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Today's Highlights

• Firstsource Q2FY09 results are lower than expectations

Corporate News

- Axon shareholders okay HCL Tech offer, 650pence/share deal awaits court nod.
- ONGC: Strikes oil in KG nomination block.
- Tata Chem: Ties up funds to retire debt for US buy.
- Sterlite: May lose 23000 tonnes of copper after shutdown.
- Bhel. BEL plan integrated photovoltaic facility.
- Titan Inds: To open 300 outlets in next 3yrs across country.
- Suzion: To sell promoter's stake in cos here to PE firms.
- JK Cement: Its UAE project in limbo

Other News

- 21st Nov : Cash FII -\$127mn (MTD -\$600mn) Local NA (MTD -\$296mn)
- 24th Nov : FII F&O NIFTY -\$1mn Stk Fut +\$17mn
- *Provisional #s for Cash on 24th Nov FII -\$112mn MF +\$45mn

BSE 30 valuations

	Index	МСар	ap EPS (INR)			P/E (x)			
	Value	(\$bn)	FY07	FY08e	FY09e	FY07	FY08e	FY09e	
BSE-30 Index	8,903	269	647	857	923	13.8	10.4	9.6	
growth (%)				32.4	7.7				
Ex Financials		232	670	876	933	13.3	10.2	9.5	
growth (%)				30.7	6.6				
Ex Oil&Gas		204	593	786	867	15.0	11.3	10.3	
growth (%)				32.5	10.3				

Note: Index valuation not adjusted for free float

Indian ADR

	Price US\$	1D Chg %	Volume	Prem/Disc %
Infosys	25	8.71	4,147,447	3.77
Dr Reddy	8	0.84	369,981	-3.10
MTNL	3	7.42	396,532	8.46
Wipro	7	14.97	1,048,653	58.20
HDFC Bank	55	12.96	974,351	9.07
ICICI Bank	14	6.49	4,028,668	7.47
Satyam	13	8.56	2,168,147	38.86
VSNL	19	27.41	754,613	15.83
Sterlite	5	3.86	660,505	5.79

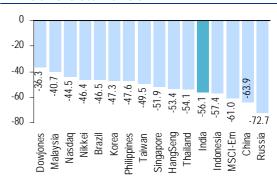
Source: Bloomberg, MF Global India Research

	Latest	1d %	1m %	Ytd %
Indices				
BSE 30	8,903	-0.14	2.3	-56.1
Nifty	2,708	0.55	4.8	-55.9
CNX Midcap	3,286	-0.36	-3.7	-64.3
Nasdaq	1,472	6.33	-5.2	-44.5
Nikkei	8,205	3.72	7.3	-46.4
DJIA	8,443	4.93	0.8	-36.3
Commodities				
Crude (\$/barrel)	54	-1.1	-16.0	-43.8
Gold (\$/troy oz)	814	-0.6	11.7	-2.8
Copper (cents/lb)	167	6.0	-0.5	-45.0
Aluminium (\$/Ton)	1,752	2.9	-8.6	-25.7
Zinc (US\$/metric ton)	1,215	2.7	7.0	-48.4
Rubber (JPY/kg)	564	-4.1	5.2	-57.6
Currencies				
Rs/US\$	49.7	0.7	0.3	-20.8
US\$/EUR	1.3	0.8	-2.8	12.0
US\$/JPY	96.6	0.8	-4.1	-4.1
Bond				
10 year	7.1	-0.8	-9.3	-9.7

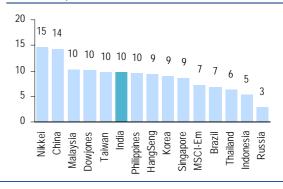
Net Institutional Investments (US\$ mn)

	Latest	1d	Mtd	Cytd
FIIs	-127	-163	-752	-13,277
MFs	6	-24	-491	3,126

YTD returns: Global Markets



Current P/E, x: Global Markets



India: Cash equities and derivatives — last 10 days flows and volumes

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	median	6-Nov-08	7-Nov-08	10-Nov-08	11-Nov-08	12-Nov-08	14-Nov-08	17-Nov-08	18-Nov-08	19-Nov-08	20-Nov-08
Net Inflows (US\$ mn)											
FII Cash equities	-79.7	-102.6	15.0	33.6	-66.1	-152.5	-139.9	-156.7	-91.5	-51.6	-162.6
MF Cash equities	-8.2	-25.3	-17.1	106.7	-150.6	-12.1	-62.2	-76.4	-9.1	-10.2	-19.8
FII Futures & Option	-4.3	-65.0	-3.9	9.2	-22.5	-18.1	-20.5	-7.8	-34.1	8.8	-55.3
Total (cash+F&O)	-92.2	-192.9	-6.0	149.5	-239.2	-182.7	-222.6	-240.9	-134.6	-52.9	-237.6
Cash Equities Volumes (US\$ mn)											
FII Cash equities	1,153	525	665	625	562	987	776	537	801	531	531
MF Cash Equities	271	189	107	232	271	157	191	190	140	182	130
Others Cash Equities*	2,099	2,411	1,896	1,882	1,776	1,672	1,984	1,739	1,348	1,856	1,479
Total Cash equities	3,522	3,126	2,667	2,740	2,609	2,817	2,951	2,466	2,289	2,568	2,141
FII vol as % of total vol	32.7	16.8	24.9	22.8	21.5	35.0	26.3	21.8	35.0	20.7	24.8
MF vol as % of total vol	7.7	6.1	4.0	8.5	10.4	5.6	6.5	7.7	6.1	7.1	6.1
Others vol as % of total vol*	59.6	77.1	71.1	68.7	68.1	59.4	67.2	70.5	58.9	72.2	69.1
Cash equities % of India Mcap	0.41	0.50	0.41	0.40	0.42	0.46	0.49	0.42	0.41	0.47	0.40
Derivatives Volumes (USDm)											
Total F&O	10,497	9,192	7,755	6,395	8,393	10,060	8,464	8,351	8,716	8,338	7,604
F&O % of India Mcap	1.20	1.46	1.21	0.94	1.34	1.65	1.41	1.43	1.55	1.53	1.43
F&O vol times cash equity vol	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.3	3.2	3.6	2.9	3.4	3.8	3.2	3.6
FII Open Interest	12,239	6,675	7,057	7,613	7,218	6,729	6,667	6,572	6,288	6,130	6,203
Total Open Interest	15,645	8,618	9,459	10,433	9,575	8,951	11,154	9,182	9,102	8,693	8,493
Total OI % of India Mcap	1.62	1.37	1.47	1.54	1.52	1.47	1.86	1.57	1.62	1.60	1.60

^{*}Others include Retail segment and institutions other than FIIs and Domestic MFs

Source: SEBI, BSE, NSE and MF Global India Research

Firstsource Q2FY09 results are lower than expectations

- o Revenues from BPO services grew by 6.8% qoq to Rs. 4290mn, while Total revenues including other operating income grew by 4.2% to Rs. 4249.8mn.
- \$ term revenues grew by 1.3% qoq, while that excluding cross currency movement, \$term revenues grew by 3%qoq, reflecting sluggish growth in the erstwhile fast growing BFSI vertical.
- Operating margins expanded by 40bps mainly due to reduction in SG&A expenses.
- PAT excluding the impact of the FCCB translation degrew by 13.9% qoq to Rs. 259mn, mainly due to higher interest cost (Rs. 51.7mn interest on FCCB) and a net loss in other income (Rs. 45.15mn) due to higher forex losss.
- The management has revised its \$ term revenue growth guidance downwards to 21%yoy as against its earlier guidance of 33-38%yoy growth.
- o Added 1223 people during the quarter, attrition was at 45% as ramp down continues in 2 of its BFSI clients.
- We believe that BFSI vertical is unlikely to show growth in the second half, while telecom and Health care verticals growing at moderate growth rates, there would be further downgrades to our estimates
- Currently we have a Neutral rating on the stock.

Rs mn	Q2FY09	Q1FY09	QoQ(%)
Net sales	4290	4016	6.8%
Total Income	4250	4079	
Operating expenses	3605	3474	
EBITDA	645	605	6.5%
Margins (%)	15%	15%	
Depreciation	212	223	
EBIT	433	382	13.4%
Margins (%)	10%	9%	
Interest Paid	0	0	
Other income	-45	17	
Pre-tax profit	331	376	
Tax provided	73	74	
Profit after tax	283	-500	
Man Net profit	259	301	-13.9%
EPS, Rs	0.42	0.49	

Source: Company

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