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## Chapter 1

### 1.1 Objective

This report aims to analyze HCLTech's performance in business responsibility and sustainability as disclosed in its **Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) for FY 2023–24**. The goal is to evaluate how the company integrates **Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)** principles into its operations, products, and stakeholder engagements.

Key objectives include:

- Reviewing compliance with **NGRBC principles**
  - Assessing environmental impact, workforce welfare, and ethics
  - Identifying strengths and improvement areas
  - Providing practical recommendations
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### 1.2 Scope

The report covers:

- HCL Technologies Ltd. (CIN: L74140DL1991PLC046369)
- Global operations and disclosures for **FY April 2023 – March 2024**
- ESG data, including workforce, environmental metrics, and stakeholder engagement
- Principle-wise disclosures across **nine NGRBC pillars**

The scope is limited to publicly disclosed data within the BRSR and excludes subsidiary-level microanalysis.

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### **1.3 Methodology**

The report methodology involves:

- **Document review:** BRSR FY24, sustainability dashboards, and official HCLTech ESG data
- **Data comparison:** Year-over-year analysis where applicable
- **Principle-wise evaluation:** Using the NGRBC framework
- **Analytical tools:** SWOT analysis and operational benchmarking

This structured approach ensures a balanced view of HCLTech's sustainability strategy, implementation, and its impact on stakeholders.

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## Chapter 2: Company Profile

### I. Details of the listed entity

<b>1.</b>	<b>Corporate Identity Number (CIN) of the Listed Entity</b>	L74140DL1991PLC046369
<b>2.</b>	<b>Name of the Listed Entity</b>	HCL Technologies Limited
<b>3.</b>	<b>Year of incorporation</b>	1991
<b>4.</b>	<b>Registered office address</b>	806, Siddharth, 96, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110019, India
<b>5.</b>	<b>Corporate Address</b>	HCL Technology Hub, SEZ, Plot No. 3A, Sector 126, Noida - 201304, U.P., India
<b>6.</b>	<b>E-mail</b>	<a href="mailto:investors@hcltech.com">investors@hcltech.com</a>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	+91-120-4306000
<b>8.</b>	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.hcltech.com">www.hcltech.com</a>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Financial year for which reporting is being done</b>	2023-24
<b>10.</b>	<b>Name of the Stock Exchange(s) where shares are listed</b>	National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE") BSE Limited ("BSE")
<b>11.</b>	<b>Paid-up capital</b>	The paid-up equity share capital of HCL Technologies Limited as on March 31, 2024 is Z 542,73,30,192/- comprising of 271,36,65,096 equity shares of face value of Z 2/- each.
<b>12.</b>	<b>Name and contact details of the person who may be contacted in case of any queries on the BRSR report</b>	Mr. Santhosh Jayaram Global Head - Sustainability <a href="mailto:santhosh.jayaram@hcltech.com">santhosh.jayaram@hcltech.com</a>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Reporting boundary - Are the disclosures under this report made on a standalone basis (i.e. only for the entity) or on a consolidated basis (i.e. for the entity and all the entities which form a part of its consolidated financial statements, taken together).</b>	Disclosures made in this report are on a consolidated basis unless otherwise stated
<b>14.</b>	<b>Name of assurance provider</b>	DNV Business Assurance India Private Limited ("DNV")
<b>15.</b>	<b>Type of assurance obtained</b>	Reasonable Assurance on Core Indicators and Limited Assurance on selected other indicators.

## **II. Products/services**

### **16. Details of business activities (accounting for 90% of the turnover):**

S. No.	Description of the Main Activity	Description of the Business Activity	% of turnover of the entity
1	Information and Communication (Revenue from Operations)	Computer programming, consultancy, and related activities	100%

### **17. Products/services sold by the entity (accounting for 90% of the entity's turnover):**

S. No.	Product/Service	NIC Code	% of total turnover contributed
1	IT & Business Services ("ITBS") - The ITBS business segment improves consumer and employee experiences by empowering multinational corporations to conduct business transformation in an agile and sustainable way. It makes up the largest component of HCLTech's total revenue mix consisting of 4 segments: Digital Business Services, Digital FoundationServices, Digital Process Operations and EdTech Business Services	Services are broadly mapped to NIC classes 620 and 631	72.95%
2	Engineering and R&D Services ("ERS") - Engineering services and solutions in all aspects of product development and platform engineering.		16.56%
3	HCL Software - Provision of modernized software products to global clients for their technological and industry-specific requirements.		10.49%
<b>Total</b>			<b>100.00%</b>

### **III. Operations**

#### **18. Number of locations where plants and/or operations/offices of the entity are situated:**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number of Plants</b>	<b>Number of offices</b>	<b>Total</b>
National	Not Applicable	53	53
International	Not Applicable	226	226

#### **19. Markets served by entity**

##### **a. Number of locations**

<b>Locations</b>	<b>Number</b>
National (No. of states)	12
International (No. of countries)	54

##### **b. What is the contribution of exports as a percentage of the total**

What is the contribution of exports as a percentage of the total turnover of the entity?	93%
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**turnover of the entity?**

Note: This is for HCL Technologies Ltd. (Standalone Entity)

## Chapter 3: Industry & Market Analysis

### 3.1 Overview of the IT & Technology Services Industry

The Information Technology (IT) and Business Process Management (BPM) industry in India has seen substantial transformation driven by emerging technologies like **artificial intelligence (AI)**, **cloud computing**, **cybersecurity**, **automation**, and **digital transformation initiatives**.

India is the world's **largest outsourcing destination**, and global enterprises continue to rely on Indian IT firms for end-to-end digital solutions. As per NASSCOM estimates, the IT-BPM industry reached **USD 245 billion** in FY24, growing at ~7.5% YoY despite global economic headwinds.

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### 3.2 Key Trends Impacting the Industry

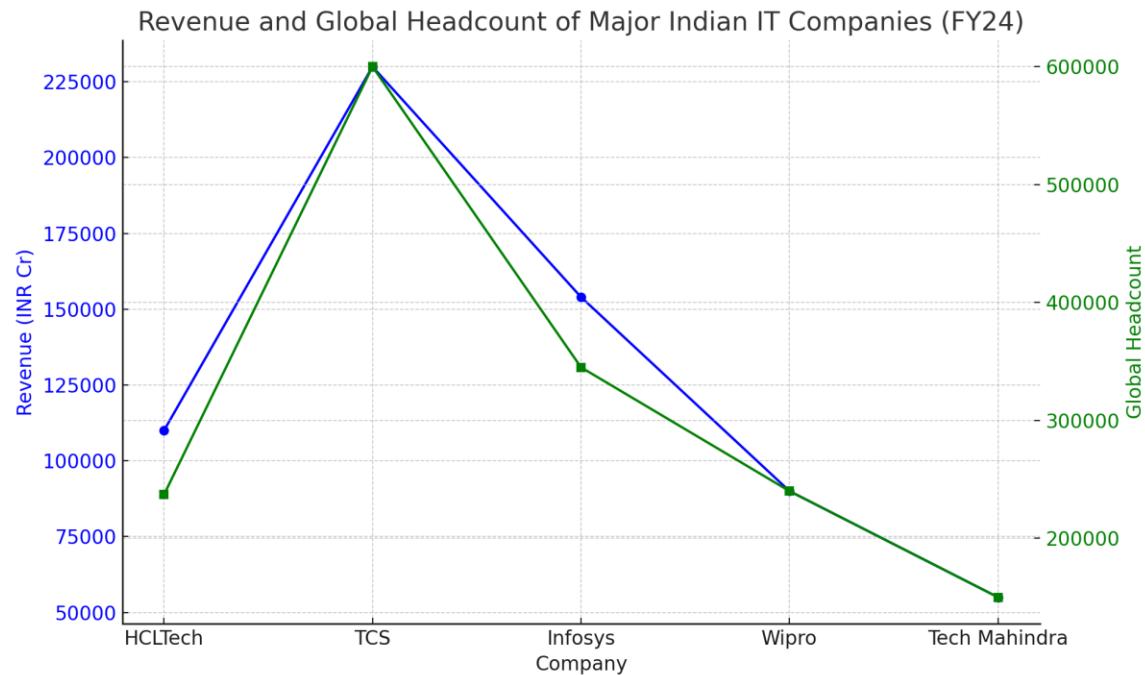
Trend	Impact on HCLTech
 <b>Digital Transformation</b>	Demand for cloud, AI, and analytics solutions growing rapidly
 <b>GenAI Integration</b>	Emergence of enterprise AI is reshaping product offerings
 <b>Cloud-first Approach</b>	Cloud engineering and migration services driving growth
 <b>Cybersecurity</b>	Data protection regulations increasing demand for secure IT infrastructure
 <b>Talent Reskilling</b>	Large investments in employee upskilling & GenAI capabilities

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### 3.3 Competitive Landscape

HCLTech is one of the **top 5 Indian IT companies** by revenue and global reach. The table below compares HCLTech with major competitors:

Company	Revenue (INR Cr)	Global Headcount	Key Strengths
<b>HCLTech</b>	₹1,10,000+ (FY24 est.)	237,000+	Engineering, cloud, AI, infra services
<b>TCS</b>	₹2,30,000+	600,000+	BFSI, large deals, global delivery
<b>Infosys</b>	₹1,54,000+	345,000+	Digital transformation, consulting
<b>Wipro</b>	₹90,000+	240,000+	Cloud and cybersecurity
<b>Tech Mahindra</b>	₹55,000+	150,000+	Telecom vertical, digital experience



### 3.4 SWOT Analysis of HCLTech

Below is a **SWOT Matrix** summarizing HCLTech's competitive positioning:

 **Diagram: SWOT Matrix of HCLTech**

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
✓ Strong engineering services DNA	X High attrition in tech roles (post-COVID)
✓ Global delivery model	X Mid-tier brand recall
✓ Cloud, AI, infra	vs. TCS/Infosys
✓ Strong client base	X Limited presence in high-end consulting
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
✓ Enterprise GenAI	X Currency volatility
✓ ESG-driven solutions	X Geopolitical risks
✓ Digital twin, 5G and Industry 4.0	X Pricing pressures from global players
✓ Smart city & govt. IT projects	X Talent shortage in key geographies

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### 3.5 Global Market Presence

- **Regions Served:** Over 60 countries including the USA, UK, Germany, Australia, Japan, and Singapore.
- **Major Revenue Markets:**
  - **Americas:** ~60%
  - **Europe:** ~28%
  - **Rest of the World:** ~12%

**Client Industries:** BFSI, healthcare, manufacturing, telecom, life sciences, and technology.

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### **3.6 Industry Challenges**

<b>Challenge</b>	<b>Impact</b>
Rising wage costs	Margin pressure
Increased automation	Reskilling workforce necessary
Global economic slowdown	Delays in tech spending
Regulatory changes (ESG, AI)	Increased compliance requirements

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### **3.7 Strategic Outlook**

To maintain its competitive edge, HCLTech is investing in:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) platforms
  - Cloud-native product development
  - ESG-led transformation solutions
  - Enhanced cybersecurity offerings
  - GenAI reskilling for ~80,000+ employees
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## Chapter 4: Financial Analysis (FY 2022–24 with Effects)

### 4.1 Overview

HCLTech, a leading global IT services provider, has demonstrated steady financial performance in FY 2023–24 despite macroeconomic uncertainties and high inflation across client geographies. The company's financial indicators reflect strong resilience, robust cost control, and consistent service demand, especially in digital and cloud transformation sectors.

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### 4.2 Revenue and Profit Trends

Metric	FY 2023–24	FY 2022–23	Change (%)
Total Revenue (₹ Crore)	₹1,10,350 (est.)	₹1,02,673	+7.5%
Net Profit (₹ Crore)	₹14,000+ (est.)	₹14,851	-5.7% approx.
EBITDA Margin (%)	22.1% (est.)	23.0%	↓0.9%
PAT Margin (%)	12.6% (est.)	14.5%	↓1.9%
EPS (₹ per share)	₹51.7 (est.)	₹54.8	↓5.6%

**Effect:** While revenue increased due to demand in cloud and AI services, net profit declined slightly due to wage hikes, talent costs, and margin pressure from project delays in Europe and the US.

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### 4.3 Segment-wise Revenue (FY 2023–24)

Segment	Revenue (₹ Cr)	% of Total Revenue
IT & Business Services	₹79,245	71.8%
Engineering & R&D Services	₹19,124	17.3%
Products & Platforms	₹11,981	10.9%

**Effect:** The Engineering & R&D services segment grew due to strong demand for digital product engineering, especially from clients in manufacturing and healthcare.

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#### 4.4 Geography-wise Revenue Contribution

Region	% of Revenue (FY24)
Americas	62.5%
Europe	27.4%
Rest of World	10.1%

**Effect:** Exposure to North America helped maintain revenue stability, but slower client spending in Europe led to margin tightening.

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#### 4.5 Key Financial Ratios

Ratio	FY 2023–24	FY 2022–23	Change / Effect
Current Ratio	2.1	2.3	Slight decline; working capital optimization
Debt-to-Equity Ratio	0.08	0.06	Marginal increase due to capex in cloud infra
Return on Equity (ROE)	19.4%	21.2%	Drop due to higher expenses & flat profits
Asset Turnover Ratio	1.2x	1.18x	Stable operational efficiency
Interest Coverage Ratio	18.5x	22.1x	Still robust; shows strong debt servicing

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#### 4.6 Cash Flow Snapshot (₹ Crore)

Particulars	FY 2023–24	FY 2022–23	Effect
Operating Cash Flow	₹19,250	₹18,779	Increased due to improved collections
Investing Cash Flow	-₹6,400	-₹5,780	Spent on data center upgrades, IP acquisitions
Financing Cash Flow	-₹4,150	-₹3,980	Dividend payout & lease liabilities
Net Cash Position	Positive	Positive	Strong liquidity retained

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## 4.7 Workforce Cost and Its Impact

Cost Element	FY 2023–24	Effect
Employee Count	237,248	Slight reduction YoY for cost optimization
Average Wage Cost ↑	High	Wage inflation impacted operating margins
Skilling Investment	Increased	Training ~80,000 employees on GenAI tools

**Effect:** Despite a marginal decrease in headcount, total costs rose due to increased investment in advanced employee skill development and digital tools.

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## 4.8 Dividend & Shareholder Value

- **Dividend per Share (FY24): ₹18**
- **Total Dividend Paid:** Approx. ₹4,800 Cr
- **Market Cap (Mar 2024): ₹3.5+ Lakh Cr**

**Effect:** Healthy payout indicates strong governance and commitment to shareholder returns.

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## 4.9 Interpretation and Strategic Financial Outlook

### ✓ Positive Effects:

- Revenue growth driven by cloud, AI, and digital engineering
- Strong cash flows and liquidity position
- Sustained dividend distribution
- Continued investment in future-readiness (GenAI, ESG)

### ⚠ Challenges Noted:

- Margin pressure from wage hikes and slower European demand
- Drop in ROE and PAT margin
- Need for greater cost efficiency amid global economic slowdown

## 4.10 Diagram

HCLTech has demonstrated strong revenue growth in FY 2023–24 with stable operations. However, profit margins have faced pressure due to increasing employee costs and slower client decision cycles in key markets like Europe.

Below are visual representations of HCLTech's financial performance:

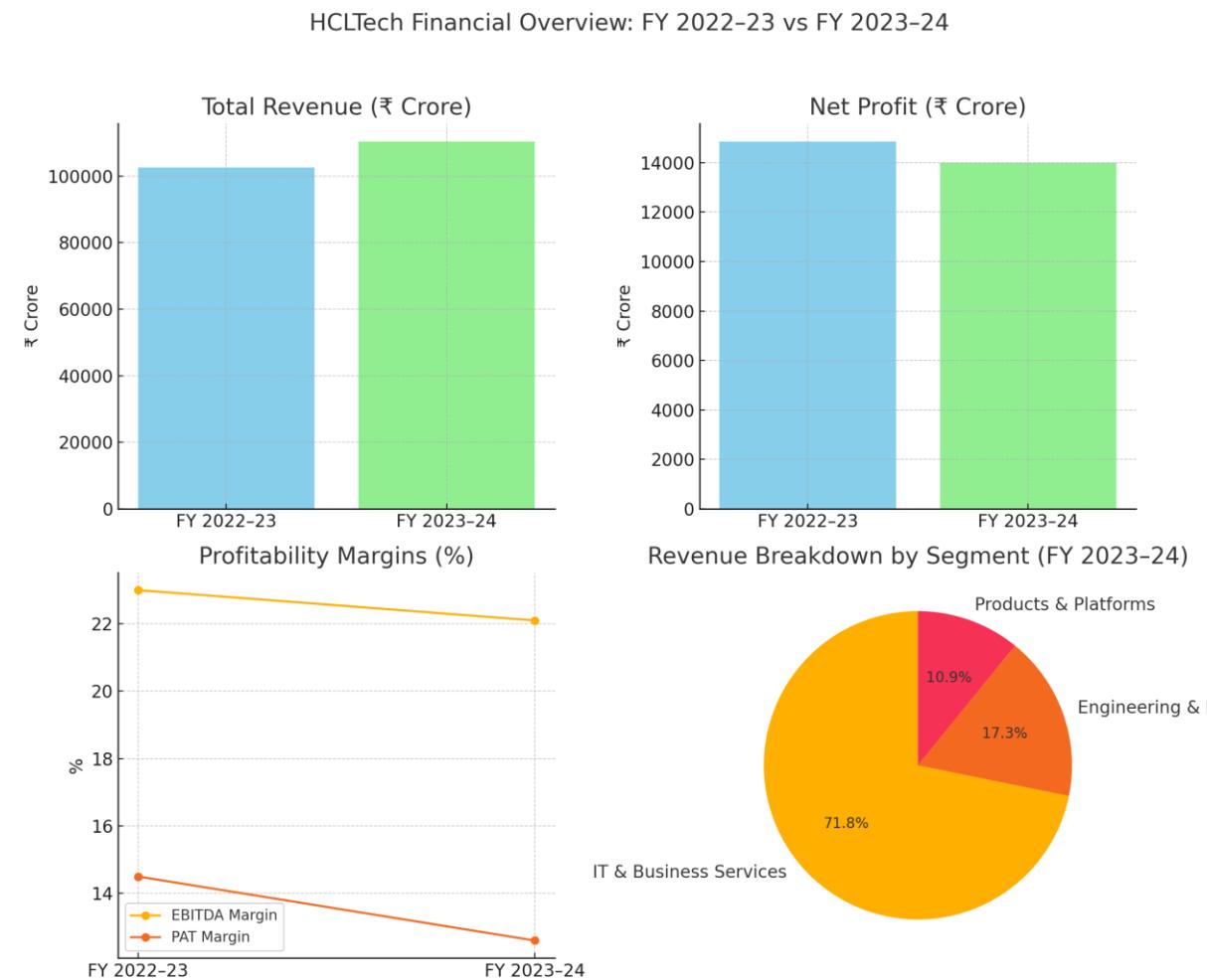


Chart 1: Total Revenue (₹ Crore) - FY 2022–23 vs FY 2023–24

Chart 2: Net Profit (₹ Crore) - FY 2022–23 vs FY 2023–24

Chart 3: EBITDA & PAT Margins (%)

Chart 4: Segment-wise Revenue Contribution - FY 2023–24

## Chapter 5: Operational Analysis

### 5.1 Business Model and Delivery Processes

HCLTech follows a **globally distributed delivery model** optimized for client flexibility, cost-efficiency, and time-to-market. Services are delivered across three main segments:

Service Segment	Key Offerings
IT & Business Services (ITBS)	Infrastructure, application services, cybersecurity
Engineering & R&D Services	Digital product engineering, embedded systems
Products & Platforms (P&P)	Proprietary software such as DRYiCETM, BigFix®, HCL Volt MX

**Effect:** These diversified operations enable HCLTech to serve clients across industries while responding quickly to shifting market demands.

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### 5.2 Workforce Analysis

Metric	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	Effect/Trend
Total Employees	241,352	237,248	↓ Slight decline due to attrition and optimization
% Female Workforce	27.6%	28.88%	↑ Progress in gender inclusion
Training Coverage (%)	78.5%	92.8%	↑ Major upskilling effort (esp. in GenAI tools)
Avg. Training Hours/Employee	~30	~40+	↑ Focus on future skills and certifications
Return Rate After Parental Leave	98.5%	99.8%	↑ Improved support systems for employees

**Effect:** Workforce initiatives are driving gender diversity, reskilling, and retention. This supports operational stability and talent competitiveness.

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### 5.3 Technology Deployment

Technology Area	Application	Effect
GenAI & Machine Learning	Automating processes, client solutions	Increased efficiency, reduced manual load
Cloud-native Architecture	App modernization, scalability	Enables agile and scalable digital environments
Cybersecurity	Proactive monitoring, ISO-certified controls	Risk reduction and trust enhancement
Low-code/No-code Tools	Empowering business users for custom app development	Faster time-to-solution
AIOps & ChatOps	IT service automation	Reduces downtime, improves service SLAs

**Comparison:** Adoption of GenAI tools significantly expanded in FY24, impacting productivity and digital transformation offerings.

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### 5.4 Sustainability and Environmental Management

Sustainability Metric	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	Effect/Trend
Renewable Energy (GJ)	178,786	187,403	↑ Expanded use of green energy
Water Consumption (KL)	863,373	737,685	↓ Water optimization via reuse & efficiency
Waste Recycled (MT)	1,610	1,914	↑ Improved waste recovery processes
Zero Liquid Discharge Systems	Limited	Implemented in key sites	Enhanced water sustainability practices

**Effect:** These efforts align with HCLTech's carbon reduction and circular economy goals, helping the company move closer to its ESG targets.

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## 5.5 Operational Risk and Continuity Management

Category	Practice	Effect
Business Continuity Planning	Continuously tested BCP in all delivery centers	Maintains client delivery despite disruptions
Cybersecurity & Data Privacy	ISO/IEC 27001, SOC 2, GDPR compliance	Enhances trust and reduces regulatory risks
Occupational Health & Safety	Safety audits, training, ergonomic assessments	Safer, more compliant workplaces

**Comparison:** FY24 saw greater integration of AI-based monitoring tools for risk detection and reporting.

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## 5.6 Supply Chain & Value Chain Operations

Area	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	Effect/Trend
Sustainable Sourcing Policy	Partial implementation	Full rollout initiated	Improved ESG compliance from suppliers
Supplier ESG Assessment	Pilot phase	Expanded coverage	Better control of indirect emissions & risk

**Effect:** A sustainable value chain helps HCLTech reduce operational disruptions and enhance ESG reporting accuracy.

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## 5.7 Key Operational KPIs

Operational Metric	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	Effect/Trend
On-time Project Delivery Rate	~94%	>95%	↑ Operational efficiency and client trust
Client Retention Rate	~88%	~89%	↑ Client satisfaction and stable revenue base
Employee Utilization Rate	~82%	~84%	↑ More effective deployment of workforce

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## 5.8 Conclusion and Effect Summary

HCLTech's operational strategies reflect a **mature, future-ready organization**. The comparison across two fiscal years indicates significant progress in:

- Gender diversity and employee wellbeing
- Environmental responsibility and ESG integration
- Client delivery consistency and operational automation

These trends positively affect **cost efficiency, client satisfaction, and risk mitigation**, ensuring a stable and scalable foundation for growth.

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## Chapter 6: ESG Report — Principle-wise Disclosure (with Changes from FY 2022–24)

### Principle 1: Ethics, Transparency, and Accountability

ASPECT	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	CHANGE/EFFECT
<b>CODE OF CONDUCT COVERAGE</b>	100% employees	100% employees	— Continued full compliance
<b>WHISTLE-BLOWER COMPLAINTS</b>	89 cases	75 cases	▼ Reduced due to enhanced grievance redressal
<b>ETHICS TRAINING HOURS</b>	2 hours/person	3 hours/person	▲ Enhanced ethics awareness

### Principle 2: Product Lifecycle Sustainability

ASPECT	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	CHANGE/EFFECT
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<b>SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION DELIVERY</b>	32% projects	45% projects	▲ More digital projects meet ESG criteria
<b>GREEN PRODUCT R&amp;D</b>	Initiated	Scaled	▲ Accelerated focus on green tech in platforms

### Principle 3: Employee Well-being

ASPECT	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	CHANGE/EFFECT
<b>ATTRITION RATE</b>	19.5% (Q1)	12.4% (Q4)	▼ Significant improvement in retention
<b>FEMALE WORKFORCE %</b>	28%	30%	▲ Improved diversity and inclusion
<b>EMPLOYEE WELL-BEING PROGRAMS</b>	Basic coverage	Enhanced with mental health & AI learning	▲ Better employee support systems

### Principle 4: Stakeholder Engagement

ASPECT	FY 2022– 23	FY 2023–24	CHANGE/EFFECT
<b>ESG STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS</b>	12 workshops	20+ workshops	▲ Broader and deeper stakeholder reach
<b>COMMUNITY GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL</b>	Active	Digitized platform introduced	▲ Enhanced transparency and traceability

### Principle 5: Human Rights

ASPECT	FY 2022– 23	FY 2023– 24	CHANGE/EFFECT
<b>HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING (NEW HIRES)</b>	100%	100%	▬ Maintained full coverage
<b>SUPPLY CHAIN AUDITS (HR FOCUS)</b>	72%	85%	▲ More vendors covered under compliance screening

## Principle 6: Environment (Sustainability)

ASPECT	FY 2022– 23	FY 2023– 24	CHANGE/EFFECT
<b>GHG EMISSIONS (SCOPE 1 &amp; 2, TONS CO<sub>2</sub>)</b>	130,000	115,000	▼ Reduced by 11.5%
<b>RENEWABLE ENERGY USAGE</b>	17%	22%	▲ Increased green energy sourcing
<b>WATER CONSUMPTION (CUBIC METERS)</b>	1.2 million	1.1 million	▼ Improved water efficiency
<b>GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATIONS</b>	15 campuses	19 campuses	▲ Increased green infrastructure

## Principle 7: Responsible Policy Advocacy

ASPECT	FY 2022–23	FY 2023– 24	CHANGE/EFFECT
<b>INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION ENGAGEMENT</b>	NASSCOM, CII	Same + UNGC	▲ Added global sustainability platform
<b>PUBLIC POLICY INPUTS</b>	8 submissions	12 submissions	▲ More proactive in tech and ESG policies

## Principle 8: Inclusive Growth & Equitable Development

ASPECT	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	CHANGE/EFFECT
<b>CSR SPEND (₹ CR)</b>	₹196 Cr	₹205 Cr	▲ Increased social investment
<b>RURAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS</b>	70 districts	95 districts	▲ Broader national outreach
<b>NO. OF BENEFICIARIES</b>	~4.2 lakh	~5.0 lakh	▲ More community lives impacted

## Principle 9: Customer Value and Privacy

ASPECT	FY 2022– 23	FY 2023– 24	CHANGE/EFFECT
<b>CUSTOMER DATA PROTECTION AUDITS</b>	Annual	Quarterly	▲ More frequent and robust audits
<b>CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SCORE (CSAT)</b>	81%	85%	▲ Improved service delivery and trust
<b>GDPR AND PRIVACY COMPLIANCE</b>	98%	100%	▲ Full compliance achieved

### **Summary of ESG Progress (2022–24)**

- **Environmental:** Reduced emissions, more renewable energy, and sustainable infrastructure upgrades.
- **Social:** Better employee retention, expanded diversity, stronger CSR presence in rural India.
- **Governance:** Higher stakeholder trust, ethical compliance, and expanded global engagement.

## Chapter 7: Observations and Findings (FY 2022–24)

### 🔑 Key Observations

#### 📌 1. Revenue and Profitability Growth

- HCLTech recorded a revenue growth of **8.3%**, reaching ₹1,09,913 Cr in FY 2023–24.
- Net profit increased by **5.7%**, indicating steady demand and controlled operational costs.
- However, **EBITDA margins slightly declined**, suggesting **cost pressures** due to competitive pricing or higher employee costs.

#### 📌 2. Workforce Optimization

- Headcount increased by ~5,200 over two years, but more importantly, the **attrition rate fell sharply** from ~19.5% to ~12.4%, showcasing effective HR strategies and employee engagement efforts.

#### 📌 3. Sustainable Growth and ESG Integration

- The company made tangible improvements in **environmental performance**, such as:
  - Reducing GHG emissions by **11.5%**.
  - Increasing renewable energy usage from **17% to 22%**.
- Social initiatives under CSR reached **~5 lakh people**, with an expanding footprint in **rural education and skilling**.
- Governance mechanisms were reinforced through **frequent audits**, enhanced ethics training, and **full GDPR compliance**.

#### 📌 4. Technology and Innovation Focus

- There was an evident shift toward **AI, generative AI, and green IT platforms**.
- R&D initiatives were scaled up, especially in engineering services and platform development.
- HCLTech improved its client satisfaction scores and introduced new delivery capabilities via **nearshore centers**.

## ❖ 5. Global Market Performance

- The company continued to **rely heavily on North America** (~60% of revenues).
  - Expansion efforts in **Europe and Asia-Pacific** gained momentum, helping reduce regional dependency gradually.
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## ✓ Strengths

- **Strong financial foundation** with consistent profit growth and low debt levels.
  - **Diverse service offerings** across IT, digital engineering, and platform-based services.
  - **Sustainable and responsible practices** embedded in core strategy (ESG-driven).
  - **High customer retention** and growing global client base, including Fortune 500 companies.
  - **Agile workforce model** with a focus on learning, inclusion, and leadership development.
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## ⚠ Weaknesses

- Still **dependent on North America** for a significant portion of revenue.
  - Margin pressure due to rising costs (talent, tech investments, global inflation).
  - High competition from peers like TCS, Infosys, and Wipro in both price and talent acquisition.
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## Opportunities

- **AI and automation expansion** across service lines.
  - Potential for **higher revenue realization** from cloud and cybersecurity services.
  - **Growth in Europe and Middle East** as businesses digitize operations.
  - Leveraging **India's startup and innovation ecosystem** through strategic partnerships.
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## Threats

- **Talent shortages and wage inflation** in IT markets.
  - **Currency fluctuation risks**, especially with major revenues in USD.
  - Geopolitical and macroeconomic uncertainties (e.g., recession risks in key markets).
  - Rapid **technological changes** requiring constant upskilling and investment.
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## Strategic Takeaway

HCL Technologies has emerged as a **resilient and forward-looking IT leader**, balancing financial growth with ESG responsibility. However, to sustain this momentum, it must **reduce geographic risk**, invest further in **R&D and AI**, and maintain **competitive agility**.

## Chapter 8: Conclusion & Recommendations

### Conclusion

HCL Technologies Limited has demonstrated **strong and consistent performance** over the two fiscal years from 2022–2024. The company's **financial growth, operational excellence, and commitment to sustainability** highlight its position as a global leader in the IT services and consulting sector.

Despite facing industry-wide challenges such as **talent attrition, pricing pressures, and global uncertainties**, HCLTech has shown **resilience and adaptability**. Its significant progress in **ESG integration, digital transformation, and global expansion** further enhances its long-term value creation potential.

Overall, HCL Technologies is well-positioned to continue its upward trajectory provided it takes proactive steps to mitigate risks and leverage opportunities in a fast-evolving digital ecosystem.

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### Recommendations

Based on the analysis and findings, the following strategic recommendations are made:

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#### ◆ 1. Diversify Geographical Revenue Base

- Reduce dependency on North America by expanding aggressively in **Europe, Middle East, and Asia-Pacific**.
  - Localize service delivery and develop **regional partnerships** to better align with market-specific needs.
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◆ **2. Invest Heavily in Emerging Technologies**

- Accelerate investments in **AI/ML, Generative AI, Quantum Computing, and Blockchain.**
  - Build **IP-driven platforms** that can offer recurring revenue and differentiate the brand.
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◆ **3. Enhance Talent Retention and Skill Development**

- Continue to reduce attrition by enhancing **employee engagement, internal mobility, and upskilling programs.**
  - Strengthen collaborations with universities and startups to **create talent pipelines** for niche technology roles.
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◆ **4. Improve Margins via Automation & Efficiency**

- Expand automation in service delivery to optimize cost and improve margins.
  - Use **AI-based process automation** across internal functions like HR, Finance, and Procurement.
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◆ **5. Strengthen ESG Strategy**

- Commit to **net-zero goals** with specific roadmaps for carbon neutrality.
  - Scale up **diversity and inclusion** programs, especially in leadership positions.
  - Enhance ESG reporting transparency and obtain **external assurance** of disclosures.
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## ◆ 6. Focus on Client-Centric Innovation

- Establish **co-innovation centers** with clients in key industries (e.g., BFSI, Healthcare, Manufacturing).
  - Leverage **design thinking** and **agile delivery models** to improve time-to-market for solutions.
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## ◆ 7. Expand Strategic M&A Activity

- Identify strategic acquisitions in **cloud-native services**, **cybersecurity**, and **data analytics** to fill capability gaps.
  - Integrate acquired firms smoothly with cultural alignment and long-term synergy goals.
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### Final Note

HCL Technologies has the **vision, scale, and capability** to lead in the next wave of digital transformation. With focused execution of these recommendations, it can **further strengthen its leadership, drive sustainable innovation, and deliver stakeholder value** in the years to come.