

Persistent Systems Ltd

Persistent Systems build software that drives the business of its customers; enterprises and software product companies with software at the core of their digital transformation. It is also focusing on three industries – Financial Services (FSI), Healthcare & Life Sciences and Industrial IoT. Persistent has given out a CAGR of 15.1% for 5 years ended FY19. In Q2FY20 also its sales grew by ~6% supported by growth in digital segment. The company which derives its major revenue from international clients added 25 new clients to its portfolio in the said quarter. In the ongoing quarter, it has already won few good deals worth USD 3mln in the Financial and Hi-Tech segments. Utilisation also improved from 81.9% to 82.9%. All these factors give a positive view of the company's future. Onsite cost as a percentage of sales also has come down helping the company deliver better profitability. There's a steady growth in offshore revenues and the management also is confident about the company's future.

ON the asset and cash management side also the company looks stable zero debt and steady increase in cash flows. The cash from operations increased to ₹432cr in FY19 from ₹421cr in FY18. Also the working capital days shrunk to 30days from 36 days in FY18. Currently, the stock trades at 2.2x of its book value and delivers 21.8% RoCE. With concrete business and steady returns, we recommend BUY on the stock.

BUY	
CMP	₹570

Stock Info	
Sector	IT
Market Cap (₹ cr)	4,386
Beta	0.3
52 Week High / Low	700/469
Avg. Daily Volume	5,258
Face Value (₹)	10
BSE Sensex	37,880
Nifty	11,235
Reuters Code	PERS.BO
Bloomberg Code	PSYS IN

Shareholding Pattern (%)	
Promoters	31.9
MF / Banks / Indian Fls	21.7
FII / NRIs / OCBs	19.4
Indian Public / Others	24.1

Abs. (%)	3m	1 yr	3yr
Sensex	(1.8)	9.0	34.9
Persistent	(7.5)	(18.0)	(16.0)

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Ratings (Based on expected returns over 12 months investment period):

Buy (> 15%)

Accumulate (5% to 15%) Reduce (-5% to -15%)

Neutral (-5 to 5%) Sell (< -15)