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Niyogin Fintech announces Q1FY22 results Consolidated Total Income at INR 220.6 mn, up 176.5% YoY

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Niyogin Fintech Limited (BSE: 538772), a publicly listed fintech platform, today announced its results for the first quarter ended June 30, 2021.

Commenting on the Company's performance for Q1FY22, Tashwinder Singh, CEO, Niyogin Fintech Limited said, "We completed two full quarters of execution of our platform centric model in Q1FY22. We registered a strong performance in Q1FY22 with a 20% sequential revenue growth despite the pandemic induced headwinds. We have a strong partner and product pipeline. The continued adoption of our platform by our partners lends us confidence to scale the business materially."

Key Highlights of Q1 FY2022

- Total Consolidated Revenues at INR 220.6 million, up 176.5% YoY
- Debt free and net cash balance sheet. Cash and Equivalents at INR 1,682.8 million
- Rural-tech partners stood at 477, up 46.8% YoY
- Rural distribution touch points reached 166,365, up 203.9% from Q1FY2021
- The number of partners on our urban channel increased by 58.5%, to 4,333
- The gross transaction value (GTV) of Rural-Tech for the quarter was INR 11,881 million -5.1% QoQ, impacted by lockdowns in April and May 2021.
- Wealth Tech AUM grew to INR 15,042 million; up 120.3% YoY

About Niyogin Fintech Limited

Niyogin Fintech Limited (www.niyogin.com) caters to India's underserved MSMEs and rural individuals, and is engaged in diversified segments such as Rural Tech, Credit, and Wealth Tech. In MSMEs, Niyogin counts on the strong customer connect of its to drive business growth on a revenue sharing model. The Company further operates on a hybrid model wherein it provides technology solutions across its different segments to its partners, who in turn handle the physical leg of customer servicing for a revenue share. In rural areas, the Company has been empowering the retail stores to offer payments and financial transactions to customers in their vicinity.

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CEO's Update to Investors: Q1 FY2022

In the quarter gone by, the second wave-induced lockdown shook the entire economy and had a major impact on human lives and businesses. The second wave impacted urban as well as rural India, and did have an impact on our transaction volumes, especially the domestic remittance business. Despite the challenges, the resilience of our platform-centric business model came to the fore and revenues grew by 20.0% QoQ and 176.5% YoY. In line with our prior communication of the calibrated transition from a credit-centric business model to a platform-centric business model in December last year, and with Q1 FY2022, we completed two full quarters since our business model was revamped. With our new strategy picking up momentum, we registered a remarkable performance despite COVID-related headwinds. This further affirmed our belief that the path chosen by us to serve the underserved MSMEs and rural individuals is sustainable in the long run.

To re-iterate, our business is premised on an open-tech platform with a transaction-based revenue model. Our objective is to deliver a capable financial services infrastructure platform that powers all distribution/customer-facing businesses. Our execution is focused across two broad vectors – 1) continuously expanding our platform capability and 2) scaling partners. We have made significant progress in both these areas in this quarter.

On the partnerships, we had a few major distribution partner wins this quarter providing us significant coverage in rural India. We will be powering all our partners' distribution front ends with our Rural Tech platform products. This is a big validation of our distribution-neutral platform-centric model. These relationships are massively scalable across products and has the potential to grow our GTVs multifold from our current levels.

On the platform capability, we have been investing in our tech stack so that our services can be consumed as full-stack application, APIs, or SDK. This will allow us to onboard all varieties of partners as we continue to broaden the product stack. We expanded our product stack with SaaS based tax solution in Urban tech and upgraded our domestic remittance product along with Bharat Bill Pay Agent institution. Our transaction led credit is also seeing good traction.

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Financial Highlights

Our consolidated revenue for the current quarter was INR 220.6 million. Our Adj. EBITDA was INR 13.3 million compared to INR 14.1 million in the corresponding quarter. Our Non-GAAP PBT was INR -0.3 million in Q1FY2022, compared to INR 3.0 million in Q1FY2021. Our balance sheet remains strong and debt-free as of date.

Our credit loan book is down by 71.4% YoY and now stands at INR 348.1 million against INR 1,219.2 million as of June 30, 2020. This is well-aligned with our articulated strategy of exiting generalized credit to de-risk our balance sheet and focus on transaction led credit.

Consolidated (INR mn)	Q1FY22	Q1FY21	YoY Change
Total Income	220.6	79.8	176.5%
Expenses	207.3	65.7	215.6%
Adj. EBITDA (Pre ESOP)	13.3	14.1	(5.6) %
Reported Pre-Tax Profit/(Loss) (A)	(17.5)	(12.2)	NM
Depreciation & Amortization	13.6	11.1	22.4%
ESOP (B)	17.2	15.2	13.5%
Non-GAAP PBT (C) = (A) + (B)	(0.3)	3.0	NM

The recent RBI guidelines places a limit on the number of statutory audits by an audit firm in a year. Considering the compliance of the aforesaid RBI Circular, the incumbent statutory auditor of the Company, M/s. MSKA & Associates, Chartered Accountants, are ineligible to continue as Statutory Auditor of the Company since they have reached the maximum limit for the number of audits to be undertaken in the current year. Thus, our Board of Directors has approved the appointment of M/s Pijush Gupta & Co. as the new auditors.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to continuing our journey to becoming India's premier MSME-based fintech ecosystem.

Thank You.

Tashwinder Singh
Chief Executive Officer
Niyogin Fintech Limited

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