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Sector: Technology (Software Services)

<u>Update</u>

<u>Downgrade</u>

Mahindra Satyam Computer Services Ltd. (SCS.IN/SATY.BO)

Market perform with Underperform bias

CMP: Rs. 91.3, Mkt. Cap: Rs.107.4 bn, \$2.4 bn (Oct. 1,'10) Relevant Index: CNX Nifty: 6,143.4 (Oct. 1,'10)

The disappointing numbers increase probability of an adverse merger ratio vis-à-vis Tech Mahindra

Business outlook, salary hikes & higher attrition rate to limit significant margin recovery ahead...

Last report's recommendation: Buy (MP: Rs. 108.5, Dec.10' 09) Relevant Index: CNX Nifty: 5,134.7 (Dec.10' 09) Relative performance since last rating change (Jun 9,'09) Nifty: Up 35.0% Mahindra Satyam: Up 36.7%

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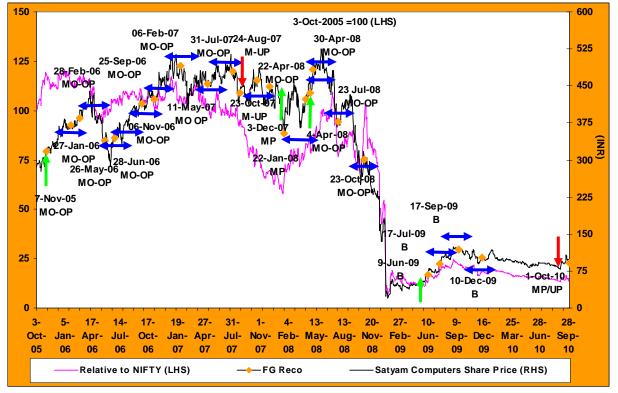
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Represents an Upgrade Represents a Downgrade Represents Reiteration of Existing Rating

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Financial Snapshot

Key Financials									
YE March (Rs. mn)	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11E	FY12E				
Total Revenues	84,735	88,126	54,810	59,360	65,092				
Revenue Growth (Y-o-Y)	30.7%	4.0%	(37.8%)	8.3%	9.7%				
EBIDTA	18,348	3,017	4,569	7,746	9,248				
EBIDTA Growth (Y-o-Y)	19.3%	NA	51.4%	69.5%	19.4%				
Net Profit	16,879	(81,768)	(1,246)	5,913	7,157				
Net Profit Growth (Y-o-Y)	20.2%	NA	NA	NA	21.0%				
Net Profit Excl. extra-ordinaries	16,879	(1,848)	2,923	5,913	7,157				
Net Profit Growth Excl. extra-ordinaries (Y-o-Y)	20.2%	NA	NA	102.3%	21.0%				
Shareholders Equity	72,392	(8,800)	18,809	25,294	34,147				
Adjusted number of Diluted shares (mn)	683	674	1,176	1,176	1,176				
				NA – Not	Applicable				

Key Operating Ratios								
YE March	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11E	FY12E			
Diluted EPS (Rs.)	24.71	(121.33)	(1.06)	5.03	6.08			
Diluted EPS Growth (Y-o-Y)	17.8%	NA	NA	NA	21.0%			
Diluted EPS Excl. extra-ordinaries (Rs.)	24.71	(2.74)	2.48	5.03	6.08			
Diluted EPS Excl. extra-ordinaries Growth (Y-o-Y)	17.8%	NA	NA	102.3%	21.0%			
CEPS Excl. extra-ordinaries (Rs.)	27.1	2.1	4.3	6.9	8.1			
EBIDTA (%)	21.7%	3.4%	8.3%	13.0%	14.2%			
NPM (%) Excl. extra-ordinaries	19.9%	NA	5.3%	10.0%	11.0%			
Tax/PBT (%)	12.0%	NA	NA	12.0%	12.0%			
RoE (%) Excl. extra-ordinaries	25.5%	NA	58.4%	26.8%	24.1%			
RoCE (%) Excl. extra-ordinaries	25.3%	NA	15.3%	17.7%	17.4%			
Book Value Per share (Rs.)	106.0	NA	16.0	21.5	29.0			
Debt/Equity (x)	0.03x	NA	0.02x	0.02x	0.01x			
Dividend Payout Ratio (%)	13.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
				NA – Not	Applicable			

Free Cash Flow Analysis									
YE March (Rs. mn)	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11E	FY12E				
Operating Cash Flows	9,205	15,105	5,762	5,665	7,870				
Capex	6,207	2,857	-379	1,000	1,000				
Total Free Cash Flows	3,864	NA	1680	4,990	7,271				
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YE March	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11E	FY12E		
P/E (x)				18.2x	15.0x		
P/BV (x)				4.2x	3.1x		
P/CEPS (x)				13.1x	11.2x		
EV/EBIDTA (x)				10.2x	7.5x		
Market Cap./ Sales (x)				1.8x	1.6x		

Source: FG Estimates, Company Reports

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Market Cap. and Enterprise Value Data as on Oct 01,2010

Current Market Price (Rs.)		91
No. of Basic Shares (mn)		1,176
	Rs mn	US\$ mn
Market Cap	107,402	2,391
Total Debt*	422	9
Cash & Cash Equivalents*	28,036	624
Enterprise Value	79,788	1,776
* Debt & Cash & Cash Equivalents as of FY 10, INR Exchange Rate 44.92	,	

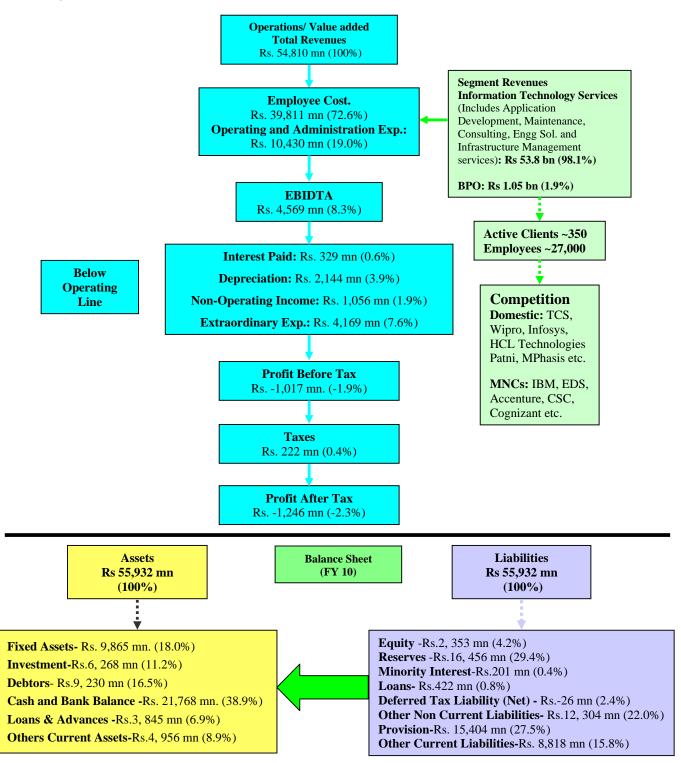
	DuPont Model									
YE March	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11E	FY12E					
EBIDTA/Sales (%)	21.7%	3.4%	8.3%	13.0%	14.2%					
Sales/Operating Assets (x)	3.1x	4.3x	8.2x	12.6x	16.3x					
EBIDTA/Operating Assets (%)	67.7%	14.8%	68.5%	165.0%	231.0%					
Operating Assets/ Net Assets(x)	0.4x	0.5x	0.3x	0.1x	0.1x					
Net Earnings/ EBIDTA (%)	92.0%	NA	64.0%	76.3%	77.4%					
Net Assets/ Equity (x)	1.0x	1.3x	4.3x	1.6x	1.4x					
Return on Equity (%)	25.5%	NA	58.4%	26.8%	24.1%					
	NA – Not Applicable									

Commor	Common Sized Profit & Loss Account								
YE March	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11E	FY12E				
Total Revenues	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%				
Less:									
Cost of Revenues	62.1%	68.9%	72.6%	69.0%	67.8%				
Operating and Administration Expenses	16.2%	27.7%	19.0%	18.0%	18.0%				
EBIDTA	21.7%	3.4%	8.3%	13.0%	14.2%				
Depreciation	1.9%	3.7%	3.9%	3.8%	3.7%				
Interest Paid	0.2%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%				
Non-Operating Income	3.2%	0.7%	1.9%	2.6%	2.4%				
Extraordinary Expense	0.0%	90.7%	7.6%	0.0%	0.0%				
Profit Before Tax	22.6%	NA	NA	11.3%	12.5%				
Tax	2.7%	1.8%	0.4%	1.4%	1.5%				
Net Profit	19.9%	NA	NA	10.0%	11.0%				
Net Profit Excl. extra-ordinaries	19.9%	NA	5.3%	10.0%	11.0%				
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Source: FG Estimates, Company Reports

Mahindra Satyam's Business in Pictures

(All figures are in Rs. Mn except where stated otherwise) All percentages are percent of revenues, unless Otherwise stated)





Reasons for Downgrade...

- Mahindra Satyam announced its numbers for FY09 and FY10, but did not provide any quarterly numbers and operating metrics (apart from number of employees & active clients). This does not provide much clarity regarding the company's performance and makes it very difficult to gauge the pace of recovery, going forward. A number of important questions still remain unanswered and the focus has now once again shifted to November 15, 2010
- The company posted a net profit and EPS (excluding extraordinaries) of Rs.2.92 bn and Rs.2.48 for FY10, which was much lower than our estimates of Rs.6.56 bn and Rs.5.6 respectively. This was in spite of its broadly meeting our revenue expectations.
- > The EBITDA margin for FY09 and FY10 came in at 3.4% and 8.3% respectively, which were well below our as well as the Street's expectations
- > The recent salary hikes undertaken by the company in order to curb rising attrition prevalent across the IT industry will limit any significant margin recovery ahead, despite the benefits of higher utilization and reduction in other overhead costs
- > In spite of a significant recovery in the overall demand environment for IT services witnessed in the last couple of quarters, Mahindra Satyam may face an uphill task in driving a recovery in its revenue and profitability
- > Most important, the adverse picture for Mahindra Satyam increases the risk of an adverse merger ratio vis-à-vis Tech Mahindra



The Story...

Mahindra Satyam Computer Services Ltd. (SCS.IN/SATY.BO) submitted its restated numbers for FY09 and FY10, without disclosing its quarterly numbers, and has indicated that the numbers for Q1 FY11 and Q2 FY11 will be out on November 15, 2010, which will provide clarity over the company's pace of recovery and future earnings growth. The company reported revenue of \$1.16 bn for FY10, which was in line with our as well as the Street's expectations. Total revenue for FY10

stood at Rs.54.8 bn, down 37.8 % Y-o-Y, and at Rs.88.13 for FY09. The EBITDA for FY10 came in at Rs.4.57 bn, up 51.4% Y-o-Y, and at Rs.3.02 for FY09. The EBITDA margin for FY09 and FY10 stood at 3.4% and 8.3% respectively, which were below our estimates, though there was a significant expansion of 490 bps in the EBIDTA margin for FY10 and we expect it to recover to the above 10% level in FY11E. For FY10, the company posted a loss of Rs.1.24 bn, while the profit, excluding extraordinaries, came in at Rs.2.92 bn. The diluted EPS for FY10 stood at Rs.-1.06, while the diluted EPS, excluding extraordinaries, came in at Rs.2.48. Mahindra

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Satyam incurred an extraordinary expense of Rs.79.9 bn and Rs.4.16 bn in FY09 and FY10, which were related to the fees paid for forensic investigations and litigation, restructuring expenses, erosion in the value of subsidiaries and prior period adjustments related to the scam. The company had cash & cash equivalents amounting to Rs.21.8 bn at the end of FY10. The company's total loans outstanding stood at Rs.422 mn in FY10. Management has indicated that the company had an active client base of around 350 clients in FY10 (as against less than 500 in FY09) and have added 44 new clients in FY10. Management has disclosed that the company had 45,000 employees at the end of FY09, which was reduced to 27,000 in FY10, and it planned to add 3,000 employees in FY11E.

Mahindra Satyam's latest announcement appears encouraging and we believe that the company has done a credible job in terms of account restatement and cost control in FY10, thus placing itself firmly on the path to recovery. The disclosure of its financials now places Mahindra Satyam in a better position to bid for larger deals. However, the lack of disclosure on the operating metrics front

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(apart from the number of employees & active clients) and the absence of a clear view on the current business outlook, as well as pace of recovery, have come as a disappointment. Management has further indicated that the company is adding new clients and the client losses in the past were not very significant. In fact, Mahindra Satyam has added new client across all the predominant geographies and verticals (including wins from financial services customers in the US & Germany and a financial regulator in the Asia Pacific & UID project in India), which indicates that the company's core business strength remains intact and it is well poised for growth, going forward. We believe that the worst for Mahindra Satyam is now over and the company is all set to achieve a turnaround. However, in spite of a significant recovery in the overall demand environment for IT services witnessed

in the last couple of quarters, we believe that Mahindra Satyam faces an uphill task in driving a recovery in its revenue and profitability. Moreover, the improvement in the industry's growth

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prospects has led to an increase in employee attrition across the industry (evident from the sharp rise in attrition in recent quarters witnessed by all IT majors), which forced Mahindra Satyam to hike salaries by 25-30% in January 2010, thereby impacting its margins for FY10. We expect the salary hikes and higher attrition rate to limit any significant margin recovery ahead, despite the benefits of increased utilization and reduction in other overhead costs. Hence, we are making a downward

revision to our revenue and EPS estimates. For FY11, we now estimate net revenue of Rs.59.4 bn and an EPS of Rs.5.03, as against our previous estimated EPS of Rs.8.6 on revenue of Rs.75.8 bn. We expect the company's net revenue to increase 9.7% to Rs.65.1 bn and the EPS to come in at Rs.6.08 for FY12E. The stock currently trades at a P/E and EV/EBITDA multiple of 18.2x and 10.2x FY11E earnings respectively. In view of the higher than expected margin pressure in FY10 and lower future visibility due to non-disclosure of the company's quarterly numbers and operating metrics plus the risk of an adverse merger ratio vis-à-vis Tech Mahindra, we now downgrade Mahindra Satyam from Buy to Market Perform with Underperform bias.

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Company	YE		PS RS)	I	P/E	P	/S	P/I	BV	EV/S	Sales	EV/EF	BITDA	EBITDA (%)	RoE (%)	RoCE (%)	EPS	Annual Sales Growth
		FY11E	FY12E	FY11F	E FY12E	FY11E	FY12E	FY11E	FY12E	FY11E	FY12E	FY11E	FY12E	FY11E	FY11E	FY11E	(12/11)	(12/11)
MAHINDRA SATYAM	Mar	5.0	6.1	18.2	15.0	1.8	1.6	4.2	3.1	1.3	1.0	10.2	7.5	13.0%	26.8%	17.7%	21.0%	9.7%
TCS	Mar	40.3	46.1	23.9	20.9	5.3	4.5	7.2	5.9	5.3	4.5	18.0	15.4	29.4%	31.7%	30.3%	14.4%	17.0%
INFOSYS	Mar	124.4	146.6	24.9	21.2	6.4	5.4	6.3	5.2	5.9	4.8	17.3	14.2	34.0%	26.7%	26.7%	17.8%	18.6%
WIPRO	Mar	22.9	25.9	20.2	17.8	3.6	3.0	4.7	3.7	3.4	2.8	14.7	12.1	23.5%	25.5%	20.5%	13.0%	18.6%
HCLTECH	Jun	23.5	28.5	18.3	15.1	2.0	1.7	3.8	3.4	2.0	1.6	10.0	8.4	19.5%	20.7%	14.5%	21.1%	15.5%

Comparative Valuation

Source: FG Estimates



Restated FY09- FY10 (Consolidated) P&L Numbers

YE March (Rs. mn)	FY09	FY10	Y-o-Y change %
Total Revenue	88,126	54,810	(37.8%)
Less:			
Cost of Revenues	60,737	39,811	(34.5%)
Operating and Administration Expenses	24,372	10,430	(57.2%)
Total Cost	85,109	50,241	(41.0%)
EBIDTA	3,017	4,569	51.4%
Interest Paid	621	329	(47.0%)
Less: Depreciation	3,263	2,144	(34.3%)
Non-operating Income	631	1,056	67.4%
Extraordinary Expense	79,920	4,169	(94. 8%)
Profit Before Tax	(80,156)	(1,017)	NA
Profit Before Tax Excl. extra-ordinaries	(236)	3,152	NA
Tax	1,590	222	(86.0%)
Profit After Tax before Minority Interest	(81,746)	(1,239)	NA
Minority Interest	(22)	(7)	NA
Profit After Tax	(81,768)	(1,246)	NA
Profit After Tax Excl. extra-ordinaries	(1,848)	2,923	NA
Diluted EPS (Rs.)	-121.33	-1.06	NA
Diluted EPS Excl. extraordinaries (Rs.)	-2.74	2.48	NA
Diluted No of Share (mn)	674	1,176	74.6%
Margins %			Change in bps
EBIDTA Margin (%)	3.4%	8.3%	491
PBT Margin (%)	-91.0%	-1.9%	NA
NPM (%)	-92.8%	-2.3%	NA
NPM Excl. extra-ordinaries (%)	-2.1%	5.3%	NA
Effective Tax Rate (%)	-2.0%	-21.8%	NA
Source: Company Reports		NA	– Not Applicable

	FY09	FY10
Expenses related to restructuring/right sizing	0	934
Expenses related to forensic investigation & litigation support	832	1,068
Provision for Doubtful Debts Advances	4,191	0
Impairment of Assets Erosion in value of Assets in subsidiaries	7,719	2,167
Provision for contingencies	4,750	0
Prior Period Items	62,428	0
Total	79,920	4,169

Exceptional Item Break-up for FY09 and FY10

Source: Company Reports



IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

Price Target

Price targets (if any) are derived from a subjective and/or quantitative analysis of financial and non financial data of the concerned company using a combination of P/E, P/Sales, earnings growth, discounted cash flow (DCF) and its stock price history.

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- Change in the economic climate/legislation in favour of Indian offshore development in the countries where the company provides its services
- > Higher than expected ease in billing rate pressure from clients
- **Fluctuation on US\$-Rupee exchange rate**
- > No Salary and wage inflation & lower employee attrition
- > Availability of tax holidays and incentives from Government of India
- Favourable decision in legal cases (Caterpillar Inc., Bridge strategy group, S&V Management consultant, Venture Global, U.S. Class action Law Suit.)



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(i) Buy(B) – This rating means that we expect the stock price to move up and achieve our specified price target, if any, over the specified time period.

(*ii*) *Buy at Declines* (*BD*) – *This rating means that we expect the stock to provide a better (lower) entry price and then move up and achieve our specified price target, if any, over the specified time period.*

(iii) **Outperform** (**OP**) – This is a relative rating, which means that we expect the stock price to outperform the specified market/sector index over the specified time period.

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(i) Hold (H) – This rating means that we expect no substantial move in the stock price over the specified time period.

(ii) Marketperform (MP) – This is a relative rating, which means that we expect the stock price to perform in line with the performance of the specified market/sector index over the specified time period.

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