

Persistent Systems (PSYS) - REDUCE

Company Update

Current Market Price (CMP)

Rs.4642

Fair Value (FV)

Rs.4615

Rationale:

- Well-positioned to be a GenAI beneficiary.
- Persistent is well positioned to drive scaled adoption of AI across enterprises, enabled by a holistic approach leveraging IP and platforms, a robust partnership ecosystem & strong reference case studies.
- High-quality scalable clients, a robust management team, strong technical expertise & a strong execution track record make for a potent combination.
- We expect Persistent to deliver a 16.7% EPS CAGR in FY26-28E.
- We value Persistent at 27x (unchanged) multiple on March 2028E EPS, resulting in an unchanged FV of Rs4,615.

👍 Positives:

- Solving for the last mile requires system integrators who build platforms, guardrails & verification layers on top of LLMs & own IP. This is sweet spot for Persistent.
- Persistent expects to deliver high productivity gains for private equity players leveraging SASVA platform.
- Persistent has increased the number of US\$7.5 cr clients to 4 from 2 in the last eight quarters.

👎 Negatives:

- The stock is fully valued at 28x FY28E EPS, which drives our REDUCE rating.

LLMs: Large Language Models. IP: Intellectual Property. EPS: Earnings Per Share. CAGR: Compound Annual Growth Rate.



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Holding Period: 12 months

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