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In accordance with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, please find enclosed herewith newspaper publication of Standalone and Consolidated Audited Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2024 for your records.

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S. NARAYAN  
COMPANY SECRETARY



● EYES 50% GCC MARKET SHARE IN NEXT 3 YEARS

# TeamLease expects profit to be hit from IT hiring slump

Says situation to improve in next few quarters

PADMINI DHURUVARAJ  
Bengaluru, May 29

**STAFFING FIRM TEAMLEASE** Services anticipates a profit decline due to a slowdown in IT sector hiring. Despite this, the company is optimistic about achieving its guided revenue growth of 20-25% in FY25, Ramani Dathi, CFO of TeamLease Services, told FE.

Currently, the IT hiring market is sluggish, especially on the IT services side, as discretionary spending in western countries remains muted. "IT services have completely gone cold in terms of new additions. They are replacing experienced resources with less experienced ones to correct the cost structure, as they also face margin pressures," Dathi said.

However, she remains hopeful that the situation might improve in the next few quarters.

Despite the downturn in IT

RAMANI DATHI,  
CFO, TeamLease Services

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hiring, growth for TeamLease is expected to come from various other sectors. Dathi highlighted that the general staffing business is seeing positive momentum across fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG), e-commerce, telecom, and manufacturing sectors.

"In terms of revenues, it would be upwards of 20% to 25% is what we are targeting for revenue growth, largely led by the general staffing business, and it can go further up in case IT picks up," Dathi said. She also noted that while there is no clear visibility in IT services, hiring by Global Capability Centers (GCCs) continues to be strong, which helps cushion

companies, especially NBFCs, going slow in targeting that segment," she said.

Additionally, startups, particularly in fintech and edtech, have reduced hiring due to pressure on margins, she added.

Looking ahead, TeamLease is focusing on GCC tie-ups and plans to aggressively gain market share. "We are adding three-four new GCC sign-ups every quarter and aim to have at least a 50% market share of the 1,000 plus GCCs expected in India over the next three years," Dathi said.

To further enhance efficiency and reduce costs, TeamLease is leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) across its operations. "We haven't added any headcount in the back end for our core employees. The productivity measures, implementation of AI, and bots in areas with recurring activities have helped us maintain costs flat," Dathi said.

AI-enabled chatbots are now handling routine queries from employees, and bots are also used for statutory remittances like ESIC and PF.

# IndiGo brings seat selection feature for women flyers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, May 29

**WOMEN BOOKING TICKETS** in an IndiGo flight can now know about the seats that have already been booked by other female passengers at the time of web-check-in, with the airline introducing the new feature after a market research.

In a release on Wednesday, the airline said it has introduced a new feature that aims to make travel experience more comfortable for female passengers.

"This has been introduced on a basis market research, and is currently in pilot mode aligning with our #GirlPower ethos. The feature offers visibility of seats booked by female passengers, only during web check-in. It is specifically tailored to PNRs with women traveller—solo as well as part of family bookings," the airline said.

# NIIT targets 24% revenue growth amid IT slowdown

PADMINI DHURUVARAJ  
Bengaluru, May 29

**NIIT A LEADING** player in skills and talent development, plans to increase its quarterly revenue by 24% or more in FY25.

The company's strategic focus on sectors like banking, financial services, and insurance (BFSI) and technology training for global capability centres (GCCs) is yielding positive results amidst the broader slowdown in IT hiring, Vijay K Thadani, vice chairman and managing director, told FE.

"Our technology training focus shifted to GCCs and second-year GSIs, which helped offset the decline in traditional IT services hiring," Thadani said.

"The demand for upskilling in BFSI and technology sectors has been robust, leading to a strong performance in these areas," he added. With the widespread hiring freezes in the IT sector, NIIT is navigating these challenges by forming strategic partnerships with GCCs that continue to hire and require training services. This approach has not only mitigated the impacts of the slowdown but also bolstered NIIT's financial recovery. The company has a tie-up

## ATA GLANCE

■ For Q4 FY24, NIIT reported a 24% year-on-year increase in its top line to ₹74.3 Cr

■ Revenue from BFSI and other jobs rose by 12%

■ NIIT has integrated GenAI to enhance operational efficiencies

with over 50 GCCs.

For the quarter ended January-March, NIIT reported a 24% year-on-year increase in its top line to ₹74.3 crore, with its net profit swinging to ₹11.2 crore from a loss of ₹9.4 crore in the December quarter.

The company's revenue from technology based jobs has reduced to 64% in Q4 from 76% from the year ago period, while revenue from those of BFSI and other jobs rose by 12% to 36% in the same quarter.

The company's financial

turnaround is also attributed to strategic cost optimisations. Thadani said: "We've undertaken significant cost rationalisation efforts, including downsizing our education centers, which has effectively reduced overheads and enhanced our EBITDA margin."

Further bolstering its strategic alignment, NIIT has integrated generative AI (GenAI) to enhance operational efficiencies and adopt innovative training solutions. Rajendra S Pawar, chairman and co-founder, said: "Generative AI has significantly boosted our productivity, enabling us to do more with less. It's reshaping how we approach training and development across sectors."

Looking to the future, NIIT plans to continue leveraging its strengths in BFSI and technology sectors, while expanding its offerings to include Maw-age skills and personalised learning experiences.

The company has also been proactive in adapting to GenAI, integrating these capabilities into its digital marketing and full-stack software engineering programs to ensure learners remain competitive in the evolving job market.

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE

# PSBs weigh new clause in fresh project loans

OTHER LEENDERS THAT are contemplating similar measures include Bank of India.

Canara Bank, Union Bank and Bank of India did not respond to queries sent by FE till going to press.

State Bank of India (SBI) chairman Dinesh Khara had said in the post-earnings interaction with the media that while it will be able to absorb the additional provision requirement if RBI guidelines become a reality, the pricing of these loans may be revised.

"Also, the fact remains if all this becomes a reality, maybe

the pricing of such loans will be revised. Perhaps they (RBI) have in mind that risk is not properly priced," Khana said.

A spokesperson for SBI said the lender does not formulate its policy based on the draft guidelines. In addition, it has not come out with any policy on passing on the cost of provision in respect of draft Prudential Framework for IRAC and Provisions pertaining to project loans. "The matter will be deliberated and acted upon on the basis of final circular instructions of RBI in the matter," the spokesperson said. The final

date to send feedback to the RBI on draft project finance guidelines is June 15.

The RBI, in its May 3 draft guidelines, said lenders should maintain a provision of 3% for loans extended to under construction projects. These provisions can be made gradually in phases till FY27. Once the project enters the operational phase, the provisions can be reduced to 2.5% of the funded loans. It can be further reduced to 1% of the funded outstanding provided that the project has achieved certain operational viability metrics.

# RBI cracks down on ECL Finance, Edelweiss ARC

MOREOVER, LOAN TO value norms for lending against shares had not been complied with. The central bank also came across instances of incorrect reporting to the Central Repository for Information on Large Credits (CRILC) system.

Besides, the entities had not adhered to the know-your-customer (KYC) guidelines by ECL, the RBI observed.

"ECL, by taking over loans from non-lender entities of the group for ultimate sale to the group ARC, allowed itself to be used as a conduit to circumvent regulations which permit ARCs to acquire financial assets only from banks and financial institutions," it said.



In the case of EARCL, the violations included not placing the RBI's supervisory letter issued after the previous inspection for 2021-22 before the company's board, non-

compliance with regulations pertaining to settlement of loans and sharing of non-public information of its clients with group entities, the central bank observed.

"Instead of taking meaningful remedial action to rectify the said deficiencies, it was observed that the group entities were resorting to new ways to circumvent regulations," said RBI.

Over the last few months, the RBI has been engaging with the senior management of the captioned entities and their statutory auditors, but no meaningful corrective action has been evidenced so far, necessitating the imposition of business restrictions," it added.

The RBI has flagged concerns around AIFs being used to evade loans and has directed financiers to make

bigger provisions or set aside more money for such investments.

Earlier this month, Kotak Mahindra Bank was barred from taking on new customers through its online and mobile banking channels and issuing fresh credit cards due to deficiencies in its IT systems. Restrictions were also imposed on Bank of Baroda and Paytm Payments Bank.

The central bank has directed both EARCL and ECL to strengthen their assurance functions to ensure regulatory compliance in letter and spirit at all times. Both the actions are with immediate effect, the RBI statement said.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024						
S.No	Particulars	STANDALONE (₹ in Lakhs)				
		Quarter Ended 31.03.2024		Quarter Ended 31.03.2023		Year Ended 31.03.2023
		AUDITED	UNAUDITED	AUDITED	AUDITED	AUDITED
1	Total income from operations (Gross)	12,027.33	12,950.39	11,826.26	45,129.50	58,704.48
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and / or extraordinary items)	1,678.49	305.23	(535.22)	1,699.36	1,290.53
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional and / or extraordinary items)	1,678.49	375.23	(536.22)	1,699.36	1,290.53
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional and / or extraordinary items)	(300.80)	188.31	(373.38)	115.96	859.01
5	Total comprehensive income for the period (Comprising Profit / (loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(325.03)	188.31	(316.54)	91.79	915.05
6	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (of Rs. 10/- per share)	2,211.36	2,211.36	2,211.36	2,211.36	2,211.36
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the audited balance sheet of previous year)				33,206.95	33,557.30
8	Earnings per share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) - (not annualised)				0.52	0.38
	a) Basic (In Rs.)	(1.29)	0.85	(1.89)	0.52	0.38
	b) Diluted (In Rs.)	(1.29)	0.85	(1.89)	0.52	0.38
CONSOLIDATED (₹ in Lakhs)						
S.No	Particulars	CONSOLIDATED				
		Quarter Ended 31.03.2024		Quarter Ended 31.03.2023		Year Ended 31.03.2023
		AUDITED	UNAUDITED	AUDITED	AUDITED	AUDITED
1	Total income from operations (Gross)	18,084.73	19,139.40	18,855.89	73,538.25	84,206.72
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and / or extraordinary items)	(451.02)	68.80	(784.85)	(855.17)	843.11
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional and / or extraordinary items)	(451.02)	68.80	(784.85)	(855.17)	843.11
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional and / or extraordinary items)	(1,805.26)	(87.15)	(608.51)	(2,525.31)	85.25
5	Total comprehensive income for the period (Comprising Profit / (loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(1,412.03)	(78.80)	(1,125.66)	(1,777.26)	623.38
6	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (of Rs. 10/- per share)	2,211.36	2,211.36	2,211.36	2,211.36	2,211.36
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the audited balance sheet of previous year)				34,906.27	37,122.47
8	Earnings per share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) - (not annualised)				(1.42)	(0.39)
	a) Basic (In Rs.)	(8.16)	(0.39)	(2.98)	(1.42)	(0.39)
	b) Diluted (In Rs.)	(8.16)	(0.39)	(2.98)	(1.42)	(0.39)

# S&P upgrades India outlook to 'positive' on growth prospects

TO BE SURE, S&P still has 'BBB-' long-term and 'A-' short-term unsolicited foreign and local currency sovereign credit ratings, for India.

Government functionaries in India have been deeply critical of the rating agencies' assessment of the country's credit profile. A few months earlier, economists with the finance ministry wrote: "Our review of the credit rating methodologies reveals that there is considerable reliance on qualitative variables to capture 'willingness to pay'." The enormous degree of opaqueness in the methodology makes it challenging to quantify the impact of qualitative factors on credit ratings.

They noted that India's rating remained unchanged even while the country moved up the ladder from 12th largest to become fifth-largest economy in nominal terms.

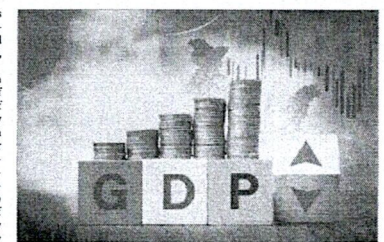
S&P wrote in the latest review: "The positive outlook reflects our view that continued policy stability, deepening economic reforms and high infrastructure investment will sustain long-term growth prospects. That, along with cautious fiscal and monetary policy that diminishes the government's elevated debt and interest burden while bolstering economic resilience, could lead to a higher rating over the next 24 months."

The agency added: "Irrespective of the June 2024 general election results, we expect the incoming government to carry on economic reforms to support the growth vision, continued infrastructure investment and commitment to fiscal consolidation."

"We may also raise the ratings if we observe a sustained and substantial improvement in the central bank's monetary policy effectiveness and credibility, such that inflation is managed at a durably lower rate over time," it further said.

Madan Sabnavis, chief economist, Bank of Baroda, said, "This is a good piece of news as a change in outlook is a precursor to a rating in future, hence we would expect a better rating view in the coming months."

S&P may raise the sovereign ratings if India's fiscal deficits narrow



meaningfully such that the net change in general government debt falls below 7% of GDP on a structural basis.

In FY25, the total general government debt is estimated to be around 7.0-8.1%, lower than 8.8-8.9% in FY24, according to economists.

The global ratings agency has projected the general government deficit of 7.9% in FY25 to slowly decline to 6.8% by FY25.

"India's weak fiscal settings had always been the most vulnerable part of its sovereign ratings profile. With economic recovery now well on track, the government is again able to depict a more concrete (albeit gradual) path to fiscal consolidation," it said.

The central government has set a target of meeting 4.5% fiscal deficit-to-GDP ratio by FY26, which they are likely to achieve given its fiscal consolidation trajectory. For FY25, the Centre has set a target of 5.1% fiscal deficit-to-GDP ratio, but it may fall further by around 20 basis points (bps) in the backdrop of a bumper ₹2.11 trillion surplus given by the RBI, say economists.

Currently, India's Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation stands at 4.83%. The RBI, which has a target of keeping inflation at 4% on a durable basis, has projected the CPI to average 4.5% in FY25, much lower from 5.4% in FY24.

"The revision in India's outlook to positive by S&P reaffirms the progress made in reforms and an upbeat growth momentum witnessed over the last few years. It acts as a sentiment boost and could lower bond yields in the near-term," said Sakshi Gupta, principal economist, HDFC Bank.

Vikas Goid, managing director and CEO at PNB Gilts, told FE: "It is a positive news for bond markets and yields will soften in the medium term. But the market right now is being driven by short-term considerations such as uncertainty around results of general elections and hardening of US treasury yields."

Gupta, however, said that India's rating still remains unchanged at BBB- and is unlikely to see an upgrade in the coming months. "While fiscal metrics have improved, further progress would perhaps be needed on a sustained basis for a rating upgrade."

In May last year, S&P Global Ratings had reaffirmed India's sovereign rating at 'BBB-' with a stable outlook. Until Wednesday, all three major global rating agencies—Fitch, S&P, and Moody's—had assigned India their lowest investment grade rating with a stable outlook. These ratings are critical for investors as they serve as a measure of the country's creditworthiness and influence borrowing costs.

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