Patni Computer Systems

STOCK INFO. BSE Sensex: 10,813	BLOOMBERG PATNI IN	7 Aug	gust 2006								N	eutral
S&P CNX: 3,151	REUTERS CODE PTNI. BO	Previo	ous Recomn	nendation	: Neut	ral						Rs359
Equity Shares (m)	137.9	YEAR	NET SALES	РАТ	EPS	EPS	P/E	P/BV	ROE	ROCE	EV/	EV/
52-Week Range	510/251	END	(RSM)	(RSM)	(RS)	GROWTH (%)	(X)	(X)	(%)	(%)	SALES	EBITDA
1,6,12 Rel. Perf. (%) 12/-33/-45	12/05A	20,242	2,736	21.8	5.8	16.5	2.2	16.3	19.9	1.6	8.2
M.Cap. (Rs b)	49.5	12/06E	26,626	3,096	22.5	3.2	16.0	1.7	13.1	16.5	1.1	6.5
M.Cap. (US\$ b)	1.1	12/07E	33,285	3,688	26.7	19.1	13.4	1.5	12.9	15.8	0.8	5.3

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Patni reported revenue of Rs6.6b for 2QCY06, a QoQ growth of 13.6%. We had estimated a revenue growth of ø 8.2% QoQ. Revenue growth was driven by volume growth of 7.2% QoQ and realization increase of 2.5% QoQ. Revenue from the manufacturing vertical grew 19.7% QoQ. The financial services vertical grew 11.4% QoQ and insurance grew 9.4% QoQ.

- Gross margin for the quarter improved 200bp despite salary hikes due to the impact of reversal of provisions following Ø tax review by the IRS and US Department of Labor. The impact was to the tune of US\$7.1m, which pushed up gross margin by 500bp during the quarter. Operating margin was also up by 230bp to 20% as against our expectation of a 360bp decline, due to the reversal of provisions. Excluding the effect of the one-time reversal, operating margin declined 260bp. Other income was high at Rs199m against our expectation of negative Rs25m. Tax outgo was higher at Rs1.1b due to US\$27.1m pertaining to reassessment of corporate taxes for earlier years. Therefore, the company reported a net loss of Rs147m for the quarter. Adjusting for the reversals and tax reassessment, net profit was Rs766m, higher than our expectation of Rs514m.
- The management has guided for a muted third quarter, with revenue growth of 4.5-5% and net income of US\$18-Ø 18.2m (growth of 2.3-2.4% QoQ). While we would prefer to remain cautious on the stock till we observe a few more quarters of benefits from PROPEL, we expect revenue and profit growth (excluding one-off items) to be better than our earlier expectations. We have accordingly revised our revenue estimates up by 3.9% for CY06 and 2% for CY07, and net profit (excluding extraordinary items) estimates up by 17.1% for CY06 and 8.3% for CY07. The stock is trading at 16x CY06E and 13.4x CY07E earnings. We maintain our Neutral recommendation.

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE	JARTERLY PERFORMANCE								(R	s Million)
Y/E DECEMBER	CY05			CY06				C Y 0 5	CY06E	
	1Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1Q	2 Q	3QE	4QE		
Revenues	4,337	4,730	5,197	5,569	5,776	6,561	6,989	7,301	20,242	26,626
Q-o-Q Change (%)	8.1	9.1	9.9	7.2	3.7	13.6	6.5	4.5	38.9	31.5
Direct Expenses	2,516	3,007	3,285	3,441	3,593	4,273	4,542	4,672	12,499	17,080
Sales, General & Admin. Expenses	846	908	977	1,023	1,160	1,298	1,363	1,423	3,818	5,244
Operating Profit	976	816	935	1,106	1,022	990	1,084	1,206	3,925	4,303
Margins (%)	22.5	17.2	18.0	19.9	17.7	15.1	15.5	16.5	19.4	16.2
Other Income	40	68	92	-78	11	187	126	131	115	455
Depreciation	145	160	176	189	193	205	217	226	684	841
PBT bef. Extra-ordinary	872	723	851	840	840	972	993	1,111	3,356	3,917
Provision for Tax	189	102	138	179	197	201	199	222	620	820
Rate (%)	21.7	14.1	16.2	21.3	23.5	20.7	20.0	20.0	18.5	20.9
Net Income bef. Extra-ordinary	682	621	714	661	642	770	794	889	2,736	3,097
Q-o-Q Change (%)	-5.8	-9.0	15.0	-7.4	-2.8	19.9	3.1	11.9	4.7	13.2
Extra-ordinary items	0	0	0	0	0	917	0	0	0	917
Net Income aft. Extra-ordinary	682	621	714	661	642	-147	794	889	2,736	2,180
Q-o-Q Change (%)	-5.3	-9.0	15.0	-7.4	-2.8	-122.9	440.5	11.9	4.6	-20.3
E: MOSt Estimates										

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Revenue up 13.6% QoQ; ahead of expectations

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VERTICAL-WISE REVENUE MIX (RS M)

	JUN-05	SEP-05	DEC-05	MAR-06	JUN-06
Insurance	1,334	1,429	1,415	1,392	1,522
QoQ Growth %	0.8	7.1	-1.0	-1.6	9.4
Manufacturing	1,069	1,149	1,164	1,172	1,404
QoQ Growth %	11.5	7.4	1.3	0.7	19.7
Financial Services	724	920	869	913	1,017
QoQ Growth %	9.1	27.1	-5.6	5.0	11.4
Telecom	705	774	969	1,092	1,312
QoQ Growth %	17.7	9.9	25.1	12.6	20.2
Product Engineering	322	369	540	578	636
QoQ Growth %	27.9	14.7	46.4	6.9	10.2
	Source:	Company	/ Motilal	Oswal	Securities

Source: Company/ Motilal Oswal Securities

Revenue from GE (top client) declined marginally during the quarter, but was down to 14.5% of overall revenue from 16.5% in the previous quarter. The revenue composition from GE has been declining steadily over the past few quarters, as other clients continue to grow faster. Revenue from top 2-5 clients grew strongly at 15.1% QoQ, while top 6-10 clients also grew strongly at 16.5% QoQ.

CONTRIBUTION FROM TOP CLIENTS (RS M)

	JUN-05	SEP-05	DEC-05	MAR-06	JUN-06
Top client	1,088	1,221	986	953	951
QoQ Growth %	0.7	12.3	-19.3	-3.3	-0.2
% contribution	23.0	23.5	17.7	16.5	14.5
Top 2-5 clients	994	1,087	1,202	1,346	1,548 I
QoQ Growth %	-84.2	9.4	10.6	11.9	15.1
Top 6-10 clients	538	591	769	895	1,043
QoQ Growth %	-69.2	9.9	30.1	16.4	16.5
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Source: Company/ Motilal Oswal Securities

Revenue from various geographies also saw robust growth during the quarter, with Europe growing at 24.8% QoQ. Revenue contribution from Europe increased to 11% from 10% in the previous quarter.

REVENUE BY GEOGRAPHY (RS M)

	JUN-05	SEP-05	DEC-05	MAR-06	JUN-06
USA	4,035	4,381	4,695	4,794	5,314
QoQ Growth %	8.8	8.6	7.2	2.1	10.8
Europe	440	478	490	589	735
QoQ Growth %	10.2	8.7	2.5	20.2	24.8
Japan	199	234	256	260	256
QoQ Growth %	17.4	17.7	9.5	1.4	-1.6

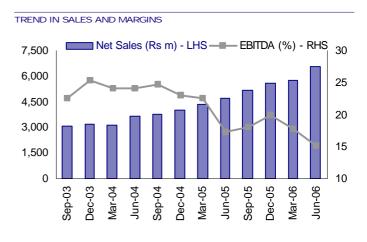
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The company added 23 clients during the quarter, the highest over the past 8 quarters. Patni added a net of 528 employees during the quarter (314 offshore, 146 onsite and 68 in sales & support), the highest over the past six quarters.

Higher than industry salary hikes impact margins

Patni gave salary hikes of 8% onsite and 17% offshore during the quarter, possibly the highest in our coverage universe. This impacted margins by 500bp during the quarter. However, gross margins (excluding reversals) declined only by 290bp due to a 100bp impact of currency translation and the impact of improved price realizations. The company had reversals of certain provisions following tax review by the IRS and US Department of Labor, which improved gross margins by US\$7m. Reported gross margins were, therefore, up 200bp during the quarter.

Operating margins during the quarter declined 260bp from 17.7% to 15.1% due to the impact of salary hikes during the quarter, which was better than our expectation of 14.1%. However, the above-mentioned reversal of provisions of US\$7m resulted in an improvement of 230bp in reported margin.



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While the effective tax rate for the quarter declined to 20.7% from 23.5% in the previous quarter, there was a tax reassessment of US\$27.1m during the quarter, which resulted in a net loss of Rs147m during the quarter. Adjusting for all reversals and reassessments, net profit grew 19.9% QoQ to Rs770, higher than our expectation of Rs514m.

Outlook and view

There has been a marked improvement in Patni's operational performance during 2QCY06. Benefits of the PROPEL initiative, which had been delayed over the past couple of quarters have finally started to trickle in. This has resulted in marked improvement in price realizations, utilization rates and some impact on SG&A expenses (down 30bp despite additions to the sales team). Adjusting for the impact of one-time reversals, the decline in margins has been lower than expected.

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Patni Computers Systems: an investment profile

Company description

Patni is the sixth largest Indian IT services company, employing more than 12,000 people. It services over 200 clients and is one of the largest vendors for GE, with annual business of about US\$100m from it. Its other key clients include SBC, Guardian, MetLife, Gillette, Coca Cola, Oracle and State Farm Insurance.

Key investment arguments

- One of the beneficiaries of the current preference for offshore vendors by global clients
- Significant presence in the BFSI and Manufacturing segments

Key investment risks

- High client concentration, with GE accounting for around 15% of revenues
- Limited diversification in services and domains would necessitate acquisitions, which could be earnings dilutive
- Cost pressures due to high attrition could lead to severe erosion in margins

COMPARATIVE VALUATIONS

		PATNI	HCL TECH.	SATYAM
P/E (x)	FY07E	16.0	16.0	18.3
	FY08E	13.4	12.8	14.2
P/BV (x)	FY07E	1.7	3.5	4.4
	FY08E	1.5	3.4	3.4
EV/Sales (x)	FY07E	1.1	2.1	3.0
	FY08E	0.8	1.7	2.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	FY07E	6.5	10.2	13.0
	FY08E	5.3	8.0	8.9

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN (%)

	MAR.06	DEC.05	MAR.05
Promoters	44.7	44.7	51.2
Domestic Institutions	2.0	1.8	4.0
FIIs/FDIs	51.5	51.7	42.6
Others	1.8	1.8	2.2

Recent developments

- Announced ADS offering of around 6.2m shares in December 2005
- Inked a multi-million deal with Carphone for a period of three years

Valuation and view

- Expect revenue CAGR of 28.2% and net profit CAGR of 16.1% over CY05-07
- The stock is trading at 16x CY06E and 13.4x CY07E earnings. We maintain our **Neutral** recommendation.

Sector view

- Various CIO surveys indicate increasing share of offshore spending in IT budgets
- Indian offshore vendors gaining market share in competition with MNCs
- Prefer large companies as bulk of volumes are going to them; niche players are also benefiting due to lack of offshore competition

EPS: MOST FORECAST VS CONSENSUS (RS)

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	MOST	CONSENSUS	VARIATION					
	FORECAST	FORECAST	(%)					
CY07	22.5	28.7	-21.7					
CY08	26.7	34.8	-23.4					
TARGET PRICE AND	RECOMMENDATION							
CURRENT	TARGET	UPSIDE	RECO.					
PRICE (RS)	PRICE (RS)	(%)						

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INCOME STATEMENT				(Rs	Million)
Y/E DECEMBER	2003	2004	2005	2006E	2007E
Sales	11,607	14,574	20,242	26,626	33,285
Change (%)	27.1	25.6	38.9	315	25.0
Cost of Goods Sold	6,575	8,395	12,499	17,080	22,166
Gross Profit	5,032	6,179	7,743	9,547	11, 120
% of Net Sales	43.4	42.4	38.3	35.9	33.4
SG&A Expenses	2,442	2,688	3,818	5,244	6,111
% of Net Sales	21.0	18.4	18.9	19.7	18.4
EBITDA	2,590	3,491	3,925	4,303	5,009
% of Net Sales	22.3	24.0	19.4	16.2	15.0
% Growth	6.4	34.8	12.5	9.6	16.4
Depreciation	419	505	684	841	1,098
Other Income	152	48	115	455	599
Interest expense	0	0	0	0	0
РВТ	2,323	3,034	3,356	3,916	4,509
Tax	372	423	620	820	821
Rate (%)	16.0	13.9	18.5	20.9	18.2
ΡΑΤ	1,951	2,612	2,736	3,096	3,688
Change (%)	11.6	33.9	4.7	13.2	19.1
Extr-ord Items	0.0	44.3	0.0	917.4	0.0
Net Income	1,951	2,567	2,736	2,179	3,688
Change (%)	11.6	31.6	6.5	-20.3	69.3

2003

223

250

25

7,320

7,793

7,817

3,193

1,302

168

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RATIOS					
Y/E DECEMBER	2003	2004	2005	2006E	2007E
Basic (Rs)					
EPS	15.6	20.6	21.8	22.5	26.7
EPS - Diluted	-	-	-	21.6	25.8
Cash EPS	25.9	35.2	41.6	512	64.6
Book Value	62.0	104.5	162.4	213.6	239.4
Valuation (x)					
P/E		17.5	16.5	16.0	13.4
Cash P/E		10.2	8.6	7.0	5.6
EV/EBITDA		10.9	8.2	6.5	5.3
EV/Sales		2.6	1.6	11	0.8
Price/Book Value		3.4	2.2	1.7	1.5
Profitability Ratios (%)					
RoE	28.1	25.0	16.3	13.1	12.9
RoCE	33.4	28.9	19.9	16.5	15.8
Turnover Ratios					
Debtors (Days)	81	78	79	76	76
Asset Turnover (x)	3.6	3.6	3.1	2.7	2.6

Leverage Ratio

(Rs Million)

2007E

276

17,337

12,489

50

30,102

30,152

12,580

4,434

8,146

2,009

26,915

6.887

18,220

1,809

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2006E

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17,337

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26,932

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23,957

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16,589

1,852

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Debt/Equity (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Post IPO the equity share capital would increase to Rs250m									
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Post IPO the equity share capital would increas # (Price assumed at Rs230) : * Jan-Sep

CASH FLOW STATEMENT				(Rs	Million)
	2003	2004	2005	2006E	2007E
CF from Operations	2,370	3,116	3,419	3,938	4,785
Cash for Working Capital	211	807	-360	382	-183
Net Operating CF	2,158	2,310	3,779	3,556	4,968
Net Purchase of FA	-662	-809	-2,629	-3,200	-2,750
Net Purchase of Invest.	-704	-7,696	3,829	-1,035	-120
Net Cash from Invest.	-1,366	-8,504	1,200	-4,235	-2,870
Proceeds from Equity Raisin	-62	7,595	4,959	4,587	0
Proceeds from LTB/STB	5	4	101	-54	-25
Dividend Payments	-125	-250	-314	-327	-443
Cash Flow from Fin.	-182	7,349	4,745	4,206	-468
Free Cash Flow	1,496	1,501	1,150	356	2,218
Net Cash Flow	610	1,154	9,725	3,527	1,631
Opening Cash Balance	1,574	2,184	3,338	13,062	16,589
Add: Net Cash	610	1,154	9,725	3,527	1,631
Closing Cash Balance	2,184	3,338	13,063	16,589	18,220

Application of Funds E: MOSt Estimates

BALANCE SHEET

Y/E DECEMBER

Share Capital

Share Premium

Other Reserves

Capital Employed

Less : Depreciation

Net Worth

Gross Block

Net Block

Other assets

Investments

Debtors

Creditors

Other liabilites

Deferred Tax

Provisions

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Cash & Bank Balance

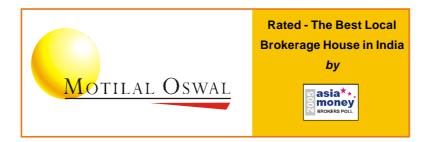
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