REDUCE Mphasis

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TARGET PRICE (Rs): 2,540

We interacted with Nitin Rakesh (CEO) and Manish Dugar (CFO) to gauge demand trends and delve deeper into the company's strategy. Key takeaways: i) The weakness in mortgage due to sharp increase in interest rates, the decline in DXC, stress in the banking sector and challenging macros have impacted performance in the last six quarters. Most of these headwinds are showing signs of bottoming out, ii) Mphasis has not lost wallet share in major accounts and continues to be among the two top vendor partners in its top-5 accounts. It plans to replicate the success of its top-10 accounts, in scaling the next 20. iii) It is focusing on diversifying growth outside the top-10 clients, America and BFSI. iv) Q3 growth is likely to be lower than the management's earlier expectations due to slower deal-to-revenue conversion, clients pushing for expectations due to slower deal-to-revenue conversion, chefts pushing for higher furloughs, and seasonal factors weighing on contribution from Silverline which may pose downside risk to our current growth assumptions. The management indicated that growth recovery is under way, but its pace hinges on the improvement rate in macros. We roll forward to Dec-25E EPS and maintain REDUCE, with TP of Rs2,540/sh at 23x Dec-25E EPS.

Mphasis: Financial Snapshot (Consolidated)						
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	
Revenue	1,19,616	1,37,985	1,36,668	1,57,160	1,78,089	
EBITDA	21,177	24,340	24,745	29,075	32,947	
Adj. PAT	14,310	16,380	16,143	18,682	21,617	
Adj. EPS (Rs)	76.3	86.9	85.6	99.1	114.6	
EBITDA margin (%)	17.7	17.6	18.1	18.5	18.5	
EBITDA growth (%)	17.5	14.9	1.7	17.5	13.3	
Adj. EPS growth (%)	17.2	13.9	(1.5)	15.7	15.7	
RoE (%)	21.2	22.0	19.6	20.9	22.1	
RoIC (%)	31.6	32.6	26.1	26.7	30.5	
P/E (x)	31.2	27.4	27.8	24.1	20.8	
EV/EBITDA (x)	20.2	17.5	17.7	14.8	12.8	
P/B (x)	6.4	5.7	5.2	4.8	4.4	
FCFF yield (%)	3.6	3.0	2.6	4.1	4.8	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Recovery remains slow; building a solid base for the long term

Headwinds from the mortgage segment, decline in the DXC segment, stress in banking and challenging macros had resulted in muted growth over the last 6 quarters. Management is seeing visible signs of headwinds bottoming out, but remains watchful, as continued macro uncertainties have led to inaction by clients and thus impacted demand. The company's addressable market has expanded by over 3x in the last 4-5 years on the back of: i) growth in addressable TAM in BFSI, in the NA and UK&I regions, ii) expanding into new geographies (Europe, Canada and APAC) and new verticals (Healthcare, Transport, Hitech, including ISV, Computer & Peripherals, Medical devices), iii) building capabilities with new tech interventions (XaaP, modernization, etc), iv) expanding capabilities, with tuck-in acquisitions (Stelligent, Datalytyx, Blink, eBECS, professional services business of Kore.AI, Silverline), and v) net positive impact from AI themes. The company has ably scaled its top accounts over the last 5 years, backed by wallet-share gain and capability-led TAM expansion. The management expects the capabilities expansion to aid further growth in the top-10 accounts. The company targets replicating the success of the top-10 accounts in scaling the next 20. Such initiatives will stand the company in good stead, to capitalize on the long-term tech upcycle opportunity. Mphasis plans adding 4-6 new clients every quarter, with focus on expansion in newer markets and newer verticals. The management indicated that clients are still in the process of finalizing their CY24 budgets and clarity will emerge only over the next few weeks. Mphasis expects EBITM to remain within the guided range of 15.25-16.25% in H2FY24, excluding the impact of M&A, and believes EBITM has upward bias over the medium term, as the company's revenue scales higher.

Q3 playing out softer than expected

Company is experiencing slower deal-win to revenue conversion which, along with clients pushing for higher furloughs, would weigh on growth in O3. Mphasis has put in extensive efforts into launching its dedicated AI business unit and made investments in capabilitybuilding supported by M&As and partner ecosystem, thus diversifying business mix outside BFSI and America, and scaling non-top-10 clients—thereby giving management confidence on delivering top-quartile growth in the direct segment, in the medium term.

Silverline acquisition to strengthen Salesforce capabilities

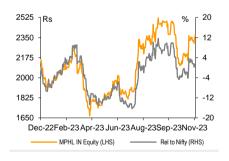
The Silverline acquisition will strengthen Company's Salesforce capabilities and expand TAM. Silverline has expansive industry knowledge in key verticals, incl. financial services, retail, healthcare, life sciences and media & entertainment, many of which naturally align with industry focus at Mphasis and help in diversifying its presence in sectors like media, with addition of some decent customers, including Tier 1 media companies. Silverline will be consolidated wef Oct-23, though the revenue run-rate in Q3 will be hit by seasonality.

Target Price – 12M	Dec-24
Change in TP (%)	3.7
Current Reco.	REDUCE
Previous Reco.	REDUCE
Upside/(Downside) (%)	6.6
CMP (06-Dec-23) (Rs)	2,383.2

Stock Data	Ticker
52-week High (Rs)	2,552
52-week Low (Rs)	1,660
Shares outstanding (mn)	188.7
Market-cap (Rs bn)	450
Market-cap (USD mn)	5,398
Net-debt, FY24E (Rs mn)	-12,189
ADTV-3M (mn shares)	-
ADTV-3M (Rs mn)	1,000.7
ADTV-3M (USD mn)	12.0
Free float (%)	44.0
Nifty-50	20,938
INR/USD	83.3
Shareholding, Sep-23	
Promoters (%)	55.6
FPIs/MFs (%)	16.6/22.7

Price Performa	nce		
(%)	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	8.7	(3.7)	13.7
Rel. to Nifty	0.8	(9.8)	1.3

1-Year share price trend (Rs)



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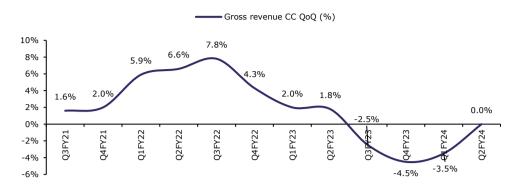
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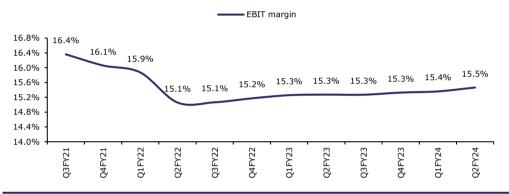
Story in Charts

Exhibit 1: Management expects growth headwinds to bottom out



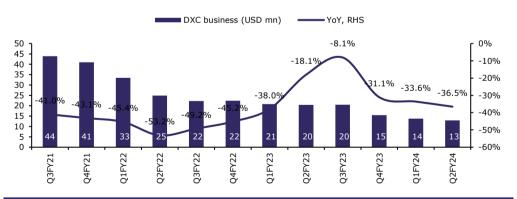
Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: Management expects EBITM to remain within the 15.25-16.25% range in H2FY24, excluding M&A charges



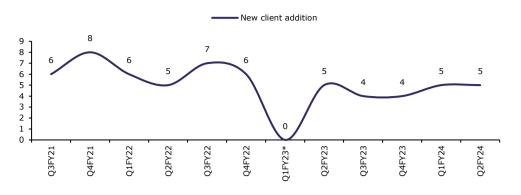
Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 3: The DXC business is showing signs of stability



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 4: Management plans adding 4-6 clients every quarter



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 5: MPHL - One-year forward P/E



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Mphasis: Consolidated Financials and Valuations

Profit & Loss					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	1,19,616	1,37,985	1,36,668	1,57,160	1,78,089
Revenue growth (%)	23.0	15.4	(1.0)	15.0	13.3
EBITDA	21,177	24,340	24,745	29,075	32,947
EBITDA growth (%)	17.5	14.9	1.7	17.5	13.3
Depreciation & Amortization	2,908	3,252	3,853	4,544	4,929
EBIT	18,269	21,088	20,893	24,531	28,018
EBIT growth (%)	17.0	15.4	(0.9)	17.4	14.2
Other operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	1,605	1,616	1,685	1,426	1,919
Financial expense	744	973	1,012	880	920
PBT	19,130	21,731	21,567	25,076	29,016
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Taxes	4,820	5,351	5,423	6,394	7,399
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0
Income from JV/Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Reported PAT	14,310	16,380	16,143	18,682	21,617
PAT growth (%)	17.6	14.5	(1.4)	15.7	15.7
Adjusted PAT	14,310	16,380	16,143	18,682	21,617
Diluted EPS (Rs)	76.3	86.9	85.6	99.1	114.6
Diluted EPS growth (%)	17.2	13.9	(1.5)	15.7	15.7
DPS (Rs)	46.0	50.0	52.0	58.0	67.0
Dividend payout (%)	60.3	57.5	60.7	58.5	58.4
EBITDA margin (%)	17.7	17.6	18.1	18.5	18.5
EBIT margin (%)	15.3	15.3	15.3	15.6	15.7
Effective tax rate (%)	25.2	24.6	25.1	25.5	25.5
NOPLAT (pre-IndAS)	13,666	15,895	15,639	18,275	20,873
Shares outstanding (mn)	187.5	188.4	188.6	188.6	188.6

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Cash flows					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
PBT	19,130	21,731	21,567	25,076	29,016
Others (non-cash items)	3,215	4,592	4,070	4,771	4,949
Taxes paid	(3,686)	(5,926)	(5,423)	(6,394)	(7,399)
Change in NWC	(1,501)	(5,779)	(360)	(1,397)	(1,435)
Operating cash flow	17,157	14,618	19,853	22,057	25,131
Capital expenditure	(1,192)	(1,112)	(8,020)	(3,450)	(3,450)
Acquisition of business	(5,219)	0	(11,850)	0	0
Interest & dividend income	321	286	794	653	900
Investing cash flow	(1,594)	1,918	(11,396)	(8,797)	(10,550)
Equity raised/(repaid)	442	271	0	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	32	(3,557)	15	0	0
Payment of lease liabilities	(1,443)	(1,493)	0	0	0
Interest paid	(741)	(970)	(1,012)	(880)	(920)
Dividend paid (incl tax)	(12,177)	(8,652)	(9,806)	(10,938)	(12,635)
Others	0	0	0	0	0
Financing cash flow	(13,887)	(14,402)	(10,803)	(11,818)	(13,555)
Net chg in Cash	1,676	2,134	(2,346)	1,442	1,026
OCF	17,157	14,618	19,853	22,057	25,131
Adj. OCF (w/o NWC chg.)	18,658	20,397	20,213	23,453	26,566
FCFF	15,966	13,506	11,834	18,607	21,681
FCFE	15,542	12,820	11,616	18,379	21,661
OCF/EBITDA (%)	81.0	60.1	80.2	75.9	76.3
FCFE/PAT (%)	108.6	78.3	72.0	98.4	100.2
FCFF/NOPLAT (%)	116.8	85.0	75.7	101.8	103.9

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Balance Sheet					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Share capital	1,878	1,884	1,884	1,884	1,884
Reserves & Surplus	67,553	77,464	83,801	91,546	1,00,528
Net worth	69,431	79,348	85,685	93,430	1,02,412
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax liability (net)	(898)	(1,393)	(1,393)	(1,393)	(1,393)
Total debt	5,272	1,985	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total liabilities & equity	73,806	79,940	86,293	94,037	1,03,019
Net tangible fixed assets	2,456	2,249	1,969	1,815	1,532
Net intangible assets	1,695	1,563	5,815	4,781	3,713
Net ROU assets	6,236	7,469	7,668	7,763	7,634
Capital WIP	110	324	63	63	63
Goodwill	27,348	29,586	41,436	41,436	41,436
Investments [JV/Associates]	3,778	3,848	3,848	3,848	3,848
Cash & equivalents	23,846	24,213	14,189	21,631	30,657
Current assets (ex-cash)	40,475	44,690	45,515	49,657	53,886
Current Liab. & Prov.	32,139	33,732	34,197	36,943	39,737
NWC (ex-cash)	8,335	10,958	11,318	12,714	14,149
Total assets	73,806	79,940	86,293	94,037	1,03,019
Net debt	(18,574)	(22,229)	(12,189)	(19,631)	(28,657)
Capital employed	73,806	79,940	86,293	94,037	1,03,019
Invested capital	46,072	51,555	68,193	68,495	68,451
BVPS (Rs)	370.4	421.2	454.4	495.4	543.1
Net Debt/Equity (x)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.3)
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.5)	(0.7)	(0.9)
Interest coverage (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
RoCE (%)	27.7	29.5	27.2	28.8	30.4

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Valuations and key Ra	atios				
Y/E Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
P/E (x)	31.2	27.4	27.8	24.1	20.8
P/CE(x)	25.9	22.9	22.5	19.4	16.9
P/B (x)	6.4	5.7	5.2	4.8	4.4
EV/Sales (x)	3.6	3.1	3.2	2.7	2.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	20.2	17.5	17.7	14.8	12.8
EV/EBIT(x)	23.4	20.2	20.9	17.5	15.0
EV/IC (x)	9.3	8.3	6.4	6.3	6.1
FCFF yield (%)	3.6	3.0	2.6	4.1	4.8
FCFE yield (%)	3.5	2.9	2.6	4.1	4.8
Dividend yield (%)	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.8
DuPont-RoE split					
Net profit margin (%)	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.9	12.1
Total asset turnover (x)	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.8
Assets/Equity (x)	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
RoE (%)	21.2	22.0	19.6	20.9	22.1
DuPont-RoIC					
NOPLAT margin (%)	11.4	11.5	11.4	11.6	11.7
IC turnover (x)	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.6
RoIC (%)	31.6	32.6	26.1	26.7	30.5
Operating metrics					
Core NWC days	25.4	29.0	30.2	29.5	29.0
Total NWC days	25.4	29.0	30.2	29.5	29.0
Fixed asset turnover	2.8	2.8	2.2	2.1	2.3
Opex-to-revenue (%)	82.3	82.4	81.9	81.5	81.5

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

Date	Closing Price (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
30-Nov-23	2,355	2,450	REDUCE	Dipeshkumar Mehta
20-Oct-23	2,170	2,450	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
02-Oct-23	2,377	2,540	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
26-Aug-23	2,392	2,410	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
21-Jul-23	2,331	2,350	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
02-Jul-23	1,895	2,270	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
03-Jun-23	2,018	2,270	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
28-Apr-23	1,814	2,200	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
01-Apr-23	1,796	2,370	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
20-Jan-23	2,025	2,450	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
02-Jan-23	1,969	2,500	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
21-Dec-22	1,959	2,500	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
22-Oct-22	2,043	2,600	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
04-Oct-22	2,068	2,650	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
23-Aug-22	2,265	2,800	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
22-Jul-22	2,276	2,800	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
23-Jun-22	2,311	2,800	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
29-Apr-22	2,843	3,650	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
01-Apr-22	3,344	3,650	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
22-Feb-22	3,122	3,650	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
21-Jan-22	3,025	3,780	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
01-Jan-22	3,397	3,730	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
30-Nov-21	2,895	3,730	Buy	Dipeshkumar Mehta
22-Oct-21	3,255	3,550	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
02-Oct-21	3,026	2,900	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
22-Sep-21	3,251	2,900	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
27-Aug-21	2,895	2,900	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
24-Jul-21	2,530	2,560	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
02-Jul-21	2,155	2,260	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
14-May-21	1,789	1,570	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
26-Apr-21	1,724	1,570	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
05-Apr-21	1,755	1,570	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
18-Mar-21	1,638	1,570	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
22-Jan-21	1,599	1,570	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
04-Jan-21	1,519	1,560	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta
18-Dec-20	1,373	1,440	Hold	Dipeshkumar Mehta

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

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