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Q1FY24 Result Update

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Change in Estimates

	Cui	rrent	Pre	vious
	FY24E	FY24E FY25E		FY25E
Rating	ACCU	MULATE	E	BUY
Target Price	9	935	9	923
Sales (Rs. m)	15,74,737	18,58,384	15,52,133	18,50,196
% Chng.	1.5	0.4		
EBITDA (Rs. m)	8,19,106	9,57,244	8,13,290	9,63,858
% Chng.	0.7	(0.7)		
EPS (Rs.)	19.1	39.1	22.8	40.8
% Chng.	(16.2)	(4.2)		

Key Financials - Consolidated

Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Sales (Rs. bn)	1,165	1,391	1,575	1,858
EBITDA (Rs. bn)	575	713	819	957
Margin (%)	49.4	51.2	52.0	51.5
PAT (Rs. bn)	43	83	108	222
EPS (Rs.)	7.8	14.8	19.1	39.1
Gr. (%)	(107.2)	88.3	29.1	104.8
DPS (Rs.)	3.0	4.0	5.0	9.0
Yield (%)	0.3	0.4	0.6	1.0
RoE (%)	6.9	11.6	11.3	18.2
RoCE (%)	10.7	12.9	12.2	14.1
EV/Sales (x)	5.5	5.1	4.4	3.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.2	10.0	8.5	7.0
PE (x)	113.4	60.2	46.6	22.8
P/BV (x)	7.3	6.5	4.5	3.9

Key Data	BRTI.BO BHARTI IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.902 / Rs.681
Sensex / Nifty	65,721 / 19,517
Market Cap	Rs.5,168bn/ \$ 62,383m
Shares Outstanding	5,593m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.5133.45m

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	55.02
Foreign	21.48
Domestic Institution	19.69
Public & Others	3.81
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	-

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	2.8	12.2	28.1
Relative	2.5	3.9	13.7

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Bharti Airtel (BHARTI IN)

Rating: ACCUMULATE | CMP: Rs890 | TP: Rs935

Improved subscriber mix drives performance

Quick Pointers:

- Highest ever post-paid addition of 0.83mn subscribers; Bharti's India Mobile ARPU touched Rs200 after ~10years.
- Maintained pole position in B-B segment; witnessed increased demand in data and core connectivity related solutions.

Bharti Airtel (BHARTI) reported another strong set of results with consolidated EBIDTA/NI of Rs196.0bn (+4.8%QoQ; PLe Rs188.5bn)/Rs16.1bn (-46.4%%QoQ; PLe Rs21.5bn). The drop NI is on account of Foreign Exchange loss of Rs34.2bn in devaluation of Naira by ~62%. Bharti's India mobile revenues were up 4.3%QoQ and EBIDTA margins expanded to 54.8%. ARPU reached the Rs200 mark (PLe Rs196) after ~10 years owing to improved subscriber mix. Africa Revenue/EBITDA was up 2.7%/3.6%QoQ and Enterprise revenue increased by 5.6%, while EBIDTA margin contracted by 160bps QoQ. Home services (fixed line + broadband) along with DTH EBITDA increased by 6.0%/4.5% each.

We remain structurally positive on Indian telecom and BHARTI given its favorable competitive structure. Also aggressive customer focused growth plans will create a virtuous cycle of growth for Bharti, in our view. Given recent run up in stock price, we downgrade our rating to 'Accumulate' from Buy at SOTP based PT of Rs935 (Rs923 earlier) even as we marginally increase FY24/FY25 ARPU to Rs210/Rs238.

4G subscriber addition of 5.6m drives India mobile business: India mobile Q1 Revenue and EBIDTA came in at Rs203.9bn (+4.3%QoQ; PLe Rs198.1bn) and Rs111.7bn (+6.1%QoQ; Ple Rs105.2bn) resp., while margins expanded by 93bps to 54.8%. This compares well against Jio's EBIDTA growth of 3.4%QoQ and flat margin growth to 52.2%. ARPU also increased by 3.3% to reach the milestone of Rs200 compared to 1% increase to Rs181 of Jio, aided by highest ever Post-paid addition of 0.83mn (Q4FY23 0.66mn). Q1 4G net subscriber addition of 5.6mn (Jio 9.2mn) was also steady considering Jio's aggressive offers before the IPL season. However, we expect ARPU growth to be muted in near term, as players consolidate their position and roll out 5G network. We factor FY24/25E net subscriber adds at 12.2mn/12.5mn along with ARPU of Rs210/238.

Africa performance operationally steady: Q1 Africa revenues and EBIDTA were up to \$1.4bn (+2.7%QoQ) and \$682mn (+3.6%QoQ). Total subscriber addition of 3.1mn aided ARPU to increase to \$2.5 (\$2.4) expanding EBIDTA margins to 49.5% (Q4FY23 49.0%). After Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) announcement related to changes in Nigerian Foreign Exchange operation, Naira depreciated by ~62% against USD and loss of Rs34.2bn has been recognized in P&L. This anchored the bottom line which in turn was partly compensated by drop in NCI due to the same reason. This step is expected to create a positive impact overall creating a more stable Nigerian FX market.

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Steady improvement in DTH and home services EBITDA: In Q1 the Enterprise segment revenue grew to Rs 50.5bn (+5.6%QoQ; PLe Rs49.8bn) although EBIDTA only grew by 1.5% due to 160bps decrease in margins to 39.5% at Rs19.7bn (PLe Rs20.4bn). Home services revenue was at Rs11.6bn (+6.0%QoQ; PLe Rs11.4bn) and EBIDTA was at Rs5.8bn (+6.0%QoQ; Ple Rs5.8bn) and margins remained flat at 50.4%. Although ARPU decreased by 1.0% to come in at Rs608 (Q4FY23: 614), subscriber base was up 6.8%QoQ at 6.5mn.

<u>DTH</u> EBIDTA was up 4.5%QoQ to Rs4.3bn, due to increase in revenue to Rs7.4bn (+1.5%). ARPU growth remained muted to 1% to Rs154. Subscriber base was also down marginally and totaled to 15,918k.

Step up in India Mobile CAPEX: CAPEX intensity has increased drastically in the last 3 quarters. Consol CAPEX was Rs105bn (+64% YoY) led by <u>India Mobile</u> at Rs78.3bn (+112% YoY) in 5G rollouts to increase site coverage. <u>Home Services</u> and <u>Enterprise</u> CAPEX cooled off to Rs5.0bn and Rs6.1bn (-24.4% and -10.5%). <u>Africa</u> CAPEX came off from the highs of last couple of quarters to Rs11.5bn (+5.7%).

Conference Call Highlights

- Rs300 is long term ARPU target.
- 25% of DTH adds comes from Airtel Black customers.
- In the Top 150 cities, 65-70% of post-paid subscribers are on family plan and >30% are Airtel Black customers.
- More than 30% of post-paid subscribers are on Airtel Black.
- War-on-waste program has helped bring down tower CAPEX by 7%.
- Early days to judge impact of Jio Bharat phone. Airtel focuses on upgrading feature phones to smartphones as they only account for 18% of Airtel revenues.
- 30% offloads have been observed with 5G sites, installed base is 13-14%.
- ARPU increase is not just with 5G, but on aggregate level.
- Bharti has stopped 4G CAPEX, except for some rural areas. All CAPEX are towards 5G.
- 5G upgradation in sites allows up to 5x data capacity of a 4G site for the same spectrum.
- '1 world plan' for roaming has seen good response.



Exhibit 1: Strong performance lead by India Mobile

Y/e March	Q1FY24	Q1FY23	YoY gr.	Q3FY23	QoQ gr.	FY23	FY22	YoY gr.
Revenue	374,400	328,046	14.13%	3,58,044	3.97%	13,91,448	11,65,469	19.4%
Operating Expenses								
Cost of services (Excl D&A)	135,983	128,067	6.18%	1,33,410	1.65%	5,27,465	4,72,785	11.6%
Access charges	19,972	18,698	6.81%	19,352	5.97%	76,207	67,611	12.7%
License fees, revenue share & spectrum charges	29,403	31,306	-6.08%	28,421	3.97%	1,17,517	1,10,636	6.2%
Network operations costs	74,036	66,828	10.79%	73,284	0.02%	2,85,433	2,50,205	14.1%
Employee costs	12,572	11,235	11.90%	12,353	-0.49%	48,308	44,333	9.0%
SG&A (<u>excl</u> amortization of intangibles-take it from schedule of operating expenses)	20,596	15,669	31.44%	19,118	3.79%	72,454	53,035	36.6%
Elimination	21,836	19,016	14.83%	20,984	12.00%	78,794	64,310	22.5%
Total Operating Expense	178,415	162,752	9.62%	1,73,512	3.06%	6,78,713	5,90,130	15.0%
EBITDA	195,985	165,294	18.57%	1,84,532	4.82%	7,12,735	5,75,339	23.9%
Depreciation and amortization	96,538	87,814	9.93%	92,977	2.64%	3,64,318	3,30,433	10.3%
Interest	56,137	40,593	38.29%	46,856	8.73%	1,92,999	1,66,083	16.2%
Other income	3,483	1,922	81.22%	2,576	22.25%	9,366	5,343	75.3%
PBT	46,793	38,809	20.57%	47,275	6.03%	1,64,784	84,167	95.8%
Tax	-3,327	11,233	-129.62%	10,756	-142.22%	42,733	41,779	2.3%
Share of profits in associates / joint ventures	5,899	1,628	262.35%	(3,684)	-1.85%	7,521	24,232	-69.0%
PAT	49,365	24,688	99.96%	26,137	16.81%	1,22,874	66,620	84.4%
PAT post minority interest	16,125	16,069	0.35%	15,882	-46.35%	83,459	26,117	219.6%

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 2: BHARTI's SOTP

Segment	Stake	FY25E EBITDA	EV/E (x)	(Rs m)	Remarks
India mobile business	100.0%	538	9.0	4,905	
Airtel Africa	55.5%	264	4.0	578	MTN/Vodacom trade at 2.8x/4.5x EV/EBITDA
Enterprise segment	100.0%	101	8.5	875	Peer valuation
Stake in Indus tower	47.7%	148	5.0	353	Consensus estimates
DTH	100.0%	19	2.7	50	DISH TV trades at 1.6x FY25E EBITDA
Home services	100.0%	44	5.5	233	
EV				6,994	
Net debt				1,688	
Equity value (Rs bn)				5,306	
Equity value/share				935	

Source: PL



Exhibit 3: Bharti Quarterly Details

Y/e March (Rs m)	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24
India operations					
Total revenues	2,33,189	2,43,333	2,50,301	2,53,207	264,629
QoQ growth	3.6%	4.3%	2.9%	1.2%	4.5%
Adjusted EBITDA	1,18,817	1,26,056	1,31,540	133,888	141,430
QoQ growth	3.9%	6.1%	4.4%	1.8%	5.6%
Margin (%)	51.0%	51.8%	52.6%	52.9%	53.4%
Africa operations					
Revenues (\$mn)	1,257	1,308	1,350	1,341	1,377
QoQ growth	2.9%	4.0%	3.2%	-0.7%	2.7%
EBITDA (\$ mn)	614	641	663	659	682
QoQ growth	0.6%	4.5%	3.4%	-0.7%	3.6%
Margin (%)	48.8%	49.1%	49.1%	49.1%	49.5%
Subscribers (m)	131.6	134.7	138.5	140.0	143.1
ARPU (\$/mon)	2.9	3.1	3.1	113.1	119.7
India wireless					
Revenues	1,82,200	1,89,576	193,527	195,493	203,924
QoQ growth	3.4%	4.0%	2.1%	1.0%	4.3%
EBITDA	93,281	99,258	104,121	105,227	111,665
QoQ growth	5.4%	6.4%	4.9%	1.1%	6.1%
Margin (%)	51.2%	52.4%	53.8%	53.8%	54.8%
Subscribers EoP (m)	327.3	327.8	332.2	335.4	338.6
ARPU (Rs)	183	190	193	193	200
QoQ growth	2.8%	3.6%	1.9%	-0.1%	3.3%
Homes					
Revenues	9,265	9,898	10,343	10,966	11,621
QoQ growth	5.7%	6.8%	4.5%	6.0%	6.0%
EBITDA	4,927	4,983	5,173	5,526	5,860
QoQ growth	3.2%	1.1%	3.8%	6.8%	6.0%
Margin (%)	53.2%	50.3%	50.0%	50.4%	50.4%
Enterprise Business	30.270	30.070	30.070	00.170	00.170
Revenues	43,656	46,646	47,779	47,850	50,545
QoQ growth	4.4%	6.8%	2.4%	0.1%	5.6%
EBITDA	17,011	18,293	19,050	19,680	19,979
QoQ growth	3.4%	7.5%	4.1%	3.3%	1.5%
Margin (%)	39.0%	39.2%	39.9%	41.1%	39.5%
DTH	33.070	JJ.2 /0	33.370	71.1/0	39.070
Revenues	7,482	7,288	7,390	7,290	7,403
EBITDA	4,779	4,352	4,132	4,081	4,264
Margin (%)	63.9%	59.7%	55.9%	56.0%	57.6%
DTH subs (m)	15.71	15.77	15.99	15.95	15.92
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Capex	00.000	70.400	00.400	4.44.000	404.050
Consolidated	63,982	70,469	93,136	1,14,360	104,858
India mobile	36,945	39,107	63,793	66,471	78,290
Africa	10,880	13,500	12,077	23,943	11,503
Home services	6,604	5,886	4,966	4,280	4,995
Enterprise	6,861	8,792	7,660	15,599	6,140
DTH 	2,470	3,054	4,534	3,544	3,843
SE Asia	221	130	104	523	87

Source: Company, PL



Financials

Income	Statement	(Pem)
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Income Statement (Rs m)				
Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Net Revenues	11,65,469	13,91,448	15,74,737	18,58,384
YoY gr. (%)	15.8	19.4	13.2	18.0
Cost of Goods Sold	-	-	-	-
Gross Profit	11,65,469	13,91,448	15,74,737	18,58,384
Margin (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Employee Cost	44,333	48,308	54,584	68,760
Other Expenses	64,310	78,794	87,344	87,344
EBITDA	5,75,339	7,12,735	8,19,106	9,57,244
YoY gr. (%)	543.8	23.9	14.9	16.9
Margin (%)	49.4	51.2	52.0	51.5
Depreciation and Amortization	3,30,433	3,64,318	4,16,470	4,28,970
EBIT	2,44,906	3,48,417	4,02,636	5,28,274
Margin (%)	21.0	25.0	25.6	28.4
Net Interest	1,66,083	1,92,999	1,95,481	2,21,162
Other Income	5,343	9,366	-	-
Profit Before Tax	84,167	1,64,784	2,07,154	3,07,112
Margin (%)	7.2	11.8	13.2	16.5
Total Tax	41,779	42,733	50,724	70,960
Effective tax rate (%)	49.6	25.9	24.5	23.1
Profit after tax	42,388	1,22,051	1,56,430	2,36,151
Minority interest	40,503	39,415	39,415	43,286
Share Profit from Associate	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	43,103	83,459	1,08,277	2,21,721
YoY gr. (%)	(107.2)	93.6	29.7	104.8
Margin (%)	3.7	6.0	6.9	11.9
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	43,103	83,459	1,08,277	2,21,721
YoY gr. (%)	(107.2)	93.6	29.7	104.8
Margin (%)	3.7	6.0	6.9	11.9
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	43,103	83,459	1,08,277	2,21,721
Equity Shares O/s (m)	5,492	5,647	5,673	5,673
EPS (Rs)	7.8	14.8	19.1	39.1

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	22,53,815	26,64,649	29,14,649	31,64,649
Tangibles	22,53,815	26,64,649	29,14,649	31,64,649
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Acc: Dep / Amortization	13,48,090	17,12,408	20,03,873	23,07,838
Tangibles	13,48,090	17,12,408	20,03,873	23,07,838
Intangibles	-	-	-	
Net fixed assets	9,05,725	9,52,241	9,10,776	8,56,811
Tangibles	9,05,725	9,52,241	9,10,776	8,56,811
Intangibles	-	-	-	
Capital Work In Progress	3,64,672	6,56,759	6,73,203	6,90,141
Goodwill	12,12,822	12,75,231	16,37,555	15,19,440
Non-Current Investments	3,24,771	6,93,272	7,09,335	7,25,940
Net Deferred tax assets	1,74,762	1,68,757	1,77,195	1,86,055
Other Non-Current Assets	1,09,041	1,24,297	1,31,532	1,39,230
Current Assets				
Investments	8,614	47,045	49,397	51,867
Inventories	3,750	2,576	4,850	5,901
Trade receivables	40,562	39,815	56,087	66,189
Cash & Bank Balance	1,34,943	1,34,186	4,33,961	9,00,244
Other Current Assets	1,17,152	1,29,243	1,42,167	1,56,384
Total Assets	36,36,560	44,66,332	51,92,158	55,89,754
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	27,950	28,366	29,873	29,873
Other Equity	6,37,593	7,47,263	11,03,323	12,73,985
Total Networth	6,65,543	7,75,629	11,33,195	13,03,857
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	14,25,912	20,23,981	21,36,709	23,43,085
Provisions	4,639	4,744	4,981	5,230
Other non current liabilities	1,537	4,552	4,780	5,019
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	2,70,867	2,36,222	2,77,404	2,97,127
Trade payables	2,92,741	3,28,946	2,84,335	3,12,768
Other current liabilities	5,76,652	6,54,470	7,08,697	7,86,909
Total Equity & Liabilities	36,36,560	44,66,332	50,34,752	55,89,754

Source: Company Data, PL Research



Cash Flow (Rs m)				
Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
PBT	1,08,399	1,72,305	2,32,580	3,35,966
Add. Depreciation	3,30,433	3,64,318	4,16,470	4,28,970
Add. Interest	1,66,083	1,92,999	1,95,481	2,21,162
Less Financial Other Income	5,343	9,366	-	-
Add. Other	-	-	-	-
Op. profit before WC changes	6,04,914	7,29,622	8,44,531	9,86,099
Net Changes-WC	10,420	4,13,867	1,33,977	2,33,681
Direct tax	(41,779)	(42,733)	(50,724)	(70,960)
Net cash from Op. activities		11,00,756	9,27,784	11,48,820
Capital expenditures	(5,88,674)	(11,29,700	(7,67,089)	(2,87,411)
Interest / Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
Others	54,709	. , ,	(19,458)	(20,670)
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(5,33,965)	(11,39,356	(7,86,547)	(3,08,081)
Issue of share cap. / premium	-	-	-	-
Debt changes	31,246	3,26,303	93,435	1,59,575
Dividend paid	(16,476)	(22,587)	(28,366)	(51,059)
Interest paid	(1,66,083)	(1,92,999)	(1,95,481)	(2,21,162)
Others	-	-	-	-
Net cash from Fin. activities	(1,51,313)	1,10,717	(1,30,413)	(1,12,646)
Net change in cash	(1,11,722)	72,117	10,824	7,28,093
Free Cash Flow	1,53,304	3,98,407	5,29,580	7,49,986

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Quarterly Financials (Rs m)

,				
Y/e Mar	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24
Net Revenue	3,45,268	3,58,044	3,60,090	3,74,400
YoY gr. (%)	21.9	19.9	14.3	14.1
Raw Material Expenses	-	-	-	-
Gross Profit	3,45,268	3,58,044	3,60,090	3,74,400
Margin (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
EBITDA	1,75,938	1,84,532	1,86,971	1,95,985
YoY gr. (%)	27.4	25.5	16.6	18.6
Margin (%)	51.0	51.5	51.9	52.3
Depreciation / Depletion	71,271	72,097	72,954	65,792
EBIT	86,470	91,555	92,912	99,447
Margin (%)	25.0	25.6	25.8	26.6
Net Interest	49,403	46,856	51,631	56,137
Other Income	2,019	2,576	2,849	3,483
Profit before Tax	39,086	47,275	44,130	46,793
Margin (%)	11.3	13.2	12.3	12.5
Total Tax	12,864	10,756	7,880	3,327
Effective tax rate (%)	32.9	22.8	17.9	7.1
Profit after Tax	26,222	36,519	36,250	43,466
Minority interest	8,337	10,255	12,204	(923)
Share Profit from Associates	3,567	(3,684)	6,010	5,899
Adjusted PAT	21,448	15,881	30,054	16,123
YoY gr. (%)	393.5	96.8	172.7	0.4
Margin (%)	6.2	4.4	8.3	4.3
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	4	1	2	2
Reported PAT	21,452	15,882	30,056	16,125
YoY gr. (%)	393.7	96.9	172.8	0.3
Margin (%)	6.2	4.4	8.3	4.3
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	21,452	15,882	30,056	16,125
Avg. Shares O/s (m)	-	-	-	-
EPS (Rs)	-	-	-	-

Key Financial Metrics				
Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Per Share(Rs)				
EPS	7.8	14.8	19.1	39.1
CEPS	68.0	79.3	92.5	114.7
BVPS	121.2	137.4	199.7	229.8
FCF	27.9	70.6	93.3	132.2
DPS	3.0	4.0	5.0	9.0
Return Ratio(%)				
RoCE	10.7	12.9	12.2	14.1
ROIC	7.0	8.1	8.6	11.4
RoE	6.9	11.6	11.3	18.2
Balance Sheet				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	2.3	2.7	1.7	1.3
Net Working Capital (Days)	(137)	(138)	(109)	(98)
Valuation(x)				
PER	113.4	60.2	46.6	22.8
P/B	7.3	6.5	4.5	3.9
P/CEPS	13.1	11.2	9.6	7.8
EV/EBITDA	11.2	10.0	8.5	7.0
EV/Sales	5.5	5.1	4.4	3.6
Dividend Yield (%)	0.3	0.4	0.6	1.0

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Key Operating Metrics

Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Subcribers (mn)	326	335	348	351
ARPU (Rs/mon)	163	192	210	225
USD/INR	74	80	81	82

Source: Company Data, PL Research





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Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
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