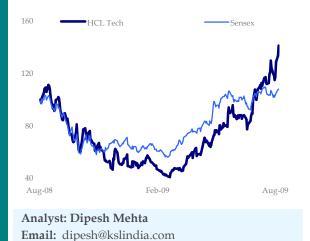


# HCL Technologies Limited

August 26, 2009

| Ratings                   |                 |             |            |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| CMP 3                     | Recom           | mendation   | REDUCE     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Target 2                  | 290 <b>Risk</b> |             | MEDIUM     |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |                 |             |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bloomberg Consensus       |                 |             |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| (BUY/HOLD/SELL) 13 / 10 / |                 |             |            |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |                 |             |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sens                      |                 | Nifty       | BSE IT     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15,6                      | 588             | 4,659       | 4,134      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Codes                     |                 |             |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| BSE                       | NSE             | U           | Reuters    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 532281                    | HCLTECH         | HCLT IB     | HCLT.BO    |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |                 |             |            |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |                 | Sensex      | HCL Tech   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 52 Wk: Hi/L               |                 | ,002/7,697  | 315/89     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Life High                 | 21,0            | 608- Jan 08 | 755-Feb 00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| P/E                       |                 | 20.39       | 20.63      |  |  |  |  |  |
| P/BV                      |                 | 3.79        | 5.90       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dividend Yi               |                 | 1.22        | 2.91       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mkt Cap (IN               |                 | 52,071,171  | 205,767    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equity (INR               | Mn)             | -           | 1,341      |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |                 |             |            |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           | ng Pattern %    | Mar-09      | Jun-09     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign                   |                 | 18.81       | 19.83      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Institutions              |                 | 5.13        | 4.84       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Corporate                 |                 | 2.87        | 2.53       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Promoters                 |                 | 68.20       | 68.16      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public & Oth              | ners            | 4.99        | 4.64       |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |                 |             |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Returns                   | Abs             | Relati      | ve to      |  |  |  |  |  |
| (%)                       | Perf            | Sensex      | BSE IT     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 Month                   | 28.75           | 26.71       | 20.01      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 Months                  | 91.40           | 75.95       | 46.08      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 Year                    | 41.61           | 33.28       | 35.48      |  |  |  |  |  |

#### **Relative Price Performance**



- 4Q revenue grew by 7.6% well above expectations
- 4Q EBIT margin improved by ~160 bps sequentially
- Net Income at Rs 3,303 mn; up 134.3% yoy, 51.7% qoq
- Interim dividend of Rs 1, totaling Rs 7 for FY09

HCL Tech reported 7.6% sequential growth in USD revenues to USD 607.2 mn higher than our estimates. Large deals won during the first 9 months have seen higher than expected ramp ups which contributed additional USD ~20 mn. Reported net income of USD 68.9 mn remained higher than our estimates, largely due to better revenue growth and lower forex losses.

HCL Tech has inked contracts worth USD  $\sim$ 1.5 bn in first three quarters of FY09, however management commented that deal flow sees slowdown in 4Q and thereafter. Management expects growth to return in mid-2010.

The stock has run-up over 90% in the last three months, outperforming broader market by ~75%. We believe recent stock price run-up, softness in EAS, deal flow slowdown and likely forex loss of USD 127 mn in FY10 would limit stock performance relative to sector going forward. We continue to prefer Infosys and TCS over HCL Tech. We maintain REDUCE rating on the stock with a revised target price of Rs 290 at 12x FY11E earnings.

## Consolidated results for the quarter ended June 30, 2009

- Revenues at Rs 29,085 mn; up 34.7% yoy and 1.6% qoq
- EBIT at Rs 5,244 mn; up 26.8% yoy and 11.9% qoq
- Net Income at Rs 3,303 mn; up 134.3% yoy, 51.7% qoq

## Consolidated results for the year ended June 30, 2009

- Revenues up by 40% to Rs 105,910 mn
- EBIT up by 40.9% to Rs 18,571 mn
- Net Income up by 13.6% to Rs 12,777 mn

## **Key Ratios: Comparison**

|          | CMP   | Cash/ | EV/EB | P/S | P/E  | EBIDTA | ROCE | ROE  |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|------|------|
|          | (INR) | Share | IDTA  |     |      | (%)    | (%)  | (%)  |
| HCL Tech | 307   | 17    | 9.2   | 2.0 | 15.7 | 20.2   | 41.1 | 25.5 |
| Infosys  | 2,095 | 197   | 8.9   | 5.7 | 20.7 | 33.3   | 39.5 | 37.4 |
| TCS      | 528   | 22    | 6.9   | 3.9 | 20.4 | 25.8   | 45.0 | 37.8 |
| Wipro    | 544   | 45    | 6.6   | 3.2 | 20.9 | 20.9   | 35.4 | 30.8 |

Source: Bloomberg, Khandwala Research

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## **Financial Summary**

| Descriptions (INR Mn) | FY07   | FY08   | FY09    | FY10E   | FY11E   |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenues              | 60,337 | 75,670 | 105,910 | 120,874 | 132,110 |
| EBIT                  | 10,837 | 13,182 | 18,571  | 21,146  | 21,969  |
| Profit Before Tax     | 15,261 | 12,538 | 15,294  | 14,983  | 19,619  |
| Net Income            | 13,666 | 11,248 | 12,777  | 12,324  | 16,125  |
| EPS (INR)             | 20.7   | 16.9   | 19.1    | 18.3    | 24.0    |
| P/E                   | 14.8   | 18.2   | 16.1    | 16.7    | 12.8    |

## **Result Highlights**

#### **Revenue Growth**

| Factors                    | % Chg |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Volume Growth              | 2.7   |
| Increase in Infra Business | 1.2   |
| Favorable Exchange Rate    | 3.7   |
| Realization                | -0.1  |
| QoQ growth in USD terms    | 7.6   |

#### **Margin Movement**

| Factors           | EBITM (%) |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Efficiencies Gain | 2.2       |
| Exchange Rate     | -0.5      |
| Net Change        | 1.6       |

- ✓ Core Software Services: Segment revenue increased by 4.4% qoq to USD 441.5 mn. EBIT margin improved by ~220 bps sequentially to 19.4%. Software services headcount decrease by 538 sequentially, second consecutive quarterly decline.
- ✓ **Infrastructure Services:** Segment reported 25.4% sequential growth in USD terms. EBIT margin improved by ~40 bps sequentially to 16.4%. Infrastructure services headcount increased by 354 sequentially.
- ✓ **BPO:** Revenue grew by 3.9% sequentially to USD 58.6 mn. EBIT margin improved by ~20 bps sequentially to 10.8%. BPO headcount increased by 374 sequentially.
- ✓ Revenue Growth: Revenues grew by 7.6% sequentially to USD 607.2 mn. In constant currency, revenues grew by 3.9% sequentially.
- ✓ **EBIT Margin:** EBIT margin improve by ~160 bps sequentially, better than our expectations due to cost efficiency and lower depreciation and amortization charges.
- ✓ Clients: 37 new clients were added during the quarter. Top 5 clients contributed 20.6% of revenues and declined 2.4% on LTM basis. Top 20 clients declined by 0.8% on LTM basis, contributing 40.2% of revenues. Top 5, 10 and 20 clients grew by 2%, 6% and 8% sequentially however.
- ✓ **Hedging Position:** The Company has USD ~0.8 bn of outstanding hedging position at the end of quarter. The company has USD ~162 mn of forex losses residing in other comprehensive income line on the balance sheet, which would result into lower realization/MTM forex loss in the next 5-6 quarters.
- ✓ **Employee:** Net addition of 190 headcount during the quarter, taking total employee strength to 54,216 at the end of FY09.
- ✓ **Deal wins:** In the first three quarters of FY09, HCL has won large deals worth over USD 1.5 bn. However, deal flows see slowdown in 4Q.
- ✓ **Re-financing of debt for Axon acquisition:** The company has refinanced USD 585 mn debt taken for Axon acquisition through USD 300 mn foreign currency loan and Rs 1,000 crores rupee bonds in domestic market. The company has repaid USD 85 mn.



## **Hedging Position**

| Descriptions (USD Bn)            | Q4 '07 | Q1 '08 | Q2 '08 | Q3 ′08 | Q4 '08 | Q1 '09 | Q2′09 | Q3′09 | Q4′09 |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Hedge Positions (end of quarter) | 1.2    | 1.9    | 2.3    | 2.7    | 2.0    | 1.9    | 1.6   | 1.3   | 0.8   |
| Revenues                         | 0.4    | 0.4    | 0.5    | 0.5    | 0.5    | 0.5    | 0.5   | 0.6   | 0.6   |
| Hedge Positions / Revenues       | 2.9    | 4.3    | 5.0    | 5.7    | 4.0    | 3.8    | 3.1   | 2.4   | 1.3   |
| Closing Rate (INR / USD)         | 40.7   | 39.8   | 39.4   | 40.1   | 43.0   | 47.0   | 48.7  | 50.7  | 47.9  |

## **DSO Rising Steadily**

|     |    | FY | 06 |    |    | FY | 07 |    |    | FY | 08 |    |    | FY | (09 |    |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|
|     | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3  | Q4 |
| DSO | 78 | 75 | 77 | 70 | 77 | 70 | 68 | 69 | 77 | 72 | 77 | 79 | 80 | 82 | 83  | 84 |

## 4QFY09 and FY09 Financial Results

| Descriptions                       | Q4′09          | Q3′09  | Q-o-Q | Q4′08  | <i>Y-o-Y</i> | FY'09   | FY'08  | <i>Y-o-Y</i> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------|-------|--------|--------------|---------|--------|--------------|
| Y/E June (INR Mn)                  | Jun-09         | Mar-09 | % Chg | Jun-08 | % Chg        | Jun-09  | Jun-08 | % Chg        |
| Gross Revenues                     | 29,085         | 28,615 | 1.6   | 21,589 | 34.7         | 105,910 | 75,670 | 40.0         |
| Direct Costs                       | 18,136         | 18,009 | 0.7   | 12,910 | 40.5         | 65,483  | 46,877 | 39.7         |
| Gross Profits                      | 10,949         | 10,606 | 3.2   | 8,679  | 26.2         | 40,427  | 28,793 | 40.4         |
| GPM (%)                            | 37.6           | 37.1   |       | 40.2   |              | 38.2    | 38.1   |              |
| SG & A                             | 4,508          | 4,503  | 0.1   | 3,694  | 22.0         | 17,362  | 12,578 | 38.0         |
| EBITDA                             | 6,441          | 6,103  | 5.5   | 4,985  | 29.2         | 23,065  | 16,215 | 42.2         |
| EBIDTM (%)                         | 22.1           | 21.3   |       | 23.1   |              | 21.8    | 21.4   |              |
| Depreciation & Amortization        | 1,197          | 1,417  | -15.5 | 850    | 40.8         | 4,494   | 3,033  | 48.2         |
| EBIT                               | 5,244          | 4,686  | 11.9  | 4,135  | 26.8         | 18,571  | 13,182 | 40.9         |
| EBITM (%)                          | 18.0           | 16.4   |       | 19.2   |              | 17.5    | 17.4   |              |
| Cash Flow Hedge A/c gain/(loss)    | <i>-</i> 1,576 | -1,255 | 25.6  | 99     |              | -2,440  | 725    |              |
| Foreign Exchange gain/(loss)       | 690            | -761   |       | -2,999 |              | -2,461  | -3,067 | -19.8        |
| Other Income, Net                  | -116           | -24    | 383.3 | 355    | -132.7       | 1,624   | 1,698  | -4.4         |
| EBT                                | 4,242          | 2,646  | 60.3  | 1,590  | 166.8        | 15,294  | 12,538 | 22.0         |
| EBTM (%)                           | 14.6           | 9.2    |       | 7.4    |              | 14.4    | 16.6   |              |
| Provision for Tax                  | 935            | 485    | 92.8  | 203    | 360.6        | 2,544   | 1,271  | 100.2        |
| EAT                                | 3,307          | 2,161  | 53.0  | 1,387  | 138.4        | 12,750  | 11,267 | 13.2         |
| EATM (%)                           | 11.4           | 7.6    |       | 6.4    |              | 12.0    | 14.9   |              |
| Share from Equity Investments / MI | -4             | 17     |       | 23     |              | 27      | -19    |              |
| Net Income                         | 3,303          | 2,178  | 51.7  | 1,410  | 134.3        | 12,777  | 11,248 | 13.6         |
| NIM (%)                            | 11.4           | 7.6    |       | 6.5    |              | 12.1    | 14.9   |              |
| Equity                             | 1,341          | 1,340  |       | 1,333  |              | 1,341   | 1,333  |              |
| EPS (INR)                          | 4.9            | 3.3    | 51.5  | 2.1    | 132.9        | 19.1    | 16.9   | 12.9         |



## Consolidated revenues for the company grew by 3.9% sequentially to USD 586.2 mn in constant currency while 7.6% in reported currency to USD 607.2 mn

## Revenue by Vertical

In constant currency, BFSI, Manufacturing, Telecom, Retail & CPG, Media publishing & Entertainment, Life Sciences, Energy - Utilities - Public sector and others grew (qoq) by 6.8%, 7.5%, 6.4%, -0.6%, 18.4%, 7.7%, -12.8% and -14.7% respectively.

| Revenue by Vertical                | Q4′09  | Q3′09  | Q4′08  | Q-o-Q | <i>Y-o-Y</i> |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------------|
|                                    | Jun-09 | Mar-09 | Jun-08 | % Chg | % Chg        |
| BFSI                               | 24.8   | 23.6   | 27.3   | 13.1  | 9.9          |
| Manufacturing                      | 30.9   | 30.3   | 30.6   | 9.7   | 22.2         |
| Telecom                            | 12.5   | 12.1   | 16.0   | 11.1  | -5.4         |
| Retail & CPG                       | 6.6    | 6.9    | 8.8    | 2.9   | -9.2         |
| Media Publishing & Entertain.      | 5.6    | 5.0    | 5.6    | 20.5  | 21.0         |
| Life Sciences                      | 6.4    | 6.3    | 5.7    | 9.3   | 35.9         |
| Energy - Utilities - Public Sector | 7.6    | 8.9    | 1.5    | -8.1  | 513.2        |
| Others                             | 5.6    | 6.9    | 4.5    | -12.7 | 50.6         |
|                                    | 100.0  | 100.0  | 100.0  | 7.6   | 21.0         |

## **Service Offering Mix**

In constant currency, EAS, Engg. & R&D services, Custom application, Infrastructure services and BPO grew (qoq) by -0.7%, -5.1%, 7.9%, 21.3% and -3.1% respectively.

| Service Offering Mix           | Q4′09  | Q3′09  | Q4′08  | Q-o-Q | <i>Y-o-Y</i> |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------------|
|                                | Jun-09 | Mar-09 | Jun-08 | % Chg | % Chg        |
| Enterprise Application Service | 23.6   | 24.5   | 10.8   | 3.6   | 164.5        |
| Engg. & R&D Services           | 19.4   | 22.0   | 26.7   | -5.1  | -12.1        |
| Custom Application             | 29.7   | 28.4   | 36.1   | 12.5  | -0.4         |
| Infrastructure Services        | 17.6   | 15.1   | 15.2   | 25.4  | 40.1         |
| BPO Services                   | 9.7    | 10.0   | 11.2   | 4.4   | 4.8          |
|                                | 100.0  | 100.0  | 100.0  | 7.6   | 21.0         |

## **Geography Mix**

In constant currency, US, Europe, and Asia Pacific grew (qoq) by 3.8%, 1.6% and 9.4% respectively.

| Geography Mix | Q4′09  | Q3′09  | Q4′08  | Q- $o$ - $Q$ | Y-o-Y |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|-------|
|               | Jun-09 | Mar-09 | Jun-08 | % Chg        | % Chg |
| US            | 58.9   | 61.0   | 57.2   | 3.9          | 24.6  |
| Europe        | 28.5   | 27.6   | 29.2   | 11.1         | 18.1  |
| Asia Pacific  | 12.6   | 11.4   | 13.6   | 18.9         | 12.1  |
|               | 100.0  | 100.0  | 100.0  | 7.6          | 21.0  |



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