

# Sify Technologies Limited Sponsored ADR (SIFY)

Raise Target To \$5 (From \$4); 3Q:F21 Revenue, EBITDA Beat Our Forecasts As Demand For Sify's Data Center Centric Services Remains Strong

	F2020	<u>F20</u>	F2021E		)22E	<u>F2023E</u>		
		<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>	
June	\$0.02	\$0.01A		\$0.01	\$0.02		\$0.02	
Sep.	0.02	0.02A		0.02			0.02	
Dec.	0.01	0.02	0.02A	0.02			0.03	
Mar.	<u>0.01</u>	0.02		0.03			0.04	
EPS (FY)	\$0.06	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.10		\$0.12	
EPS (Cal.)	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.09		\$0.11			
P/E (FY)			28.9x		23.1x		19.3x	
P/E (Cal.)			25.7x		21.0x			
EBITDA (mil)	\$62.70	\$72.70	\$75.3	\$77.50	\$82.5		\$91.5	
EV / EBITDA			7.2x		6.6x		6.0x	

Note: NR = Not Rated. Risk Ratings: H = Highly risky; M = Moderately risky. F2020-F2023E 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.

Year	F2014	F2015	F2016	F2017	F2018	F2019	F2020	F2021E	F2022E	F2023E
Rev.(Mil.)	\$160.9	\$197.9	\$231.3	\$283.6	\$318.2	\$331.5	\$353.1	\$366.7	\$404.7	\$441.7
GAAP EPS	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.04	\$0.06	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.06	\$0.07	\$0.10	\$0.12

**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.

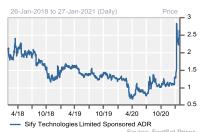
- Revenue growth accelerated in 3Q:F21 with sales rising 7% year over year, to \$96.9 million, topping our \$92.4 million estimate as demand for Sify's Data Center Centric IT Services has remained strong through the pandemic.
- Continued spending discipline led to a 17% gain in EBITDA to \$19.9 million, which also beat our \$18.3 million estimate. Lower interest expense resulted in net income increasing 56% and EPS of \$0.02, which was in line with our forecast.
- The pandemic is still pressuring portions of Sify's business, which is somewhat masking the strong growth from the company's Data Center Centric IT services, so we expect revenue growth to further accelerate post-pandemic.
- In our view, Sify's integrated Data Center, Cloud and Network services will likely make it a primary beneficiary of India's digital transformation, a secular growth driver with a long runway ahead.
- Sify is managing its liquidity well and generated strong cash flow in 2Q:F21, ending the quarter with cash of \$68 million, up from \$65 million at the end of 2Q:F21 and debt of \$138 so the company remains lightly leveraged.
- SIFY stock trades at just 6x our new F2023 EBITDA estimate, a significant discount to the peer group range of 8x-12x estimated 12-month forward EBITDA.
- We raise our price target to \$5 (from \$4), which is based on 12x our F2023 EBITDA estimate of \$91.5 million, less projected net debt of \$127 million. The \$5 price target implies 42x our new F2023 EPS estimate of \$0.12.
- Given the company's growth potential and modest leverage of 1.0x net debt-to-TTM EBITDA, we maintain our Moderately Risky rating.

Demand for Sify's Data Center Centric services remains strong as 3Q:F21 revenue topped our forecast. The pandemic is still pressuring some areas of Sify's business, mainly its Network and Application integration services, but growth in the company's Data Center

# Price Target: \$5 Price: \$2.31 Risk Rating: M

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Key Statistics	
Analysts Covering	1
Market Cap (Mil)	\$410
Enterprise Value	\$545
52-Week Range (NASDAQ)	4-1
5-Year EPS CAGR	20%
Avg. Daily Trading Volume	1,206,00
Shares Out (Mil)	178.514
Float Shares (Mil)	24.1
Insider Ownership	86%
Institutional Holdings	1%
Annualized Dividend	Nil
Dividend Yield	N/A
FCF Per Share (F2023E)	(\$0.01)
FCF Yield (F2023E)	-0.4%
Net Cash Per Share (F2023E)	(\$0.70)
Price to Book Value	2.9x
Return on Equity (F2023E)	7.4%
Total Debt to Capital	Nil
Interest Coverage Ratio	2.1x
Short Interest %	N/A%
Short Interest Days To Cover	0.1
Russell 2000	2,110
Russell 2000 – Last 12 Months	28.3%
SIFY – Last 12 Months	100.0%
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Centric services has remained strong through the pandemic and more than offset declines in these other two segments. Revenue growth accelerated in 3Q:F21 relative to the 1.6% growth Sify delivered in 2Q:F21, with sales rising 7% to \$96.9. This topped our \$92.4 million estimate. The pandemic is accelerating the digital transformation and cloud adoption of businesses in India which in turn is driving demand for Sify's services as was evident this quarter where revenue from Data Center Centric IT services increased 21%. By business line, Sify's Data Center, Cloud and Technology Integration Services grew 46%, 26% and 13% respectively. While Cloud and Technology Integration grew in line with our expectations, Data Center revenue growth was stronger than the 30% we projected. Given the strong demand, Sify will continue to add data center capacity this year, so the outlook for continued growth of its Data Center and Cloud services remains strong. The two areas of Sify's business that continue to be pressured by the pandemic are the Network Services and Applications Integration Services segments, which declined 5% and 21% respectively; both were in line with our expectations.

**EBITDA** in **3Q:F21** also came in above our expectations. The gross margin widened 80 basis points to 37.5% owing to a favorable revenue mix, with higher-margin Data Center and Cloud Services making up a greater percentage of revenue. Management is also effectively managing spending during the pandemic, with operating expenses staying roughly flat from a year ago. As a result, EBITDA increased 17% to \$19.9 million, topping our \$18.3 million estimate. Net income increased 56%, aided by a reduction in interest expense. As a result, EPS increased to \$0.02 from \$0.01 a year ago, but this was still in line with our estimate due mainly to rounding.

Exhibit 1: Sify Technologies	Variance Analysis					
	3Q:F21E	3Q:F21A	<u>Var</u>	3Q:F20A	3Q:F21A	% Change
Total revenue	\$92.4	96.9	4.5	\$90.6	96.9	7.0%
Gross Profit	35.0	36.4	1.4	33.3	36.4	9.2%
(%)	37.9%	37.5%		36.8%	37.5%	
EBITDA	18.3	19.9	1.6	17.0	19.9	17.1%
(%)	19.8%	20.5%		18.8%	20.5%	
Diluted EPS	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.02	100.0%

Sources: Sidoti & Company, LLC estimates and company filings

Valuation	We raise our price target to \$5 (from \$4) on SIFY shares. While the pandemic is curbing economic growth in the near term, it does not change the long-term digital transformation of India's economy. We think Sify will likely be a primary beneficiary of this transformation. With the stock trading at 6.0x our projections on a F2023 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. We thus raise our price target to \$5 (from \$4), based on an unchanged 12x our F2023 EBITDA estimate of \$91.5 million, less projected net debt of \$127 million, to yield \$970 million, or \$5.40 on a per share basis. Given the company's growth potential and modest leverage, we maintain a Moderately Risky 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)

(Donars in mimors except where noted)	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	F2020	JunA	SepA	DecA	MarE	F2021E	JunE	SepE	DecE	MarE	F2022E	F2023E
Total revenue	84.9	89.3	90.6	88.2	353.1	80.9	90.8	96.9	98.1	366.7	94.0	97.7	105.5	107.5	404.7	441.7
COGS	54.6	56.2	57.4	53.3	221.4	47.7	56.1	60.6	60.6	225.0	57.4	60.0	65.0	66.1	248.5	270.4
Gross profit	30.3	33.2	33.3	34.9	131.7	33.2	34.6	36.4	37.5	141.7	36.6	37.7	40.5	41.4	156.2	171.3
SG&A	16.8	16.9	16.3	19.0	69.0	15.4	16.4	16.5	18.1	66.5	18.2	18.0	18.7	18.8	73.7	79.8
EBITDA	13.4	16.3	17.0	16.0	62.7	17.7	18.3	19.9	19.4	75.3	18.3	19.7	21.8	22.6	82.5	91.5
D&A	7.8	8.1	9.3	10.1	35.2	10.1	10.3	10.9	10.4	41.7	10.9	11.0	11.2	11.4	44.4	47.6
EBIT	5.7	8.2	7.7	5.9	27.5	7.6	8.0	8.9	9.0	33.6	7.5	<b>8.7</b>	10.7	11.2	38.1	43.9
Interest and other expense (income)	1.0	4.0	3.9	4.3	13.2	3.6	2.2	3.3	4.3	13.4	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	16.0	16.0
Other expense (income)	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(1.0)	(1.4)	(0.1)	(0.5)	(0.6)	(0.5)	(1.7)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(2.2)	(2.2)
EBT	4.9	4.3	3.8	2.6	15.7	4.1	6.4	6.2	5.2	21.9	4.0	5.3	7.2	7.8	24.3	30.0
Taxes	1.6	1.4	1.3	0.6	4.8	1.4	2.4	2.3	1.6	7.7	1.2	1.6	2.2	2.3	7.3	9.0
Net income	3.3	2.9	2.5	2.1	10.8	2.6	4.0	3.9	3.7	14.1	2.8	3.7	5.1	5.5	17.0	21.0
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EPS - diluted	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.06	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.08	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.10	\$0.12
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	35.7%	37.1%	36.7%	39.6%	37.3%	41.0%	38.2%	37.5%	38.2%	38.6%	38.9%	38.6%	38.4%	38.5%	38.6%	38.8%
EBITDA	15.8%	18.3%	18.7%	18.1%	17.8%	21.9%	20.2%	20.5%	19.7%	20.5%	19.5%	20.2%	20.7%	21.0%	20.4%	20.7%
Operating margin	6.7%	9.2%	8.5%	6.7%	7.8%	9.4%	8.8%	9.2%	9.2%	9.2%	7.9%	8.9%	10.1%	10.5%	9.4%	9.9%
Net margin	3.9%	3.3%	2.8%	2.3%	3.1%	3.3%	4.4%	4.0%	3.7%	3.9%	3.0%	3.8%	4.8%	5.1%	4.2%	4.8%
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Total revenue	17.8%	5.4%	2.8%	2.0%	6.5%	(4.7%)	1.6%	7.0%	11.2%	3.8%	16.2%	7.6%	8.9%	9.6%	10.4%	9.1%
Gross profit	7.1%	5.8%	10.5%	9.3%	8.2%	9.6%	4.4%	9.4%	7.3%	7.6%	10.3%	8.8%	11.4%	10.5%	10.2%	9.6%
EBITDA	17.9%	37.6%	40.0%	26.3%	30.6%	31.9%	12.1%	17.0%	21.2%	20.0%	3.4%	7.8%	10.0%	16.9%	9.7%	10.8%
EBIT	17.9%	37.6%	40.0%	26.3%	30.6%	31.9%	12.1%	17.0%	21.2%	20.0%	3.4%	7.8%	10.0%	16.9%	9.7%	10.8%
EPS	7.5%	(24.5%)	(47.4%)	(56.2%)	(34.2%)	(20.4%)	34.6%	53.7%	78.1%	30.4%	6.1%	(6.9%)	30.4%	48.5%	20.1%	23.8%

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)

	F2020	F2021E	F2022E	F2023E
Net income	\$10.9	\$14.4	\$17.0	\$21.0
D&A	35.2	41.1	44.4	47.6
Provision for doubtful accounts	7.4	-	-	-
Stock compensation	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2
Net finance (income) / expense	13.2	-	-	-
Unrealized (gain) / loss on account of exchange differences	0.1	-	-	-
Amortization of leasehold prepayments	-	-	-	-
Accounts receivable	(4.5)	(8.7)	(28.1)	(20.4)
Inventory	6.4	(0.2)	(2.1)	(2.0)
Prepaid and other current assets	(6.0)	-	-	-
Accounts payable	3.6	(4.6)	11.6	13.0
Employee benefits	0.3	-	-	-
Deferred income	-	-	-	-
Income taxes (paid)/ refund received	-	-	-	
Cash from operating activities	76.9	42.0	43.0	59.4
PPE	(62.5)	(40.7)	(56.7)	(61.8)
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-
Investments in debt securities	-	-	-	-
Finance income received	-	-	-	
Cash from investing activities	(64.0)	(40.7)	(56.7)	(61.8)
Proceeds (purchase) of common stock	0.1	0.0	-	-
Debt	22.9	-	-	-
Finance expenses paid	(16.1)	(7.6)	-	-
Proceeds (repayment) finance lease liabilities	(3.4)	(1.3)	-	-
Dividend and distribution tax	(3.4)	-	-	
Cash from financing activities	0.1	(8.9)	-	-
FX	-	-	-	-
Net change in cash	13.0	(7.6)	(13.7)	(2.4)
Cash at the beginning of period	10.3	23.3	15.7	2.0
Cash at the end of period	23.3	15.7	2.0	(0.4)
FCF	14.4	1.3	(13.7)	(2.4)
FCF / share	\$0.08	\$0.01	(\$0.08)	(\$0.01)
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Table 3: Sify Technologies Ltd., Balance Sheet

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F2020	F2021E	F2022E	F2023E
35.7	28.1	14.4	12.0
5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1
\$20.0	\$20.2	\$22.4	\$24.3
185.7	194.5	222.6	242.9
9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
256.0	257.4	274.0	293.9
181.6	181.2	193.4	207.7
10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5
-	-	-	-
14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1
0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
462.8	463.8	492.6	526.7
-	-	-	-
67.1	67.1	67.1	67.1
19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0
139.6	135.0	146.6	159.6
-	-	-	
253.9	251.9	263.6	276.5
-	-	-	-
57.6	57.6	57.6	57.6
2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
38.2	38.2	38.2	38.2
352.4	350.5	362.1	375.0
27.8	27.9	28.1	28.2
297.8	297.8	297.8	297.8
5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
1.4	(10.2)	(10.2)	(10.2)
(157.8)	(143.4)	(126.4)	(105.4)
174.6	177.6	194.7	215.9
527.0	528.0	556.8	590.9
			10.1%
41.7%	41.2%	39.0%	36.6%
	1.46x		1.38x
	(\$0.62)	(\$0.70)	(\$0.71)
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### **Appendix** Required Disclosures

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#### Sify Technologies Limited Sponsored ADR (SIFY-\$2.31) NR **Price Target: \$5** Risk Rating: M

Rating and Price Target History Table

Action	Date	Px	Rating	PΤ	Risk	Rating
Risk Rating	4/17/18	2.1			М	
PT	7/13/18	2		4		
PT	12/23/20	1.1		4		



Source: FactSet Prices

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