

# Wipro

### 1QFY21 Result Update

Cost controls impressive, execution challenges persist

Sector: Technology

CMP: ₹225

Recommendation: Hold

# Market statistics Current stock price (₹) Shares O/S (cr.)

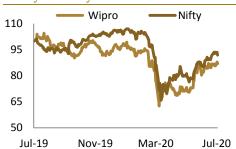
Shares O/S (cr.) 571.3 Mcap (₹ cr) 128,603 52W H/L (₹) 276/160 Bloomberg WPRO.IN

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#### **Shareholding pattern**

Promoters	74.02
Domestic Institution	7.60
Foreign Institution	10.30
Non-institution	8.08
of which more than 1%	

#### Infosys vs Nifty



#### Capital efficiency & valuations

17.4	16.2	140
		14.9
17.1	17.2	18.4
20.8	21.5	22.9
11.5	13.1	12.2
2.0	2.0	1.7
8.3	9.2	7.6
4.2	(2.3)	5.0
5.5	5.6	7.0
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ANALYST Naushil Shah +91-22 4224 5125 naushil.shah@trustgroup.co.in Wipro reported better-than-expected financials with an in-line revenue growth and higher margin. Constant currency (cc) revenue declined 7.5% QoQ, while IT services margin was up 140bps QoQ at 19%. Wipro expects stability would return in three verticals i.e communication, consumer business units and technology in Q2FY21 (34.5% of revenue). We maintain our Hold recommendation on the stock looking at relatively cheap valuations and potential buyback which can limit the downside.

Cost controls impressive: Wipro's cc revenue declined 7.5% QoQ and 4.4% YoY. Wipro highlighted that revenue was impacted owing to 16% and 12% cc revenue decline in communication and consumer business unit vertical. Digital operations and platforms revenue declined 5.9% QoQ in cc terms owing to lower billings in BPO services as implementation of work-from-home (WFH) faced difficulty. EBIT margin for IT services improved 140bps QoQ to 19.1%, as rupee depreciation (+100 bps), higher utilization (+100 bps) and tight cost management (+100 bps) provided tailwind to margins. These margin tailwinds were partially offset by the provision for doubtful debt (-50 bps).

Expect recovery in certain verticals, margin to remain in narrow band in Q2: Wipro expects stability would return in three verticals i.e communication, consumer business units and technology in Q2FY21 (34.5% of revenue). In addition, healthcare (13.5% of revenue) might perform better if the elective surgery picks up. Unlike TCS, Wipro's management restricted itself to provide any guidance on growth recovery as demand environment remains fluid and velocity of decision making is not at par with pre-COVID level. However, it indicated that TCVs of large deals have improved on YoY basis and the company has healthy deal pipelines. On margin front, management expects Q2FY21 EBIT margin would remain in the narrow band of Q1FY21.

Decline across the verticals: Wipro had a decline in revenues across its verticals. Communication and consumer business unit vertical was down 16.2% and 12.4% QoQ in cc, while manufacturing, healthcare and BFSI revenue was down 8.1%, 7.2% and 6.4% respectively. Note that TCS reported strong growth in its healthcare vertical during the quarter. Management hopes communication, consumer and technology vertical would recover in coming quarters. US and Europe business revenue was down 7.0% and 9.7% QoQ. Revenue from rest of world (RoW) was down 6.1%.

New CEO appointment removes the leadership overhang: CEO, Theirry Delaporte has his task cut out as he takes over the role in the backdrop of a recessionary environment. In addition, Wipro has continued to underperform peers for quite long now despite the two prior incumbents, TK Kurien and Abidali Neemuchiwala, trying their best to address the issues. Wipro, in our view, has suffered from the lack of client relevance, differentiation and strategy. Wipro's list of misses is quite big, whether it is in terms of missing the BPO/Infra cycle or missing out on the significant traction for offshore services in Continental Europe over the last few years. Only time will tell if the leadership change can identify some of these issues and reinvigorate the company. We note that investors/analysts have had similar hopes around the leadership transition in 2011 and 2016, but have been disappointed over the medium term subsequently. Thereby, we would wait to pass a verdict on this count.

**Valuation - Maintain Hold:** Though the new CEO would focus on developing a potential growth turnaround strategy, we believe it would be a challenging task given execution issues and absence of large-deal engines. Wipro completed its last buyback in Sept'19. With cash of Rs.373bn (29% of Mcap) and a sizeable Buyback can be expected. The stock price has moved up 20% post CEO announcement. At CMP, the stock is trading at 13x/12x of its FY21/FY22E earnings, which provides limited upside owing to the continued underperformance in revenue growth among its large peers. Hence, we maintain Hold.



**Exhibit 1:** Quarterly details

₹mn	1QFY20	4QFY20	1QFY21	QoQ (%)	YoY (%) Comments
Revenues (in US\$ mn)	2,039	2,074	1,922	(7.3)	(5.7) $^{ m CC}_{ m 4.4\%~YoY}$ ecline of 7.5% QoQ and
Revenues	147,161	157,110	149,131	(5.1)	1.3
- Operating costs	118,390	126,311	117,341	(7.1)	(0.9)
EBITDA	28,771	30,799	31,790	3.2	10.5 IT services margin increased 140bps QoQ to 19%
EBITDA margin (%)	19.6	19.6	21.3	171bps	177bps
- Depreciation	4,955	5,798	6,154	6.1	24.2
+ Other income, net (incl forex)	6,904	4,655	5,315	14.2	(23.0)
PBT	30,720	29,656	30,951	4.4	0.8
- Taxes	6,699	6,205	6,838	10.2	2.1
Effective tax rate (%)	21.8	20.9	22.1	117bps	29bps Tax rate for FY21 to be 21-22%
PAT	24,021	23,451	24,113	2.8	0.4
Minority interest	-	-	-	-	-
Reported profits	24,021	23,451	24,113	2.8	0.4

Source: Company

**Exhibit 2:** Change in estimates

₹ mn		FY21E		FY22E				
	Old	New	%Chg	Old	New	%Chg		
Revenue (US\$ mn)	8,189	7,921	(3.3)	8,541	8,340	(2.4)		
Revenue	597,777	595,963	(0.3)	623,472	625,471	0.3		
EBITDA margin (%)	19.1	21.7	265bps	19.8	22.1	130bps		
EPS (₹)	15.7	17.2	9.6	17.1	18.4	7.6		

Source: Trust Research

**Geography wise Revenues:** US and Europe business revenue was down 7.0% and 9.7% QoQ. Revenue from rest of world (RoW) was down 6.1%.

**Exhibit 3:** Geographical wise Performance

Geographical mix	Q2FY19	Q3FY19	Q4FY19	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21
Americas	56.1	57.1	58.2	58.7	59.6	59.2	59.1	59.0
Europe	25.7	25.5	24.6	24.6	23.5	23.7	24.1	23.7
RoW	18.2	17.4	17.2	16.7	16.9	17.1	16.8	17.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Company

Exhibit 4: Revenue details at WPRO

Revenue Mix	Q1FY19	Q2FY19	Q3FY19	Q4FY19	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21
FPP Revenue	58.9	58.9	59.8	60.0	61.6	61.9	62.6	63.2	61.7
Onsite revenue	52.9	52.8	52.2	51.1	52.3	53.3	53.2	51.8	51.5
Offshore revenue	47.1	47.2	47.8	48.5	47.7	46.7	46.8	48.2	48.5

Source: Company, Trust Research



**Vertical wise Performance:** Wipro had a decline in revenues across its verticals. Communication and consumer business unit vertical was down 16.2% and 12.4% QoQ in cc, while manufacturing, healthcare and BFSI revenue was down 8.1%, 7.2% and 6.4% respectively

**Exhibit 5:** Vertical wise segmentation

Vertical Mix	Q2FY19	Q3FY19	Q4FY19	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21
Finance solutions	30.5	31.4	31.5	31.6	31.3	30.9	30.4	30.7
Healthcare, life sciences & services	13.0	13.1	13.2	13.2	13.0	13.1	13.5	13.5
Energy & utilities	12.8	13.0	12.8	12.8	12.9	12.9	12.8	13.2
Manufacturing	8.3	8.1	8.0	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.1
Technology	13.9	13.0	12.6	13.0	13.0	12.3	12.8	13.5
Consumer	15.7	15.6	16.2	15.6	16.0	16.9	16.8	15.9
Communications	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.1
Total revenue	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Company

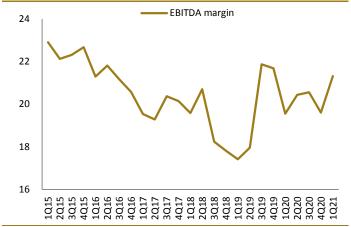
Client details: Number of US\$100mn clients decreased by 2 on QoQ basis to 13. WPRO's (net) client tally decreased by 70 QoQ to 1,004.

**Exhibit 6:** Client details

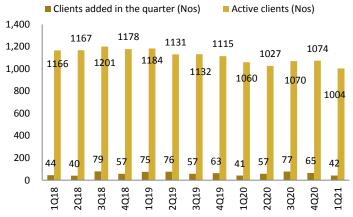
Exhibit 6: Client details								
	Q2FY19	Q3FY19	Q4FY19	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21
>\$100m	9	10	10	13	13	14	15	13
>\$75m	19	19	22	23	23	22	22	22
>\$50m	39	41	41	41	41	41	40	39
\$20m	92	99	96	92	92	96	96	97
\$10m	177	171	172	166	165	169	166	163
\$5m	265	269	262	259	261	260	260	258
\$3m	348	339	339	340	341	344	341	348
\$1m	584	578	571	564	569	572	574	577
Number of new customers	76	57	63	41	57	77	65	42
Total number of active customers	1,131	1,132	1,115	1,060	1,027	1,070	1,074	1,004
Top customer contribution (%)	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.2
Top 5 contributions (%)	12.2	13.0	13.7	13.8	12.8	12.3	12.2	12.3
Top 10 contributions (%)	19.1	19.7	20.4	20.7	19.8	19.2	19.3	20.3

Source: Company

Exhibit 7: EBITDA margin was higher-than-expectation



**Exhibit 8:** Client additions were weak this quarter



Source: Company, Trust

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## **Financials**

Income Statement (₹ m		EV10	EV20	EV01E	EVOOE	Balance Sheet (₹ mn)	FV/10	FV/10	EV/20	EV01E	EV22E
Year End-March	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21E		Year End-March	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E
Revenues	•	•	610,232	•	•	Sources of Funds					
Op. Expenses	•	•	487,953	•	,	Equity Share Capital	9,048	12,068	11,427	11,427	11,427
EBITDA			122,279			Reserves & Surplus	476,298	558,685	547,906	644,589	743,835
Other Income	19,663	21,518	21,095	21,260	22,260	Net Worth	485,346	570,753	559,333	656,016	755,262
Depreciation	21,124	19,474	20,862	24,626	25,876	Loan Funds	45,268	28,368	4,840	10,747	10,747
EBIT	102,469	117,961	122,512	125,715	134,563	Deferred Tax Liability	(7,668)	(6,916)	(9,302)	(8,875)	(8,875)
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	Capital Employed	522,946	592,205	554,871	657,888	757,134
PBT	•	•	122,512	,	,	Application of Funds					
Tax	22,390	25,242	24,799	27,686	29,604	Net Block	64,443	70,601	81,120	81,362	80,487
PAT	80,079	92,719	97,713	98,029	104,959	Goodwill	101,864	101,864	101,864	101,864	101,864
Minority	41	-	-	-	-	Investments	267,207	•	•	235,366	240,366
Adj Pat	80,038	92,719	97,713	98,029	104,959	Current Assets		•	420,357	499,051	,
						Debtors	111,960		125,390	163,277	145,658
						Inventory	11,900	12,840	13,375	24,492	25,704
						,		•	•	-	
Key Parameters						Cash	44,925	,	144,499	148,004	291,576
Year End-March	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	Others	122,409	,	137,093	163,277	154,226
Per share (₹)						Current Liabilities			254,467	259,755	282,747
EPS	13.3	15.4	17.1	17.2	18.4	Creditors	61,907	66,851	70,531	66,402	69,529
CEPS	16.8	18.6	20.8	21.5	22.9	Provisions	139,898	171,250	183,936	193,354	213,218
BVPS	80.1	94.2	97.6	114.6	132.0	Net Current Asset	89,432	185,262	165,890	239,295	334,417
DPS	0.8	1.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	Misc Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Payout (%)	6.6	13.3	6.8	5.8	5.4	Total	522,946	592,205	554,871	657,888	757,134
Valuation (x)											
P/E	15.9	16.7	11.5	13.1	12.2	Cash flow Statement					
P/BV	2.6	2.7	2.0	2.0	1.7	Year End-March	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E
EV/EBITDA	11.8	12.1	8.3	9.2	7.6	PBT	102,469	117,961	122,512	125,715	134,563
Dividend Yield (%)	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	Depreciation	20,559	20,226	18,476	25,053	25,876
Return ratio (%)						Others	(41)	-	-	-	-
EBIDTA Margin	19.1	19.8	20.0	21.7	22.1	CF before W.cap	122,987	138,187	140,988	150,767	160,439
PAT Margin	14.7	15.8	16.0	16.4	16.8	Inc/dec in W.cap	41,624	(17,774)	(5,342)	69,900	(48,451)
ROAE	16.0	17.6	17.4	16.2	14.9	Op CF after W.cap	81,363	155,961	146,330	80,867	208,889
ROACE	15.4	17.1	17.4	17.0	15.7	Less Taxes	22,390	25,242	24,799	27,686	29,604
Leverage Ratios (x)						Net CF From Operations		130,719	121,531	53,181	179,285
Total D/E	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Inc/(dec) in F.A + CWIP	15,773	25,632	31,381	24,868	25,000
Net Debt/Equity	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(Pur)/sale of Investments	(40,745)		(28,481)	29,369	5,000
Current ratio	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.9	2.2	CF from Invst Activities	24,972	7,097	, ,	(54,237)	
Growth Ratios (%)											(30,000)
Income growth	(1.0)	7.5	4.2	(2.3)	5.0	Loan Raised/ (repaid)		(16,900)	(23,528)	5,907	-
EBITDA growth	(4.8)	11.5	5.5	5.6	7.0	Equity Raised	(112,095)	•	(102,449)	4,368	0
PAT growth	(5.8)	15.8	5.4	0.3	7.1	Dividend	5,292	12,354	6,684	5,713	5,713
<b>Turnover Ratios</b>						CF from Fin Activities			(132,661)	4,561	(5,713)
Inventory Days	8	8	8	12	15	Net inc/(dec) in cash	, ,	113,604	(14,030)	3,505	143,572
Debtors Days	75	73	74	88	90	Op. bal of cash	52,710	44,925	158,529	144,499	148,004
Payable days	65	64	60	64	61	Cl. balance of cash	44,925	158,529	144,499	148,004	291,576



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