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### Newgen Software Technologies

Technology

#### Strong performance in a seasonally weak quarter symbolizes the theme of digitalization of EM banks

Newgen Software Tech (Newgen) reported revenue of INR 2,517mn, up 33.9% YoY (ISEC: 21.8%) in Q1FY24. Strong revenue growth in a seasonally weak quarter was driven by high growth in license revenue (up 184.6% YoY) and annuity revenue (up 26.3% YoY). Growth was strong across all markets - India grew 24.5% YoY, EMEA grew 38.4% YoY, APAC grew 45.7% YoY and US grew 35.8% YoY. EBITDA margin came in at 12.8%, +251 bps YoY (ISEC: 7%) driven by higher gross margin (+448bps YoY) led by higher mix of license and annuity sales. PAT at INR 302mn grew 57.2% YoY. Newgen management is witnessing strong demand, especially in banking and insurance verticals. In banking, trade finance solution is seeing good traction. Management has maintained ~20-25% YoY revenue growth and 20-22% EBITDA margin guidance for FY24.

#### What to do with the stock

Newgen reported a strong set of Q1FY24 earnings with significant beat across revenue, EBITDA, PAT and broad-based demand across geographies led primarily by banking and insurance verticals. This result underscores our thesis around Newgen that a) it operates in large global TAM of USD 38bn with just 0.3% market share, implying significant room for market share gains, b) it has market leadership for its product offerings in both India and the Middle East where the health of its banking customers is far better than DM banks, and c) there is significant room for further client mining given it's currently generating ~USD 120mn revenue annually with almost 520 clients. On the back of robust Q1result, we have revised our revenue growth assumption upwards for FY24E to 25% (vs 21% earlier). This, along with higher other income, is leading to an increase in our EPS estimates by 10%/7%/8% for /25E/26E, respectively. As a result, we are now expecting 26% EPS CAGR for Newgen over FY23-26E. We retain our BUY rating on the stock with a revised 12-month target price of INR 859 (vs INR 797 earlier) based on 23x Q5-Q8 EPS of INR 37. This implies a potential upside of 21%.

#### **Key risks**

Rapid technological changes and need to constantly innovate, 2) high competition, particularly, with large consolidated players, 3) adverse macros,
declining oil prices leading to profitability challenges for firms based in the Middle East (contributing 32% of Newgen's FY23 revenue).

### **Financial summary**

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Revenue	9,740	12,194	14,666	17,809
EBITDA	2,122	2,573	3,248	4,134
EBITDA Margin (%)	21.8	21.1	22.1	23.2
Net Profit	1,763	2,204	2,770	3,593
EPS (Rs)	25.0	31.0	39.0	50.5
EPS % Chg YoY	7.1	25.0	25.7	29.7
P/E (x)	28.3	22.7	18.0	13.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	21.9	18.1	14.3	11.3
RoCE (%)	17.0	17.5	18.6	20.1
RoE (%)	19.7	20.8	22.1	24.0

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#### Market Data

Market Cap (INR)	50bn
Market Cap (USD)	611mn
Bloomberg Code	NEWGEN IN
Reuters Code	NEWG BO
52-week Range (INR)	757 /300
Free Float (%)	44.0
ADTV-3M (mn) (USD)	3

Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	56.9	75.9	88.6
<b>Relative to Sensex</b>	13.4	11.1	24.0

ESG Disclosure	2021	2022	Change
ESG score	-	-	-
Environment	-	-	-
Social	-	-	-
Governance	-	-	-

**Note** - Score ranges from 0 - 100 with a higher score indicating higher ESG disclosures.

Source: Bloomberg, I-sec research

Earnings Revisions (%)	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	3%	3%
EBITDA	6%	3%
EPS	10%	7%

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### Key takeaways from earnings call

- **Guidance**: Newgen's management has maintained its revenue growth guidance of ~20-25% YoY growth for FY24, despite strong growth of ~34% YoY in Q1FY24. This is essentially because Q1FY24's revenue is typically only ~20% of total revenue and it had benefit from higher growth (184.6% YoY) in license sales which may not repeat in subsequent quarters.
- Strong demand momentum: Newgen is seeing strong traction and bookings from existing and new customers. Unlike other IT services companies, it is not seeing demand weakness in its markets such as India, EMEA and APAC. Newgen added 13 new logos in Q1. In terms of verticals, demand is strong in banking, insurance and government.
- **Demand in US:** In the US, banking sector is under cost pressure, especially, the smaller end of mid-sized banks. Newgen expects higher growth in the US market in FY24 vs FY23 due to low base in FY23. Plus, its strategy of pivoting to larger banks in the US is yielding good results and Newgen's solutions are also helping banks to streamline their operational costs. However, the GSI strategy has still not kicked in and the number of GSI deal wins have not improved considerably. It expects GSI deal wins to improve as revenue size increases (>USD 200mn).
- Large deal win announcement: Newgen has won a large deal worth ~INR 0.35bn over 5 years from an Indian PSB in trade finance solution. Nearly 70% of the TCV will be recognised in revenue over the next 18 months and the rest 30% will be annuity revenue spread across 5 years.
- Strong traction in trade finance: Newgen won some early wins from very large banks in India and the Middle East for their trade finance solutions by establishing itself as a key player in trade finance. It has implemented trade finance solution across 5-6 deals till now and by FY24-end it expects to implement it in 3-4 more accounts. However, trade finance deals are larger in size and have long gestation period, therefore, it may take long for these deals to be converted from pipeline to TCV.
- Margins: Gross margin expanded by 448 bps YoY because of higher proportion of license (17% of revenue) and annuity sales (66% of revenue). However, full year EBITDA margin is expected to be ~20-22% for FY24, as per the management, because of a major part of annual wage hike impact seen in Q4 and lower gross margin in H2 due to higher portion of implementation and other services. R&D expenses were ~10% of revenue and sales & marketing expenses were 24% of revenue in Q1.
- Attrition reduced significantly for Newgen in Q1FY24.
- Generative AI is a huge opportunity for Newgen on product stack and solution side. Newgen can leverage AI/ML and generative AI to give better value to its customers. It is adding AI/ML capabilities in process automation for predictive intelligence, AI/ML based auto credit lending, AI/ML based extracting data from paper images etc.



## Exhibit 1: Q1FY24 actuals vs estimates: PAT much higher than ISEC estimates due to strong beat on revenue and margin

	Q1FY24	Q4FY23	QoQ	Q1FY23	YoY	Q1FY24 ISEC estimates	vs our estimates
Revenues (Rs. mn)	2,517	3,051	-17.5%	1,879	33.9%	2,288	10.0%
EBITDA (Rs. mn)	321	965	-66.7%	193	66.7%	160	100.6%
EBITDA margin (%)	12.8%	31.6%	-1886 bps	10.3%	251 bps	7.0%	576 bps
Adjusted net profit (Rs. mn)	302	786	-61.7%	192	57.2%	145	107.8%
EPS (Rs/share)	4.2	11.0	-61.6%	2.7	54.7%	2.0	108.1%

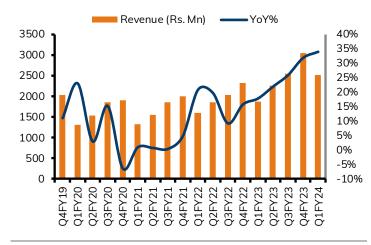
Source: Company data, I-Sec research, Bloomberg

## Exhibit 2: Newgen - change in estimates. EPS estimates revised upwards led by strong beat in Q1 and higher other income

	Revised		Old			Change			
	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Rs mn									
Revenues	12,194	14,666	17,809	11,796	14,262	17,217	3%	3%	3%
EBITDA	2,573	3,248	4,134	2,429	3,151	4,004	6%	3%	3%
EBITDA margin	21.1	22.1	23.2	20.6	22.1	23.3	50bps	10bps	0bps
EPS (Rs/share)	31.0	39.0	50.5	28.3	36.4	46.7	10%	7%	8%

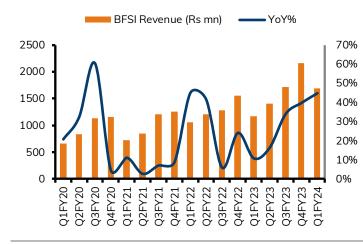
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## Exhibit 3: Strong revenue growth momentum in a seasonally weak quarter



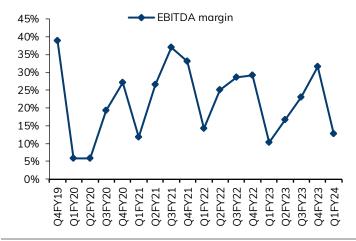
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## Exhibit 5: Sustained strong growth in BFSI vertical on account of strong demand for digitisation in banking



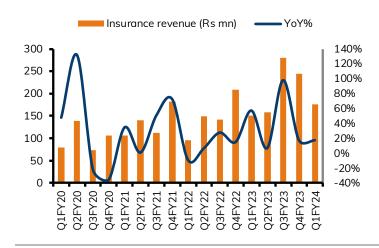
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Exhibit 4: Margins expanded 251bps YoY on gross margin expansion led by higher license and annuity sales



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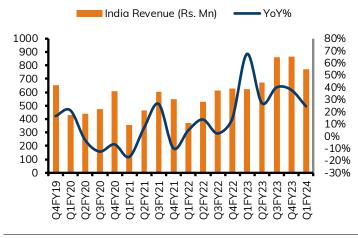
#### Exhibit 6: Healthy growth momentum in insurance



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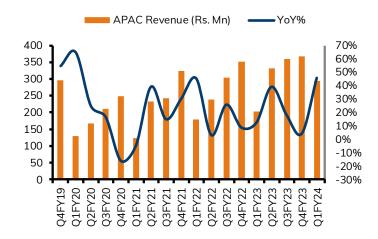


#### Exhibit 7: Revenue growth normalising in India



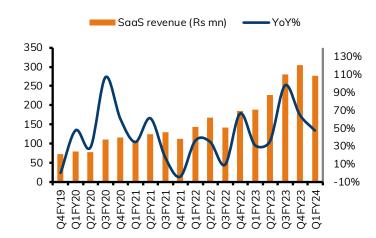
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#### Exhibit 9: Strong revenue growth in APAC



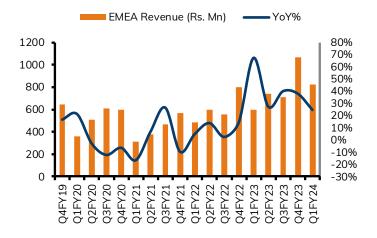
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#### Exhibit 11: Strong growth of ~47% YoY in SaaS



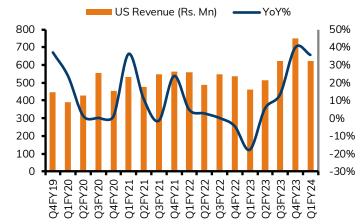
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#### Exhibit 8: Sustained strong growth in EMEA



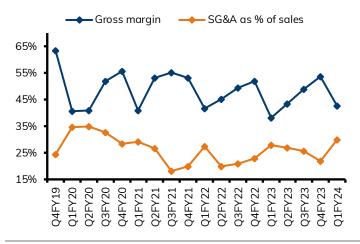
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### Exhibit 10: Strong revenue growth in US on account of low base and higher license sales



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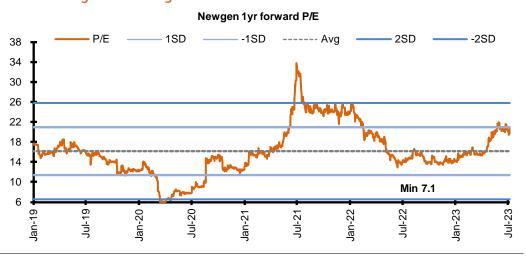
Exhibit 12: EBITDA margin increased led by gross margin expansion of 448bps YoY on account of higher license sales partially offset by an increase in SG&A expenses of 200bps YoY



Source: Company data

# Exhibit 13: Newgen is currently trading at 21X (1-year forward P/E) closer to its historical long-term average+1SD of 21x

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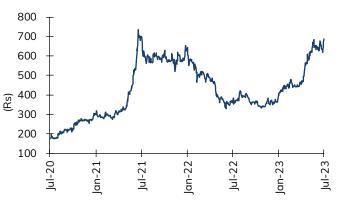


Source: Company data, Bloomberg, I-Sec research

#### Exhibit 14: Shareholding pattern

	Dec'22	Mar'23	Jun'23
Promoters	55.2	55.2	55.2
Institutional investors	21.2	22.2	22.2
MFs and others	2.5	2.5	2.5
Fls/Bank	5.5	5.6	5.7
Insurance Cos.	0.0	0.0	0.0
FIIs	13.2	14.1	14.0
Others	23.6	22.6	22.6

#### Exhibit 15: Price chart



Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research

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### **Financial summary**

#### **Exhibit 16: Profit and loss**

#### (Rs mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales (US\$ mn)	121	149	179	217
Net Sales (Rs. mn)	9,740	12,194	14,666	17,809
Operating Expense	7,618	9,621	11,418	13,675
EBITDA	2,122	2,573	3,248	4,134
EBITDA Margin (%)	21.8	21.1	22.1	23.2
Depreciation & Amortization	247	283	362	421
EBIT	1,875	2,290	2,886	3,714
Interest expenditure	-	-	-	-
Other Non-operating	297	425	534	722
Income	237	425	554	122
Recurring PBT	2,173	2,714	3,420	4,436
Profit / (Loss) from	_	_	_	_
Associates	-	-	-	-
Less: Taxes	410	511	650	843
PAT	1,763	2,204	2,770	3,593
Less: Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Reported)	1,763	2,204	2,770	3,593
Extraordinaries (Net)	-	-	-	-
Recurring Net Income	1,763	2,204	2,770	3,593

Source Company data, I-Sec research

#### Exhibit 17: Balance sheet

#### (Rs mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Total Current Assets	6,961	9,044	11,602	14,939
of which cash & cash eqv.	2,083	3,204	4,781	6,868
Total Current Liabilities & Provisions	2,843	3,064	3,300	3,607
Net Current Assets	4,118	5,980	8,302	11,331
Investments	1,314	1,314	1,314	1,314
Net Fixed Assets	1,648	1,547	1,406	1,252
ROU Assets	638	638	638	638
Capital Work-in-Progress	-	-	-	-
Goodwill	-	-	-	-
Other assets	2,336	2,336	2,336	2,336
Deferred Tax assests	184	184	184	184
Total Assets	10,578	12,325	14,540	17,459
Liabilities				
Borrowings	20	20	20	20
Deferred Tax Liability	33	33	33	33
provisions	351	401	482	634
other Liabilities	407	407	407	407
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Equity Share Capital	9,768	11,464	13,598	16,364
Reserves & Surplus*	-	-	-	-
Total Net Worth	9,768	11,464	13,598	16,364
Total Liabilities	10,578	12,325	14,540	17,459

Source Company data, I-Sec research

#### **Exhibit 18: Quarterly trend**

(INR mn, year ending March)

	Sep-22	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23
Net sales	2,261	2,549	3,051	2,517
% growth (YoY)	22	26	32	34
Recurring EBITDA	376	589	965	321
Margin (%)	17	23	32	13
Other income	66	94	79	125
Recurring Net Income	303	482	786	302

Source Company data, I-Sec research

#### **Exhibit 19: Cashflow statement**

(Rs mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
CFO before WC changes	2,485	2,573	3,248	4,134
CFO after WC changes	1,759	1,896	2,550	3,302
Capital Commitments	(167)	(183)	(220)	(267)
Free Cashflow	1,530	1,568	2,120	2,726
Other investing cashflow	(776)	469	577	765
Cashflow from Investing Activities	(943)	286	357	498
Issue of Share Capital	-	-	-	-
Interest Cost	-	-	-	-
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	-	-	-	-
Dividend paid	(315)	(507)	(637)	(826)
Others	(126)	(44)	(43)	(43)
Cash flow from Financing Activities	(440)	(551)	(680)	(869)
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	(20)	1,120	1,577	2,087
Closing cash & balance	2,739	3,204	4,781	6,868

Source Company data, I-Sec research

#### Exhibit 20: Key ratios

(Year ending March)

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	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Per Share Data (INR)				
Reported EPS	25.3	31.6	39.8	51.6
Diluted EPS	25.0	31.0	39.0	50.5
Cash EPS	28.9	35.7	45.0	57.6
Dividend per share (DPS)	5.0	5.8	7.3	9.5
Book Value per share (BV)	138.5	161.2	191.2	230.1
Dividend Payout (%)	20.0	18.7	18.7	18.7
Growth (%)				
Net Sales	25.0	25.2	20.3	21.4
EBITDA	9.0	21.2	26.2	27.3
EPS	7.1	25.0	25.7	29.7
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	28.3	22.7	18.0	13.9
P/CEPS	24.8	20.1	15.9	12.4
P/BV	5.2	4.4	3.8	3.1
EV / EBITDA	21.9	18.1	14.3	11.2
Dividend Yield (%)	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.3
Operating Ratios				
EBITDA Margins (%)	21.8	21.1	22.1	23.2
EBIT Margins (%)	19.3	18.8	19.7	20.9
Effective Tax Rate (%)	18.9	18.8	19.0	19.0
Net Profit Margins (%)	18.1	18.1	18.9	20.2
Inventory Turnover Days	-	-	-	-
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	5.9	7.6	9.9	13.4
Receivables Days	125	131	133	132
Payables Days	13	12	12	12
Working Capital Days	66	72	78	82
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	(13.7)	(15.9)	(16.8)	(19.4)
Profitability Ratios				
RoCE (%)	17.0	17.5	18.6	20.1
RoIC (%)	39.6	41.5	46.0	51.2
RoNW (%)	19.7	20.8	22.1	24.0
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