

Sify Technologies Limited Sponsored ADR (SIFY)

3Q:F23 Revenue Beat, Profit Missed Our Forecast; Think Growth Potential Of Planned Data Center Capacity Expansion Remains Unappreciated; Maintain \$7 Target

	F2022	F202	23E	<u>F20</u>	24E	<u>F2</u> (025 <u>E</u>
		OLD	NEW	OLD	NEW	<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>
June	\$0.03	\$0.02A		\$0.02	\$0.01		\$0.02
Sep.	0.03	0.01A		0.02			0.03
Dec.	0.03	0.02	0.02A	0.03	0.02		0.04
Mar.	<u>0.03</u>	0.03	<u>0.01</u>	0.04	0.02		0.06
EPS (FY) EPS (Cal.)	\$0.12 \$0.08	\$0.08 \$0.09	\$0.07 \$0.04	\$0.10	\$0.07 \$0.08		\$0.14
P/E (FY) P/E (Cal.)			26.3x 46.0x		26.3x 23.0x		13.1x

Note: NR = Not Rated. Risk Ratings: H = High; M = Moderate. F2022-F2025E EPS estimates assume 178 million fully diluted shares, constant-currency USD/INR exchange rate of 65. Sum of quarterly data may not equal full-year total due to rounding and/or changes in share count. NC = Not covered by Sidoti & Company, LLC.

Ī	Year	F2016	F2017	F2018	F2019	F2020	F2021	F2022	F2023E	F2024E	F2025E
	Rev.(Mil.)	\$231.3	\$283.6	\$318.2	\$331.5	\$353.1	\$374.1	\$415.8	\$504.5	\$550.8	\$667.3
ĺ	GAAP EPS	\$0.04	\$0.06	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.06	\$0.09	\$0.12	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.14

Description: Sify Technologies Ltd., (www.sifytechnologies.com) is one of the largest integrated Information & Communication Technology (ICT) solutions and services companies in India, offering end-to-end solutions over a common telecom data network infrastructure. Sify's network reaches more than 1,550 cities in India and connects 45 data centers, including six owned Tier 3 data centers. Headquarters are in Chennai, India.

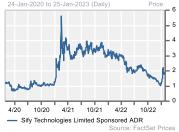
- Sify delivered another quarter of strong revenue growth. Revenue in 3Q:F23 increased 31% year-over-year to \$136.9 million, topping our \$124 million forecast.
- Although revenue topped our estimate, operating profit was below our expectation.
- The revenue beat was driven by Sify's Digital Services, which had an excellent quarter, growing 90%, driven by several project completions in the quarter.
- Sify's Data Center services grew 19%. This was lower than we projected, but with
 its data center capacity set to double by the end of 2023, we remain bullish on the
 growth potential for this business.
- We think the stock price may not reflect Sify's growth potential nor the potential for profitability to improve as Sify gains leverage on its infrastructure investments and expanded headcount.
- Given the company's track record of revenue and operating profit growth, modest leverage and potential for further gains backed by strong secular trends, we think the stock's valuation is heavily discounted.
- We maintain our \$7 price target, based on 50x our F2025 EPS forecast of \$0.14 as we shift away from 70x estimated F2024 EPS. The lower multiple reflects the longer time horizon of our estimates.
- Given the company's growth potential and modest leverage, we maintain our moderately risky rating.

Revenue in 3Q:F23 beat our forecast... Revenue in 3Q:F23 grew 31% to \$136.9 million, topping our \$124 million forecast, driven by Sify's Digital Services segment, where revenue increased 90% to \$48.5 million, blowing past our \$28.5 million forecast. This segment is comprised of Sify's Cloud and Managed services as well as its Technology Integration and Application Integration services. The upside was mainly timing related as the company's Technology Integration services are very project-based and several large projects were completed in the quarter. Growth in the company's Network Services was as expected with revenue rising 8% to \$51.3 million. Data Center Services grew 19% to \$37 million, missing our \$43 million forecast. Recent quarters contained some nonrecurring project work that led

Price Target: \$7
Price: \$1.84
Risk Rating: M

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Key Statistics	
Analysts Covering	1
Market Cap (Mil)	\$340
Enterprise Value	\$541
52-Week Range (NASDAQ)	3-1
5-Year EPS CAGR	20%
Avg. Daily Trading Volume	89,000
Shares Out (Mil)	182.742
Float Shares (Mil)	24.1
Insider Ownership	86%
Institutional Holdings	1%
Annualized Dividend	Nil
Dividend Yield	N/A
FCF Per Share (F2025E)	(\$0.10)
FCF Yield (F2025E)	NM
Net Cash Per Share (F2025E)	(\$1.63)
Price to Book Value	1.8x
Return on Equity (F2025E)	10.2%
Total Debt to Capital	56%
Interest Coverage Ratio	1.5x
Short Interest %	N/A
Short Interest Days To Cover	0.5
Russell 2000	1,890
Russell 2000 - Last 12 Months	-5.7%
SIFY – Last 12 Months	-36.8%
24-Jan-2020 to 25-Jan-2023 (Daily)	Price



us to overestimate the near-term growth for this segment. That said, we remain bullish on the long-term growth potential of this segment and we continue to see it as Sify's primary growth engine. The company operates 11 data centers with about 100 megawatts of capacity and it has three green-field projects underway that will be operational by the end of 2023, nearly doubling its existing capacity with an incremental 78 megawatts. While we project steady growth from Sify's Data Center business, these new Data Centers will be a major catalyst that will accelerate growth as they come online in the latter part of the year.

...but profitability was below our forecast. Gross margin declined to 35.2% from 42% a year ago, missing our 41.1% forecast. EBITDA margin declined 500 basis points to 18.2%, missing our 22.2% forecast. Margins vary depending on the revenue mix in a given quarter, with lower-margin project work in its Technology Integration Services typically driving quarterly variances. That was the case this quarter, but Sify is also adding to its headcount to support its network investments and the growth of its Digital Services. Management, in our view, has been prudent in controlling spending, and although margins (excluding the change in revenue mix) were a little lower than we projected, the company is still delivering profitable growth and we expect to see margins rebound as the company's network and data center investments begin generating more meaningful revenue. EBITDA grew just 3% to \$24.9 million, missing our \$27.6 million forecast. Net income declined 25%, due to higher depreciation and interest expense tied to Sify's Data Center and network investments, leading to EPS of \$0.02, which was in line with our forecast.

Exhibit 1: Sify Technologies	Variance Analysis					
	3Q:F23E	3Q:F23A	<u>Var</u>	3Q:F22A	3Q:F23A	% Change
Total revenue	\$124.0	136.9	12.9	\$104.4	136.9	31.1%
Gross Profit	51.0	48.1	(2.9)	43.9	48.1	9.6%
(%)	41.1%	35.1%		42.0%	35.1%	
EBITDA	27.6	24.9	(2.7)	24.2	24.9	2.9%
(%)	22.3%	18.2%		23.2%	18.2%	
Diluted EPS	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.03	\$0.02	(25.0%)

Sources: Sidoti & Company, LLC estimates and company filings

Valuation	We maintain our \$7 price target on SIFY. The pandemic curbed India's economic growth for a short period but did not change the long-term trajectory of digital transformation. We view Sify as a primary beneficiary of this transformation. With the stock trading at enterprise value of just 4.5x our F2024 EBITDA projection and 3.5x our F2025 forecast, SIFY is valued at a steep discount to peers in the India telecom and application and technology integration market players group, which trade 8x-12x. Given Sify's track record of revenue and EBITDA growth and its potential for continued expansion, we see merit to trading at the high-end of the peer range. Our \$7 price target is based on 50x our new F2024 EPS estimate of \$0.14; previously we valued the stock at 70x estimated F2024 EPS. This new valuation equates to 10x our F2025 EBITDA estimate of \$154 million, less projected net debt of \$300 million, to yield \$1.24 billion, or \$6.80 per share. The company's growth potential and modest leverage support our moderate risk rating.
Key Risks	Foreign exchange Concentrated ownership

SIFY TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED SPONSORED ADR

Table 1: Sify Technologies Ltd., Income Statement

(Dollars in millions except where noted)

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Total revenue	99.2	107.5	104.4	104.7	415.8	118.6	122.1	136.9	127.0	504.5	129.5	135.5	137.5	148.4	550.8	667.3
COGS	60.1	64.6	60.5	62.7	247.9	75.5	76.7	88.7	77.3	318.3	77.6	81.6	81.6	88.8	329.6	390.6
Gross profit	39.2	42.8	43.9	42.0	167.9	43.1	45.4	48.1	49.7	186.3	51.9	53.9	55.9	59.6	221.2	276.6
SG&A	16.8	20.1	19.7	18.4	74.9	19.6	22.2	23.2	23.6	88.6	24.6	25.1	25.4	26.4	101.5	122.6
EBITDA	22.4	22.7	24.2	23.6	92.9	23.5	23.2	24.9	26.1	97.6	27.3	28.8	30.4	33.2	119.7	154.0
D&A	12.3	12.2	12.9	13.2	50.5	14.3	14.7	15.3	15.9	60.2	16.6	17.6	18.5	19.6	72.3	84.6
EBIT	10.0	10.6	11.4	10.5	42.4	9.2	8.5	9.6	10.2	37.5	10.7	11.2	11.9	13.5	47.4	69.4
Interest and other expense (income)	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.1	15.8	4.3	5.6	6.5	7.2	23.6	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	31.1	36.9
Other expense (income)	(0.2)	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.9)	(1.8)	(1.2)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.5)	(2.6)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(2.2)	(2.2)
EBT	6.8	7.1	7.3	7.2	28.4	6.1	3.4	3.5	3.5	16.5	3.5	4.0	4.7	6.3	18.4	34.6
Taxes	1.7	1.6	2.0	2.2	7.6	1.9	1.7	(0.5)	1.1	4.1	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.9	5.5	10.4
Net income	5.1	5.5	5.3	5.0	20.8	4.2	1.7	4.0	2.5	12.3	2.4	2.8	3.3	4.4	12.9	24.2
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EPS - diluted	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.12	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.07	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.07	\$0.14
Shares outstanding - diluted	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0
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Gross margin	39.5%	39.9%	42.0%	40.1%	40.4%	36.3%	37.2%	35.2%	39.1%	36.9%	40.1%	39.7%	40.6%	40.1%	40.2%	41.5%
EBITDA	22.5%	21.1%	23.2%	22.6%	22.3%	19.8%	19.0%	18.2%	20.5%	19.4%	21.1%	21.2%	22.1%	22.3%	21.7%	23.1%
Operating margin	10.1%	9.8%	10.9%	10.0%	10.2%	7.8%	7.0%	7.0%	8.0%	7.4%	8.3%	8.3%	8.7%	9.1%	8.6%	10.4%
Net margin	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	4.8%	5.0%	3.5%	1.4%	2.9%	1.9%	2.4%	1.9%	2.1%	2.4%	3.0%	2.3%	3.6%
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Total revenue	22.7%	18.4%	7.6%	(0.8%)	11.1%	19.5%	13.6%	31.2%	21.3%	21.4%	9.2%	10.9%	0.4%	16.9%	9.2%	21.1%
Gross profit	18.0%	23.7%	20.6%	(4.1%)	13.4%	10.0%	5.9%	9.7%	18.3%	11.0%	20.5%	18.7%	16.1%	19.9%	18.8%	25.1%
EBITDA	26.1%	24.2%	21.9%	5.6%	18.8%	4.9%	2.2%	2.9%	10.3%	5.1%	16.3%	24.0%	22.2%	27.3%	22.6%	28.7%
EBIT	26.1%	24.2%	21.9%	5.6%	18.8%	4.9%	2.2%	2.9%	10.3%	5.1%	16.3%	24.0%	22.2%	27.3%	22.6%	28.7%
EPS	91.3%	38.5%	36.5%	(10.5%)	29.7%	(17.6%)	(68.5%)	(25.0%)	(50.9%)	(40.9%)	(42.1%)	62.3%	(17.6%)	79.7%	4.7%	88.1%

Note: Historical results and estimates assume constant currency USD/INR exchange rate of $65\,$

Sources: Sidoti & Company, LLC. estimates and company reports

Table 2: Sify Technologies Ltd.. Cash Flow Statement

(Dollars in millions except where noted)

	F2022	F2023E	F2024E	F2025E
Net income	\$19.3	\$12.3	\$12.9	\$24.2
D&A	50.7	61.9	72.3	84.6
Provision for doubtful accounts	6.7	-	-	-
Stock compensation	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Net finance (income) / expense	15.8	-	-	-
Unrealized (gain) / loss on account of exchange differences	(0.2)	-	-	-
Amortization of leasehold prepayments	-	-	-	-
Accounts receivable	(62.8)	(10.7)	(20.8)	(52.4)
Inventory	(15.3)	2.0	(1.2)	(6.7)
Prepaid and other current assets	10.6	-	-	-
Accounts payable	21.0	32.5	7.4	39.7
Employee benefits	(1.1)	-	-	-
Deferred income	-	-	-	-
Income taxes (paid)/ refund received	(19.6)	-	-	
Cash from operating activities	34.5	90.5	70.7	89.5
PPE	(104.6)	(164.6)	(160.0)	(106.8)
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-
Investments in debt securities	(4.1)	-	-	-
Finance income received	-	-	-	
Cash from investing activities	(112.4)	(164.6)	(160.0)	(106.8)
Proceeds (purchase) of common stock	0.7	-	-	-
Debt	85.5	83.1	53.8	38.5
Finance expenses paid	(17.1)	-	-	-
Proceeds (repayment) finance lease liabilities	(4.9)	-	-	-
Dividend and distribution tax	-	-	-	
Cash from financing activities	64.2	83.1	53.8	38.5
FX	-	-	-	-
Net change in cash	(13.7)	9.0	(35.5)	21.2
Cash at the beginning of period	84.3	70.6	79.6	44.2
Cash at the end of period	70.6	79.6	44.2	65.4
FCF	(70.1)	(74.1)	(89.3)	(17.2)
FCF / share	(\$0.39)	(\$0.42)	(\$0.50)	(\$0.10)

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Table 3: Sify Technologies Ltd., Balance Sheet

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	F2022	F2023E	F2024E	F2025E
Cash	58.2	67.2	31.8	53.0
Restricted cash	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2
Inventory	\$37.0	\$35.0	\$36.3	\$43.0
Accounts receivable	216.3	227.0	247.9	300.3
Prepaid expenses	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.8
Total current assets	338.6	356.3	342.9	423.2
PPE	256.8	346.0	433.6	455.8
Intangible assets	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Lease payments	-	-	-	-
Other assets	32.9	32.9	32.9	32.9
Other investments	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
Total assets	645.4	752.2	826.5	929.0
Finance lease obligations	-	-	-	_
Borrowings	109.4	109.4	109.4	109.4
Bank overdraft	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Accounts payable	174.4	206.9	214.3	253.9
Deferred income	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	324.7	357.2	364.5	404.2
Finance lease obligations	-	-	-	-
Long-term debt	119.5	148.8	202.6	241.1
Employee benefits	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Other liabilities	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0
Compulsory convertible debentures	-	53.8	53.8	53.8
Other	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	
Total liabilities	501.4	617.0	678.2	756.3
Share capital	28.3	28.5	28.6	28.8
Share premium	302.7	302.7	302.7	302.7
Share based payment reserve	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
Other components of equity	1.2	(20.0)	(20.0)	(20.0)
Accumulated defecit	(114.9)	(102.6)	(89.7)	(65.4)
Total stockholders' equity	222.7	214.0	227.1	251.5
Total liabilities and equity	724.1	831.0	905.3	1,007.8
ROE	10.7%	6.2%	5.9%	10.2%
Total Debt-to-capital	50.7%	54.7%	57.9%	58.2%
Net debt-to-TTM EBITDA	1.76x	1.89x	2.28x	1.89x
Cash (debt) per share	(\$0.92)	(\$1.04)	(\$1.54)	(\$1.63)
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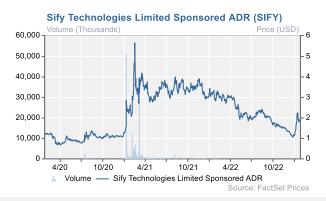
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Required Disclosures

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Rating and Price Target History Table

Action	Date	Рх	Rating I	PT	Risk Rating
PT	1/28/21	2.3		5	
PT	5/7/21	2.9	(6	
PT	10/29/21	3.5		7	



Valuation	We maintain our \$7 price target on SIFY. The pandemic curbed India's economic growth for a short period but did not change the long-term trajectory of digital transformation. We view Sify as a primary beneficiary of this transformation. With the stock trading at enterprise value of just 4.5x our F2024 EBITDA projection and 3.5x our F2025 forecast, SIFY is valued at a steep discount to peers in the India telecom and application and technology integration market players group, which trade 8x-12x. Given Sify's track record of revenue and EBITDA growth and its potential for continued expansion, we see merit to trading at the high-end of the peer range. Our \$7 price target is based on 50x our new F2024 EPS estimate of \$0.14; previously we valued the stock at 70x estimated F2024 EPS. This new valuation equates to 10x our F2025 EBITDA estimate of \$154 million, less projected net debt of \$300 million, to yield \$1.24 billion, or \$6.80 per share. The company's growth potential and modest leverage support our moderate risk rating.
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BUY	All, except Utilities	Capital appreciation of at least 25% over the next 12 months
NEUTRAL	All, except Utilities	Capital appreciation of less than 25% over the next 12 months
BUY	Utilities(a)	Capital appreciation of at least 15% over the next 12 months
NEUTRAL	Utilities(a)	Capital appreciation of less than 15% over the next 12 months
HIGH (RISK)	All in CSR program	Companies/equities with among others, one or more of the following characteristics: • significant potential for loss of principal; • significant share price volatility; • limited revenue or cash flow and/or high unpredictability associated with revenue and cash flow; • short and/or unprofitable operating history; • potentially significant issues regarding operational and/or financial success; • problematic financial, liquidity, legal, regulatory or political issues; • upcoming need for additional capital when availability is questionable;

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⁽a) those with at least 75% of operations derived from regulated state and federal businesses

Percentage of Covered Companies with Each Rating and Realization of Investment Banking Income from Covered Companies Over the Past 12 Months:

With reference to the information described in the header immediately above please refer to the table below, which is as of, and reflects information immediately prior to, the publication of this report:

Rating	# of Companies	% (b)	Realized Investment Banking Income (# of companies with rating)	Realized Investment Banking Income (% of companies with rating)
BUY	100	61.3%	1	1.0%
NEUTRAL(a)	14	8.6%	1	7.1%
NR -CSRs Moderate Risk (c)	42	25.8%	0	0.0%
NR -CSRs High Risk (c)	7	4.3%	0	0.0%
TOTAL	163	100.0%	2	1.2%

- (a) Of the NEUTRALS 8 trade above our price target.
- (b) Numbers may not add due to rounding or because of a pending drop of coverage.
- (c) 85.7% of our CSRs are moderate risk, while 14.3% are high risk.

Certain Risks

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May 2022 August 2022		

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