Nazara Technologies Ltd.

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Company Overview

Nazara Technologies Limited ("Nazara") is the leading India based diversified gaming and sports media platform with presence in India and across emerging and developed global markets such as Africa and North America, and offerings across the interactive gaming, eSports and gamified early learning ecosystems including World Cricket Championship (WCC) and CarromClash in mobile games, Kiddopia in gamified early learning, Nodwin and Sportskeeda in eSports and eSports media, and Halaplay and Qunami in skill-based, fantasy and trivia games. Company's goal is to cater to billion plus mobile internet players across emerging markets who have embraced social multiplayer interactive gaming as the foremost form of entertainment. They seek to achieve this by providing interactive mobile games, eSports content and gamified early learning apps which are entertaining, locally relevant and result in positive engagement and longer retention of users of their platform. Given their market-first position in India across sports simulation and eSports, Nazara is well placed to leverage the opportunity that interactive mobile games, eSports content and gamified early learning apps offer.

Objects of the issue

The objects of the Offer are to achieve the benefits of listing the Equity Shares on the Stock Exchanges and for the Offer for Sale. Further, NTL expects that listing of the Equity Shares will enhance its visibility and brand image and provide liquidity to the Shareholders. The listing will also provide a public market for its Equity Shares in India.

Investment Rationale

Leadership position in a diversified and scalable business

The company believes the current position of leadership in India across a diversified set of offerings provides a strong foundation for continued growth. Its successful business model and established presence in India, a market with economic, technical and cultural complexities, has given it a competitive advantage. It has successfully leveraged its capabilities for in-house content creation, game engine development and propriety technology stack development, ability to deliver positive LTV/CAC ratios across offerings and its relationships with telecom operators, app stores and other participants in gaming ecosystems. (Source: F&S Report) The content is developed in India for the Indian as well as global audience, allowing it to achieve scale. It has an operating leverage in gamified early learning on account of captive development of content being undertaken in India, while it generates revenues inter alia from North America.

Continuious global expansion leveraging the existing distribution network

The company believes that expanding its offerings footprint to heterogeneous cohorts of gamers will further deepen its competitive moats to defend and grow its strong market position. It also believe there is an opportunity to capitalise on cross-selling its multiple offerings, which in turn could create a network effect resulting in operating leverage on EBITDA margins and also at unit economics level, for instance, utilising Sportskeeda as a content destination for its eSports events. The company also intend to increase the geographic coverage of its existing apps, Kiddopia and the WCC franchise, across other developed markets to leverage the strong monetization potential given the universal appeal of compelling content for children and sports fans across markets, respectively. The company intend to introduce more products and services tailored to overseas markets. It also plan to selectively cooperate with local distribution partners to effectively promote its offerings overseas. It intend to continue to be present and expand its presence in emerging markets by capitalising on its first mover advantage in these markets, and leveraging its existing network of partnerships across the local ecosystem.

Valuation and Outlook

Nazara Technologies is one of the diversified mobile gaming companies in India that has presence in developing and emerging global markets. The company's IPO will be the first pure play gaming company that would get listed on stock exchanges. On the valuation front, the company is valued at 12.7x EV/Sales based on FY20 numbers. Considering its leading position in the mobile gaming industry in India with a presence across emerging and developing countries and ongoing positive sentiments for new IPO's in current scenario. we believe a decent listing gains is possible. Therefore, We assign 'SUBS CRIBE' rating to this IPO issue (only for listing gain).

Issue Details	
Offer Period	Mar 17th - 19th Mar 2021
Price Band	INR.1100 to INR.1101
Bid Lot	13
Listing	BSE&NSE
Issue Size (no. of shares in mn)	30.4
Issue Size (INR. in bn)	5.8
Face Value (INR)	4

Issue Structure	
QIB	75%
Retail	10%
HNI	15%
BRLM	ICICI Securities, IIFL Securities, Jefferies India, Nomura Financial
Registrar	: Link Intime India

Particulars	Pre Issue %	Post Issue %
Promoter	24.16	20.70
Public	75.84	79.30
Total	100	100

(Assuming issue subscribed at higher band)

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Income Statement (In mn)

Particulars	FY18	FY19	FY20	1HFY21
Revenue				
Revenue from operations	1,721	1,697	2,475	2,005
Total revenue	1,721	1,697	2,475	2,005
Expenses				
Content, event and web server	121	443	507	152
Advertising and promotion	428	272	1,329	1,196
Employee benefit expenses	372	414	319	219
Commission	32	31	71	223
Other expense	280	373	305	154
Total Operating expenses	1,233	1,534	2,530	1,944
EBITDA	488	163	(55)	61
Depreciation and amortisation expense	82	195	268	187
Other income	99	164	146	65
EBIT	505	132	(177)	(61)
Finance costs	18	14	12	5
Exceptional items	(357)			
Share of loss of Investments accounted using equity method (net)	(1)	(9)	(18)	(16)
РВТ	128	108	(208)	(82)
Current tax	144	70	56	46
Deferred Tax charge	(26)	(28)	2	(26)
Total tax	118	42	58	19
PAT	11	67	(266)	(101)
EPS	0.3	2.2	(8.7)	(3.3)

Source: DRHP, BP Equities Research

Cash Flow Statement (In mn)

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Particulars	FY18	FY19	FY20	1HFY21
Cash Flow from operating activities	32	192	(22)	(66)
Cash flow from investing activities	(183)	(675)	89	190
Cash flow from financing activities	371	59	34	(22)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	220	(423)	101	102
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	648	886	533	721
Effect of exchange differences on cash & cash equivalents held in foreign currency	17	70	88	(12)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	886	533	721	811

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Balance Sheet (In mn)

Particulars	FY18	FY19	FY20	1HFY21
Equity				
Share Capital	108	110	112	114
Other Equity	3,410	3,961	4,959	4,842
Non-controlling interests	353	323	830	757
Net worth	3,871	4,394	5,901	5,713
Long-Term Borrowings	0	-	-	
Long-Term Provisions	20	25	27	32
Deferred tax Liabilities	99	76	388	364
other financial liabilities	130	68	-	-
Lease liabilities – Non-Current	83	38	20	7
Total Non Current Liabilities	331	207	436	403
Lease liabilities - Current	54	56	60	33
Trade payables	235	249	690	1,076
Liabilities for income taxes (net)	44	12	20	22
Other current liabilities	70	54	293	363
Short Term Provisions	3	4	10	12
Other Financial Liabilities	100	172	358	364
Total Current Liabilities	505	545	1,432	1,871
Total liabilities	4,707	5,146	7,768	7,987
Assets				
Tangible Assets	16	15	23	20
Right of Use Assets	134	88	86	48
Capital work in Progress	6	7	63	24
Goodwill	680	680	1,596	1,596
Investments accounted for using the equity method	22	303	81	64
Intangible Assets	672	587	1,772	1,666
Loans	-	2	14	11
Investments	116	132	136	119
Deferred tax assets (net)	58	59	37	34
Income tax assets (net)	58	68	92	65
Non-current tax assets (net)	-	1	3	1
Other non-current assets	57	59	68	67
Total Non current assets	1,820	2,001	3,971	3,715
Trade Receivables	431	447	681	1,281
Cash and Bank Balances	886	533	721	811
Other current assets	72	96	225	332
Bank Balances	289	800	1,146	1,032
Investment	868	840	367	243
Loans	0	2	22	25
Other Financial Assets	341	427	636	548
Total Current Asset	2,887	3,144	3,797	4,271
Net Current Assets	2,382	2,599	2,365	2,401
Total Assets	4,708	5,146	7,768	7,987

Source: DRHP, BP Equities Research

Key Risks.

- ⇒ Halaplay and Sports Unity have unsecured loans, which may be recalled any time. Such recall loans can have an impact on busin ess.
- ⇒ There have been certain instances of non-compliances, including regulatory filings for corporate actions taken by company in the past. They are subject to penalties for such non compliance.
- ⇒ They are certain proceedings involving company, if determined against them, would have an adverse impact on company business and results of operations.



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