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KPIT Technologies

Performance converging to peers, large deal ramp-up in H2; Buy

Rating: **Buy**

Target Price: ₹90

Share Price: ₹68

KPIT revenues came at \$65m, down 15.2%q/q (14% in CC), 10%/y/y. The decline was mainly in AD-ADAS (down 27.7% q/q) and Diagnostics/Auto SAR (down 22% q/q). The EBIT margin was 6.7%, down 178bps q/q. Despite Q1FY21 capex being higher, at ₹332m (new facility and software), net cash was a high ₹3,938m, 21% of MCap. Capex for the rest of the year would come down sharply. With its in-line Q1 performance and growth expected to be back in H2 as large deals ramp up and offshoring increases, margins may see a tailwind. We raise our FY22e profit 5.2%, leading to a higher target of ₹90 (earlier ₹85) at 13x FY22e EPS.

Revenue to stabilise in Q2. KPIT's Q1 FY21 performance was better than LTTS' (down 12.5%q/q, 12%/y/y) and Tata Elxsi's (down 11%q/q, up 2%/y/y). Besides, it secured another large deal of over \$60m through Tier-1 (Europe) after a \$50m deal signed in Q4. Realisations dropped 10% q/q largely on account of higher offshoring. Europe (39% of revenue, down 19.3% q/q) was weak but expected to grow as the large deals ramp up from Q3. Two large deals in the last two quarters establish its competitiveness.

Offshoring, lower D&A to act as margin tailwinds. The EBITDA margin was 13.4%, down 37bps q/q, 116bps y/y. LTTS (16%, down 309bps q/q) and TataElxsi (23%, down 160bps q/q) also faced margin headwinds in Q1 FY21. D&A was higher at ₹330m (up 12% q/q) on account of a new facility in Germany but is expected to come down from Q3 as two facilities consolidate. Net profit was ₹240m, lower partly due to forex losses and partly to EBIT. DSO was 72 (up six days q/q) as trade discounts were given to a few clients. Money in operating accounts has reduced to 49% (81% in Q1 FY20), leading to anticipation of higher other income.

Maintaining a Buy, at a higher TP of ₹90 (13x FY22e). The stock trades at 10.2x FY22e EPS and 11% FCF yield, attractive given the anticipated H2 FY21 recovery and better margin delivery. **Risk:** Dependence on one vertical.

Key financials (YE Mar)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21e	FY22e
Sales (₹ m)	36,656	36,553	21,562	20,711	23,060
Net profit (₹ m)	2,529	2,536	1,483	1,349	1,811
EPS (₹)	12.7	9.4	5.5	4.9	6.6
PE (x)	7.4	7.4	12.2	13.8	10.3
EV / EBITDA (x)	3.5	2.8	4.7	4.9	4.2
PBV (x)	1.0	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5
RoE (%)	14.9	18.3	15.2	12.4	15.2
RoCE (%)	11.9	18.5	13.3	9.9	11.4
Dividend yield (%)	3.5	3.6	1.5	2.5	3.9
Net debt / equity (x)	-0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

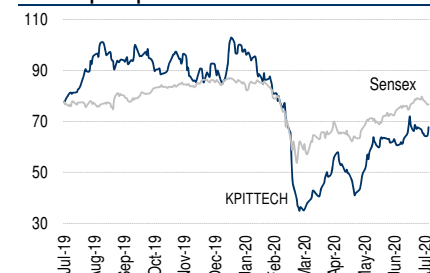
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Key data	KPITTECH IN / KPIT.E.BO
52-week high / low	₹113 / 34
Sensex / Nifty	37662 / 11086
3-m average volume	\$0.5m
Market cap	₹19bn / \$247.3m
Shares outstanding	274m

Shareholding pattern (%)	Jun'20	Mar'20	Dec'19
Promoters	41.8	41.7	41.6
- of which, Pledged	17.0	17.1	18.7
Free float	58.2	58.4	58.4
- Foreign institutions	23.1	23.3	23.3
- Domestic institutions	12.5	12.6	11.8
- Public	22.6	22.4	23.3

Estimates revision (%)	FY21e	FY22e
Sales(\$)	(3.6)	(2.6)
EBITDA	8.7	6.0
PAT	(1.0)	5.2

Relative price performance



Source: Bloomberg

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Quick Glance – Financials and Valuations

Fig 1 – Income statement (₹m)

Year-end: Mar	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21e	FY22e
Revenues (\$ m)	567.6	523.1	303.8	272.9	303.4
Growth (%)	15	-8	-42	-10	11
Net revenues	36,656	36,553	21,562	20,711	23,060
Employee & direct costs	27,665	26,353	16,353	15,647	17,290
Gross profit	8,991	10,200	5,209	5,064	5,770
Gross margins %	24.5	27.9	24.2	24.5	25.0
SG&A	5,037	5,186	2,238	2,183	2,415
EBITDA	3,954	5,014	2,971	2,881	3,355
EBITDA margins (%)	10.8	13.7	13.8	13.9	14.6
- Depreciation	843	1,113	1,080	1,267	1,221
Other income	307	-237	131	234	295
Interest expenses	104	210	198	174	133
PBT	3,314	3,455	1,823	1,675	2,297
Effective tax rate (%)	21	23	19	19	21
+ Associates / (Minorities)	-87	-132	-2	-8	-8
Net income	2,529	2,536	1,483	1,349	1,811
WANS	200	270	270	274	274
FDEPS (₹ / sh)	12.7	9.4	5.5	4.9	6.6

Fig 3 – Cash-flow statement (₹m)

Year-end: Mar	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21e	FY22e
PBT	3,314	3,455	1,823	1,675	2,297
+ Non-cash items	1,474	313	1,590	1,267	1,221
Oper. prof. before WC	4,788	3,768	3,413	2,941	3,518
- Incr./decr. in WC	128	-1,332	-1,300	302	578
Others incl. taxes	-586	-510	-825	688	-408
Operating cash-flow	4,074	4,590	3,887	3,327	2,531
- Capex (tang. + intang.)	1,159	1,622	686	659	503
Free cash-flow	2,915	2,968	3,201	2,668	2,028
Acquisitions	-48	-	-233	-443	-436
- Div.(incl. buyback & taxes)	503	761	569	472	724
+ Equity raised	5	-	-0	-	-
+ Debt raised	-796	-1,482	-822	-196	-
- Fin investments	382	-1,185	511	-	-
- Misc. (CFI + CFF)	44	4,753	317	-60	-162
Net cash-flow	1,147	-2,843	750	1,617	1,030

Source: Company, AnandRathi Research

Fig 5 – Price movement



Source: Bloomberg

Fig 2 – Balance sheet (₹ m)

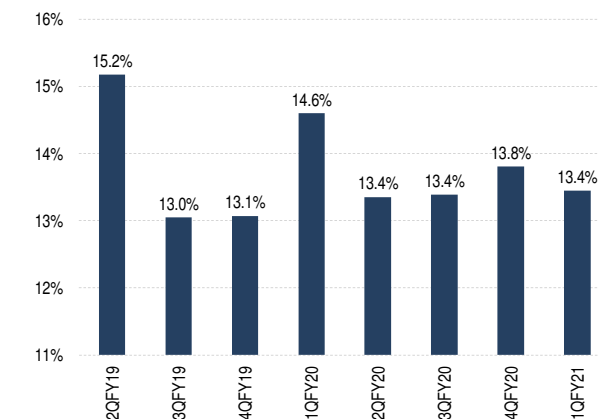
Year-end: Mar	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21e	FY22e
Share capital	379	2,685	2,689	2,689	2,689
Net worth	18,169	9,596	10,470	11,347	12,433
Debt	2,771	1,289	196	-	-
Minority interest	36	39	36	44	52
DTL/(Assets)	-944	1	-387	-387	-387
Capital employed	20,032	10,924	10,314	11,003	12,098
Net tangible assets	3,096	3,261	4,277	3,669	2,952
Net intangible assets	1,171	-	-	-	-
Goodwill	4,275	942	988	1,431	1,867
CWIP (tang. & intang.)	68	-	52	52	52
Investments (strategic)	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (financial)	1,185	-	93	93	93
Current assets (ex cash)	11,541	10,332	6,744	7,080	7,666
Cash	5,049	2,207	3,810	5,428	6,457
Current liabilities	6,353	5,818	5,650	6,749	6,988
Working capital	5,188	4,515	1,095	331	678
Capital deployed	20,032	10,924	10,314	11,003	12,098
Contingent liabilities	311	-	-	-	-

Fig 4 – Ratio analysis

Year-end: Mar	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21e	FY22e
P/E (x)	7.4	7.4	12.2	13.8	10.3
EV / EBITDA (x)	3.5	2.8	4.7	4.9	4.2
EV / Sales (x)	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5
P/B (x)	1.0	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5
RoE (%)	14.9	18.3	15.2	12.4	15.2
RoCE (%) - after tax	11.9	18.5	13.3	9.9	11.4
RoIC (%) - after tax	16.2	24.9	18.0	15.4	19.3
DPS (₹ / sh)	2.4	2.4	1.0	1.7	2.6
Dividend yield (%)	3.5	3.6	1.5	2.5	3.9
Dividend payout (%) - incl. DDT	22.1	30.0	21.2	40.8	46.6
Net debt / equity (x)	-0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5
Receivables (days)	92	128	86	89	88
Inventory (days)	-	-	-	-	-
Payables (days)	18	25	17	17	15
CFO : PAT %	155.7	172.1	261.8	245.1	139.1

Source: Company, AnandRathi Research

Fig 6 – EBITDA margins



Source: Company

Note - Q1, Q2, Q3FY19 figures are KPIT Engineering financials(before the split); Q4FY19's are KPIT Tech's financials after the hiving off from Birlasoft IT

Result Highlights

Q1FY21 Results at a Glance

Fig 7 – Quarterly performance

	Q1 FY20	Q2 FY20	Q3 FY20	Q4 FY20	Q1 FY21	Q/Q growth, %	Y/Y growth, %
Revenues (\$ m)	73	77	77	77	65	-15.2%	-10.3%
Growth Y/Y %	16%	15%	9%	8%	-10%		
Revenues (₹m)	5,058	5,441	5,501	5,562	4,927	-11.4%	-2.6%
Eff. exchange rate	69.5	70.5	71.6	72.3	75.5	4.5%	8.6%
Employees (EoP)	6,891	7,295	7,303	7,125	6,806		
Revenue productivity (\$ '000 / employee)	11.0	11.2	10.5	10.5	9.2	-13.1%	-16.7%
Gross utilisation (IT services)	72.9%	73.0%	73.0%	73.0%	70.0%	-300 bps	-294 bps
CoR (excl. D&A)	(3,805)	(4,140)	(4,180)	(4,228)	(3,726)	-11.9%	-2.1%
As % of revenues	-75%	-76%	-76%	-76%	-76%	38 bps	-39 bps
SG&A	(514)	(574)	(584)	(566)	(539)	-4.9%	4.8%
As % of revenues	-10%	-11%	-11%	-10%	-11%	-75 bps	-77 bps
EBITDA	739	727	737	768	662	-13.8%	-10.3%
EBITDA margins %	14.6%	13.4%	13.4%	13.8%	13.4%	-37 bps	-116 bps
EBIT	500	462	454	474	332	-29.9%	-33.6%
EBIT margins %	9.9%	8.5%	8.2%	8.5%	6.7%	-178 bps	-315 bps
Other income	(57)	51	76	60	10	-83.5%	-117.5%
Forex gain / loss	(69)	29	58	2	(15)	-961.6%	-78.0%
Interest expense	(46)	(59)	(48)	(45)	(49)	9.7%	7.6%
PBT	398	454	482	489	293	-40.1%	-26.4%
PBT margins %	7.9%	8.3%	8.8%	8.8%	5.9%	-32.4%	-24.4%
Taxes	(88)	(86)	(72)	(92)	(51)	-44.6%	-42.4%
ETR %	-22%	-19%	-15%	-19%	-17%	140 bps	481 bps
Net income	376	330	429	388	240	-38.1%	-36.1%
NP margins %	7.4%	6.1%	7.8%	7.0%	4.9%	-211 bps	-256 bps

Note: CoR includes G&A employee costs as well

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 8 – Quarterly results(₹ m)

Year-end: Mar	Q1FY21	% Q/Q	% Y/Y	FY20	FY21	% Y/Y
Sales (\$ m)	65	(15.2)	(10.3)	304	273	(10.2)
Sales	4,927	(11.4)	(2.6)	21,562	20,711	(3.9)
EBITDA	662	(13.8)	(10.3)	2,971	2,881	(3.0)
EBITDA margins (%)	13.4	-37 bps	-116 bps	13.8	13.9	13 bps
EBIT	332	(29.9)	(33.6)	1,890	1,614	(14.6)
EBIT margins (%)	6.7	-178 bps	-315 bps	8.8	7.8	-97 bps
PBT	293	(40.1)	(26.4)	1,823	1,675	(8.1)
Tax	(51)	(44.6)	(42.4)	(338)	(317)	(6.3)
Tax rate (%)	(17.3)	140 bps	481 bps	(18.6)	(18.9)	-38 bps
PAT (₹m)	240	(38.1)	(36.1)	1,523	1,349	(11.4)

Source: Company

Conference-call takeaways

- The demand environment has turned better in Q1 FY21 than in Q4 FY20 as there is more certainty now.
- Clients have cut their spending with KPIT the least of its peers; thus KPIT has gained market share.
- Apart from the large deal announced in Q1, KPIT won three deals with OEMs and a few more with tier-1 companies. There are few other large deals in the pipeline. KPIT is winning from vendor consolidation based on its capability.
- KPIT has won three deals in China in the past one month.
- Depreciation in Q1 includes ₹125m on account of a lease. In Q2, depreciation would increase and start reducing from Q3.
- Increase in DSO days was on account of extended payment terms to two clients which will normalise in Q4.
- There are 700 employees in Germany, after consolidation of all facilities. Many deals will be executed from the German centre.
- E-power train, ADAS and connected, will be growth drivers ahead.
- Payment of ₹170m was made during Q1 for earn-out payment for MicroFuzzy (now KPIT owns 95% in it). For acquisition of the rest 5% in Microfuzzy, another ~₹265m to be paid.
- 1,200 people work outside India.
- Attrition for the quarter was 11%

Outlook

- Q2 revenue to be flat sequentially, with flat margins.
- In Q3, higher utilisation and offshoring will help margins, offset by restoration in salaries. Q3 will see revenue growth and margin expansion. In Q4, lower D&A, higher offshoring and operating efficiency will shore up revenues and margins; EBITDA and PAT will be higher.
- Capex to be ₹480m for FY21.
- ETR to be 18% for FY21.
- Payout to remain close to 25%.

Notes from the Q4 FY20 concall

- The company wishes to expand beyond its T-25 strategic customers, incl. new-generation companies (Microsoft and Amazon) as it expects some shocks from a few of these strategic customers given the stress in the auto value-chain.
- The large deal of five years, of \$50m, that was in the pipeline has been signed. The benefit will start flowing in in H2FY21. This requires minimal additional capex and will be serviced through a dedicated software centre in Munich and Pune.
- To contain costs, the company decided to expand the percentage of variable pay by 10-15%, and has consolidated three facilities in India and two in Germany. The variable pay will be payable at the year-end depending on the company's performance.
- It is not feeling pressure on pricing but has extended credit periods for

some clients.

- Consequent on volumes declining, Q1 revenue will decline 10-15% q/q, but H2 will be better than H1.

Notes from the Q3 FY20 concall

- The demand environment is positive, with opportunities across regions and verticals.
- The company added four strategic customers in the target T-25 customer base.
- It has large deals (five-year, of double-digit million dollars) in the pipeline, giving it confidence of growth ahead, driven by passenger cars.
- The margins were lower on account of higher increments given this year to retain talent.
- Germany has 800 people, of which 25% are based at the client site.
- The tax rate was lower because of the cumulative impact of consolidation of income of the Germany entities. The tax rate will continue to be low (below 20%).
- The company maintains its FY20 revenue growth guidance of 16-18% and expects margins to trend up by another 200-300bps in coming years based on levers such as offshoring and utilisation.

Notes from the Q2 FY20 concall

- Promoter pledges are at peak levels and expected to come down gradually to zero in the next two years. The proceeds of the pledges have been used entirely to increase the promoters' stake in the company.
- Due to OEMs' focus on electric vehicles, traditional power-train is also growing as OEMs offload past works to vendors. On connected vehicles, one large programme was completed last year; hence, figures appear negative.
- Due to the high wage hikes, attrition has come down by ~10 percentage points, y/y.
- Management expects utilisation to pick up gradually. At present, net hiring is on the fresher side as KPIT attempts to reduce its dependence on lateral hires. This trend may continue for two quarters; the results will then show up in margins.
- Capex to hold at 2% of revenues.
- The company maintains its FY20 revenue growth guidance of 16-18% and EBITDA margin guidance and demand for its services at 14-15%.

Notes from the Q1 FY20 concall

- KPIT had the highest deal wins in the quarter as demand for its services is strong.
- Attrition was higher in the past, at 18%, but is now shrinking every quarter. This is also on account of the sharper focus and growth.
- Dividend payout will increase gradually but not in a huge way as the company needs cash and has retained earnings to support growth.
- Management talked of 16-18% CC revenue growth for FY20.
- The EBITDA margin would be 14-15%, according to the old accounting, and 15-16% per reported figures.

Notes from the Q4 FY19 concall

- The major chunk of the company's work lies in power-train (conventional and electrical), connectivity, autonomous (vision and control systems) and diagnostics. Diagnostics was soft in the quarter, especially in Europe. The company saw great traction in this space and, hence, is confident of growth returning.
- Growth in Europe was hit by the delayed execution of large deals. These revenues are expected to come in Q1 FY20. This region currently has 700 employees.
- The company is looking at \$500m revenue in the next 4-5 years. Management guided to 16-18% CC revenue growth for FY20.
- FY20 margin of 14-15%, backed by operational efficiencies.
- ETR likely at ~22-23%

Factsheet

Fig 9 – Revenue-split, by industry

(%)	Q1 FY20	Q2 FY20	Q3 FY20	Q4 FY20	Q1 FY21
Passenger cars	73	76	76	76	78
Commercial vehicles	24	22	23	22	21
New mobility	1	1	1	1	1
Others	2	1	1	1	1

Source: Company

Fig 10 – Revenue-split, by services

(%)	Q1 FY20	Q2 FY20	Q3 FY20	Q4 FY20	Q1 FY21
Power-train	35	37	33	33	37
AD-ADAS	21	20	25	26	22
Connected vehicles	15	13	13	10	13
Others	29	30	30	31	29

Source: Company

Fig 11 – Revenue-split, by region

(%)	Q1 FY20	Q2 FY20	Q3 FY20	Q4 FY20	Q1 FY21
North America	42	44	40	40	42
Europe	37	36	41	41	39
APAC / RoW	21	20	19	19	18

Source: Company

Fig 12 – Client profiles (LTM)

%	Q1 FY20	Q2 FY20	Q3 FY20	Q4 FY20	Q1 FY21
Top-25	81.2	84.4	84.0	82.6	85.7
Growth, Q/Q	8.8%	10.3%	-1.0%	-1.5%	NA
Growth, Y/Y	24%	13%	15%	17%	NA
Active clients	60	55	55	58	55
Revenue per active client (\$m / quarter)	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2

Source: Company

Fig 13 – Employee movement

(%)	Q1 FY20	Q2 FY20	Q3 FY20	Q4 FY20	Q1 FY21
Employee movement					
Employees (EoP)	6,891	7,295	7,303	7,125	6,806
Net Addition	277	404	8	-178	-319
Utilization % (blended, est)	73	73	73	73	70

Source: Company

Fig 14 – Revenue-split, by delivery type and billing

(%)	Q1 FY20	Q2 FY20	Q3 FY20	Q4 FY20	Q1 FY21
Billing type					
T&M	49	54	46	49	48
FP	51	46	54	51	52

Source: Company

Fig 15 – Key verticals and horizontals growth y/y

(%)	Q1 FY20	Q2 FY20	Q3 FY20	Q4 FY20	Q1 FY21
Verticals growth					
Passenger cars	15	13	9	11	-4
Commercial vehicles	22	33	26	3	(23)
New mobility	(33)	90	44	(11)	15
Others	17	(60)	(79)	(15)	(80)
Horizontals growth					
Power-train	23	58	40	12	(5)
AD-ADAS	91	8	19	45	(8)
Connected vehicles	(23)	(26)	(28)	(24)	(24)
Others	7	9	2	(2)	(12)

Source: Company

Valuations

The stock quotes at 10.2x FY22e EPS of ₹6.6, which we find attractive given that the company is likely to grow faster than the industry in the medium term (14.3% overall revenue growth in FY20) and decline less than peers in FY21. It is also expected to clock 11.2% growth in FY22 once the auto industry recovers.

Its focus on its top-25 strategic clients (of its 55 active ones) and the expansion of its business to newer new-gen companies and regions such as China make us optimistic about its performance as China (the largest auto market in the world and an important one for European auto) is resuming economic activity. Also, the company is confident of enjoying greater profitability (15%) in the next few years by higher offshoring although this target was delayed by a year due to FY21 being damaged by Covid-19. On the higher utilisation (target 75%), we expect the margin to recover to 14.6% by FY22 after flat performance in FY21 despite weak sales.

The net cash balance was ₹3,938m, a significant stepping up from the ~₹1,810m it reported a year earlier. Higher cash generation should take the total to ~₹5.5bn by end-FY21. The FCF yield is now 11.4%.

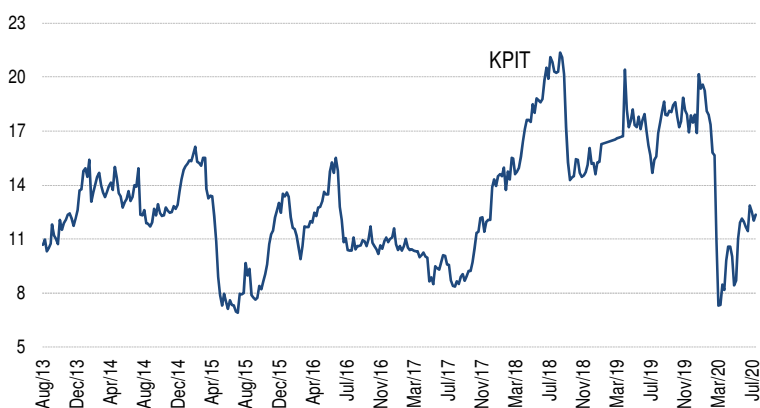
Considering these positives, we have assigned a target multiple of 13x FY22e EPS, with a target price of ₹90. We recommend a Buy.

Fig 16 – Change in estimates (₹m)

	FY21e			FY22e		
	New	Old	Chg.%	New	Old	Chg.%
Revenues (\$m)	273	283	(3.6)	303	312	(2.6)
Revenues	20,711	20,774	(0.3)	23,060	22,861	0.9
EBITDA	2,881	2,650	8.7	3,355	3,165	6.0
EBITDA margins %	13.9%	12.8%	115 bps	14.6%	13.8%	70 bps
EBIT	1,614	1,475	9.5	2,135	1,990	7.3
EBIT margins %	7.8%	7.1%	70 bps	9.3%	8.7%	55 bps
PBT	1,675	1,701	(1.5)	2,297	2,178	5.5
Net profit	1,349	1,364	(1.0)	1,811	1,722	5.2

Source: Anand Rath Research

Fig 17 – PE band



Source: Bloomberg, Anand Rath Research

Risk

- Dependence on one vertical.

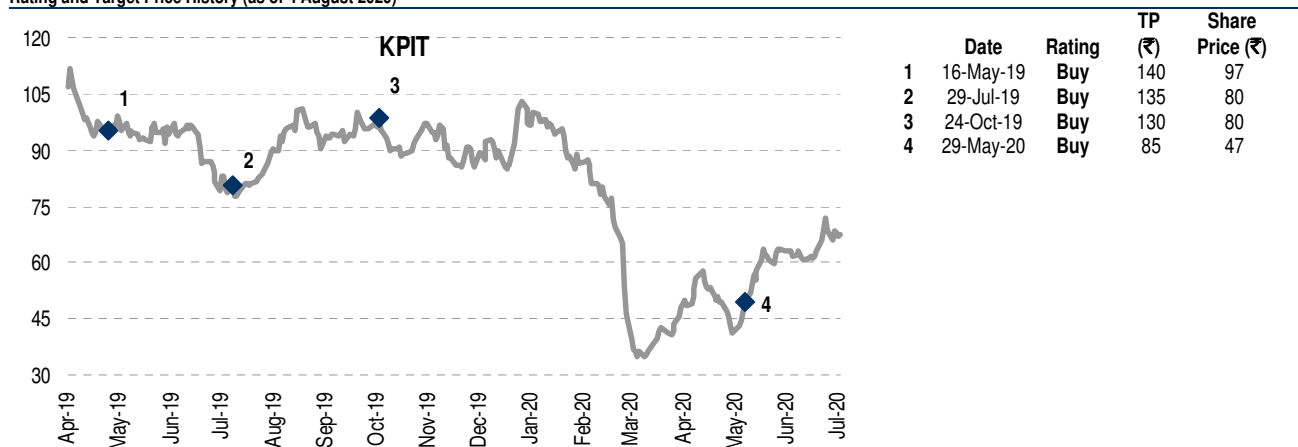
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