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### Q3FY25 Result Update 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## **Allied Digital Services Ltd**

Strategic Growth and Future Opportunities in Smart City and **Digital Transformation Solutions** 

**CMP: INR 275** 

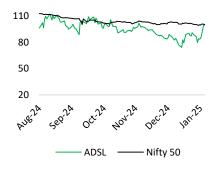
**Rating: Buy** 

**Target Price: 335** 

Stock Info	
BSE	532875
NSE	ADSL
Bloomberg	ALDS IN
Reuters	ADIS.BO
Sector	IT
Face Value (INR)	5
Equity Capital (INR Mn)	274.2
Mkt Cap (INR Mn)	1,546
52w H/L (INR)	320/123
Avg Yearly Vol (in 000')	975

Shareholding Pattern %					
(As on Dec, 2024)					
Promoters	51.2				
Public & Others	48.8				

#### **ADSL Vs Nifty**



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Allied Digital services Ltd (ADSL) reported consolidated Revenue and EBITDA met estimates, while PAT beat our estimates. Consolidated revenue stood at INR 2,206 Mn, against Q2FY25 of INR 2,030 Mn registering a growth 28.93% YoY/8.64% QoQ. Inline with our estimate of INR 2,203 Mn EBITDA stood at INR 251 Mn, against Q2FY25 of INR 192 Mn, up by 21.13 %YoY & 30.40 % QoQ). Inline with our estimate of INR 238 MnOn the margins front, EBITDA margin down by 73bps YoY & up by 189bps QoQ to 11.4% against 9.5% in Q2FY25. (Margin estimate 10.8%). EBITDA margins have increased due to a decrease in other expenses and raw material. Consolidated PAT saw a growth of 51.50%YoY/ 52.67%QoQ to INR 177 Mn against Q2FY25 of INR 116 Mn. Above with our estimate of INR 156 Mn.

### **Investment Rationale**

Strong order book: ADSL orders worth INR 2000 Mn strengthen a high-quality order book with a US multinational bank's first-level investment manager in Hong Kong and Japan. Key market tailwinds, especially in digital engineering, are driving the growing demand for advanced solutions, ensuring compensation capability

Focus on improving margin led by long term contract: The current EBITDA margin is around 12%, with the company aiming to maintain this and improve it over time. Margin pressure is being faced due to annual wage hikes of 7-8% and ESOP costs to retain talent. To improve margins, the company is focusing on increasing productivity with AI and new technologies, targeting higher-margin long-term contracts, and expanding into more profitable service areas. Offshore delivery is also being leveraged for higher margins. For FY26, the company aims to maintain or slightly improve margins while balancing growth investments. Many contracts are priced on a per-asset basis, providing leverage to improve margins through efficiency gains.

Outlook and Valuation: The company is seeing signs of recovery in discretionary spending and renewed momentum in the US market following the presidential election. With a strong pipeline and active discussions with several customers, the India business remains robust, driven by healthy demand across enterprise and government sectors. Over 2000 Mn in new orders and contract renewals were secured in the quarter, with a target of 10,000 Mn in annual revenues. Key growth drivers include direct customer onboarding, smart city expansion, and strengthening the global footprint, with management expressing optimism for sustained long-term growth. We expect Allied's revenue, EBITDA, and PAT to grow at a CAGR of 16%/~20%/23%, respectively, over FY24-FY27E. We used DCF model to arrive at a target price of INR 335 per share (Earlier target price of INR per share 300). Accordingly, we upgrade our rating to "BUY" from Accumulate earlier on the stock.

Y/e 31 Mar (INR Mn)	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenues	6871	8166	10011	11012
EBITDA	834	1078	1362	1542
EBITDA Margin%	12.1%	13.2%	13.6%	14.0%
РАТ	458	641	843	969
ROCE	8.6%	10.3%	11.9%	12.3%
P/E	33.2	23.5	17.9	15.6

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### Exhibit 1: Financial estimates

Particulars (INR mn)	Q3FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Revenue	2,206	2,030	1,711	28.93%	8.64%
Employee cost	375	350	337	11.03%	6.94%
Other Expenses	177	175	180	-1.72%	0.91%
EBITDA	251	192.1	206.8	21.13%	30.40%
EBITDA margin (%)	11.36%	9.46%	12.09%	-73bps	189bps
Depn & amort.	49	48	41	17.72%	0.21%
EBIT	202	143.7	165.6	21.98%	40.57%
Interest expense	24	25	10	134.95%	-4.72%
Other Income	23	38	6	294.83%	-39.26%
Pretax profit	201	156	161.1	24.58%	28.65%
Тах	24	40	44	-46.61%	-41.00%
Tax rate (%)	11.76%	25.64%	27.44%	-57.14%	-54.14%
Adjusted Net profit	177	116	117	51.37%	52.67%
Exceptionals	-	-	-		
Reported Net Profit	177.1	116	117	51.37%	52.67%
EPS (INR)	3.2	2.1	2.1	53.05%	53.95%

Source: Arihant Research, Company

	Q3FY25		Q3FY24	Q2FY25	YoY %	QoQ %
	Actual	Estimate				
Revenue	2,206	2,203	1,711	2,030	28.93%	8.64%
GP	825	819	987	755	-16.45%	9.20%
GP Margin	37.4%	37.2%	57.7%	37.2%	-2030	19
EBITDA	251	238	207	192	21.13%	30.40%
EBITDA Margin	11.4%	10.8%	12.1%	9.5%	-73	189
РАТ	177	156	117	116	51.50%	52.67%
PAT margin	8.03%	7.07%	6.83%	5.71%	120	232

### Q3FY25 Concall Highlights

Targeting INR 10,000 Mn revenue by FY26, with continued improvement in EBITDA margin (9MFY25 12%).

Data center relocations incurred costs but improved recovery processes; 16-city migration completed as a core business capability.

Pune project: Two major milestones in the quarter some portion billed, with recurring revenue expected in Q3 and Q4 FY25.

Q3FY25 growth driven by strong momentum, improved EBITDA, and PAT.

Cost efficiencies maintained and India business remains robust.

Union Budget support for manufacturing will benefit India operations.

Favorable momentum in US and other geography.

INR 2000 Mn order strengthens a high-quality order book with a US multinational bank—first-level investment manager in Hong Kong and Japan.

Key market tailwinds, especially in digital engineering.

Growing demand for advanced solutions, ensuring compensation capability.

Expanding total addressable market and revenue grew 16% geographically. Services revenue up 22% YoY, solutions revenue higher by 16%, with good visibility and recurring business.

Positive execution environment and signs of discretionary spending recovery.

IT services deal with a major US company to enhance US experience and reduce costs in nonprofit education.

ADSL reinforcing technology capabilities in cybersecurity for corporate offices, multinationals, and the automotive sector.

Large-scale ADSL cloud deployment to improve transparency and efficiency.

Driver monitoring system implemented in Mumbai for the automotive sector and additional IT infrastructure received for a bank in Gujarat. Driver monitoring business: Innovative AI-driven solutions for strategy development and surveillance. OEM and insurance companies leveraging driver monitoring for risk assessment and behavior analysis.

Network upgrade program underway.

Operational efficiency improvements and strengthened contract capabilities.

Reclassification of employee costs, shifting direct expenses in FY25 to below Q3 levels from last year.

Wage hike impact accounted for 7-8%. ESOP expenses booked quarterly.

Interest cost variations due to subsidiary profits.

Smart city projects gaining traction in Europe and potential subsidiary expansion considered.

Onsite services delivering higher profitability -90% onsite, 10% remote model improves margins.

Tax rate reduced to 12%, with deferred tax benefits lowering the overall FY26 tax rate to 20%.

Revenue mix: 68% from the RoW, 32% from India, with annual variations based on the order book.

Strong performance in smart cities and the Indian market across various business segments.

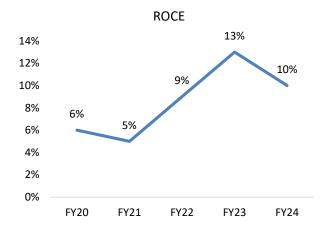
Cybersecurity issue linked to a previous vendor but minimal financial impact. legal services engaged since December.

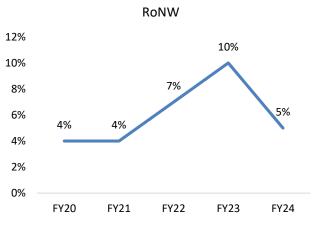
DSO reduced significantly from 118 days in FY22 to 81 days in FY24, further improving to 72 days in Q3 FY25, with an aspiration to reach 65 days.

DeepSeek expected to enhance opportunities, reduce costs with Gen AI, and lead to overall cost efficiency.

### **Exhibit 2: Geographical Presence** Belgium India, 32% China Ireland Germany Canada Revenue Breakup UK tal Spain US Rest of World, 68% Singapore 0 Headquarters Subsidiaries Brazil Branches Mumbai, India

Exhibit 3: Decline in ROCE due to investment in services Exhibit 4: Decline in RoNw

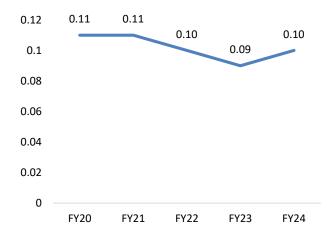




Japan

Australia

Exhibit 5: Debt to Equity (x)



### Exhibit 6: Aspiration to reach 65 days



Source: Arihant Research, Company

#### **DCF** Valuation

Valuation Assumptions	
g (World Economic Growth)	5%
Rf	7%
Rm	13%
Beta (2 Yr)	0.9
CMP (INR)	275
Valuation Data	
Total Debt (long term borrowings) (2024)	117
Cash & Cash Equivalents (2024)	1,379
Number of Diluted Shares (2024)	55
Tax Rate (2025)	7.84%
Interest Expense Rate (2025)	28.8%
MV of Equity	15,208
Total Debt	117
Total Capital	15,325

Kd WACC	26.6% <b>12.71%</b>
Ke	12.6%
Wd	0.8%
We	99.2%
WACC	

			FCFF & Target	Price								
FCFF & Target Price		Explicit Forecast Period						Linear Decline Phase			Terminal Yr	
Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
EBIT * (1-Tax Rate)	665	854	972	1,097	1,226	1,353	1,478	1,598	1,711	1,812	1,900	1,995
Dep	180	207	228	250	275	306	335	362	388	411	430	452
Purchase of Assets	245	300	330	363	400	445	486	525	562	596	624	656
Changes in Working Capital	(354)	(370)	(417)	(424)	(437)	(503)	(549)	(594)	(636)	(674)	(706)	(741)
FCFF	954	1,131	1,287	1,408	1,539	1,718	1,876	2,029	2,172	2,301	2,411	2,532
% Growth in Post Tax EBIT		28.6%	13.8%	12.8%	11.5%	10.4%	9.3%	8.1%	7.0%	5.9%	4.8%	5.0%
As % of Post Tax EBIT												
Dep	27.1%	24.2%	23.4%	22.8%	22.5%	22.7%	22.7%	22.7%	22.7%	22.7%	22.7%	22.7%
Purchase of Assets	36.9%	35.2%	34.0%	33.1%	32.6%	32.9%	32.9%	32.9%	32.9%	32.9%	32.9%	32.9%
Changes in Working Capital	-53.3%	-43.3%	-42.9%	-38.7%	-35.7%	-37.2%	-37.2%	-37.2%	-37.2%	-37.2%	-37.2%	-37.2%
FCFF	954	1,131	1,287	1,408	1,539	1,718	1,876	2,029	2,172	2,301	2,411	2,532
Terminal Value												32,820
Total Cash Flow	954	1,131	1,287	1,408	1,539	1,718	1,876	2,029	2,172	2,301	2,411	35,352
Enterprise Value (EV)	1	7.270										

Enterprise Value (EV)	17,270
Less: Debt	117
Add: Cash	1,379
Equity Value	18,531

Equity Value per share (INR)	335
% Returns	21.86%

Rating

WACC (%)

BUY

335

	g(%)										
		3.00	3.25	3.50	3.75	4.00	4.25	4.50			
	2.75%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	4.75%		
11.00%	349	356	363	370	379	387	397	407	417		
11.25%	338	345	351	358	366	374	382	392	402		
11.50%	329	334	341	347	354	361	369	378	387		
11.75%	319	325	331	337	343	350	357	365	373		
12.00%	311	316	321	327	333	339	346	353	361		
12.25%	302	307	312	317	323	329	335	342	349		
12.50%	295	299	304	308	314	319	325	331	338		
12.75%	287	291	296	300	305	310	315	321	327		
13.00%	280	284	288	292	297	302	307	312	317		

Source: Company reports, Arihant Capital Research, Figures are in INR Mn. except share price and percentage data

### **Key Financials**

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Income Statement (INR Mn)									
Year End-March	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E					
Revenues	6,871	8,166	10,011	11,012					
Change (%)	4.1%	18.9%	22.6%	10.0%					
Other Income	12	35	52	63					
Cost of Goods Sold (COGS)	4,074	4,802	5,846	6,387					
Gross Profit	2,809	3,399	4,217	4,688					
Employee costs	1,381	1,633	2,002	2,202					
Other expenses	582	653	801	881					
Total Expenses	6,037	7,088	8,650	9,471					
EBITDA	834	1,078	1,362	1,542					
EBITDA Margin	12.13%	13.20%	13.60%	14.00%					
Depreciation	164	180	207	228					
EBIT	670	898	1155	1314					
Interest	52	67	67	67					
РВТ	630	866	1,140	1,310					
Exceptional Items	0	0	0	0					
PBT after exceptional									
Items	630	866	1,140	1,310					
Тах	171	225	296	340					
Rate (%)	6.7%	7.8%	8.4%	8.8%					
РАТ	458.4	640.6	843.3	969.1					
PAT Margin (%)	6.7%	7.8%	8.4%	8.8%					

Balance Sheet (INR Mn)				
Year End-March	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Sources of Funds				
Share Capital	276.5	274.2	274.2	274.2
Reserves & Surplus	5,510	6,679	7,523	8,492
Net Worth	5,786	6,954	7,797	8,766
Loan Funds	596	559	559	559
MI, Deferred Tax & other Liabilities	79	81	81	81
Capital Employed	7,781	8,745	9,676	10,680
Application of Funds				
Gross Block	8,473	9,373	10,273	11,173
Less: Depreciation	7,401	8,057	8,776	9,558
Net Block	1,071	1,315	1,496	1,614
CWIP	-	-	-	-
Other Non-current Assets	395	434	478	525
Other Current Assets	319.4	351.3	386.5	425.1
Net Fixed Assets	1,785	2,101	2,360	2,565
Investments	62.20	65.31	68.58	72.00
Debtors	1,499	1,815	2,002	2,202
Inventories	481	591	675	715
Cash & Bank Balance	1,267	1,447	1,471	1,762
Loans & Advances & other CA	827	944	1,079	1,234
Total Current Assets	4,479	5,247	5,715	6,465
Current Liabilities	1,243	1,463	1,534	1,551
Provisions	225	225	225	225
Net Current Assets	3,236	3,784	4,181	4,914
Total Assets	7,781	8,745	9,676	10,680

Cash Flow Statement (INR Mn)				
Year End-March	Fy24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
РВТ	630	866	1,140	1,310
Adjustments: Add	865	726	991	1,124
Change in assets & Liabilities	(38)	(352)	(370)	(417)
Net Cash From Operations	865	726	991	1,124
Capex	(178)	(210)	(333)	(265)
Cash From Investing	(321)	(341)	(618)	(419)
Other financiang activities	296	(20)	17	18
Finance cost paid	(52.10)	(67.13)	(67.13)	(67.13)
Cash From Financing	1	(189)	(347)	(389)
Net Increase/ Decrease in Cash	544	195	27	316
Cash at the beginning of the year	835	1,379	1,574	1,601
Cash at the end of the year	1,379	1,574	1,601	1,917

Key Ratios					
Year End-March	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	
Per share (INR)					
EPS	8.3	11.7	15.4	17.7	
BVPS	112	127	142	160	
Valuation (x)					
P/E	33.2	23.5	17.9	15.6	
P/BV	2.5	2.2	1.9	1.7	
ev/ebitda	15.1	11.6	9.9	8.6	
Return ratio (%)					
EBIDTA Margin	12.1%	13.2%	13.6%	14.0%	
PAT Margin	6.7%	7.8%	8.4%	8.8%	
ROE	7.4%	9.2%	10.8%	11.1%	
ROCE	8.6%	10.3%	11.9%	12.3%	
Leverage Ratio (%)					
Total D/E	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Turnover Ratios					
Asset Turnover (x)	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.7	
Inventory Days	481	591	675	715	
Receivable Days	80	75	70	70	
Payable days	23	23	23	23	

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