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Educomp Solutions

REDUCE Maintained

Rs146

Disappointment continues

Reason for report: Q2FY13 results review and earnings revision

Educomp Solutions' (Educomp) Q2FY13 consolidated revenue was down 5.5% YoY to Rs3.02bn – the first ever YoY decline and well below our estimate of Rs3.78bn. Revenue from SmartClass declined 30% YoY / 11% QoQ to Rs1.33bn (I-Sec: Rs1.98bn) owing to 25% YoY / 17% QoQ decline in SmartClass additions to 5,112 classrooms while EBIT margin more than halved YoY to 25%. The management indicated FY13 and FY14 to be years of consolidation and bringing in operational efficiencies, and hence refrained from commenting on FY13 guidance (the management has earlier indicated revenue growth of 25-30% with EBITDA margin improvement of 150-250bps YoY). H1FY13 revenue growth was just 2% YoY with EBITDA margin down 1100bps YoY. With lower-than-expected margins in SmartClass, we cut our FY13-14E EBITDA by ~18%. We maintain REDUCE on Educomp but trim the target price to Rs140 (1xFY14E sales) from Rs150/share. Educomp is unlikely to turn FCF positive over the next two years. Recent cash infusion by promoters and others financial investors would limit the downside.

- SmartClass losing sheen pressure on all fronts volume, pricing / margins, and securitisation: Revenue from SmartClass declined 31% YoY to Rs1.3bn with a 25% YoY decline in classroom additions (5,112 classrooms added versus 6,818 classrooms YoY). Competitive intensity in the industry remains high and pricing / revenue share of Educomp with third-party system-integrator seems to be adversely impacted vs. company's indication for better pricing QoQ. Even securitisation was lower owing to high cost of funding. Consequently, EBIT margin more than halved YoY to 25% (from 52.5% in Q2FY12). Though the management is hinting at pricing discipline among competition now, we remain sceptical about any improvement in pricing henceforth. Besides, Educomp plans to launch tablet PC and English language lab during H2FY13.
- K-12 broadly on track revenue up 23% YoY and EBIT up 39% YoY. Educomp has 37,480 students in K-12 segment with another 7,000-8,000 students expected to be added in the next fiscal. Of the 66 operational schools, 14 schools have been operational for more than four years, while another eight schools have been operational for more than three years. Three schools moved out of Educomp's portfolio (mostly dry management) during Q2FY13. As K-12 segment is gaining mass, its contribution to overall revenue has inched up to 15-16% during H1FY13 vs. 12% in FY12 and just 10% in FY11.
- Cash flow remains strained. DSO increased to ~347days, while receivables increased by 40% from March '12 to Rs14.3bn owing to lower securitisation in SmartClass. Despite ~Rs4bn equity/cash infusion by the promoter group and financial investors recently, the net debt has increased by Rs1.8bn to Rs19bn in H1FY13.

Market Cap	Rs17.6bn/US\$0.3bn	Year to March	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E
Reuters/Bloomberg	EDSO.BO/EDSL IN	Revenue (Rs mn)	13,509	14,913	15,193	16,601
Shares Outstanding ((mn) 119.4	Net Income (Rs mn)	3,334	1,663	891	1,324
52-week Range (Rs)	257/130	EPS (Rs)	33.0	16.4	7.4	11.0
Free Float (%)	56.6	% Chg YoY	18.2	(50.5)	(54.8)	48.6
FII (%)	31.4	P/E (x)	4.4	8.9	19.8	13.3
Daily Volume (US\$'00	00) 9,553	CEPS (Rs)	41.3	26.9	17.8	23.1
Absolute Return 3m (%) (7.2)	EV/E (x)	4.9	7.4	8.6	7.3
Absolute Return 12m	(%) (32.9)	Dividend Yield (%)	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Sensex Return 3m (%	6) 5.9	RoCE (%)	11.3	5.7	4.0	4.7
Sensex Return 12m (9.1	RoE (%)	17.4	7.1	3.3	4.5

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Technology

Target price Rs140

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(%)	FY13E	FY14E
Sales	↓ 16.9	↓ 19.8
EBITDA	↓ 18.0	↓ 18.0
EPS	↓ 51.4	↓ 26.8

Target price revision

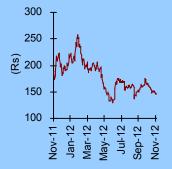
Rs140 from Rs150

Shareholding pattern

	Mar	Jun	Sep
	'12	'12	'12
Promoters	49.5	49.2	43.4
Institutional			
investors	29.1	26.2	31.4
MFs and UTI	1.3	0.0	0
Insurance Cos.	0.0	0.0	0
Flls	27.8	26.2	31.4
Others	21.4	24.6	25.2

Source: www.nseindia.com

Price chart



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Varun Sharma varun.sharma@icicisecurities.com +91 22 6637 7180 • Consolidated EBITDA and PAT was down 44% YoY and 72% YoY to Rs596mn and Rs36mn respectively. Revenue from other segments (higher learning solutions and online supplemental and global) was up 53% YoY to Rs870mn while EBIT losses from the same were lower at Rs161mn vs. Rs192mn YoY.

Table 1: Q2FY13 results review (consolidated)

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

	Q2FY13	Q1FY13	Q2FY12	% chg	% chg	I-Sec	%
				(QoQ)	(YoY)	estimates	Variance
Total revenues	3,021	3,253	3,198	(7.1)	(5.5)	3,782	(20.1)
(a) consumption of raw material	940	828	844	13.6	11.4	1,400	(32.8)
(b) Increase/Decrease in stock in trade	(69)		(97)	(148.7)	(28.7)	(100)	
(c) Staff Cost	884	821	813	7.7	8.7	850	4.0
(d) Forex Loss/(Gain)	-	-	-			-	
(e) Admin & other exp	669	594	580	12.7	15.5	640	4.6
Total operating expenses	2,425	2,384	2,140	1.7	13.3	2,790	(13.1)
EBITDA	596	869	1,058	(31.4)	(43.6)	992	(39.9)
Depreciation	307	302	260	1.7	18.3	313	(1.8)
EBIT	289	568	798	(49.0)	(63.7)	679	(57.4)
Interest	511	473	307	8.1	66.4	537	(4.8)
OPBT	(222)	95	491	(334.3)	(145.2)	143)
Other income	136	130	77	4.9	76.5	132	3.0
PBT	(85)	225	568	(138.0)	(115.0)	275	
Less : Tax provision	(4)	16	189	(126.3)	(102.2)	12	
Net income	(81)	209	379	(138.9)	(121.4)	264	
Less: Minority interest	4	(4)	(6)	(194.1)	(167.0)	(4)	
Less: Share of loss in associates	(1)	2	9	(132.7)	(108.0)	2	
Net profit after minority interest	(85)	211	376	(140.1)	(122.5)	266	
Forex gain / (loss)	121	(162)	(248)			-	
Reported net profit	36	49	128	(25.6)	(71.5)	266	
Ratios:							
EBITDA margin (%)	19.7	26.7	33.1			26.2	
EBIT margins (%)	9.6	17.4	25.0			18.0	
OPBT margins (%)	(2.8)	6.5	11.8			7.0	
PBT margins (%)	(7.3)	2.9	15.3			3.8	
Net margin (%)	(2.8)	6.9	17.8			7.3	
Effective tax rate (%)	4.8	6.9	33.2			4.2	

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

SmartClass was

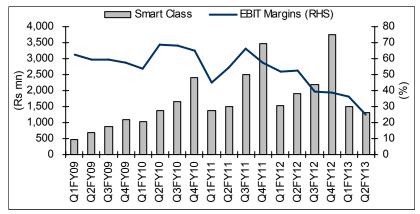
implemented in 5,112 classrooms across 787 schools in Q2FY13. Reported average pricing was up 8% QoQ in Q2FY13 to 0.346mn/classroom.

Table 2: SmartClass performance

(Nos.)	Sep-11	Dec-11	Mar-12	Jun-12	Sep-12
No. of classrooms implemented	6,818	10,102	17,815	6,151	5,112
No. of schools	905	1,923	2,622	853	787
No. of classrooms per school	7.5	5.3	6.8	7.2	6.5
Average fee per classroom (Rs)	404,000	336,000	367,000	320,000	346,000
Total no. of students (mn)	4.8	5.3	6.1	6.4	6.6

Source: Company data

Chart 1: Declining SmartClass revenues and margins



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 3: SmartClass assumptions based on new model

Smart Class	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E
Total no. of addressable private schools – assumed	77,250	79,568	81,955	84,413
No. of schools (at the year end) – Educomp	6,538	12,161	19,731	29,321
as a % of addressable private schools	8.5	15.3	24.1	34.7
Total no. of schools added / renewed	3,461	5,623	7,570	9,590
Total no. of addressable classrooms – Industry (in mn) - 75,000				
private schools with avg of 15 classrooms per school (assumed)	1.16	1.19	1.23	1.27
Total no. of classrooms (at the end) – Educomp	69,802	109,825	145,626	190,384
as a % of addressable classrooms	6.0	9.2	11.8	15.0
No. of classrooms – SmartClass implementations	27,154	40,023	35,801	44,759
YoY growth (%)	63.6	47.4	(10.5)	25.0
Average realisation per classroom (Rs)	383,756	362,588	300,588	291,570
Average fee per student per month (Rs)	142	134	111	108
Revenue from schools signed in the year – Edusmart model	5,471	7,047	5,075	5,873
Revenue from schools signed previous year – Edusmart model	462	2,345	3,020	2,175
Revenue from erstwhile BOOT model now securitised	2,939			
Revenues (Rs mn)	8,872	9,392	8,095	8,047
YoY growth (%)	37.6	5.9	(13.8)	(0.6)
EBIT	5,107	4,128	2,920	3,023
YoY growth (%)	22.2	(19.2)	(29.3)	3.5
EBIT margin (%)	57.6	44.0	36.1	37.6

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 4: ICT – School additions

(Nos.)	Jun-11	Sep-11	Dec-11	Mar-12	Jun-12	Sep-12
School additions	-	582	185	1,054	-	-
Cumulative no. of schools	10,572	10,937	11,122	11,535	10.771	10.771

Table 5: ICT – slow growth

(Rs mn)				
• •	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E
Revenues (Rs mn)	1,117	1,064	1,137	1,300
YoY growth (%)	(29.5)	(4.8)	6.9	14.3
EBIT (Rs mn)	95	147	254	260
YoY growth (%)	(69.3)	54.9	74.0	1.3
EBIT margin (%)	8.5	13.9	22.6	20.0

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

The company added no school during the quarter and the cumulative number of students covered remained stable QoQ at 5.9mn.

Table 6: Operating metrics – K-12 schools and new businesses

	Q4FY11	Q1FY12	Q2FY12	Q3FY12	Q4FY12	Q1FY13	Q2FY13
Pre-schools							
No. of Roots to Wings pre-schools	220	232	233	242	232	200	219
No. of <i>Eurokids</i> pre-schools	579	609	595	600	600	626	631
No. of total pre-schools	799	841	828	842	832	826	850
K-12 Schools							
No. of K12 schools operational	56	59	63	67	69	69	66
-No. of K12 schools operational under Educomp (Greenfield)	33	33	35	35	36	36	3
-No. of K12 schools operational under Educomp (Acquired)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
-No. of K12 schools operational under Educomp (Dry Mgmt/JV)	10	10	12	16	17	17	14
No. of K12 schools operational under Euroschools	11	14	14	14	14	14	15
No. of K12 schools with visibility	83	86	99	110	112	117	114
Breakup of Greenfield schools under Educomp:							
No. of K12 schools operational in 0th year	9	9	4	4	4	-	-
No. of K12 schools operational in 1st year	8	8	9	9	10	4	4
No. of K12 schools operational in 2nd year	12	12	8	8	8	10	10
No. of K12 schools operational in 3rd year	1	1	11	11	11	8	8
No. of K12 schools operational in 4th year and above	3	3	3	3	3	14	14
Higher education - Raffles JV							
No. of Colleges (Raffles Millennium International)	7	8	8	8	8	8	7
Vocational education - Pearson JV							
No. of total IndiaCan points of presence	339	365	308	343	328	354	327
No. of students covered by IndiaCan	63,000	39,097	60,815	93,713	110,499	34,586	55,081
Online and supplemental education							
Online users							
No. of new registered users added (in mn)	0.43	0.58	0.29	0.43	0.50	0.6	0.4
Total no. of registered users (in mn)	2.90	3.50	3.80	4.20	4.70	5.3	5.5
Vidyamandir Classes / LEAP							
No. of VMC + LEAP centres operational	66	69	73	74	85	88	93
No. of students enrolled in VMC & LEAP programs	7,158	10,552	18,100	23,908	12,664	18,394	27,443

ND – Not Disclosed; Source: Company data

Table 7: Segmental revenues and EBIT (stand-alone)

Segment revenues – Standalone	Q1FY12	Q2FY12	Q3FY12	Q4FY12	Q1FY13	Q2FY13
School learning solutions	1,800	2,153	2,476	4,047	1,779	1,629
Higher learning solutions	42	28	36	30	23	24
K-12 schools	7	7	-	0	4	4
Online supplemental and global	8	4	122	4	270	104
Total	1,857	2,193	2,634	4,082	2,077	1,761
Segment results – EBIT						
School learning solutions	843	1,017	907	1,508	622	393
Higher learning solutions	20	6	12	6	5	2
K-12 schools	7	7	(0)	0	3	4
Online supplemental and global	(8)	(3)	(2)	(6)	6	(8)
Total	862	1,027	916	1,509	635	392
Segment results – EBIT (%)						
School learning solutions	46.8	47.3	36.6	37.3	35.0	24.1
Higher learning solutions	47.1	19.8	33.5	20.7	19.5	10.0
K-12 schools	99.9	97.7		99.6	74.1	100.0
Online supplemental and global	(89.2)	(75.9)	(1.9)	(152.0)	2.1	(7.6)
Total	46.4	46.8	34.8	37.0	30.6	22.3
Less:						
Interest (net)	203	175	219	272	267	314
Other unallocable expenses	166	164	199	178	141	169
Unallocable Income	74	24	26	30	35	34
PBT	567	711	524	1,090	262	(57)

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 8: Segmental revenues and EBIT (consolidated)

(Rs mn) Segment revenues – Standalone Q2FY12 Q3FY12 Q4FY12 Q1FY13 Q2FY13 2,187 1,796 School learning Solutions 2,498 4,079 1,671 Higher learning Solutions 89 151 151 141 227 K-12 schools 442 427 447 510 482 Online supplemental and global 480 579 460 805 642 Total 3,198 3,655 5,136 3,253 3,021 Segment results – EBIT School learning solutions 1,022 901 1,529 619 403 Higher learning solutions (107) (125) (94) (91) (66) K-12 schools 136 150 90 201 214 Online supplemental and global (126) (85) (46) (17) (95) Total 967 880 1,399 712 456 Segment results - EBIT (%) 24 47 37 School learning solutions 36 34 Higher learning solutions (120) (83) (62) (64) (29) K-12 schools 31 35 20 39 44 Online supplemental and global (18)(8) (27) (2) (15)30 24 27 22 15 Total Less: Interest (net) 307 354 409 473 511 Other unallocable expenses 541 182 293 307 45 Unallocable Income 77 65 102 130 136 196 409 800 PBT 62 36

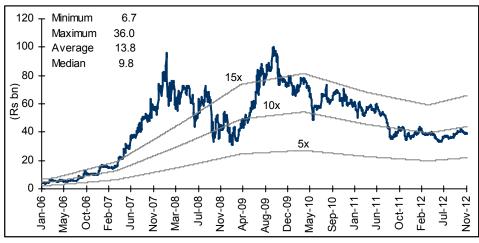
Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Valuation methodology and key risks

We maintain REDUCE on Educomp with revised target price of Rs140/share (earlier Rs150/share).

The key risks to our call are higher-than-expected classroom addition or better margins in SmartClass and any stake sale in subsidiaries.

Chart 2: EV/E bands



Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research

Financial summary (consolidated)

Table 9: Profit and loss statement

Rs mn, year ending March 31)

	FY11	FY12*	FY13E	FY14E
Operating Revenues (Sales)	13,509	14,913	15,193	16,601
of which Standalone	10,207	10,765	9,993	9,958
of which subsidiaries	3,302	4,148	5,228	6,659
Operating Expenses	8,084	10,363	11,248	11,942
EBITDA	5,425	4,550	3,945	4,659
% margins	40.2	30.5	26.0	28.1
Depreciation & Amortisation	841	1,070	1,257	1,460
Gross Interest	962	1,399	2,036	2,147
Other Income	461	312	546	594
Recurring PBT	4,083	2,393	1,198	1,647
Add: Extraordinaries / forex loss	-	(324)	(41)	-
Less: Taxes	678	698	299	323
Less: Minority Interest	71	32	8	-
Net Income (Reported)	3,334	1,339	850	1,324
Recurring Net Income	3,334	1,663	891	1,324

*excluding revenue / PAT from proposed strategic stake sale Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 10: Balance sheet

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E
Assets				
Total Current Assets	19,826	23,916	29,992	30,857
of which cash and deposits	3,466	2,205	3,514	1,490
Total Current Liabilities &				
Provisions	3,924	5,378	5,635	6,325
Net Current Assets	15,902	18,539	24,357	24,533
Investments	1,235	989	1,006	1,006
of which Strategic/Group	1,235	989	1,006	1,006
Net Fixed Assets	18,425	23,330	25,955	28,095
Goodwill	8,518	10,694	11,382	11,382
Capital Work-in-Progress	3,046	4,322	3,322	2,322
Total Assets	38,608	47,180	54,640	55,956
of which cash and equivalents	3,466	2,205	3,514	1,490
Liabilities				
Borrowings	14,378	19,438	22,974	22,974
Deferred Tax Liability	81	(65)	237	237
Minority Interest	2,365	2,762	2,681	2,673
Equity Share Capital	191	192	239	239
Face Value per share (Rs)	2	2	2	2
Reserves & Surplus*	21,593	24,853	28,510	29,834
Net Worth	21,784	25,045	28,749	30,073
Total Liabilities	38,608	47,180	54,640	55,956

*Excluding revaluation reserves

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 14: Quarterly trend (consolidated)

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

Dec-11	Mar-12	Jun-12	Sep-12
3,655	5,136	3,253	3,021
2.2	5.1	11.2	(5.5)
963	1,476	869	596
26.3	28.7	26.7	19.7
46	128	118	130
19	(78)	(162)	121
227	693	211	(85)
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Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 11: Cashflow statement

	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E
Operating Cash flow before W	4,175	4,399	2,148	2,784
Cap changes				
Working Capital Inflow / (Outflow)	(5,862)	(2,948)	(5,474)	(2,126)
Capex	(7,940)	(3,652)	(2,881)	(2,600)
Free Cash flow	(9,627)	(2,202)	(6,207)	(1,942)
Cash Flow from other Invst Act	(881)	(298)	(17)	-
(Ex Capex)				
Proceeds from Issue of Share	1,751	(27)	4,151	-
Capital				
Inc/(Dec) in Borrowings	4,350	4,401	3,455	(8)
Divided paid	(71)	(81)	(73)	(74)
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	-	(3,054)	-	-
Source: Company data I Sec research				

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 12: Key ratios

(Year ending March 31)

	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E
Per Share Data (Rs)				
EPS	33.0	16.4	7.4	11.0
Recurring Cash EPS	41.3	26.9	17.8	23.1
Dividend per share (DPS)	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
Book Value per share (BV)	131	141	144	155
Growth Ratios (%)				
Operating Income (Sales)	30.0	10.4	1.9	9.3
EBITDA	10.2	(16.1)	(13.3)	18.1
Recurring Net Income	18.3	(50.1)	(46.4)	48.6
Recurring EPS	18.3	(50.1)	(46.4)	48.6
Recurring CEPS	5.5	(35.0)	(33.7)	29.6
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	4.4	8.9	19.8	13.3
P/CEPS	3.5	5.4	8.2	6.3
P/BV	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9
EV / EBITDA	4.9	7.4	8.6	7.3
EV / Sales	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.0
EV / FCF	NA	NA	NA	NA
EVITOR	NA	IN/A	11/3	IN/A
Operating Ratio				
Operating Expenses/Sales (%)	59.8	69.5	74.0	71.9
Other Income / PBT (%)	11.3	13.0	45.6	36.1
Effective Tax Rate (%)	16.6	29.2	25.0	19.6
NWC / Total Assets (%)	37.4	35.3	40.4	39.4
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Receivables (days)	165	252	328	338
Payables (days)	159	171	164	167
D/É Ratio (x)	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Deturn/Drofitability Datia (%)				
Return/Profitability Ratio (%)	047	11.2	5.0	0.0
Recurring Net Income Margins	24.7		5.9	8.0
RolC	11.3	5.6	4.0	4.8
RoCE	11.3	5.7	4.0	4.7
RoNW	17.4	7.1	3.3	4.5
Dividend Payout Ratio	2.1	4.3	8.2	5.6
Dividend Yield	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
EBITDA Margins	40.2	30.5	26.0	28.1

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

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