

RESULTS UPDATE

Hexaware Technologies

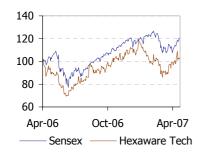
Relative to sector: Underperformer

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Relative Performance



Source: Bloomberg, ENAM Research

Stock data

No. of shares	: 133mn
Market cap	: Rs 23.8bn
52 week high/low	: Rs 205/ Rs 110
Avg. daily vol. (6mth)	: 343,500 shares
Bloomberg code	: HEXW IN
Reuters code	: HEXT.BO

Shareholding (%) Mar-07 QoQ chg	Shareholding (%)	Mar-07	QoQ chg
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Promoters	:	25.5	(0.2)
FIIs	:	52.2	(1.1)
MFs / UTI	:	2.4	0.1
Banks / FIs	:	4.9	0.1
Others	:	15.0	1.1

AWAITING PROFITABLE GROWTH

Hexaware Technologies' Q1CY06 results were inline with our expectations. Topline and PAT were up 10.1% and 4.3% QoQ respectively, buoyed both by volumes and pricing. Topline guidance for Q2CY07 at USD 65mn with a 7.3% QoQ growth towards a healthy demand environment. However, a disturbing fact is the PAT guidance of ~USD 7.1mn that implies that margin improvement and achieving profitable growth (in line with topline growth) is becoming an arduous task. Management has indicated that salary hikes, visa costs and currency appreciation would have significant impact on PAT in Q2 and hence the muted guidance, which is a concern for the entire industry.

Organizational focus helping visibility

The company has built a strong USD 260mn order book with 1.1x annualized run-rate for Q1CY07. New order wins at USD 61mn in Q1 include two USD 10mn+ orders. We believe a focused approach towards verticals and select client acquisition over the past few quarters has enabled Hexaware to position itself better than before. Testing, HR and BI continue to remain upbeat.

Client mining remains the top agenda

Performance this quarter was mainly led by the top 5 accounts and the company has been focusing on better client mining. This strategy has been yielding positive results:

- Annualized run rates for an average client in the top 2-5 bucket has touched ~USD 16mn (\uparrow ~18.5% QoQ). Similarly in the top 6-10 bucket, the engagement size has increased to USD36.5mn (\uparrow ~11.4% QoQ)
- Q1CY07 saw an improvement in client quality with an increase in USD 10mn (+1) and <USD 5mn accounts (+5).

Valuations: Our analysis indicates that the SG&A leverage could be insufficient to completely mitigate the negative impact of salary hikes and INR appreciation. The lower PAT CAGR at ~21% for CY06-CY08E v/s a 33.5% CAGR in topline for the same period with current valuations at 17xCY07E EPS warrants a review in our rating. Hence we are revising our rating to sector **Underperformer**.

Financial summary

	Sales	PAT	Consensus	EPS	Change	P/E	RoE	RoCE	EV/EBIDTA
Y/E Dec	(Rs. mn)	(Rs. mn)	EPS* (Rs.)	(Rs.)	YoY (%)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)
2005	6,787	921	-	7.5	56	17.5	30.0	33.4	12.5
2006	8,482	1,242	9.4	8.4	13	23.7	22.7	24.6	14.8
2007E	11,909	1,515	10.9	10.5	24	17.1	18.4	21.3	11.7
2008E	15,118	1,806	13.6	12.3	17	14.6	18.4	22.1	8.9

Source: Company, ENAM estimates; *Consensus broker estimates

Results update

		Qu	arter ended	12 months ended				
(Rs. mn)	Mar-07	Mar-06	% Chg	Dec-06	% Chg	Dec-07E	Dec-06	% Chg
Net Sales	2,644	1,762	50.1	2,402	10.1	11,909	8,482	40.4
EBIDTA	395	294	34.6	357	10.7	1,743	1,322	31.8
Other income	68	35	96.5	79	(14.2)	290	241	20.5
PBIDT	463	328	41.1	437	6.1	2,033	1,563	30.1
Depreciation	56	46	22.6	53	6.8	269	200	34.5
РВТ	407	282	44.1	384	6.1	1,764	1,363	29.5
Tax	55	22	148.8	46	19.1	250	120	107.2
Adjusted PAT	352	260	35.2	338	4.3	1,515	1,242	21.9
No. of shares (mn)	145	136	-	147	-	145	147	-
EBIDTA margin (%)	15.0	16.7	-	14.9	-	14.6	15.6	-
PBIDT margin (%)	17.5	18.6	-	18.2	-	17.1	18.4	-
EPS (Rs.)	9.7	7.7	26.8	9.2	6.2	10.5	8.4	24.2

Source: Company, ENAM Research

Q1CY07 Performance highlights

	Q1CY07	QoQ Chg (%)	YoY Chg (%)
Revenue Mix (Rs mn)			
Onsite	1,642	10.9	51.3
Offshore	1,002	8.6	48.1
Volume Growth (utilized hours)			
Blended		8.7	50.6
Clientele Performance (Rs mn)			
Top Client	225	12.7	31.5
Top 2-5 Clients	664	13.2	69.7
Top 6-10 Clients	383	6.4	40.4
Remaining Clients	1,372	9.2	48.1

Source: Company, ENAM Research

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