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## Sify Technologies Limited Sponsored ADR (SIFY)

1Q:F21 Revenue Missed, EBITDA Beat Our Estimates; The Pandemic Is Accelerating Demand For Sify's Higher-Margin Data Center And Cloud Services; Maintain \$4 Target

	F2019	F2020		<u>F2</u> (	)21E	<u>F2022E</u>		
		OLD	NEW	OLD	NEW	<u>OLD</u>	NEW	
June	\$0.02	\$0.02		\$0.01		\$0.01	\$0.02	
Sep.	0.02	0.02		0.01		0.02		
Dec.	0.03	0.01		0.01	0.02	0.02		
Mar.	<u>0.03</u>	<u>0.01</u>		<u>0.01</u>	0.02	0.02	0.03	
EPS (FY)	\$0.09	\$0.06		\$0.04	\$0.06	\$0.07	\$0.09	
EPS (Cal.)	\$0.08	\$0.04	\$0.06	\$0.06	\$0.08			
P/E (FY)					19.0x		12.7x	
P/E (Cal.)			19.0x		14.3x			
EBITDA (mil)	\$48.00	\$62.70		\$64.80	\$70.10	\$71.20	\$75.10	
EV / EBITDA					4.7x		4.4x	

Note: NR = Not Rated. Risk Ratings: H = Highly risky; M = Moderately risky. F2019-F2022E EPS estimates assume a fully diluted share count of 178 million 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. \*EPS including amortization expense. \*EPS including amortization expense.

Year	F2013	F2014	F2015	F2016	F2017	F2018	F2019	F2020	F2021E	F2022E
Rev.(Mil.)	\$131.9	\$160.9	\$197.9	\$231.3	\$283.6	\$318.2	\$331.5	\$353.1	\$348.0	\$383.0
GAAP EPS	\$0.04	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.04	\$0.06	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.06	\$0.06	\$0.09

**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.

- Revenue in 1Q:F20 declined 4.7%, year over year, to \$80.9 million, missing our \$88 million estimate. However, favorable revenue mix and spending discipline led to a 32% gain in EBITDA to \$17.7 million, that topped our \$15.2 million estimate. Higher depreciation and interest expense resulted in 1Q:F21 EPS declining to \$0.01 from \$0.02 in 1Q:F20, which was in line with our forecast.
- Although growth in F2021 will be negatively impacted by the lockdown measures taken to slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus, we think Sify remains well positioned to prosper once restrictions are lifted.
- Sify is will be a primary beneficiary of India's digital transformation, which will drive demand for Sify's Data Center and Cloud services, as evidenced in the strong 49% and 42% respective revenue growth these segments delivered in 1Q:F21; these gains were masked by declines in Sify's lower-margin Technology Integration and wholesale voice services.
- Sify is managing its liquidity well and generated strong cash flow in 1Q:F21, ending the quarter with cash of \$55 million, up from \$41 million at the end of F2020.
- SIFY stock trades at just 4.4x our new F2022 EBITDA estimate, a significant discount to the peer group range of 8x-12x estimated 12-month forward EBITDA.
- The \$4 price target is based on 12x our F2022 EBITDA estimate of \$75 million, less projected net debt of \$130 million. The \$4 price target implies 44x our new F2022 EPS estimate of \$0.09.
- Given the company's growth potential and modest leverage of 2.1x net debt-to-TTM EBITDA, we maintain our Moderate risk rating.

The revenue miss to our estimates in 1Q:F21 masks strong growth in Sify's Data Center and Cloud and Managed services. Revenue in 1Q:F21 declined 5% to \$80.9 million, missing our \$88 million estimate. However, we think it is important to look at the

Price Target: \$4 Price: \$1.14 Risk Rating: M

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Key Statistics	
Analysts Covering	1
Market Cap (Mil)	\$200
Enterprise Value	\$331
52-Week Range (NASDAQ)	2-1
5-Year EPS CAGR	20%
Avg. Daily Trading Volume	158,000
Shares Out (Mil)	179.144
Float Shares (Mil)	24.2
Insider Ownership	86%
Institutional Holdings	1%
Annualized Dividend	Nil
Dividend Yield	N/A
FCF Per Share (F2022E)	\$0.04
FCF Yield (F2022E)	3.5%
Net Cash Per Share (F2022E)	(\$0.51)
Price to Book Value	1.4x
Return on Equity (F2022E)	8.5%
Total Debt to Capital	45%
Interest Coverage Ratio	1.4x
Short Interest %	N/A%
Short Interest Days To Cover	0.3
Russell 2000	1,481
Russell 2000 – Last 12 Months	-6.0%
SIFY – Last 12 Months	-16.6%



complexion of Sify's revenue to get a clear view of the health of the business. In this regard we think it was a strong quarter for the company, despite the headline miss. Specifically, Sify's Data Center Service and Cloud and Managed Services grew 49% and 42% respectively in the quarter, far outpacing the 20% and 30% growth we forecast. We think the pandemic will drive demand for Sify's infrastructure and cloud services, as it likely will further accelerate the digital transformation and cloud adoption of businesses in India. We think the company's 1Q:F21 results bear this out. There were two primary areas of weakness in the quarter that offset these gains that we are less concerned with; the first is a 42% decline in Technology Integration Services. This project-based portion of Sify's business has seen a sharp decline in activity during the pandemic. While we think this business will likely rebound as the Indian economy opens, the broader secular trend is moving away from owned IT infrastructure toward outsourced consumption-based models. This favors, Sify's Data Center and Cloud Services. Over time we expect Sify's Technology Integration services to naturally decline as a percentage of the company's overall mix. In addition the shift in mix is beneficial from a profit perspective, as Sify's Data Center and Cloud Services have gross margins ranging from 50%-60%, compared with the low-margin Technology Integration Services where the gross margins range is from 20%-25%. Finally, Sify's Network Services, declined 12%, as compared with the 4% growth we forecast. While data revenue still increased 1%, wholesale voice revenue declined 42%. Here too, voice is a lower-margin service that is not Sify's primary focus. Consumption is down because of the pandemic so we think the declines are likely temporary.

**Despite the revenue miss, Sify delivered strong EBITDA growth that topped our forecast.** Although revenue missed our forecast in 1Q:F21, as we noted above, the revenue mix was favorable, with higher-margin Data Center and Cloud Services making up a greater percentage of revenue. As a result, the gross margin widened to 41%, from 35.7% in 1Q:F20, and gross profit increased 10%. Management is also doing a good job managing discretionary spending. Operating expenses declined \$1.4 million from a year ago and were about \$2 million below our forecast. As a result, EBITDA increased 32% to \$17.7 million, topping our \$15.6 million estimate. A combination of higher depreciation expense tied to Sify's network and data center investments and higher interest expense (Sify is using debt to fund capital investments) led to a net income decline of 20% to \$2.6 million that exceeded our \$1.1 million projections. However, rounding resulted in EPS of \$0.01, which was in line with our forecast and down from \$0.02 a year ago.

	<u>1Q:F21E</u>	1Q:F21A	Var	1Q:F20A	<u>1Q:F21A</u>	% Change
Total revenue	\$88.0	80.9	(7.1)	\$84.9	80.9	(4.7%)
Gross Profit	32.8	33.2	0.5	30.3	33.2	9.6%
(%)	37.2%	41.0%		35.7%	41.0%	
EBITDA	15.2	17.7	2.6	13.4	17.7	31.8%
(%)	17.2%	21.9%		15.8%	21.9%	
Diluted EPS	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.01	(20.0%)

Sources: Sidoti & Company, LLC estimates and company filings

Valuation	We maintain a \$4 price target. While COVID-19 virus will curb economic growth in the near-term, it does not change the long-term digital transformation of India's economy. We think Sify will be a primary beneficiary of this transformation. With the stock trading at 4.4x our projections on a F2022 EV/EBITDA basis, SIFY is valued at a significant discount to peers in the India Telecom and application and technology integration markets, that trade in a range of 8x-12x EV/EBITDA. Given Sify's growth potential, we think the stock deserves to trade at the high-end of the peer group range. Thus, the \$4 price target is based on 12x our F2022 EBITDA estimate of \$75 million, less projected net debt of \$110 million, to yield \$790 million, or \$4.40 on a per share basis. Given the company's growth potential and modest leverage of 2.1x net debt-to-TTM EBITDA, we maintain a Moderate risk rating.
Key Risks	Foreign exchange Concentrated ownership

#### Table 1: Sify Technologies Ltd., Income Statement

(Dollars in millions except where noted)

(Donars in minious except where noted)	F2019	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	F2020	JunA	SepE	DecE	MarE	F2021E	JunE	SepE	DecE	MarE	F2022E
Total revenue	331.5	84.9	89.3	90.6	88.2	353.1	80.9	85.0	89.2	92.9	348.0	89.4	92.5	97.3	101.0	380.3
COGS	209.8	54.6	56.2	57.4	53.3	221.4	47.7	52.0	54.7	57.1	211.5	54.7	56.5	59.6	62.0	232.8
Gross profit	121.7	30.3	33.2	33.3	34.9	131.7	33.2	33.0	34.5	35.7	136.4	34.7	36.0	37.7	39.0	147.5
SG&A	73.7	16.8	16.9	16.3	19.0	69.0	15.4	16.6	16.8	17.6	66.3	17.5	17.9	18.1	18.9	72.4
EBITDA	48.0	13.4	16.3	17.0	16.0	62.7	17.7	16.4	17.7	18.2	70.1	17.2	18.2	19.6	20.1	75.1
D&A	23.6	7.8	8.1	9.3	10.1	35.2	10.1	9.7	9.7	9.6	39.1	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.6	38.3
EBIT	24.4	5.7	8.2	7.7	5.9	27.5	7.6	6.7	8.1	8.6	31.0	7.6	8.6	10.1	10.6	36.9
Interest and other expense (income)	10.5	1.0	4.0	3.9	4.3	13.2	3.6	4.2	4.2	4.2	16.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	16.9
Other expense (income)	(2.6)	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(1.0)	(1.4)	(0.1)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(1.7)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(2.2)
EBT	16.5	4.9	4.3	3.8	2.6	15.7	4.1	3.0	4.4	4.9	16.4	3.9	4.9	6.4	6.9	22.2
Taxes	-	1.6	1.4	1.3	0.6	4.8	1.4	0.9	1.3	1.5	5.1	1.2	1.5	1.9	2.1	6.7
Net income	16.5	3.3	2.9	2.5	2.1	10.8	2.6	2.1	3.1	3.4	11.3	2.7	3.5	4.5	4.8	15.5
EPS - diluted	\$0.09	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.06	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.06	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.09
Dividend	\$0.02	-	-	-	-	\$0.02	-	-	-	-	\$0.02	-	-	-	-	\$0.02
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
Margins																
Gross margin	36.7%	35.7%	37.1%	36.7%	39.6%	37.3%	41.0%	38.8%	38.7%	38.5%	39.2%	38.8%	39.0%	38.8%	38.6%	38.8%
EBITDA	14.5%	15.8%	18.3%	18.7%	18.1%	17.8%	21.9%	19.3%	19.9%	19.6%	20.1%	19.2%	19.7%	20.2%	19.9%	19.8%
Operating margin	7.4%	6.7%	9.2%	8.5%	6.7%	7.8%	9.4%	7.9%	9.1%	9.2%	8.9%	8.5%	9.3%	10.4%	10.5%	9.7%
Net margin	5.0%	3.9%	3.3%	2.8%	2.3%	3.1%	3.3%	2.5%	3.5%	3.7%	3.2%	3.1%	3.7%	4.6%	4.8%	4.1%
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Total revenue	4.2%	17.8%	5.4%	2.8%	2.0%	6.5%	(4.7%)	(4.8%)	(1.6%)	5.2%	(1.4%)	10.5%	8.8%	9.1%	8.8%	9.3%
Gross profit	8.8%	7.1%	5.8%	10.5%	9.3%	8.2%	9.6%	(0.5%)	3.8%	2.3%	3.6%	4.7%	9.1%	9.3%	9.2%	8.1%
EBITDA	9.3%	17.9%	37.6%	40.0%	26.3%	30.6%	31.9%	0.6%	4.6%	13.9%	11.8%	(3.0%)	10.7%	10.6%	10.7%	7.2%
EBIT	9.3%	17.9%	37.6%	40.0%	26.3%	30.6%	31.9%	0.6%	4.6%	13.9%	11.8%	(3.0%)	10.7%	10.6%	10.7%	7.2%
EPS	16.2%	7.5%	(24.5%)	(47.4%)	(56.2%)	(34.2%)	(20.4%)	(28.3%)	22.3%	66.4%	3.9%	3.7%	64.1%	45.5%	41.0%	37.8%
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Note: Historical results and estimates assume constant currency USD/INR exchange rate of 65

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#### Table 2: Sify Technologies Ltd.. Cash Flow Statement

(Dollars in millions except where noted)

	F2019	F2020	F2021E	F2022E
Net income	\$16.5	\$10.8	\$11.2	\$15.5
D&A	23.6	32.4	38.9	38.3
Provision for doubtful accounts	8.3	-	-	-
Stock compensation	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Net finance (income) / expense	10.5	-	-	-
Unrealized (gain) / loss on account of exchange differences	1.0	-	-	-
Amortization of leasehold prepayments	0.3	-	-	-
Accounts receivable	(33.6)	0.1	2.8	(17.8)
Inventory	(16.5)	4.2	1.0	(2.1)
Prepaid and other current assets	1.9	-	-	-
Accounts payable	18.5	(1.4)	(5.5)	11.9
Employee benefits	0.4	-	-	-
Deferred income	-	-	-	-
Income taxes (paid)/ refund received	(8.7)	-	-	-
Cash from operating activities	22.2	46.3	48.5	45.9
PPE	(58.4)	(63.6)	(34.8)	(38.0)
Intangible assets	(2.7)	-	-	-
Investments in debt securities	(0.6)	-	-	-
Finance income received	0.4	-	-	
Cash from investing activities	(61.1)	(63.6)	(34.8)	(38.0)
Proceeds (purchase) of common stock	14.4	-	-	-
Debt	48.2	16.5	-	-
Finance expenses paid	(10.9)	-	-	-
Proceeds (repayment) finance lease liabilities	(1.4)	-	-	-
Dividend and distribution tax	(3.4)	(2.6)	-	-
Cash from financing activities	47.0	13.9	-	
FX	-	-	-	-
Net change in cash	8.1	(3.4)	13.7	7.9
Cash at the beginning of period	2.2	10.3	7.0	20.7
Cash at the end of period	10.3	7.0	20.7	28.6
FCF	(36.2)	(17.3)	13.7	7.9
FCF / share	(\$0.20)	(\$0.10)	\$0.08	\$0.04
Note: Historical results and estimates assume constant currency US				
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#### Table 3: Sify Technologies Ltd., Balance Sheet

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	F2019	F2020	F2021E	F2022E
Cash	29.8	7.3	34.6	40.4
Restricted cash	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8
Inventory	\$26.4	\$22.1	\$22.7	\$24.2
Accounts receivable	194.3	194.2	199.4	212.9
Prepaid expenses	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2
Total current assets	261.4	234.7	267.7	288.5
PPE	132.9	164.1	161.3	161.3
Intangible assets	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
Lease payments	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3
Other assets	28.2	28.2	28.2	28.2
Other investments	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Total assets	454.7	459.1	489.3	510.2
Finance lease obligations	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Borrowings	51.2	67.8	67.8	67.8
Bank overdraft	23.9	23.9	23.9	23.9
Accounts payable	125.4	124.0	127.2	135.4
Deferred income	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	222.1	250.1	253.3	261.4
Finance lease obligations	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Long-term debt	51.2	51.2	51.2	51.2
Employee benefits	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Other liabilities	18.4	18.4	18.4	18.4
Total liabilities	294.7	322.7	325.9	334.1
Share capital	27.8	27.9	28.1	28.2
Share premium	297.7	297.7	297.7	297.7
Share based payment reserve	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
Other components of equity	0.8	(31.1)	(12.0)	(12.0)
Accumulated defecit	(165.2)	(157.0)	(149.2)	(136.7)
Total stockholders' equity	165.8	142.3	169.3	181.9
Total liabilities and equity	460.6	465.0	495.2	516.0
ROE	10.9%	7.7%	4.7%	7.0%
Total Debt-to-capital	38.2%	45.5%	41.3%	39.5%
Net debt-to-TTM EBITDA	1.91x	2.08x	1.59x	1.37x
Cash (debt) per share	(\$0.52)	(\$0.73)	(\$0.58)	(\$0.55)
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### Appendix Required Disclosures

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### NR Price Target: \$4

Risk Rating: M

#### Rating and Price Target History Table

Action	Date	Рx	Rating	PT	Risk Rating
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Risk Rating	4/17/18	2.1			Μ
PT	7/13/18			4	



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Key Risks	Foreign exchange	Concentrated ownership	

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