC terms, we build in lower EBITDA margin at 16.3%, 16.8% in FY18E, FY19E, respectively, due to adverse currency movement.

#### Executable order book increases 6.3% YoY...

NTL secured new orders worth \$112 million vs. \$101 million in Q3 taking LTM backlog to \$320 million to be executable in the next 12 months. In terms of break-up, order intake was highest in EMEA followed by US and ROW. Total five customers were added with three in Europe and one each in US and India. In terms of fresh order intake, it maintained its quarterly run rate of greater than US\$100 million for eight consecutive quarters with executable order book up 6.3% YoY to US\$320 million.

#### Watchful on travel vertical, margin trajectory; maintain HOLD...

Sustainable order book, improved business momentum in GIS along with recent acquisition in RuleTek could pave a way for its growth. However, client specific issues in travel verticals and how margin trajectory pans out, going forward, should be watched. Hence, we now expect its rupee revenue, PAT to grow at a CAGR 7.3%, 9.8%, respectively, in FY17-19E. Consequently, we value NTL at ~11x its FY19E EPS of ₹ 52.3 to arrive at a revised target price of ₹ 575/share.



| Variance analysis            |        |         |        |          |        |          |  |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--|
|                              | Q1FY18 | Q1FY18E | Q1FY17 | YoY (%)  | Q4FY17 | ۵۰۵ (%)  | Comments   |
|                              |        |         |        |          |        |          | Excluding one-off gain, revenue grew 3.2% sequentially above our estimate of |
| Revenue                      | 708.9  | 703.6   | 669.2  | 5.9      | 744.7  | -4.8     | 2.7%   |
| Employee expenses            | 457.7  | 457.4   | 433.3  | 5.6      | 458.7  | -0.2     |  |
| 0 14 :                       | 054.0  | 040.0   | 005.0  | 0.5      | 000.0  | 40.0     |  |
| Gross Margin                 | 251.2  | 246.3   | 235.9  | 6.5      | 286.0  | -12.2    |  |
| Gross margin (%)             | 35.4   | 35.0    | 35.3   | 18 bps   |        | -297 bps |  |
| SG&A expenses                | 140.4  | 133.7   | 133.6  | 5.1      | 129.7  | 8.2      |  |
|                              |        |         |        |          |        |          |  |
| EBITDA                       | 110.8  | 112.6   | 102.3  | 8.3      | 156.3  | -29.1    |  |
|                              |        |         |        |          |        |          | EBITDA margin was below our estimate on account of wage hike and             |
| EBITDA Margin (%)            | 15.6   | 16.0    | 15.3   | 34 bps   | 21.0   | -536 bps | adverse currency impact  |
| Depreciation & amortisation  | 31.6   | 26.4    | 29.1   | 8.6      | 27.9   | 13.3     |  |
| EBIT                         | 79.2   | 86.2    | 73.2   | 8.2      | 128.4  | -38.3    |  |
| EBIT Margin (%)              | 11.2   | 12.2    | 10.9   | 23 bps   | 17.2   | -607 bps |  |
| Other income (less interest) | 5.8    | 5.1     | 7.1    | -18.3    | 4.4    | 31.8     |  |
| Exceptional items            | 0.0    | 0.0     | 36.1   | NM       | -14.0  | NM       |  |
| PBT                          | 85.0   | 91.3    | 80.3   | 5.9      | 146.8  | -42.1    |  |
| Tax paid                     | 29.5   | 21.0    | 8.3    | 255.4    | 30.6   | -3.6     |  |
| PAT                          | 51.3   | 63.1    | 31.3   | 63.9     | 109.0  | -52.9    | PAT was below our estimates on account of higher tax rate                    |
| Var. Matrica                 |        |         |        |          |        |          |  |
| Key Metrics                  | 0.000  | 0.050   | 0.000  | 0.7      | 0.050  | 1.0      | Commentally the hands with annual by 110                                     |
| Closing employees            | 8,963  | 8,850   | 9,022  | -0.7     | 8,853  | 1.2      | Sequentially, the headcount increased by 110                                 |
| Attrition (%)                | 12.1   | 13.0    |        | -128 bps | 12.7   | -58 bps  | Attrition declined 60 bps QoQ  |
| Overall utilisation (%)      | 81.2   | 80.0    | 79.8   | 140 bps  | 81.0   | 20 bps   |  |
| Average \$/₹                 | 64.5   | 64.5    | 66.4   | -2.8     | 67.4   | -4.3     |  |

Source: Company, ICICIdirect.com Research

| Change in estimates |       |       |          |       |       |          |   |
|---------------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|----------|---|
|                     |       | FY18E |          |       | FY19E |          |   |
| (₹ Crore)           | Old   | New   | % Change | Old   | New   | % Change | Comments  |
| Revenue             | 2,893 | 2,896 | 0.1      | 3,226 | 3,219 | -0.2     |   |
| EBITDA              | 483   | 471   | -2.6     | 547   | 539   | -1.4     |   |
| EBITDA Margin (%)   | 16.7  | 16.3  | -48 bps  | 17.0  | 16.8  | -28 bps  |   |
| PAT                 | 277   | 273   | -1.4     | 318   | 320   | 0.6      |   |
| EPS (₹)             | 45.3  | 44.7  | -1.3     | 52.0  | 52.3  | 0.7      | Revised our estimates owing to margin estimate revision |

Source: Company, ICICIdirect.com Research

| Assumptions             |       |       |       |         |         |         |         |  |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
|                         |       |       |       | Current | Earlier | Current | Earlier |  |
|                         | FY15  | FY16  | FY17P | FY18E   | FY18E   | FY19E   | FY19E   |  |
| Closing employees       | 8,494 | 9,476 | 8,853 | 9,246   | 9,202   | 10,044  | 10,005  |  |
| Attrition (%)           | 15.7  | 13.6  | 12.9  | 12.5    | 13.0    | 13.0    | 13.0    |  |
| Overall utilisation (%) | 78.6  | 79.2  | 80.5  | 81.0    | 81.0    | 81.0    | 81.0    |  |
| Average \$/₹            | 61.2  | 65.3  | 67.3  | 64.5    | 65.0    | 66.0    | 66.0    | Tweaked \$/₹ estimates for FY18E due to rupee appreciation |



# **Conference call highlights**

- Outlook The management expects Q2FY18 to be a better quarter in terms of revenue performance and margins. There was a ramp down in travel and transport client in EMEA region in the quarter which impacted revenue in Q1 and is anticipated to have full impact in Q2FY18
- Margin trajectory- Margins in the quarter were impacted by wage hike and currency headwind. Margins in Q2FY18E are expected to witness some improvement with anticipation of exiting the fiscal with 18% margins
- RuleTek acquisition NIIT Technologies subsidiary Incessant Technologies has signed a definitive agreement to acquire a 55% stake in US-based business process management firm RuleTek LLC. This acquisition could help Incessant expand its footprint in North America and strengthen its digital integration capabilities. RuleTek has 65 employees and reported revenues of \$6.47 million for FY17
- New CEO on board Sudhir Singh was appointed on May 29, 2017 as the new CEO designate taking over from Arvind Thakur. Sudhir would be based out of the US and will report to Arvind Thakur, who would transition his current CEO related responsibilities over the course of the year
- Digital business- Contributed 21% to revenue registering growth of ~28% YoY to₹ 23.1 crore. In digital business, the management is focusing across four segments of digital experience, analytics, cloud migration and digital orchestration
- GIS business- GIS seasonality in the first quarter of the year has led to revenue decline of ₹ 23 crore in GIS business. Along with quarter seasonality, there were certain other factors that led to the weakness in GIS business
- Employee update- As on Q1FY18, NTL has 8963 employees vs. 8853 in Q4FY17. Attrition rate declined 10 bps QoQ to 12.1% in Q1 while utilisation improved 20 bps to 81.2% sequentially
- Cash position- Cash and cash equivalents declined to ₹ 616.2 crore (vs. ₹ 732 crore) on account of acquisition of majority stake in RuleTek and additional stake in Incessant

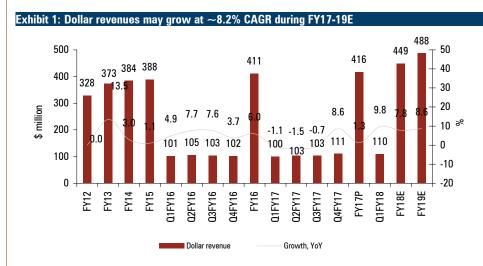


# **Company Analysis**

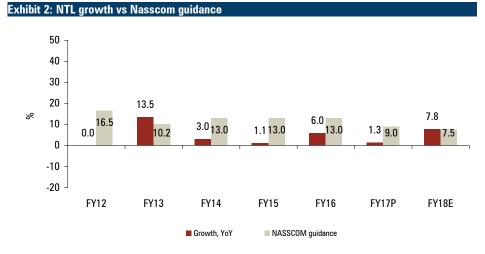
#### Foresee good traction in insurance vertical...

Going ahead, the company expects good traction in BFSI mainly in insurance on account of growth in key accounts and improvement in NITL business. Also, as RuleTek acquisition in US comes into play, we could good momentum in BFSI, going ahead. NITL business grew 7% sequentially to  $\stackrel{?}{\sim}$  357 million @ 18% margin. GIS is witnessing Q1 seasonality along with other factors leading to drag declined 43% QoQ to  $\stackrel{?}{\sim}$  357 million.

Despite the seasonality in GIS business, revenue growth was on account of good momentum in international business and one month contribution from RuleTek. The management expects softness in travel & transportation business in the next quarter due to client ramp down. Going ahead, we expect its \$ revenues to grow at a CAGR of ~8.2% to US\$488 million in FY17-19E.



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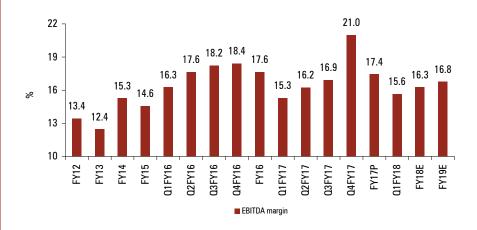
#### Margins miss estimates...

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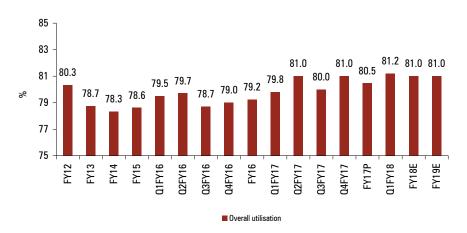
margins. Overall, we have built in NTL's EBITDA margin to be at 16.3%, 16.8% in FY18E and FY19E.





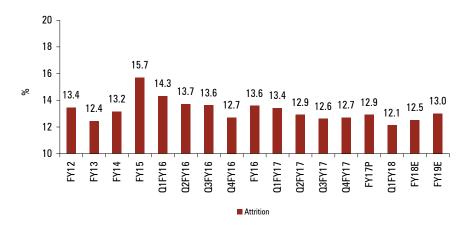
Source: Company, ICICIdirect.com Research

#### Exhibit 4: Utilisation increases 20 bps QoQ



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#### Exhibit 5: Attrition declines 60 bps QoQ





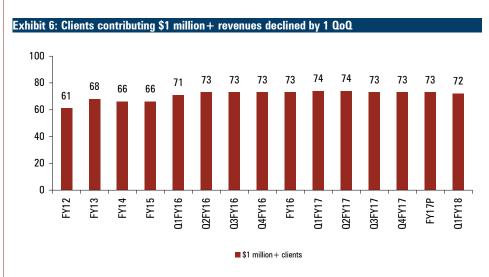
#### Executable order book up 4.2% YoY to US\$320 million...

From a bookings perspective, NTL secured new orders worth \$110 million vs. \$101 million in Q1FY17 keeping the LTM backlog flat sequentially to \$320 million to be executable in the next 12 months. In terms of break-up, order intake was led by US (\$60 million) followed by ROW (\$27 million) and EMEA (\$23 million). Total nine customers were added with five in US, three in RoW and one in EMEA. Five out of nine added customers were from recently acquired US based RuleTek. Fresh order intake maintained its quarterly run rate of greater than US\$100 million for nine consecutive quarters with executable order book up by 4.2% YoY to US\$320 million.

#### Operating highlights...

Top five customer revenues (33% of revenues) declined 3.5% QoQ after its past four consecutive quarter growth trajectory. Also, top 10 customer (45% of revenues) witnessed sequential decline of 2.7% on top of 12.5% strong growth in Q4FY17. In terms of client metrics, client size reduced by one QoQ to 72 with reduction of two clients in >10 million category and three in \$1-5 million category while four clients transitioned to \$5-10 million revenue bucket.

Geography-wise, in reported terms every division of geography reported muted show compared to the previous quarter. America (49% of revenue) grew 1.5% while Europe (32% of revenues) and Rest of world (19% of revenue) declined 3.6% and 0.6% respectively. Among verticals also, performance was muted on all fronts except for insurance vertical. Insurance (25% of revenue) grew 3.6% on top of 7.6% in the prior quarter. BFS (17% of revenue), Travel & Transportation (29% of revenue) and Manufacturing and media (27% of revenue) declined 6.1%, 7% and 0.6%, respectively. Decline in GIS business was owing to Q1 seasonality while management is witnessing traction in manufacturing, media and others. In service mix, SI & PI, which was leading growth for the past two consecutive quarters, declined sharply by 24.5% QoQ.





## **Outlook and Valuation**

NIIT Tech reported Q1FY18 results where dollar revenues were in line with our estimates while PAT was below our estimates on account of higher tax rate. Among verticals, BFSI grew 1.7% sequentially while manufacturing, media & others grew 4.3% QoQ (in CC terms).

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| Exhibit 8: Valuations |        |        |      |        |      |           |      |      |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|------|--|--|--|
|                       | Sales  | Growth | EPS  | Growth | PE   | EV/EBITDA | RoNW | RoCE |  |  |  |
|                       | (₹ cr) | (%)    | (₹)  | (%)    | (x)  | (x)       | (%)  | (%)  |  |  |  |
| FY16                  | 2,682  | 13.1   | 45.8 | 44.2   | 11.8 | 3.3       | 17.6 | 30.5 |  |  |  |
| FY17P                 | 2,797  | 4.3    | 43.5 | (5.1)  | 11.4 | 2.9       | 15.0 | 30.0 |  |  |  |
| FY18E                 | 2,896  | 3.5    | 44.7 | 2.8    | 12.1 | 2.6       | 13.9 | 27.8 |  |  |  |
| FY19E                 | 3,219  | 11.2   | 52.3 | 17.1   | 10.4 | 2.0       | 14.5 | 30.1 |  |  |  |





Source: Bloomberg, Company, ICICIdirect.com Research

| Key events |  |
|------------|--|
| Date       | Event  |
| Apr-15     | Acquires 51% stake in Incessant Technologies for ~\$17 million. The company could generate \$17 million revenues with 20%+ margins in FY15E.   |
| Jul-15     | Reports healthy revenue growth in services segment led by Incessant and international business partially offset by decline in domestic revenues (PFR)  |
| Oct-15     | Reports Q2FY16 earnings with 3.5% QoQ growth, in line with estimates, led by BFSI, transportation and manufacturing, while at 17.6%, margins were better   |
| Feb-16     | NIIT Tech launches intelligent automation for business operations, by partnering with a software company UiPath, specialized in Robotic process Automation   |
| Mar-16     | Secures best service provider award from ICT subsidiary of German railways   |
| Jan-17     | According to media article, NIIT Technologies appoints Joel Lindsey as global head of digital services. NITL also appoints Adrian morgan as head of NIIT Insurance Technologies  |
| Apr-17     | Implements settlement agreement with the government and receives part payment of ₹ 41.9 crore, with revenue recognition of ₹ 27.1 crore for services contracted and reversal of provisions of ₹ 13.15 crore to be accounted in FY17  |
| Mar-16     | Secures best service provider award from ICT subsidiary of German railways   |
| May-17     | Partners with an artificial intelligence and autonomous automation firm 'Arago'. NIIT would integrate Arago's general AI technology HIRO into its automation offering, TRON Smart Automation. This partnership could enable company to deliver a superior automation experience by bringing in cutting-edge machine reasoning technology optimised by machine learning       |
| Jun-17     | NIIT Technologies subsidiary Incessant Technologies signs a definitive agreement to acquire a 55% stake in US-based business process management firm RuleTek LLC. This acquisition could help Incessant expand its footprint in North America and strengthen its digital integration capabilities. RuleTek has 65 employees and reported revenues of \$6.47 million for FY17 |

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| Top 1 | 0 Shareholders  |                    |       |              |            |
|-------|---|--------------------|-------|--------------|------------|
| Rank  | Name  | Latest Filing Date | % 0/S | Position (m) | Change (m) |
| 1     | Scantech Evaluation Services, Ltd.                    | 31-Mar-17          | 23.6% | 14.5         | 0.0        |
| 2     | Fidelity Management & Research Company                | 31-Dec-15          | 9.5%  | 5.8          | 0.0        |
| 3     | HDFC Asset Management Co., Ltd.                       | 31-Mar-17          | 9.0%  | 5.5          | 0.0        |
| 4     | Brandes Investment Partners, L.P.                     | 31-Mar-17          | 6.7%  | 4.1          | 0.5        |
| 5     | DSP BlackRock Investment Managers Pvt. Ltd.           | 31-Mar-17          | 4.0%  | 2.5          | -0.1       |
| 6     | GSPL Advisory Services & Investment Pvt. Ltd.         | 31-Mar-17          | 3.5%  | 2.2          | 0.0        |
| 7     | PIPL Business Advisors & Investment Pvt. Ltd.         | 31-Mar-17          | 3.5%  | 2.2          | 0.0        |
| 8     | UTI Asset Management Co. Ltd.                         | 31-Mar-17          | 3.1%  | 1.9          | 1.0        |
| 9     | Franklin Templeton Asset Management (India) Pvt. Ltd. | 31-Mar-17          | 1.8%  | 1.1          | 0.4        |
| 10    | AKM Systems Pvt. Ltd.                                 | 31-Mar-17          | 1.7%  | 1.1          | 0.0        |
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| Shareholding Pattern |        |        |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (in %)               | Sep-16 | Dec-16 | Mar-17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Promoter             | 30.72  | 30.79  | 30.72  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public               | 69.28  | 69.21  | 69.28  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Others               | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total                | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: Reuters, ICICIdirect.com Research

| Recent Activity                                       |       |        |  |       |        |
|---|-------|--------|--|-------|--------|
| Buys  |       |        | Sells  |       |        |
| Investor name   | Value | Shares | Investor name                                | Value | Shares |
| UTI Asset Management Co. Ltd.                         | 6.9m  | 1.0m   | Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company Ltd. | -2.1m | -0.2m  |
| HDFC Asset Management Co., Ltd.                       | 5.5m  | 0.8m   | ICICI Prudential Asset Management Co. Ltd.   | -1.0m | -0.1m  |
| Brandes Investment Partners, L.P.                     | 3.6m  | 0.5m   | DSP BlackRock Investment Managers Pvt. Ltd.  | -0.5m | -0.1m  |
| Franklin Templeton Asset Management (India) Pvt. Ltd. | 2.8m  | 0.4m   | UTI International (Singapore) Pvt. Ltd.      | -0.2m | -0.0m  |
| ABN AMRO Investment Solutions (AAIS)                  | 1.0m  | 0.2m   | Chavali (Bhaskar)                            | -0.2m | -0.0m  |

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# **Financial summary**

| Profit and loss statement   |       |       |       | ₹ Crore |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
|                             | FY16  | FY17P | FY18E | FY19E   |
| Total operating Income      | 2,682 | 2,797 | 2,896 | 3,219   |
| Growth (%)                  | 13    | 4     | 4     | 11      |
| COGS (employee expenses)    | 1,690 | 1,782 | 1,875 | 2,068   |
| S,G&A expenses              | 519   | 528   | 550   | 612     |
| Total Operating Expenditure | 2,209 | 2,310 | 2,425 | 2,680   |
| EBITDA                      | 473   | 488   | 471   | 539     |
| Growth (%)                  | 37    | 3     | (4)   | 15      |
| Depreciation                | 110   | 115   | 123   | 137     |
| Other Income                | 21    | 19    | 32    | 39      |
| PBT                         | 382   | 391   | 380   | 441     |
| Total Tax                   | 83    | 82    | 84    | 97      |
| Adjusted 'PAT               | 280   | 265   | 273   | 320     |
| Growth (%)                  | 44    | (5)   | 3     | 17      |
| Adjusted EPS (₹)            | 45.8  | 43.5  | 44.7  | 52.3    |
| Exceptional loss            | 1     | 22    | -     | -       |
| Reported PAT                | 279   | 243   | 273   | 320     |
| Reported EPS (₹)            | 45.8  | 43.5  | 44.7  | 52.3    |
| Growth (%)                  | 44.2  | (5.1) | 2.8   | 17.1    |

Source: Company, ICICIdirect.com Research

| Cash flow statement            |       |       |       | ₹ Crore |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
|                                | FY16  | FY17P | FY18E | FY19E   |
| Profit before Tax              | 382   | 391   | 380   | 441     |
| Add: Depreciation              | 110   | 115   | 123   | 137     |
| (Inc)/dec in Current Assets    | 35    | (37)  | (32)  | (105)   |
| Inc/(dec) in CL and Provisions | 12    | 45    | 19    | 63      |
| Taxes paid                     | (99)  | (82)  | (84)  | (97)    |
| CF from operating activities   | 387   | 413   | 374   | 401     |
| (Inc)/dec in Investments       | (15)  | -     | -     | -       |
| (Inc)/dec in Fixed Assets      | (161) | (168) | (174) | (193)   |
| Others                         | 6     | 19    | 32    | 39      |
| CF from investing activities   | (304) | (149) | (141) | (154)   |
| Issue/(Buy back) of Equity     | 1     | -     | -     | -       |
| Inc/(dec) in loan funds        | 2     | (2)   | (2)   | (2)     |
| Dividend paid & dividend tax   | (73)  | (89)  | (79)  | (79)    |
| CF from financing activities   | (73)  | (91)  | (81)  | (81)    |
| Net Cash flow                  | 9     | 173   | 152   | 166     |
| Exchange difference            | 16    | 2     | 2     | 2       |
| Opening Cash                   | 269   | 336   | 488   | 642     |
| Other balances                 | 23    | -     | -     | -       |
| Closing Cash                   | 336   | 488   | 642   | 810     |
|                                |       |       |       |         |

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| Balance sheet              |       |       | ₹     | Crore |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| (Year-end March)           | FY16  | FY17P | FY18E | FY19E |
| Liabilities                |       |       |       |       |
| Equity Capital             | 61    | 61    | 61    | 61    |
| Reserve and Surplus        | 1,530 | 1,705 | 1,900 | 2,141 |
| Total Shareholders funds   | 1,591 | 1,767 | 1,961 | 2,202 |
| Total Debt                 | 6     | 6     | 6     | 6     |
| Provisions                 | 85    | 85    | 85    | 85    |
| Minority Interest / Others | 65    | 87    | 110   | 134   |
| Total Liabilities          | 1,746 | 1,944 | 2,162 | 2,427 |
|                            |       |       |       |       |
| Assets                     |       |       |       |       |
| Net Block                  | 820   | 873   | 924   | 980   |
| Capital WIP                | 17    | 17    | 17    | 17    |
| Total Fixed Assets         | 837   | 890   | 941   | 997   |
| Deferred tax assets        | 26    | 26    | 26    | 26    |
| Debtors                    | 590   | 615   | 637   | 708   |
| Loans and advances         | 180   | 188   | 195   | 217   |
| Other Current Assets       | 96    | 101   | 104   | 116   |
| Cash                       | 336   | 488   | 642   | 810   |
| Current Investments        | 74    | 74    | 74    | 74    |
| Total Current Assets       | 1,277 | 1,466 | 1,653 | 1,925 |
| Trade payables             | 165   | 196   | 203   | 225   |
| Other current liabities    | 203   | 212   | 219   | 244   |
| Short term provisions      | 134   | 140   | 145   | 161   |
| Total Current Liabilities  | 503   | 548   | 567   | 630   |
| Net Current Assets         | 775   | 919   | 1,086 | 1,295 |
| Application of Funds       | 1,746 | 1,944 | 2,162 | 2,427 |

Source: Company, ICICIdirect.com Research

| Key ratios             |       |       |       |       |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| (Year-end March)       | FY16  | FY17P | FY18E | FY19E |
| Per share data (₹)     |       |       |       |       |
| Adjusted EPS (Diluted) | 45.8  | 43.5  | 44.7  | 52.3  |
| DPS                    | 10.0  | 12.5  | 11.0  | 11.0  |
| Cash per Share         | 55.3  | 87.3  | 105.1 | 132.6 |
| BV per share (Diluted) | 261.5 | 316.1 | 320.9 | 360.3 |
| Operating Ratios (%)   |       |       |       |       |
| EBITDA Margin          | 17.6  | 17.4  | 16.3  | 16.8  |
| PBT Margin             | 14.2  | 14.0  | 13.1  | 13.7  |
| PAT Margin             | 10.4  | 9.5   | 9.4   | 9.9   |
| Debtor days            | 80    | 80    | 80    | 80    |
| Creditor days          | 23    | 26    | 26    | 26    |
| Return Ratios (%)      |       |       |       |       |
| RoE                    | 17.6  | 15.0  | 13.9  | 14.5  |
| RoCE                   | 30.5  | 30.0  | 27.8  | 30.1  |
| RoIC                   | 30.6  | 30.3  | 26.9  | 28.9  |
| Valuation Ratios (x)   |       |       |       |       |
| P/E (Adjusted)         | 11.8  | 11.4  | 12.1  | 10.4  |
| EV / EBITDA            | 3.3   | 2.9   | 2.6   | 2.0   |
| EV / Net Sales         | 0.6   | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.3   |
| Market Cap / Sales     | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.6   |
| Price to Book Value    | 2.1   | 1.7   | 1.7   | 1.5   |
| Solvency Ratios        |       |       |       |       |
| Debt/EBITDA            | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Debt / Equity          | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Current Ratio          | 1.7   | 1.7   | 1.7   | 1.7   |
| Quick Ratio            | 1.7   | 1.7   | 1.7   | 1.7   |
|                        |       |       |       |       |



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|                            | CMP   |       |        | M Cap   |       | EPS (₹) |       |      | P/E (x) |       | EV/I | EBITDA ( | x)    |      | RoCE (% | )     |      | RoE(%) |       |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------|-------|---------|-------|------|---------|-------|------|----------|-------|------|---------|-------|------|--------|-------|
| Sector / Company           | (₹)   | TP(₹) | Rating | (₹ Cr)  | FY16  | FY17P   | FY18E | FY16 | FY17P   | FY18E | FY16 | FY17P    | FY18E | FY16 | FY17P I | FY18E | FY16 | FY17P  | FY18E |
| Cyient (INFENT)            | 510   | 545   | Hold   | 5,742   | 29.0  | 30.5    | 35.2  | 17.6 | 16.7    | 14.5  | 12.1 | 10.2     | 8.0   | 20.3 | 19.7    | 20.7  | 17.8 | 16.2   | 16.8  |
| Eclerx (ECLSER)            | 1,290 | 1,145 | Sell   | 5,318   | 87.9  | 88.4    | 79.5  | 14.7 | 14.6    | 16.2  | 9.8  | 9.9      | 10.2  | 42.6 | 35.4    | 31.2  | 33.5 | 29.5   | 23.9  |
| Firstsource (FIRSOU)       | 39    | 45    | Buy    | 2,582   | 3.8   | 4.1     | 4.4   | 10.2 | 9.4     | 8.9   | 7.7  | 6.7      | 6.0   | 11.7 | 12.1    | 12.1  | 12.9 | 11.5   | 11.0  |
| HCL Tech (HCLTEC)          | 850   | 930   | Buy    | 119,994 | 52.1  | 60.0    | 59.6  | 16.3 | 14.2    | 14.3  | 12.6 | 10.3     | 9.7   | 31.2 | 30.3    | 30.6  | 26.9 | 26.6   | 25.1  |
| Infosys (INFTEC)           | 972   | 1,040 | Hold   | 222,164 | 59.0  | 62.8    | 64.7  | 16.5 | 15.5    | 15.0  | 11.0 | 10.4     | 10.6  | 30.2 | 28.8    | 31.2  | 21.8 | 20.8   | 22.4  |
| KPIT Tech (KPISYS)         | 130   | 140   | Hold   | 2,587   | 14.1  | 10.6    | 9.9   | 9.2  | 12.2    | 13.1  | 5.5  | 7.1      | 7.3   | 23.7 | 16.3    | 14.9  | 20.4 | 15.4   | 11.7  |
| Mindtree (MINCON)          | 507   | 470   | Hold   | 8,514   | 32.9  | 24.9    | 26.9  | 15.4 | 20.4    | 18.8  | 9.9  | 11.0     | 11.5  | 29.1 | 21.2    | 24.2  | 22.9 | 16.2   | 18.8  |
| NIIT Technologies (NIITEC) | 543   | 575   | Hold   | 1,946   | 45.8  | 43.5    | 44.7  | 11.8 | 11.4    | 12.1  | 3.3  | 2.9      | 2.6   | 30.5 | 30.0    | 27.8  | 17.6 | 15.0   | 13.9  |
| Persistent (PSYS)          | 580   | 700   | Buy    | 4,639   | 37.2  | 37.6    | 40.7  | 15.6 | 15.4    | 14.5  | 9.7  | 8.5      | 7.1   | 23.8 | 21.3    | 20.4  | 18.1 | 16.2   | 15.4  |
| TCS (TCS)                  | 2,399 | 2,400 | Hold   | 469,892 | 122.9 | 133.4   | 133.1 | 19.5 | 18.0    | 18.0  | 14.4 | 13.1     | 13.1  | 42.2 | 38.0    | 37.6  | 33.1 | 29.8   | 29.5  |
| Tech Mahindra (TECMAH)     | 429   | 490   | Buy    | 42,158  | 31.7  | 31.8    | 33.9  | 13.5 | 13.5    | 12.7  | 8.8  | 8.7      | 7.8   | 25.5 | 21.9    | 20.6  | 21.7 | 17.2   | 16.2  |
| Wipro (WIPRO)              | 269   | 285   | Hold   | 66,257  | 22.6  | 17.5    | 18.1  | 11.9 | 15.4    | 14.8  | 4.3  | 3.9      | 4.8   | 19.6 | 16.8    | 17.3  | 19.1 | 16.3   | 17.0  |



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