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LARGE-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Cipla	Buy	555
GAIL	Buy	200
ONGC	Buy	200
TCS	Add	2,230
HPCL	Buy	400

MID-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Alkem Labs	Buy	2,230
Future Supply	Buy	730
Greenply Industries	Buy	200
Laurus Labs	Buy	480
PNC Infratech	Buy	250

Source: BOBCAPS Research

DAILY MACRO INDICATORS

Indicator	Current	2D (%)	1M (%)	12M (%)
US 10Y yield (%)	1.58	5bps	(15bps)	(158bps)
India 10Y yield (%)	6.66	(2bps)	8bps	(137bps)
USD/INR	71.07	(0.1)	0.9	4.2
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	58.32	0.1	(6.5)	(29.8)
Dow	26,346	0.7	(2.1)	2.9
Shanghai	2,925	0.7	(3.2)	7.3
Sensex	38,178	1.7	2.8	9.8
India FII (US\$ mn)	7 Oct	MTD	CYTD	FYTD
FII-D	50.4	68.1	4,041.4	3,496.8
FII-E	(51.8)	(548.7)	7,612.1	766.9

Source: Bank of Baroda Economics Research
 Note: Markets in India were closed on 8 Oct 2019

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Subdued consumption: Consumption demand remained subdued as reflected in muted non-oil-gold imports and auto sales. While on MoM basis, auto dispatches improved, festive season retail sales are disappointing. With RBI's consumer confidence index dipping to 89.4 in Sep'19, consumer spending is likely to remain muted. However, rural spending may improve with above normal monsoon (110% of LPA) which brightens prospects for Rabi sowing. With higher government procurement, farm incomes should improve and thus spur consumption.

Government spending got a boost, so did sentiment: In Aug'19, centre's capex spending saw an improvement led by higher non-tax revenues (RBI dividend) and direct taxes. Indirect taxes were lacklustre with GST collections hitting an 18-month low. States also boosted spending to prop up the economy. This is driven by pick-up in tax revenues to 3.1% in

Aug'19 from (-) 5.3% in Jul'19. Market borrowings (SDLs) have been source of inflows to spend (Rs 1439bn in Q2FY20 vs Rs 815bn in Q1FY20). Centre's announcement to cut corporate tax came as a surprise and has led to a vast improvement in sentiment.

Room for another 25bps rate cut: India's 10Y yield rose by 14bps in Sep'19 after Centre cut corporate taxes. Yields have fallen in Oct'19 after RBI reduced rates by 25bps. RBI maintained accommodative stance with a commitment to cut rates to induce growth. With slowdown continuing, we believe another 25bps rate cut is around the corner in Dec'19. This will bring real policy rates in the range of 1-1.25% (3.7% inflation in FY21). Accommodative liquidity conditions will continue for transmission. Centre may have to continue with its disinvestments and investment boosting measures to increase growth trajectory.

INR to remain stable: INR rose by 0.8% in Sep'19 after depreciating sharply by (-) 3.6% in Aug'19. This was on the back of FII inflows of US\$ 681mn, even as oil prices rose marginally in the month. Though INR has depreciated marginally by (-) 0.3% in Oct'19, lower oil prices will be positive for INR. In addition, subdued domestic demand, higher FDI inflows and a reversal in FII outflows implies that INR is likely to remain in the range of 70-72/\$, with an appreciation bias. A sharp increase in global oil prices and depreciation in CNY remain a key risk to our view.

Note: The source for all exhibits is 'CEIC and Bank of Baroda' unless otherwise specified



BUY

TP: Rs 1,550 | ▲26%

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Miss on asset quality: IIB's exposure to stressed groups declined to 1.1% in Q2 (1.7% in Q1) and is expected to dip further to 0.8% in Q3 given repayments. But overall slippages (ex-technical) climbed to Rs 9.6bn vs. Rs 7.3bn in Q1. Also, SMA-2 loans rose to Rs 11.4bn (0.58% of loans) vs. Rs 3.2bn (0.17%) in Q1.

GNPA in the MFI segment rose to 0.94% (vs. 0.61% in Q1) given floods across multiple states. However, repayments have begun and collection efficiency in the portfolio is back to 98-99%. IIB has signed inter-creditor agreements for 0.18% of loans and, barring the vehicle finance (VF) portfolio, recognises NPAs on a daily basis across segments.

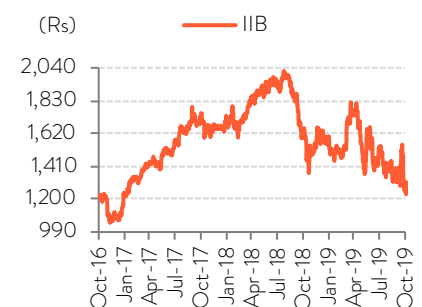
Loan growth moderates: Loan growth at 21% YoY was the lowest in recent times. IIB's VF book grew 21% YoY and non-VF retail was up 18% while MFI grew 23%. Corporate loans grew ~14% on average but with repayments and sale of assets worth Rs 30bn (Rs 60bn in Q1), overall growth slipped to ~7% YoY.

Maintain BUY with revised TP of Rs 1,550: We pare FY20-FY22 EPS by 12-20% to factor in slower growth and a marginal rise in credit costs. We now value the stock at 2.3x Sep'21E BV to arrive at a TP of Rs 1,550 (vs. Rs 1,850).

Ticker/Price	IIB IN/Rs 1,229
Market cap	US\$ 10.4bn
Shares o/s	603mn
3M ADV	US\$ 109.7mn
52wk high/low	Rs 1,834/Rs 1,188
Promoter/FPI/DII	17%/52%/31%

Source: NSE

STOCK PERFORMANCE



Source: NSE

KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19P	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Net interest income (Rs mn)	74,974	88,462	121,131	141,941	177,991
NII growth (%)	23.7	18.0	36.9	17.2	25.4
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	36,060	33,011	54,079	69,042	89,751
EPS (Rs)	60.2	54.9	82.5	97.5	126.8
P/E (x)	20.4	22.4	14.9	12.6	9.7
P/BV (x)	3.1	2.8	2.4	2.0	1.7
ROA (%)	1.8	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.8
ROE (%)	16.2	13.1	17.2	17.2	18.7

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



ADD
 TP: Rs 2,230 | ▲ 11%

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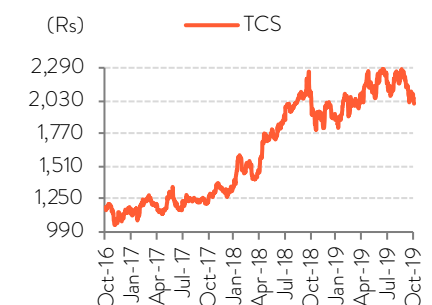
Operating performance misses the mark for second straight quarter: TCS reported a soft Q2FY19 with 1.6% QoQ CC revenue growth and largely flat EBIT margins vs. our/consensus estimates of 2.6% QoQ CC growth and ~120bps QoQ margin improvement. The revenue miss stemmed from continued weakness in the BFSI and retail verticals, while a double whammy from cost-revenue mismatch and the absence of currency tailwinds cramped margins.

Ticker/Price	TCS IN/Rs 2,004
Market cap	US\$ 105.9bn
Shares o/s	3,753mn
3M ADV	US\$ 76.4mn
52wk high/low	Rs 2,296/Rs 1,784
Promoter/FPI/DII	72%/17%/11%

Source: NSE

Soft showing in BFSI and retail yet again: TCS posted just 1.2% QoQ growth in BFSI and a 0.8% decline in retail (in US\$ terms). Management highlighted increasing stress in North American capital markets and at European banks that hurt BFSI performance, while broad-based weakness and delayed deal closures hurt retail performance.

STOCK PERFORMANCE



Source: NSE

Healthy deal wins and industry-low attrition were the bright spots: Deal wins at US\$ 6.4bn were the highest for the company in the last six quarters. Similarly, BFSI engagements at US\$ 2.2bn also marked a six-quarter high. LTM attrition at 11.6%, up 10bps QoQ, was stable and one of the lowest in the industry.

KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19A	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	12,31,040	14,64,630	15,62,041	16,87,009	18,56,580
EBITDA (Rs mn)	3,25,160	3,95,050	4,14,138	4,56,047	5,01,944
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	2,58,260	3,15,240	3,21,615	3,53,699	3,93,304
Adj. EPS (Rs)	67.1	84.0	85.7	94.3	104.8
Adj. EPS growth (%)	0.6	25.3	2.0	10.0	11.2
Adj. ROAE (%)	29.3	35.5	32.7	30.5	29.1
Adj. P/E (x)	29.9	23.9	23.4	21.3	19.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	23.0	18.9	18.0	16.0	14.2

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



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...but CY19 outlook toned down: ISG expects managed services (50% of 9MCY19 ACV) to grow 2.6% in CY19 vs. 3.6% forecast earlier on account of currency headwinds and likely topline weakness at a few of the large service providers. The growth outlook for 'software-as-a-service' (50% of 9MCY19 ACV) has been raised slightly to 22.2% from 22%.

Other highlights: (1) Digital as Default continues. About 48% of transactions awarded in Q3CY19 had digital-based scope vs. 38% in Q3CY18. Also, the size of digital-based contracts continues to trend up – 9MCY19 average ACV of digital-based awards stood at US\$ 18.2mn, an increase of 14% YoY.

(2) Talent availability limits largescale insourcing but select few instances continue. The trend of 'IT getting closer to business' underpins the insourcing moves of clients. However, constrained (digital) talent availability and the disconnect between cost and capability limit large-scale insourcing.

(3) Incumbency not an advantage. As per ISG, 66% of managed service deal renewals underwent competitive renegotiations where incumbents lost some or all of the scope in 70% of such renegotiations. Moreover, the larger the deal size, the higher the risk of loss for incumbents.

Our view: While frequent revisions to the ISG index base make us cautious on data interpretation, the mixed signals from its Q3CY19 index are similar to those from recent industry newsflow. Challenges in traditional sourcing and opportunities in the digital field continue to shape demand trends for the IT services industry. We remain optimistic on the sector's long-term growth prospects, but see near-term headwinds from accelerating global trade tensions and flagging economic growth. We stay selective and prefer HCL Tech and TCS among large-caps and NIIT Tech and Mphasis among mid-caps.

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TECHM IN	709	660	REDUCE
LTI IN	1,477	1,910	BUY
MPHL IN	909	1,150	BUY
MTCL IN	725	670	SELL
HEXW IN	356	390	ADD
PSYS IN	567	630	REDUCE
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ECLX IN	397	490	SELL

Price & Target in Rupees



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