

# Sify Technologies Limited Sponsored ADR (SIFY)

2Q:F25 Revenue Beat, EPS In Line; Data Center Expansion Is Delivering Strong Growth; Sify Is Positioned To Capitalize On Growing Demand For Colocation Services In India; Maintain \$18 Target

	F2023	<u>F2</u>	024	F202	5 <u>E</u>	<u>F20</u>	026E
		OLD	NEW	OLD	NEW	<u>OLD</u>	<b>NEW</b>
June	\$0.03	\$0.01	<u></u>	(\$0.01)A	<u> </u>	\$0.01	
Sep.	0.01	0.00		0.00	0.00A	0.01	
Dec.	0.02	0.00		0.00		0.01	
Mar.	<u>0.00</u>	0.00		<u>0.01</u>		<u>0.01</u>	
EPS (FY) EPS (Cal.)	\$0.06	\$0.01		\$0.01		\$0.04	
<b>P/E (FY)</b> P/E (Cal.)				NM		90.8x	

Note: NR = Not Rated. Risk Ratings: H = High; M = Moderate. F2025-F2026E EPS estimates assume 430 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.

Year	F2017	F2018	F2019	F2020	F2021	F2022	F2023	F2024	F2025E	F2026E
Rev.(Mil.)	\$283.6	\$318.2	\$331.5	\$353.1	\$374.1	\$415.8	\$514.1	\$548.2	\$621.4	\$699.2
GAAP EPS	\$0.06	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.06	\$0.09	\$0.12	\$0.06	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.04

**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.

- 2Q:F25 sales grew 16.9% year over year to \$158.1 million, beating our \$152.7 million forecast. Sify also posted breakeven EPS, in line with our forecast.
- The beat was driven by the Digital Services segment which had a strong quarter of project work.
- More importantly, Sify's Data Center business continues to deliver strong growth.
   With significant new capacity coming online, we remain bullish on the growth potential of this business.
- From a profit perspective, the upfront costs of Sify's infrastructure investments have reduced earnings. We expect earnings leverage to improve now that these investments are beginning to generate revenue.
- Given the company's cash on hand, organic cash generation, the remainder of its Kotak investment, and the recently completed rights offering, we think Sify has ample liquidity to fund its capital plans this fiscal year.
- At the end of 2Q:F25, net debt was \$315 million, or 2.7x trailing 12-month EBITDA.
- We maintain an \$18 price target based on an unchanged 75x our F2026 EPS forecast of \$0.04 multiplied by 6 (shares per ADR exchange ratio). (We maintain a moderate risk rating, which considers Sify's track record of growth and positive earnings and cash generation.

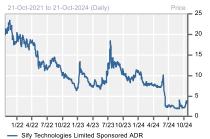
Revenue in 2Q:F25 beat our forecast. Revenue in 2Q:F25 grew 16.9% year over year to \$158.1 million, beating our \$152.7 million forecast. The beat was driven by project-based work in the Digital Services segment which, as we saw this last quarter, can be lumpy and hard to time from a modeling perspective. As a result, Digital Services revenue grew 30% to \$50.2 million, versus our \$39 million forecast. Backed by the ongoing digital transformation of India's economy and the strong secular trends driving demand for cloud and data services, Sify's Data Center business delivered another strong quarter of growth with revenue increasing 22.7% to \$51.3 million. Lastly, Network Services revenue grew 3% to \$56.6 million, which was below our \$61.5 million forecast. The slower pace of growth this quarter was surprising but not concerning, as Sify's demand for Sify's data network services is being

# Price Target: \$18 Price: \$3.63 Risk Rating: M

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Key Statistics	
Market Cap (Mil)	\$258
Enterprise Value	\$515
52-Week Range (NASDAQ)	12-2
5-Year EPS CAGR	20%
Avg. Daily Trading Volume	800,000
Shares Out (Mil)	430
Float Shares (Mil)	32.8
Insider Ownership	N/A%
Institutional Holdings	0%
Annualized Dividend	Nil
Dividend Yield	N/A
FCF Per Share (F2026E)	(\$0.13)
FCF Yield (F2026E)	-3.6%
Net Cash Per Share (F2026E)	(\$0.95)
Price to Book Value	0.6x
Return on Equity (F2026E)	3.6%
Total Debt to Capital	Nil
Interest Coverage Ratio	0.7x
Short Interest %	N/A%
Short Interest Days To Cover	1.2
Russell 2000	2,232
Russell 2000 - Last 12 Months	33.3%
SIFY - Last 12 Months	-62.3%
21-Oct-2021 to 21-Oct-2024 (Daily)	Price



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Source: FactSet Prices

driven by the same factors benefiting the company's data center business. We expect growth will rebound from here in the second half

Sify's Data Center investments are driving strong growth. Our primary focus remains on Sify's Data Center Services, which remains the company's primary growth engine. To capitalize on the fast-growing demand for data center colocation services in India, Sify is making significant investments in expanding its Data Center capacity. These investments are laying the foundation for a long runway of growth, which is still in its early innings. Sify commissioned 6.5 megawatts of capacity in 2Q:F25 and at the end of the quarter had a total capacity of 120 megawatts, 105 megawatts being consumed by customers and the rest in different stages of contracting. Beyond this, the company has new facilities which went under construction last year and are nearing completion, that will go live in the next few months with initial design capacity of 52 megawatts, 6 megawatts of which are initially scheduled to go live. This capacity expansion leaves ample room for growth and Sify has bigger plans for this business. In total, the company aims to develop up to 25 data centers, potentially quadrupling its data center capacity to more than 400 MW.

Sify's break even earnings were in line with our forecast. The gross margin widened 80 basis points year over year to 38.1% in 2Q:F25, versus our 38.5% forecast. Sify has born the upfront cost of its infrastructure investments but has done a good job managing costs and delivering profitable growth. Accordingly, SG&A only increased by 2.5% resulting in EBITDA increasing 38.4% of \$32.4 million, versus our \$32.9 million forecast. However, Sify's infrastructure investments have increased its depreciation and interest expenses, which resulted in net income of just \$0.8 million. This equated to breakeven on a per share basis, unchanged from a year ago and in line with our forecast. With Sify's infrastructure investments beginning to generate revenue we expect operating and earnings leverage to improve.

Exhibit 1: Sify Technologies	Variance Analysis					
	2Q:F25E	2Q:F25A	<u>Var</u>	2Q:F24A	2Q:F25A	% Change
Total revenue	\$152.7	\$158.1	5.4	\$135.2	\$158.1	16.9%
Gross Profit	58.8	60.2	1.4	50.5	60.2	19.2%
(%)	38.5%	38.1%		37.4%	38.1%	
EBITDA	32.9	32.4	(0.5)	23.4	32.4	38.4%
(%)	21.5%	20.5%		17.3%	20.5%	
Diluted EPS	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	NM

Sources: Sidoti & Company, LLC estimates and company filings

Valuation	We maintain our \$18 price target. Sify is changing the ratio of its American Depository Shares to its equity shares from a ratio of one to one to a ratio of one to six. ADS holders will surrender their ADSs and for every six old ADSs held they will receive one new ADS representing 6 equity shares. The equity share count will therefore not change. The stock is trading at an enterprise value of just 3.0x our F2026 EBITDA projection, a steep discount to peers in the India telecom and application and technology integration market, which trade at 8x-12x EBITDA. We think this reflects Sify's small size, emerging growth, and the large capital requirements of its expansion. Given SIFY's track record of revenue and EBITDA growth and its growth potential as new data center capacity comes online, we think the discount is unwarranted and see merit to the stock trading within the peer range. Our \$18 price target is based on an unchanged 75x our F2026 EPS estimate of \$0.04 multiplied by the new ADR exchange ratio of 6. This equates to about 10x our F2026 EBITDA estimate of \$164 million, less projected net debt of \$410 million, to yield \$1.23 billion, or \$2.85 which multiplied by 6 equates to \$17.1. The company's growth potential and modest leverage support our moderate risk rating.
Key Risks	Foreign exchange Concentrated ownership

Table 1: Sify Technologies Ltd., Income Statement

(Dollars in millions except where noted)

	F2023	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	F2024	JunA	SepA	DecE	MarE	F2025E	JunE	SepE	DecE	MarE	F2026E
Network Connectivity Services	\$204.7	\$52.7	\$54.9	\$53.5	\$64.4	\$225.6	\$59.5	\$56.6	\$58.3	\$65.7	\$240.1	\$63.6	\$65.7	\$63.6	\$69.6	\$262.5
Data Center Services	155.8	41.6	41.8	42.0	44.6	170.1	51.7	51.3	54.6	59.8	217.4	62.5	64.1	68.3	71.8	266.7
Digital Services	153.7	37.2	38.5	37.7	39.2	152.6	33.8	50.2	39.3	40.6	163.9	39.0	43.2	43.2	44.7	170.1
Total revenue	514.2	131.5	135.2	133.2	148.3	548.2	144.9	158.1	152.3	166.1	621.4	165.1	172.9	175.0	186.1	699.2
COGS	328.9	82.6	84.8	82.9	94.0	344.3	91.7	97.9	93.0	101.4	384.0	99.7	105.1	105.5	112.4	422.6
Gross profit	185.2	48.9	50.5	50.3	54.3	203.9	53.2	60.2	59.3	64.7	237.4	65.5	67.9	69.5	73.7	276.6
SG&A	88.2	21.2	27.1	24.3	23.4	96.0	24.4	27.8	25.7	26.6	104.6	27.2	27.7	28.0	29.4	112.3
EBITDA	97.0	27.6	23.4	26.0	30.9	107.9	28.8	32.4	33.5	38.2	132.8	38.2	40.2	41.5	44.3	164.3
D&A	61.1	17.2	18.7	18.2	19.4	73.5	20.1	20.4	21.6	22.6	84.7	23.8	24.3	24.8	25.4	98.4
EBIT	35.9	10.4	4.6	7.8	11.6	34.4	8.7	12.0	12.0	15.5	48.2	14.4	15.9	16.7	18.9	65.9
Interest and other expense (income)	22.0	8.8	4.7	8.1	9.9	31.4	10.3	10.7	11.4	11.4	43.8	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	45.7
Other expense (income)	(2.0)	(0.1)	(0.9)	0.0	(0.4)	(1.4)	(0.9)	(0.0)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(2.0)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(2.2
EBT	16.0	1.8	0.8	(0.3)	2.1	4.4	(0.7)	1.3	1.1	4.6	6.3	3.5	5.0	5.8	8.0	22.4
Taxes	5.3	0.8	0.6	(0.1)	1.5	2.8	0.9	0.6	0.3	1.4	3.2	1.1	1.5	1.7	2.4	6.7
Net income	10.6	1.0	0.2	(0.2)	0.6	1.6	(1.6)	0.8	0.8	3.2	3.1	2.5	3.5	4.0	5.6	15.6
EPS - diluted	\$0.06	\$0.01	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$0.00	\$0.01	(\$0.01)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.04
Shares outstanding - diluted	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.0	430.0	430.0	430.0	367.0	430.0	430.0	430.0	430.0	430.0
<u>Margins</u>																
Gross margin	36.0%	37.2%	37.3%	37.8%	36.6%	37.2%	36.7%	38.1%	38.9%	39.0%	38.2%	39.7%	39.2%	39.7%	39.6%	39.6%
EBITDA	18.9%	21.0%	17.3%	19.5%	20.9%	19.7%	19.9%	20.5%	22.0%	23.0%	21.4%	23.2%	23.2%	23.7%	23.8%	23.5%
Operating margin	7.0%	7.9%	3.4%	5.8%	7.8%	6.3%	6.0%	7.6%	7.9%	9.3%	7.8%	8.7%	9.2%	9.5%	10.2%	9.4%
Net margin	2.1%	0.8%	0.2%	(0.2%)	0.4%	0.3%	(1.1%)	0.5%	0.5%	2.0%	0.5%	1.5%	2.0%	2.3%	3.0%	2.2%
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Network Connectivity Services	11.0%	11.2%	5.4%	4.8%	19.1%	10.2%	12.8%	3.0%	9.0%	2.0%	6.4%	7.0%	16.0%	9.0%	6.0%	9.3%
Data Center Services	36.6%	3.4%	6.7%	13.4%	13.6%	9.2%	24.3%	22.7%	30.0%	34.0%	27.9%	21.0%	25.0%	25.0%	20.0%	22.7%
Digital Services	37.3%	18.5%	24.9%	(22.3%)	(8.7%)	(0.7%)	(9.1%)	30.3%	4.3%	3.6%	7.4%	15.4%	(14.0%)	9.8%	10.1%	3.7%
Total revenue	25.3%	10.4%	10.7%	(2.5%)	8.8%	6.6%	10.2%	16.9%	14.3%	12.1%	13.4%	13.9%	9.4%	15.0%	12.0%	12.5%
Gross profit	14.0%	12.3%	11.3%	4.9%	12.1%	10.1%	8.9%	19.2%	17.8%	19.2%	16.4%	23.0%	12.7%	17.3%	13.9%	16.5%
EBITDA	10.9%	15.6%	0.7%	5.2%	22.8%	11.3%	4.2%	38.4%	29.0%	23.3%	23.1%	32.8%	24.3%	23.8%	16.1%	23.7%
EBIT	(2.9%)	8.2%	(45.4%)	(17.0%)	38.0%	(4.1%)	(16.6%)	158.3%	53.6%	34.1%	39.9%	65.6%	32.4%	39.4%	21.9%	36.8%
EPS	(31.1%)	(78.4%)	(86.6%)	NM	NM	(85.0%)	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NN

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

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

Table 3: Sify Technologies Ltd., Balance Sheet

(Dollars in millions except where noted)

	F2023	F2024	F2025E	F2026E
Cash	56.2	63.2	66.1	50.8
Restricted cash	18.4	26.6	26.6	26.6
Inventory	\$29.9	\$52.2	\$42.2	\$46.5
Accounts receivable	224.9	217.0	279.6	314.7
Prepaid expenses	14.2	13.4	13.4	13.4
Total current assets	343.4	372.4	428.0	452.0
PPE	343.2	495.5	610.9	666.4
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-
Lease payments	-	-	-	-
Other assets	69.8	111.7	111.7	111.7
Other investments	16.1	18.5	18.5	18.5
Total assets	772.5	998.1	1,169.2	1,248.5
Finance lease obligations	-	-	-	-
Borrowings	87.9	99.2	99.2	99.2
Bank overdraft	14.6	7.5	7.5	7.5
Accounts payable	197.6	215.6	249.6	274.7
Deferred income	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	339.5	360.2	394.2	419.4
Finance lease obligations	-	-	-	-
Long-term debt	212.6	270.9	340.1	378.6
Employee benefits	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
Other liabilities	65.3	88.8	88.8	88.8
Compulsory convertible debentures	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	619.4	722.3	825.6	889.2
Share capital	28.3	28.4	28.6	28.7
Share premium	302.8	303.6	303.6	303.6
Share based payment reserve	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.4
Other components of equity	31.6	135.4	199.9	199.9
Accumulated defecit	(104.5)	(103.1)	(100.0)	(84.3)
Total stockholders' equity	263.8	369.7	437.5	453.3
Total liabilities and equity	883.1	1,092.0	1,263.1	1,342.5
ROE	4.4%	0.5%	0.8%	3.6%
Total Debt-to-capital	53.2%	50.0%	50.1%	51.3%
Net debt-to-TTM EBITDA	2.47x	2.66x	2.66x	2.48x
Cash (debt) per share	(\$1.35)	(\$1.62)	(\$0.96)	(\$0.95)

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Table 2: Sify Technologies Ltd.. Cash Flow Statement

(Dollars in millions except where noted)

	F2023	F2024	F2025E	F2026E
Net income	\$10.4	\$0.8	\$3.1	\$15.6
D&A	61.1	73.4	87.2	98.4
Provision for doubtful accounts	5.7	4.1	-	-
Stock compensation	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
Net finance (income) / expense	22.0	29.8	-	-
Unrealized (gain) / loss on account of exchange differences	(0.7)	1.1	-	-
Amortization of leasehold prepayments	(0.0)	0.0	-	-
Accounts receivable	(6.2)	(7.4)	(62.7)	(35.0)
Inventory	7.2	(22.3)	10.0	(4.3)
Prepaid and other current assets	1.4	(9.9)	-	-
Accounts payable	43.7	43.5	34.0	25.1
Employee benefits	(0.9)	-	-	-
Deferred income	-	-	-	-
Income taxes (paid)/ refund received	(21.0)	(39.3)	-	
Cash from operating activities	128.3	76.7	71.8	100.0
PPE	(178.7)	(171.1)	(198.9)	(153.8)
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-
Investments in debt securities	(8.4)	(2.4)	-	-
Finance income received	-	-		
Cash from investing activities	(205.3)	(192.8)	(198.9)	(153.8)
Proceeds (purchase) of common stock	0.1	0.6	60.8	-
Debt	105.1	163.5	69.2	38.5
Finance expenses paid	(25.0)	(43.8)	-	-
Proceeds (repayment) finance lease liabilities	(4.1)	(5.8)	-	-
Dividend and distribution tax	-	-	-	
Cash from financing activities	76.1	114.5	130.0	38.5
FX	-	-	-	-
Net change in cash	(0.9)	(1.6)	3.0	(15.3)
Cash and equivalents at the beginning of period	70.6	69.7	68.1	71.1
Cash and equivalents at the end of period	69.7	68.1	71.1	55.7
FCF	(50.4)	(94.4)	(127.0)	(53.8)
FCF / share	(\$0.28)	(\$0.53)	(\$0.35)	(\$0.13)
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# **Required Disclosures**

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Rating and Price Target History Table

Action	Date	Px	Rating PT	Risk Rating
PT PT PT	10/29/21	3.5	7	
PT	4/18/24	1.2	3	
PT	10/4/24	2.3	18	

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# (IF A COMPANY SPONSORED RESEARCH ("CSR") REPORT, ALSO REFER TO ADDITIONAL CSR-SPECIFIC DISCLOSURES PROVIDED BELOW)

#### Rating System

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Rating	Industry	Interpretation
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;

		<ul> <li>limited revenue or cash flow and/or high unpredictability associated with revenue and cash flow;</li> <li>short and/or unprofitable operating history;</li> <li>potentially significant issues regarding operational and/or financial success;</li> <li>problematic financial, liquidity, legal, regulatory or political issues;</li> <li>upcoming need for additional capital when availability is questionable;</li> <li>significant related party transactions which could lead to a conflict of interest;</li> <li>any other factor that the analyst believes could materially and adversely impact the subject company and/or the value of its securities.</li> </ul>
MODERATE (RISK)	All in CSR program	Companies which have many of the same risks as described under the HIGH risk rating, but which risks are mitigated (on a relative basis and in the opinion of the analyst) due to, among others, one or more of the following:  • more stable and predictable revenue, profits and cash flow;  • more established operating history;  • more favorable operating or business environment  • lower potential for financial, liquidity, regulatory or political issues; or  • less onerous upcoming capital needs.

(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	36	24.8%	3	8.3%
NEUTRAL(a)	16	11.0%	0	0.0%
NOT RATED	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
NR -CSRs Moderate Risk (c)	83	57.2%	2	2.4%
NR -CSRs High Risk (c)	8	5.5%	0	0.0%
TOTAL	145	100%	5	3.4%

- (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) 90.2% of our CSRs are moderate risk, while 8.7% are high risk.

#### Certain Risks

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Date	Role	Transaction	Security

#### Sidoti Non-Investment Revenue Realized from the Subject Company in the Last 12 Months

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Conferences	NDR Days

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