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#### Robust 4Q; BPO/other new services shine; Attrition concern

Raise estimates, telecom OEM a drag, Neutral on valuation

improvement in acquisitions. Raise EPSe by 6 & 7% in FY08 and FY09 for 21%

and continued concerns in telecom OEM (TEM) vertical likely to suppress stock

CAGR. Muted 1QFY08 global IT revenue guidance, higher attrition than peers

performance near term. Neutral at 2yr PEG of 1.1 vs TCS & Infosys at < 1.

Wipro reported a strong in-line 4Q with robust growth in BPO and profitability

Good execution, telecom OEM

Wipro Ltd. saw strong, in line revenue growth of 9% qoq. PAT grew 12% (+ 9% vs MLe) due to tax write backs and other income. Global IT revs (p 6% qoq) saw strong growth of 12-14% in BPO, infra mgt and Package implementation. Attrition up 70bps to 16.9% in IT services and remains a high ~56% post training in BPO.

#### Good execution in Q4; BPO and acquisitions' margins rise

Despite onsite wage hike of 3-4% and Rupee appreciation, Wipro maintained Global IT margins at 24.1% (ex forex losses). BPO, 9% of global IT, saw EBIT margin expansion of 120bps on improved mix. Global IT services helped by 100bps jump in utilization, pricing increase of 0.5 to 2% qoq. Synergy led 1000bps improvement in profitability of acquisitions (5% of global IT) was also key.

#### Muted 1Q guidance; TEM business outlook still a concern

1QFY08 US\$ global IT rev guidance at 3% qoq is muted and lower than peers at over 5%. Telecom OEM business (26.5% of rev) continues to under perform, due to key client's pre-occupation with M&A issues. We would watch trends in TEM space closely to gauge improvement, given about a year of subdued growth.

#### Estimates (Mar)

(Rs)	2006A	2007A	2008E	2009E	2010
Net Income (Adjusted - mn)	20,674	29,315	35,394	43,353	NA
EPS	14.50	20.56	24.67	30.22	NA
EPS Change (YoY)	25.3%	41.8%	20.0%	22.5%	NA
Dividend / Share	5.00	6.99	7.69	8.46	NA
Free Cash Flow / Share	12.59	6.91	6.30	17.06	NA
ADR EPS (US\$)	0.328	0.455	0.591	0.724	NA
ADR Dividend / Share (US\$)	0.113	0.155	0.184	0.202	NA

#### Valuation (Mar)

\* For full definitions of iOmethod 5M measures, see page 8

	2006A	2007A	2008E	2009E	2010
P/E	39.36x	27.76x	23.14x	18.89x	NA
Dividend Yield	0.876%	1.22%	1.35%	1.48%	NA
EV / EBITDA*	29.28x	21.62x	16.79x	13.33x	NA
Free Cash Flow Yield*	2.24%	1.23%	1.12%	3.05%	NA

#### Stock Data

Price (Common / ADR)	Rs570.80 / US\$16.78
Investment Opinion	C-2-7 / C-2-7
Volatility Risk	HIGH / HIGH
52-Week Range	Rs383.00-Rs690.00
Market Value (mn)	US\$19,231
Shares Outstanding (mn)	1,407.1 / 1,407.1
Average Daily Volume	261,029
ML Symbol / Exchange	WIPRF / BSE
ML Symbol / Exchange	WIT / NYS
Bloomberg / Reuters	WPRO IN / WIPR.BO
ROE (2008E)	32.6%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Mar-2005A)	-49.8%
Est. 5-Yr EPS / DPS Growth	22.0% / 22.0%
Free Float	15.0%



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## *iQprofile*<sup>™</sup> Wipro Ltd.

Key Income Statement Data (Mar)	2006A	2007A	2008E	2009E	2010
(Rs Millions)					
Sales	106,029	149,982	187,624	241,498	N/
Gross Profit	34,328	47,279	60,071	75,228	N/
Sell General & Admin Expense	(12,050)	(17,130)	(21,644)	(27,338)	N/
Operating Profit	22,278	30,149	38,427	47,890	N/
Net Interest & Other Income	1,501	2,733	2,954	3,403	N/
Associates	NA	NA	NA	NA	N/
Pretax Income	23,778	32,882	41,381	51,293	N/
Tax (expense) / Benefit	(3,391)	(3,868)	(6,207)	(8,207)	N/
Net Income (Adjusted)	20,674	29,315	35,394	43,353	N/
Average Fully Diluted Shares Outstanding	1,426	1,426	1,435	1,435	N/
Key Cash Flow Statement Data					
Net Income (Reported)	20,674	29,315	35,394	43,353	N/
Depreciation & Amortization	3,096	4,213	5,835	7,863	N/
Change in Working Capital	(5,194)	(1,075)	(16,169)	(12,605)	N/
Deferred Taxation Charge	NA	NA	NA	NA	N/
Other Adjustments, Net	4,941	(2,105)	(528)	2,155	N/
Cash Flow from Operations	23,517	30,349	24,532	40,767	N/
Capital Expenditure	(5,564)	(20,493)	(15,500)	(16,300)	N.
(Acquisition) / Disposal of Investments	(7,307)	(2,437)	(11,748)	(14,166)	N.
Other Cash Inflow / (Outflow)	NA	NA (22, 220)	NA (27.240)	NA (20.4())	N.
Cash Flow from Investing	(12,871)	(22,930)	(27,248)	(30,466)	N.
Shares Issue / (Repurchase)	756 (0.120)	11,809	2,517	2,769	N.
Cost of Dividends Paid Cash Flow from Financing	(8,129)	(11,363)	(12,576)	(13,834)	N.
Free Cash Flow	(7,502)	3,546 9,855	(10,059) 9,032	(11,065)	N. N.
Net Debt	17,954 (37,917)	(47,834)	9,032 (47,222)	24,467 (60,624)	N.
Change in Net Debt	(3,273)	(7,867)	12,775	764	N.
Key Balance Sheet Data	(3,273)	(7,007)	12,773	704	111/
Property, Plant & Equipment	18,154	28,485	37,850	45,986	N/
Other Non-Current Assets	5,117	11,477	11,437	11,812	N.
Trade Receivables	21,272	29,391	37,641	48,449	N.
Cash & Equivalents	38,675	51,661	51,049	64,451	N.
Other Current Assets	12,437	20,537	16,577	20,897	N.
Total Assets	95,655	141,551	154,554	191,596	N.
Long-Term Debt	757	3,827	3,827	3,827	N.
Other Non-Current Liabilities	NA	NA	NA	NA	N.
Short-Term Debt	NA	NA	NA	NA	N.
Other Current Liabilities	28,770	41,700	29,368	34,122	N.
Total Liabilities	29,528	45,527	33,195	37,949	N.
Total Equity	66,127	96,024	121,359	153,648	N.
Total Equity & Liabilities	95,655	141,551	154,554	191,596	N.
<i>iQmethod</i> <sup>sm</sup> - Bus Performance*					
Return On Capital Employed	34.6%	35.1%	32.2%	31.0%	N.
Return On Equity	34.8%	36.2%	32.6%	31.5%	N.
Operating Margin	21.0%	20.1%	20.5%	19.8%	N.
EBITDA Margin	23.9%	22.9%	23.6%	23.1%	N.
iQmethod <sup>™</sup> - Quality of Earnings*					
Cash Realization Ratio	1.1x	1.0x	0.7x	0.9x	N.
Asset Replacement Ratio	1.8x	4.9x	2.7x	2.1x	N.
Tax Rate (Reported)	14.3%	11.8%	15.0%	16.0%	N.
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	-57.3%	-49.8%	-38.9%	-39.5%	N.
Interest Cover	NM	NM	NM	NM	N.
Key Metrics					

<sup>\*</sup> For full definitions of *iQmethod* <sup>SM</sup> measures, see page 8.

#### **Company Description**

Wipro is India's third-largest IT services exporter (Wipro Global IT set up in 1990s was at US\$1.8bn, 76% of FY06 revenue & 88% of EBIT). It also has an India hardware & India/Asia-Pacific IT services business (16% of revenue), with the rest being consumer business. Global IT is known for its wide range of services (R&D to BPO), is preeminent in R&D services & has increased focus on enterprise solutions since 2001.

#### Stock Data

Shares / ADR	1.00
Price to Book Value	6.6)

Source: Company



## Financial tables

Table 1: Q4FY07 Indian GAAP segment wise performance

rubic 1. 211 107 maian 670 a Segment wise performance					
	4Q07	3Q07	QoQ	4Q06	YoY
Revenue	43,331	39,790	9%	31,132	39%
Global IT	30,480	28,755	6%	23,171	32%
IT Services	26,201	24,962	5%	20,637	27%
Acquisitions	1,643	1,435	14%	443	
BPO Services	2,636	2,358	12%	2,091	26%
India/Asia IT	7,837	7,008	12%	5,695	38%
Consumer Care & lighting	2,275	2,114	8%	1,658	37%
Others	2,739	1,913	43%	608	350%
EBITDA	9,497	8,862	7%	7,551	26%
Global IT	8,233	7,842	5%	6,570	25%
India/Asia IT	776	627	24%	600	29%
Consumer Care & lighting	323	308	5%	246	31%
Others	165	85	94%	135	22%
Depreciation	1,091	983	11%	846	29%
Global IT	917	878	4%	760	21%
India/Asia IT	45	40	13%	34	32%
Consumer Care & lighting	56	46	22%	32	75%
Others	73	19	284%	20	265%
EBITA	8,406	7,879	7%	6,705	25%
Global IT	7,316	6,964	5%	5,810	26%
IT Services	6,434	6,347	1%	5,412	19%
Acquisitions	231	63	267%	29	na
BPO Services	651	554	18%	369	76%
India/Asia IT	731	587	25%	566	29%
Consumer Care & lighting	267	262	2%	214	25%
Others	92	66	39%	115	-20%
Interest income	850	713	19%	402	111%
PBT	9,256	8,592	8%	7,107	30%
Income tax	746	1,031	-28%	983	-24%
PAT before eqty interest	8,510	7,561	13%	6,124	39%
Extraordinary discontinued ops					
Equity in earnings of affiliates	49	89	-45%	55	-11%
Minority interest	2	4	na	-	nm
PAT	8,561	7,654	12%	6,179	39%
EBITDA margins	21.9%	22.3%	<i>-35bps</i>	24.3%	-234bps
Global IT	27.0%	27.3%	-26bps	24.3% 28.4%	-234bps
India/Asia IT	9.9%	8.9%	95bps	10.5%	-63bps
Consumer Care & lighting	14.2%	14.6%	-37bps	14.8%	-64bps
Others	6.0%	4.4%	158bps	22.2%	-1618bps
EBITDA margins (ex-forex related gains/losses)					
Total	22.0%	22.0%	-3bps	23.3%	-135bps
Global IT	27.1%	26.9%	17bps	27.2%	-13bps
India/Asia IT	9.9%	8.9%	95bps	10.4%	-48bps
Consumer Care & lighting	14.2%	14.6%	-37bps	14.7%	-48bps
Others	6.0%	4.4%	158bps	21.8%	-1582bps
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Table 2: Q4FY07 results table- Indian GAAP

Rs m	Q4FY07	Q3FY07	QoQ	Q406	YoY	MLe	Var%
Net Sales	43,223	39,726	8.8%	30,719	40.7%	43,492	-0.6%
Cost of goods sold excld dep	28,271	26,584	6.3%	20,291	39%	28,841	-2%
S,G&A excld dep	5,298	4,316	22.7%	3,291	61%	5,405	-2%
EBITDA	9,654	8,826	9.4%	7,137	35.3%	9,246	4%
Depreciation	1,325	1,010	31.2%	845	57%	1,050	26%
Total Expenditure incld depreciation	34,894	31,910	9.4%	24,426	43%	35,296	-1%
EBIT	8,329	7,816	6.6%	6,292	32%	8,196	2%
Other Income	967	825	17.2%	822	18%	700	38%
Interest	40	48	-17%	7	466%	15	167%
PBT	9,256	8,593	7.7%	7,107	30%	8,881	4%
Tax	746	1,031	-27.7%	983	-24%	1,110	-33%
PAT	8,510	7,561	12.5%	6,124	39%	7,771	10%
Profit before minority int./equity in earnings of affiliates	8,510	7,561	12.5%	6,124	39%	7,771	10%
Minority Interest	2	4		-		-	
Equity in earnings / (losses) of affiliates	49	89	-44.9%	55	-11%	93	-47%
Recurring Profit	8,561	7,654	11.9%	6,178	39%	7,864	8.9%
			bps		bps		bps
EBITDA margin	22.3%	22.2%	12bps	23.2%	-90bps	21.3%	108bps
EBIT margin	19.3%	19.7%	-40bps	20.5%	-121bps	18.8%	42bps
PAT margin	19.7%	19.0%	66bps	19.9%	-25bps	17.9%	182bps
Effective tax rate	8.1%	12.0%	-394bps	13.8%	-578bps	12.5%	-444bps

Source: Company

Table 3: Profit and loss statement

Year ended March (Rs m)	2005	2006	2007	2008E	2009E
Net Sales	81,606	106,029	149,982	187,624	241,498
Total expenses	61,090	80,655	115,620	143,362	185,745
EBITDA	20,515	25,374	34,362	44,262	55,753
Other income	945	1536	2963	3183	3633
EBIT	18059	22278	30149	38427	47890
Interest and Finance	56	35	230	230	230
Depreciation	2,456	3,096	4,213	5,835	7,863
PBT	18,948	23,778	32,882	41,381	51,293
Tax	2,750	3,391	3,868	6,207	8,207
PAT-Ordinary Oprns	16,198	20,387	29,014	35,174	43,086
Continuing operations	16,198	20,387	29,120	35,174	43,086
Minority Interest	-88	-1	6	0	0
Equity in earnings / (losses) of affiliates	175	288	295	220	268
Reported PAT	16,285	20,674	29,421	35,394	43,353
Recurring consolidated profit	16,285	20,674	29,421	35,394	43,353

Source: Merrill Lynch Estimates, Company data

Table 4: Balance sheet

Rs million, 31st March	2005	2006	2007	2008E	2009E
Liabilities					
Share Capital	1,407	2,852	2,918	2,918	2,918
Share application money	12	75	35	35	35
Reserves & Surplus	51,407	63,201	93,042	118,377	150,666
Shareholders Funds	52,826	66,127	95,995	121,330	153,619
Loan Funds	621	757	3,827	3,827	3,827
Minority Interest	265	-	29	29	29
Total	53,713	66,884	99,851	125,186	157,475
Assets					
Goodwill	5,663	3,528	9,477	9,777	10,077
Fixed Assets					
Gross Block	20,900	24,816	37,287	52,487	68,487
Less: Depreciation	9,952	12,910	18,993	24,828	32,692
Net Block	10,948	11,905	18,294	27,659	35,795
Add: CWIP	2,604	6,249	10,191	10,191	10,191
Investments	23,505	30,812	33,249	44,997	59,163
Deferred Tax assets	495	594	590	665	740
Current Assets, Loans & advances					
Inventories	1,747	2,065	4,150	3,653	4,702
Sundry Debtors	15,518	21,272	29,391	37,641	48,449
Cash & Bank balances	5,714	8,858	19,822	7,047	6,283
Loans & Advances	5,563	10,373	16,387	12,923	16,196
Total	28,542	42,567	69,750	61,265	75,631
Less: Current Liabilities	12,742	18,527	33,667	21,863	24,462
Less:Provisions	5,302	10,244	8,033	7,505	9,660
Net Current assets	10,498	13,796	28,050	31,897	41,509
Total assets and liabilities	53,713	66,884	99,851	125,186	157,475

Source: Merrill Lynch Estimates, Company data

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Table 6. Gash now statement						
Rs million	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08E	FY09E
Cash From Operations						
Profit Before Tax from Continuing Operations	11,996	19,035	24,065	33,289	41,601	51,560
Depreciation & Amortization	1,972	2,456	3,096	4,213	5,835	7,863
Change in Provisions	7,514	(2,996)	4,941	(2,211)	(528)	2,155
Change in Current Assets/ Liabilities						
Receivables	(3,314)	(3,631)	(5,852)	(8,116)	(8,325)	(10,883)
Loans and advances (Excluding Treasury Investments)	(1,175)	121	(4,810)	(6,014)	3,464	(3,271)
Inventories	(281)	(455)	(317)	(2,085)	497	(1,049)
Current Liabilities	2,949	3,460	5,785	15,140	(11,804)	2,599
Net cash provided by operations	19,660	17,990	26,908	34,217	30,739	48,974
Taxes Paid	(1,681)	(2,750)	(3,391)	(3,868)	(6,207)	(8,207)
Net Cash provided by Operations	17,979	15,240	23,517	30,349	24,532	40,767
Cash flow from investing activities	(4,118)	(6,984)	(5,564)	(20,493)	(15,500)	(16,300)
Capital Expenditure	(3,873)	(6,573)	(7,699)	(14,544)	(15,200)	(16,000)
Increase/ Decrese in Goodwill	(245)	(411)	2,135	(5,949)	(300)	(300)
Change in Investments (Excluding treasury related)	40	(179)	(274)	(415)	415	0
Change in Treasury Investments	(7,955)	(4,267)	(7,033)	(2,022)	(12,163)	(14,166)
Net Cash used in investing activities	(12,033)	(11,429)	(12,871)	(22,930)	(27,248)	(30,466)
Free Cash Flow	13,861	8,256	17,954	9,855	9,032	24,467
Cash flows from financing activities						
Change in Share Capital	75	2,964	756	11,809	2,517	2,769
Dividends Paid	(6,750)	(3,479)	(7,129)	(9,965)	(11,029)	(12,132)
Dividend Tax Paid	(865)	(493)	(1,000)	(1,398)	(1,547)	(1,702)
Proceeds from issuance / (repayment) of borrowings	625	(332)	(129)	3,099	0	0
Net Cash provided by/ (used in financing activities)	(6,916)	(1,340)	(7,502)	3,546	(10,059)	(11,065)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(969)	2,471	3,144	10,964	(12,775)	(764)
Cash at the end of the year	3,242	5,713	8,857	19,822	7,046	6,282
Treasury Investments	18,517	22,784	29,817	31,839	44,002	58,168
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of year	21,759	28,497	38,674	51,661	51,048	64,451

Source: Merrill Lynch Estimates, Company data

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	2005	2006	2007	2008E	2009E
EBITDA %	25.1	23.9	22.9	23.6	23.1
NPM (%)	20.0	19.5	19.6	18.9	18.0
EPS	11.6	14.5	20.6	24.7	30.2
CEPS	13.3	16.7	23.6	28.7	35.7
EV/EBITDA	37.7	30.5	22.3	17.4	13.6
ROCE (%)	41.1	39.5	39.7	37.0	36.5
RONW (%)	36.0	34.8	36.3	32.6	31.5
BV (Rs)	37.5	46.4	67.3	84.6	107.1
Debtor collection days	68.46	72.22	70.55	72.22	72.22
FCFE(Rs m)	7,672	14,514	17,087	8,586	23,483

Source: Merrill Lynch Estimates, Company data

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Business Performance Numerator Denominator

Return On Capital Employed NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) \* (1 - Tax Rate) + Goodwill Total Assets - Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill

Amortization Amortization Shareholders

Return On Equity Net Income Shareholders' Equity

 Operating Margin
 Operating Profit
 Sales

 Earnings Growth
 Expected 5-Year CAGR From Latest Actual
 N/A

 Free Cash Flow
 Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex
 N/A

**Quality of Earnings** 

 Cash Realization Ratio
 Cash Flow From Operations
 Net Income

 Asset Replacement Ratio
 Capex
 Depreciation

 Tax Rate
 Tax Charge
 Pre-Tax Income

 Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio
 Net Debt = Total Debt, Less Cash & Equivalents
 Total Equity

Interest Cover EBIT

Valuation Toolkit

Price / Earnings Ratio
Current Share Price
Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)
Price / Book Value
Current Share Price
Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares

Dividend Yield Annualised Declared Cash Dividend Current Share Price

Free Cash Flow Yield Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex Market Cap. = Current Share Price \* Current Basic Shares

Enterprise Value / Sales EV = Current Share Price \* Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt + Sales

EV / EBITDA Enterprise Value Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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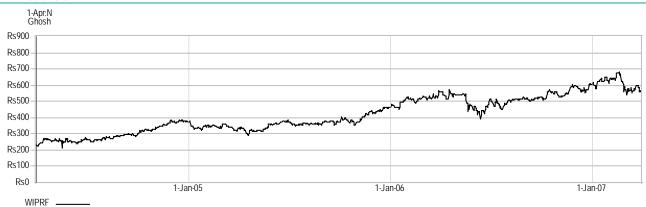
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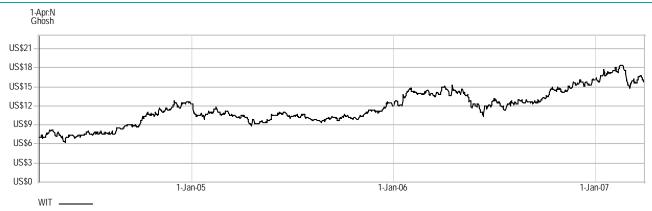


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