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Action

We believe that Infosys's underperformance relative to TCS will reverse in FY12, given revival in telecom revenues and greater skew towards discretionary services. The likely revenue underperformance in 4Q FY11F is already in the price, in our view. We think the recent correction in the stock, earnings growth of 22% during FY11–13F and attractive valuation of 16x FY13F earnings provide a good entry point to the stock. Reiterate BUY.

US\$ revenue guidance ahead of Nasscom estimate of 16–18%.

Anchor themes

Participate in the sector through companies that possess higher discretionary delta, better positioning to compete with MNCs and better operating scope to tide over supply-side pressures/growth investments.

Closing price on 22 Mar	Rs2,943
Price target	Rs3,800
	(set on 21 Jan 11)
Upside/downside	29.1%
Difference from consensus	5.1%
FY12F net profit (Rsmn)	85,888
Difference from consensus	-0.4%
Source: Nomura	

Nomura vs. consensus

We are in line with consensus on estimates.

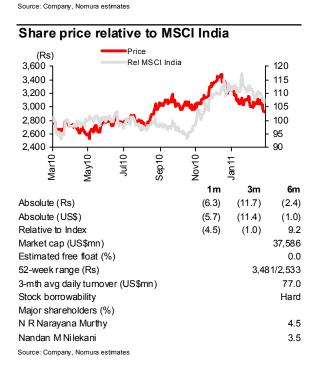
Trend reversal ahead

- ① Reiterate BUY; correction provides good entry point

 We believe that the recent correction (12% over the last three months) in the stock factors in expectation of underperformance in 4Q FY11 results relative to TCS. We do not think there is an endemic demand issue at Infosys; the expected underperformance in 4Q FY11F is largely timing-related. We believe that Infosys is set to reverse the revenue underperformance trend in FY12 and that it will post better earnings growth than TCS (22% vs. 14% at TCS in FY11–13). We think the current valuation of 16x FY13F earnings estimates provides a good entry point to the stock.
- Revenue underperformance explained by telecom Infosys has outperformed TCS in three of four large verticals—BFSI, Manufacturing and Retail—that together contribute about 70% of revenues at both companies. Telecom is the only vertical where Infosys has underperformed TCS, largely on ramp-downs in the BT account dragging overall LTM revenue growth by ~2.5%, in our view.
- 3 Leverage from greater discretionary services presence Infosys, having the largest discretionary facing portfolio (~31% of revenue) among stocks we cover, is likely to be the key beneficiary of increasing discretionary spending by clients. This favourable skew and better outlook in telecom increase our confidence on Infosys's revenue outperformance vis-à-vis TCS in FY12F.
- Better operational scope than TCS

We find Infosys better placed than TCS across operating parameters such as 1) wage inflation outlook, 2) employee pyramid mix, 3) offshoring potential and 4) utilisation scope.

Key financials & va	aiuation	S		
31 Mar (Rsmn)	FY10	FY11F	FY12F	FY13F
Revenue	227,420	277,074	341,380	399,727
Reported net profit	62,660	68,907	85,888	103,170
Normalised net profit	61,340	68,907	85,888	103,170
Normalised EPS (Rs)	107.5	120.7	150.4	180.6
Norm. EPS growth (%)	4.7	12.2	24.6	20.1
Norm. P/E (x)	27.4	24.4	19.6	16.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	20.2	16.7	13.3	11.0
Price/book (x)	7.3	6.4	5.2	4.2
Dividend yield (%)	1.0	2.2	1.6	1.6
ROE (%)	30.3	27.9	29.4	28.6
Net debt/equity (%)	net cash	net cash	net cash	net cash
Earnings revisions				
Previous norm. net profit		68,907	85,888	103,170
Change from previous (%)		-	-	-
Previous norm. EPS (Rs)		120.7	150.4	180.6



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Drilling down

Underperformance set to reverse

Infosys stock has underperformed TCS by 27% in the last year. Since 21 January, it has corrected by 10% (compared to 11% for TCS and 6% for the Nifty Index). We expect the underperformance to reverse and reiterate our preference for Infosys over TCS, based on the following:

Underperformance in stock set to reverse on better revenue and earnings growth than TCS in FY12F, in our view

- Expectation of better revenue growth in FY12: We believe that the
 underperformance in revenue growth at Infosys (1.4ppt on an LTM basis) vs. TCS
 is largely explained by the telecom vertical, where BT ramped down significantly.
 We expect the situation to correct itself in FY12, with Infosys growing at 25% (vs.
 23.5% at TCS), on our estimates.
- Discretionary skew aiding Infosys more than TCS on both revenue and realisations.
- Better operational scope.
- Better earnings growth and more attractive valuations than TCS.

Infosys outperforms TCS in all major verticals, except telecom

Infosys has outperformed TCS in three of four large verticals—BFSI, Manufacturing and Retail—that together contribute about 70% of revenues at both companies.

Exhibit 1. Infosys vs. TCS: vertical LTM growth rate (%) comparison



Infosys outperforms TCS in revenue growth in three out of four large verticals

Source: Company, Nomura research

Among major verticals, telecom is the only one where Infosys has underperformed TCS—with 3% revenue growth vs. 21% at TCS on an LTM basis. This, in our view, is largely due to ramp-downs in the BT account.

TCS saw a stabilisation in this account around four quarters ago, while Infosys has been seeing a decline in this account, wherein the quarterly run rates dropped from US\$100mn in 4Q FY08 to US\$30–35mn in 3Q FY11 (based on our channel checks with peer companies). Ex-BT, Infosys's growth of 16% on an LTM basis in the telecom vertical is only marginally lower than TCS's at 21%.

Adjusted for BT, Infosys's growth differential with TCS in telecom narrows to 5ppt

Exhibit 2. Infosys Telecom vertical performance adjusted for BT

	Mar-09	Jun-09	Sep-09	Dec-09	Mar-10	Jun-10	Sep-10	Dec-10	LTM growth (%)
Telecom vertical	187	190	187	200	198	191	199	198	3
BT revenue	64	50	53	49	45	41	37	33	-29
Telecom vertical ex BT	123	139	134	151	153	151	162	166	16

Source: Company, Nomura research

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BT, in our view, has dragged Infosys's overall growth by \sim 2.5% on an LTM basis, assuming a linear drop in BT revenues post the change in the top client from BT. We believe that the BT account largely explains the differential in growth between TCS and Infosys.

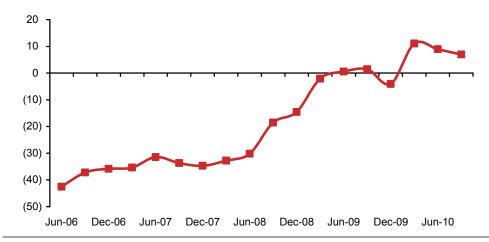
Infosys is indicating that BT will stabilise going forward and that telecom should grow y-o-y in FY12, while TCS is indicating sluggishness in the telecom verticals with limited triggers, which, in our view, should help in reversing the growth outperformance in FY12.

Expect Infosys to gain more out of discretionary demand improvement

Infosys has shown a much better progression than TCS in package implementation and consulting from both a long-term and short-term perspective.

Over the past three years, Infosys has grown faster (40% of TCS around four years ago and is now \sim 10% larger than TCS) than TCS in package implementation (PI). In addition, Infosys has seen a CAGR of 9.4% in PI compared to 5.4% at TCS in the last four quarters.

Exhibit 3. Infosys vs. TCS: Package Implementation revenue differential (%)



Infosys has grown its package implementation business faster than peer TCS

Source: Company, Nomura research

We think Infosys's strength in PI is also reflected in the growth trend of verticals such as retail and manufacturing. Clients in these two verticals are typically heavy spenders on application software from Oracle and SAP.

Infosys has a much better skew towards discretionary demand, with 31% of revenue derived from PI + consulting + products, while TCS derives 21% of its revenue from these service lines. We expect this skew to help Infosys in both growth and realisations, with Infosys, in our view, a more likely candidate for a mix-based pricing increase.

Better operational scope than TCS

We find Infosys better placed compared to TCS across operating parameters such as 1) wage inflation outlook, 2) employee pyramid mix, 3) offshoring potential and 4) utilisation scope.

Strong growth rates in retail and manufacturing verticals for Infosys indicate competence in catering to discretionary demand

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Exhibit 4. Operational scope comparison

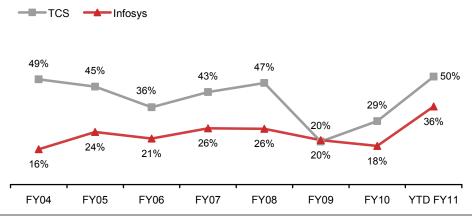
	Utilis	sation (incl.	trainees	3)	Fixed price pro	portion	Offshore rever	nue mix
(%)	Last reported qtr	Average	Max	Max – current	Last reported qtr	LTM change	Last reported qtr	LTM change
Infosys	72.6	69.5	74.3	1.7	41.2	2.9	50.7	(3.2)
TCS	77.1	74.5	77.7	0.6	49.7	1.7	56.3	(1.2)

Note: Latest quarter is Dec-2010 Source: Company, Nomura research

Key differences in outlook on operating parameters across Infosys and TCS:

- Wage inflation: Infosys expects moderation in wage inflation in FY12F vs. FY11, while TCS is indicating similar wage inflation as in FY11. Infosys and TCS gave out 13–14% offshore wage hikes in FY11.
- Lateral:Fresher mix: Infosys is indicating a decrease in lateral proportions going into FY12F, while TCS is indicating continued elevation in the ratio of 46:54.

Exhibit 5. Lateral as % of gross headcount addition



Source: Company, Nomura research

- Offshoring: Infosys has seen an increase in onsite contribution by 320bp over the last four quarters; we expect that to start normalising in FY12, which should help margins.
- Utilisation: Moderation is possible at Infosys in 4Q FY11F, which should increase
 the scope going into FY12F. At TCS, growth utilisation could continue to peak in
 the near term and start moderating going into FY12, in our view. The trend towards
 utilisation moderation is already visible at both Infosys and Wipro over the last four
 quarters, and we see the same catching up at TCS in FY12.
- Pricing: We see better likelihood of pricing increases at Infosys than at TCS, given
 greater discretionary skew of growth. Our assumptions build in 2% and 1.5%
 pricing increases across Infosys and TCS, respectively, in FY12.

Expectation of muted 4Q FY11F results built into price

Since 21January, Infosys has corrected by 10% (compared to 11% for TCS and 6% for the Nifty Index). We believe that the expectation of underperformance in 4Q FY11 results relative to TCS is already in the price. Our expectations for q-q US\$ revenue growth at Infosys and TCS are 4.5% and 5.5%, respectively.

We do not think there is an endemic demand issue at Infosys; we think expected the underperformance in 4Q FY11 is largely timing-related—discretionary project starts expected to start 1Q FY12 and nonrecurrence of 33% q-q growth in products expected in 3Q FY11. The company has indicated acceleration in revenue growth in 1Q FY12

We think Infosys is better placed relative to TCS in operational leverage

Infosys expects lateral mix to trend down, while TCS expects it to remain elevated

We see better likelihood of pricing increase at Infosys than at TCS

Infosys' s likely underperformance in revenue growth in 4Q FY11F is factored into price, in our view

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and 2Q FY12 as project allocations happen. BFSI, Retail and parts of manufacturing continue to see strong traction.

Expect better earnings growth at Infosys; reiterate BUY

During FY11–13, we expect Infosys to show an EPS CAGR of 22% vs. 14% at TCS, based on our expectation of 1) better revenue growth (25% at Infosys vs. 23.5% at TCS in FY12F); 2) lower EBITDA margin declines (110bp at Infosys vs. 150bp at TCS) and 3) tax rate increases of 510bp at TCS vs. 230bp at Infosys.

On our FY13 EPS estimates, Infosys quotes at a 14% discount to TCS. Even on FY13 consensus estimates—which are higher than our estimates by 8% for TCS, Infosys trades at a discount of 7% to TCS. We do not consider the discounts sustainable, given our expectations of revenue and EPS growth outperformance at Infosys. We reiterate our BUY on Infosys and our preference for Infosys over TCS.

Why are IT stocks correcting?

During the past three months, both Infosys and TCS have fallen by 7–12% in absolute terms, compared to a 10% decline in the Nifty Index. We believe that the fall is largely due to an increase in global investor preference for MNC stocks over the Indian IT players, based on the following:

Significant increase in valuation differentials, which have narrowed after the
correction in the Indian IT stocks. For example, Accenture is currently trading at a
P/E discount of 31% to Infosys on a one-year forward basis, lower by around 11%
three months ago.

Exhibit 6. Accenture's one-year forward P/E discount to Infosys



Source: Bloomberg, Nomura estimates

 Improving growth outlook at MNC players, coupled with margin improvements, are leading to higher investor interest in these stocks over Indian IT companies. For example, Cap Gemini and Atos Origin have both indicated operating margin increases of 50–100bp in FY11.

This preference is reflected in the MNC players outperforming Indian IT players during the last three to six months in absolute return generation.

For, FY11–13, we expect EPS CAGR of 22% at Infosys compared with 14% at TCS

Accenture's P/E valuation discount to Infosys has narrowed in the past three months

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Exhibit 7. Price performance (%) comparison

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	3-month	6-month	12-month
Indian IT			
Cognizant	2	17	45
HCL Tech.	(0)	6	21
TCS	(7)	13	33
Wipro	(9)	1	1
Infosys	(12)	(4)	6
MNC companies			
HP	(1)	4	(21)
Accenture	3	21	19
IBM	7	18	22
Cap Gemini	20	13	12

MNC IT stocks have performed better than Indian IT companies during the past three months

Source: Bloomberg, Nomura research

Exhibit 8. Relative valuations

			P/E (x)	EV/EBITD	A (x)	EPS growt	th (%)
Company	Ticker	Rating	FY12F	FY13F	FY12F	FY13F	FY12F	FY13F
Indian IT companies								
TCS	TCS IN	NEUTRAL	21.2	18.8	15.1	13.1	14.3	13.0
Infosys	INFO IN	BUY	19.4	16.2	13.2	11.0	24.6	20.1
Wipro	WPRO IN	NEUTRAL	18.2	16.3	13.6	11.9	11.0	11.4
Cognizant	CTSH US	NEUTRAL	27.4	22.4	16.8	12.9	16.2	22.3
HCL Tech.	HCLT IN	BUY	14.1	11.7	8.9	7.2	36.6	20.7
Group Average			20.1	17.1	13.5	11.2	20.5	17.5
MNC companies								
Accenture	ACN US	NOT RATED	14.4	12.7	7.9	7.4	11.8	13.3
IBM	IBM US	NOT RATED	12.1	10.9	8.0	7.6	14.3	10.5
HP	HPQ US	NOT RATED	8.0	7.3	5.0	4.8	16.1	8.3
Cap Gemini	CAP FP	NOT RATED	15.8	13.6	6.2	5.5	21.5	16.4
Group average			12.6	11.1	6.8	6.3	15.9	12.1

Note: Pricing date 22 March, 2011; FY12 indicates year ending Oct 2011 for HP, Dec 2011 for IBM, Cap Gemini and Cognizant, Mar 2012 for Infosys, Wipro and TCS, August 2012 for Accenture and Jun 2012 for HCL Tech. Bloomberg estimates have been used for Accenture, IBM, HP and Cap Gemini.

Source: Bloomberg consensus for not rated stocks, Nomura estimates

What could take the stock price lower?

Possibility of a low-teens revenue growth guidance in FY12

A key investor concern is that Infosys could guide for low-teens revenue growth in FY12, which, if it happens, we believe could be negative and lead to downgrades. However, historically Infosys has not guided lower than Nasscom growth projections in periods of strong demand (eg, FY07, FY08 and FY11). We expect the company to guide for 17–19% growth in FY12 and outperform the same by around 6% over the course of the year. Infosys has outperformed its guidance by more than 5% in the past, except during FY09 due to account of the global recession.

Our view remains that tier I players will continue to grow ahead of industry growth rates, at the expense of mid-tier players given the much wider portfolio to take up available demand.

Exhibit 9. Nasscom industry growth and Infosys revenue guidance

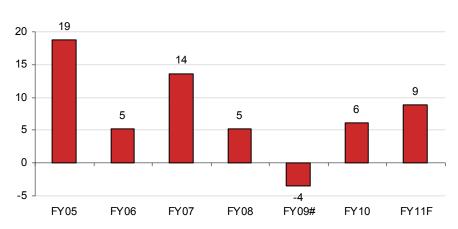
Nasscom guidance (%)	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY09#	FY10	FY11	FY12
High	30.0	32.2	21.4	22.3	21.0	16.0	4.0	13.0	16.0
Low	32.0	32.2	27.2	26.6	24.0	17.0	7.0	15.0	18.0
Infosys guidance (%)	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY09#	FY10	FY11	FY12
High	30.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	19.0	13.1	-6.7	16.0	
Low	31.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	21.0	15.2	-3.1	18.0	

Note: Nasscom projections are for Software and Services export; FY09# represents revised projections for the year Source: Nasscom, Nomura research

Infosys has guided above-Nasscom estimates during periods of strong demand

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Exhibit 10. Infosys guidance outperformance (%) trend



Infosys has outperformed its guidance by more than 5% in the past, except during FY09

Note: # represents revised guidance Source: Company, Nomura research

Adverse judgement in visa fraud and tax cases

Adverse judgement or settlement in the visa fraud case filed by a former Infosys employee (citing misuse of business visas for billable employment and consequent evasion of US taxes through this practice), if decided against Infosys, or an adverse settlement reached in that regard, could be a dampener for the stock. However, we believe that this could be an industry issue and not just a company-specific issue, with greater scrutiny even for genuine business-related travel, which could hamper growth prospects. The tax evasion case, wherein income tax authorities have disallowed onsite provisioning of services from the STPI exemptions and have raised a Rs4bn demand also in our view is an industry issue and if decided against the company could have a dampening impact on both Infosys and the sector.

Valuation methodology and risks

Our PT of Rs3,800 is based on 21x FY13F earnings, which is in line with the stock's five-year average. Downside risks to our call include 1) a sharp appreciation of the rupee against the US dollar; 2) an adverse macro environment in developed markets leading to lower discretionary demand; and 3) higher-than-anticipated wage inflation.

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Financial statements

Income statement (Rsmn)					
Year-end 31 Mar	FY09	FY10	FY11F	FY12F	FY13
Revenue	216,930	227,420	277,074	341,380	399,72
Cost of goods sold	(124,499)	(128,855)	(158,400)	(195,386)	(230,215
Gross profit	92,431	98,565	118,674	145,993	169,51
SG&A	(28,091)	(29,005)	(36,023)	(44,074)	(51,618
Employee share expense					
Operating profit	64,340	69,560	82,651	101,919	117,89
EBITDA	71,950	78,610	91,287	110,962	127,28
Depreciation	(7,610)	(9,050)	(8,637)	(9,043)	(9,391
Amortisation					
EBIT	64,340	69,560	82,651	101,919	117,89
Net interest expense					
Associates & JCEs					
Other income	4,730	9,430	10,791	13,366	17,85
Earnings before tax	69,070	78,990	93,442	115,285	135,75
Income tax	(10,270)	(17,650)	(24,535)	(29,398)	(32,580
Net profit after tax	58,800	61,340	68,907	85,888	103,17
Minority interests	-	-	-	-	
Other items					
Preferred dividends	=0		20.55 -	0= 000	400 1-
Normalised NPAT	58,800	61,340	68,907	85,888	103,17
Extraordinary items Reported NPAT	1,080 59,880	1,320 62,660	68,907	85,888	103,17
Dividends	(15,730)	(16,724)	(37,421)	(26,733)	(26,733
Transfer to reserves	44,150	45,936	31,485	59,154	76,43
Valuation and ratio analysis					
FD normalised P/E (x)	28.7	27.4	24.4	19.6	16.
FD normalised P/E at price target (x)	37.1	35.4	31.5	25.3	21.
Reported P/E (x)	28.1 0.9	26.8 1.0	24.4 2.2	19.6 1.6	16.3 1.0
Dividend yield (%)	33.3	27.9	2.2	21.7	19.:
Price/cashflow (x) Price/book (x)	9.2	7.3	6.4	5.2	4.:
EV/EBITDA (x)	22.1	20.2	16.7	13.3	11.
EV/EBIT (x)	24.8	22.8	18.5	14.5	11.9
Gross margin (%)	42.6	43.3	42.8	42.8	42.4
EBITDA margin (%)	33.2	34.6	32.9	32.5	31.
EBIT margin (%)	29.7	30.6	29.8	29.9	29.
Net margin (%)	27.6	27.6	24.9	25.2	25.
Effective tax rate (%)	14.9	22.3	26.3	25.5	24.0
Dividend payout (%)	26.3	26.7	54.3	31.1	25.
Capex to sales (%)	6.2	4.0	3.9	3.3	2.
Capex to depreciation (x)	1.8	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.
ROE (%)	37.4	30.3	27.9	29.4	28.
ROA (pretax %)	54.8	47.4	52.5	65.7	67.
Growth (%)					
Revenue	30.0	4.8	21.8	23.2	17.
EBITDA	37.4	9.3	16.1	21.6	14.
EBIT	38.7	8.1	18.8	23.3	15.
Normalised EPS	29.4	4.7	12.2	24.6	20.
Normalised FDEPS	29.5	4.7	12.3	24.6	20.
Per share					
Reported EPS (Rs)	105	110	121	150	18
Norm EPS (Rs)	103	108	121	150	18
Fully diluted norm EPS (Rs)	103	107	121	150	18
Book value per share (Rs)	319	404	460	564	69
DPS (Rs)	27	29	66	47	

Revenue growth of 23.2% in FY12F and 17.1% in FY13F

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Cashflow (Rsmn)					
Year-end 31 Mar	FY09	FY10	FY11F	FY12F	FY13F
EBITDA	71,950	78,610	91,287	110,962	127,285
Change in working capital	(12,020)	(1,470)	3,018	(3,936)	(7,049)
Other operating cashflow	(9,260)	(17,070)	(25,685)	(29,398)	(32,580)
Cashflow from operations	50,670	60,070	68,620	77,628	87,655
Capital expenditure	(13,380)	(9,060)	(10,820)	(11,200)	(11,600)
Free cashflow	37,290	51,010	57,800	66,428	76,055
Reduction in investments	720	(37, 120)	26,060	-	-
Net acquisitions					
Reduction in other LT assets				-	-
Addition in other LT liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Adjustments	-	90	-	-	-
Cashflow after investing acts	38,010	13,980	83,860	66,428	76,055
Cash dividends	(15,730)	(16,724)	(37,421)	(26,733)	(26,733)
Equity issue	440	2,014	828	(0)	(0)
Debt issue					
Convertible debt issue					
Others	4,730	9,340	10,791	13,366	17,857
Cashflow from financial acts	(10,560)	(5,370)	(25,802)	(13,367)	(8,877)
Net cashflow	27,450	8,610	58,058	53,061	67,179
Beginning cash	69,500	96,950	105,560	163,618	216,679
Ending cash	96,950	105,560	163,618	216,679	283,858
Ending net debt	(96,950)	(105,560)	(163,618)	(216,679)	(283,858)

Source: Nomura estimates

Balance sheet (Rsmn) As at 31 Mar	FY09	FY10	FY11F	FY12F	FY13
	96.950				
Cash & equivalents	96,950	105,560	163,618	216,679	283,85
Marketable securities Accounts receivable	- 26.720	37,120	11,060	11,060	11,06
	36,720	34,940	53,137	65,470	76,660
Inventories Other current assets	32,790	41,870	22,338	27,366	31,87
Total current assets	166,460	219,490	250,154	320,575	403,449
LT investments	100,400	2 19,490	250,154	320,575	403,448
Fixed assets	53,540	53,550	55,733	57,890	60,100
Goodwill	00,040	00,000	00,700	07,000	00,100
Other intangible assets					
Other LT assets	1,260	2,000	3,150	3,150	3,150
Total assets	221,260	275,040	309,037	381,616	466,699
Short-term debt		2.0,0.0	000,001	001,010	400,000
Accounts payable	20,040	23,430	27,995	34,720	42,546
Other current liabilities	18,680	21,120	18,239	24,938	25,758
Total current liabilities	38,720	44,550	46,234	59,658	68,304
Long-term debt	,	,	,	,	,
Convertible debt					
Other LT liabilities					
Total liabilities	38,720	44,550	46,234	59,658	68,304
Minority interest	-	-	-	-	-
Preferred stock					
Common stock	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860
Retained earnings	179,680	227,630	259,943	319,098	395,535
Proposed dividends					
Other equity and reserves					
Total shareholders' equity	182,540	230,490	262,803	321,958	398,395
Total equity & liabilities	221,260	275,040	309,037	381,616	466,699
Liquidity (x)					
Current ratio	4.30	4.93	5.41	5.37	5.91
Interest cover	na	na	na	na	na
Leverage					
Net debt/EBITDA(x)	net cash	net cash	net cash	net cash	net cash
Net debt/equity (%)	net cash	net cash	net cash	net cash	net cash
Activity (days)					
Days receivable	58.6	57.5	58.0	63.6	64.9
Days inventory	-	_	-	-	-
Days payable	57.4	61.6	59.2	58.7	61.3

Cash levels are increasing

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Tata Consultancy Services	TCS IN	1068.95 INR	22-Mar-2011	Neutral	Not Rated	

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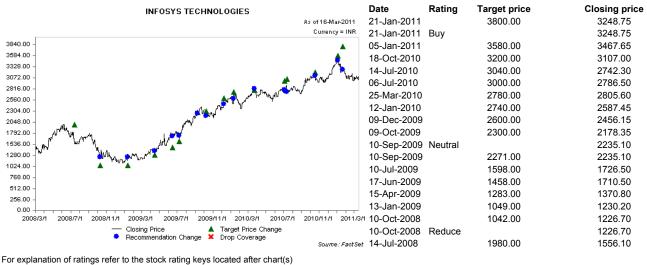
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Rating and target price chart (three year history)



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Rating and target price chart (three year history)

	TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES	Date	Rating	Target price	Closing price
	As of 16-Mar-2011	21-Jan-2011		1200.00	1212.60
1280.00 -	Currency = INR	05-Jan-2011		1140.00	1158.05
1280.00 -	•	22-Oct-2010		1000.00	1040.10
1152.00 -	/\$ \\\	16-Jul-2010		890.00	832.40
1024.00 -	*\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	08-Jul-2010		860.00	776.60
	٠ 🖈 المار	20-Apr-2010		830.00	789.60
896.00 -	A. Aprof	25-Mar-2010		850.00	829.30
768.00 -	And the state of t	15-Jan-2010		810.00	791.80
640.00 -	A MARKET WALL	22-Dec-2009	Neutral		724.10
640.00	♪ \\\	22-Dec-2009		785.00	724.10
512.00 - /LAN	_A A ¶ ^α Λ ^α	17-Oct-2009		700.00	599.00
384.00 - 384.00	_	10-Sep-2009		640.00	556.40
' 'Y	h	10-Sep-2009	Buy		556.40
256.00 -	MITTY COLL COLL COLL COLL COLL COLL COLL COL	20-Jul-2009	•	383.00	500.10
128.00 -		06-Jul-2009		349.00	381.60
0.00		20-Apr-2009		517.00	280.20
	08M1M 2009/3M 2009/7M 2009M1M 2010/3M 2010/7M 2010M1M 2011/3	ⁿ 15-Jan-2009		469.00	255.00
	Closing Price A Target Price Change Recommendation Change Drop Coverage	15-Jan-2009	Reduce		255.00
	Source: Fact Se	t			
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