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AAVAS Financiers

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Bloomberg	AAVAS IN
Equity Shares (m)	78
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	188.4 / 2.4
52-Week Range (INR)	3337 / 1839
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	6/-17/-17
12M Avg Val (INR M)	388

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

FY22	FY23E	FY24E
6.5	7.6	9.1
4.8	5.7	7.2
3.6	4.3	5.4
45.2	54.5	68.3
23	20	25
356	410	479
6.3	6.0	5.8
42.3	42.6	39.8
0.27	0.20	0.22
3.6	3.5	3.6
13.7	14.2	15.4
52.8	43.8	34.9
6.7	5.8	5.0
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Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Jun-22	Mar-22	Jun-21
Promoter	39.2	39.2	50.1
DII	10.2	9.9	8.1
FII	39.0	39.9	32.1
Others	11.6	11.0	9.7

FII Includes depository receipts

CMP: INR2,386 TP: INR2,010 (-16%)

Confident of healthy loan growth and improvement in asset quality

Margin trajectory will be a key monitorable

- PAT grew 49% YoY to INR892m in 1QFY23 (in line). Elevated OPEX, with a cost-income ratio of 47%, was offset by very benign credit costs of INR9m.
- Underlying this, NII was flat QoQ and grew 20% YoY to INR1.8b (in line).
 Other income declined by 38% QoQ, driven by lower assignment income.
- Key highlights include: a) GS3 increased by ~10bp QoQ to ~1.1% and 1+DPD grew to 4.7% (v/s 4.5% in Mar'22); b) sequential NII growth was muted, leading to a compression of ~40bp QoQ in NIM; and c) quarterly disbursements of ~INR11b, led to AUM growth of 5% QoQ and 24% YoY, and has set the stage for a strong growth in FY23.
- We model an AUM and PAT CAGR of 23% each over FY22-24 for a RoA/RoE of 3.6%/15% in FY24. Valuations capture its growth trajectory and superior asset quality franchise. Before turning constructive, we would monitor the impact of rising interest rates on spreads and NIM and on delinquencies, if there is a significant increase in EMI for customers. We maintain our Sell rating with a TP of INR2,010 (based on 4.2x FY24E BVPS).

Spreads and NIM (calculated) declined QoQ

- Reported yields, CoB, and spreads were stable QoQ, but our calculated numbers suggest that there has been a decline in the core lending yields and increase in the cost of borrowings. This led to a compression in NIM.
- Reported spreads in 1QFY23 grew by ~4bp QoQ to ~5.8%. Reported NIM (including fee and other income) rose by ~75bp YoY, but declined QoQ. Calculated NIM declined by 10bp YoY and 40bp QoQ.

Marginal deterioration in asset quality, led by weakening in >90dpd loans

- Contrary to our expectations, there was minor asset quality deterioration, with GS3/NS3 increasing by 9bp/7bp to 1.08%/0.84%, driven predominantly by slippages of INR160m from the restructured pool of advances.
- 1+DPD grew to 4.7% (v/s 4.5% in Mar'22) and can be read as a seasonal deterioration in 1QFY23.

OPEX elevated in FY23, but will moderate sharply from FY24

 OPEX grew 53% YoY, led by investments in technology and salary increments effected from Apr-May'22. We model in an OPEX/assets ratio of 3.3% in FY23 (similar to FY22), but expect it to decline to 3% in FY24.

Highlights from the management commentary

- The management guided at AUM growth of 23-25%.
- AAVAS had raised its PLR by ~25bp from Jun'22. The NBFC will be increasing
 its lending rates by a further ~50bp from Aug'22. The same will immediately
 become effective on its entire floating-rate loan book.
- The management expects spreads to remain stable for the next two-tothree quarters.

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Valuations capture its superior asset quality franchise; maintain Sell

■ AAVAS has a sustainable business model that it can utilize to scale up profitably across geographies over the long term. Technology adoption and relentless focus on asset quality have made it a standout player among peers. 1+DPD remains below comfortable levels of 5%. Given the investments being made by AAVAS in sourcing, distribution, and technology, it will embark on a very strong disbursement growth trajectory in FY23. Though the NBFC (like its peers) will witness some margin and spread compression in an increasing interest rate environment, it is still better positioned (because of its liabilities mix) to take advantage of the huge opportunity in the low-ticket Housing Finance space. The stock trades at 5x FY24E P/BV and captures its strong growth potential and superior asset quality franchise. We maintain our Sell rating with a TP of INR2,010 (based on 4.2x FY24E BVPS).

Quarterly performance Y/E March		FY	22			FY23E					1Q	INR m
1, E march	1QFY22	2QFY22		4QFY22	1QFY23			4QFY23	FY22	FY23E	FY23E	Est.
Interest Income	2,630	2,787	2,830	3,041	3,148	3,432	3,706	3,902	11,288	14,189	3,211	-2
Interest Expenses	1,128	1,160	1,251	1,237	1,347	1,549	1,735	1,921	4,775	6,551	1,360	-1
Net Income	1,502	1,627	1,579	1,804	1,802	1,883	1,972	1,981	6,513	7,638	1,850	-3
YoY Growth (%)	29	26	12	37	20	16	25	10	26	17	23	
Other income	90	468	599	612	380	553	685	662	1,768	2,281	269	41
Total Income	1,592	2,095	2,178	2,416	2,182	2,436	2,657	2,643	8,281	9,918	2,120	3
YoY Growth (%)	31	34	13	37	37	16	22	9	28	20	33	
Operating Expenses	673	864	910	1,059	1,026	1,037	1,066	1,100	3,506	4,230	932	10
YoY Growth (%)	28	36	37	43	53	20	17	4	37	21	39	
Operating Profits	919	1,231	1,268	1,357	1,156	1,399	1,591	1,543	4,775	5,689	1,188	-3
YoY Growth (%)	33	33	0	33	26	14	25	14	22.3	19.1	29	
Provisions	170	47	113	-104	9	70	90	36	226	206	59	-84
Profit before Tax	749	1,183	1,155	1,461	1,147	1,329	1,501	1,507	4,549	5,483	1,129	2
Tax Provisions	150	262	264	304	254	286	323	321	981	1,184	243	5
Profit after tax	599	921	891	1,157	892	1,043	1,178	1,185	3,568	4,299	886	1
YoY Growth (%)	20	39	4	32	49	13	32	2	23.2	20.5		
Key Parameters (%)												
Yield on loans	13.0	12.9	12.8	12.7	12.7				13.8	14.2		
Cost of funds	7.3	7.2	7.0	6.9	6.9				6.7	7.3		
Spread	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.8				7.1	7.0		
NIM - YTD	6.9	7.8	8.1	8.2	7.7				6.3	6.0		
Credit cost	0.9	0.2	0.5	-0.5	0.0				0.3	0.2		
Cost to Income Ratio (%)	42.3	41.2	41.8	43.8	47.0				42.3	42.6		
Tax Rate (%)	20.1	22.1	22.9	20.8	22.2				21.6	21.6		
Balance Sheet Parameters												
AUM (INR B)	96.2	101.5	106.1	113.5	118.9				113.5	140.3		
Change YoY (%)	21.2	21.3	20.3	20.1	23.7				20.1	23.6		
AUM mix (%)												
Home loans	72.7	72.1	71.6	72.1	71.1				72.1	70.8		
Mortgage loans	27.3	27.9	28.4	27.9	28.9				27.9	29.2		
Loans (INR B)	77.6	82.1	84.8	90.5	95.9				90.5	112.2		
% of AUM	80.7	80.9	79.9	79.8	80.6				20.3	23.9		
Disbursements (INR B)	4.6	9.0	9.5	12.9	10.9				36.0	48.7		
Change YoY (%)	117.1	35.3	24.4	27.1	136.5				35.6	35.2		
Borrowings (INR B)	64.9	69.1	72.3	79.7	82.9				79.7	101.0		
Change YoY (%)	14.3	14.6	11.5	25.6	27.8				25.6	26.7		
Borrowings/Loans (%)	83.6	84.1	85.3	88.1	86.4				88.1	90.0		
Debt/Equity (x)	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9				2.8	3.1		
Asset Quality (%)												
GS 3 (INR M)	894	795	1,473	904	1,045				904	1,045		
G3 %	1.14	0.96	1.72	0.99	1.08				0.99	1.1		
NS 3 (INR M)	670	589	1,129	695	805				695	805		
NS3 %	0.9	0.7	1.3	0.8	0.8				0.8	0.8		
PCR (%)	25.0	26.0	23.4	23.1	22.9				23.1	22.9		
ECL (%)	0.85	0.85	0.93	0.71	0.67				0.71	0.67		
Return Ratios - YTD (%)												
ROA (Rep)	2.6	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.2				3.6	3.5		
ROE (Rep)	9.8	12.3	12.7	13.7	12.5				13.7	14.2		

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Highlights from the management commentary

Guidance

- Expects spreads to remain stable for the next 2-3 quarters
- Guided for monthly disbursement run-rate of INR3.7b-4b and AUM growth of 23%-25%

Operating expenses

 Making large investments in technology and opex will remain elevated in the same range in FY23 (as FY22) and then exhibit a 20-30bp decline in cost-ratios from FY24 onwards.

Asset Quality

Company had a restructured pool of ~INR1b which was classified under Stage 2.
 From this restructured pool, INR160m slipped into Stage 3

AUM and disbursements

- AAVAS keeps a 40-50% additional capacity in its sales team and 15%-20% additional capacity in other teams. This has enabled it to deliver healthy disbursements even during tough times.
- Adjusted for the subsidy component, AUM growth would have been higher than 24%.

Liability

- AAVAS had increased its PLR by ~25bp from Jun'22 onwards. Company will be increasing its lending rates by ~50bp from 5-Aug-22 and it immediately becomes effective on the entire floating-rate back book
- >90% of the bank term loans are linked to the 1-year MCLR.
- NHB borrowings of ~INR10b came at relatively low interest rates.

Credit Rating Upgrade

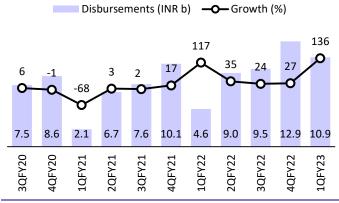
 Company received a credit rating upgrade from ICRA to AA (from AA- earlier) in Jun'22.

Others

- Monthly BT-OUT was 0.5% of the opening AUM and for the quarter it stood at 1.58% of the opening AUM and ~6% annualized.
- Business Loans: Tenures upto 7 years, yields of 15% and the collateral is selfoccupied residential property.
- Company will be opening 30-40 new branches every year
- No aspirations to venture into any other fee-based income products.

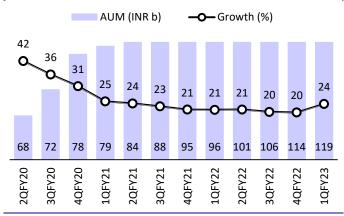
Key exhibits

Exhibit 1: Disbursements grew ~135% YoY...



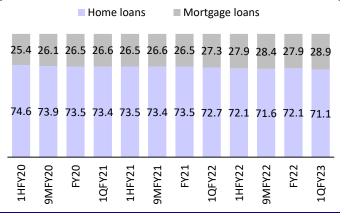
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 2:while AUM grew 5% sequentially despite the component of CLSS subsidy



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 3: Share of Home loans declines by 100bp QoQ (%)



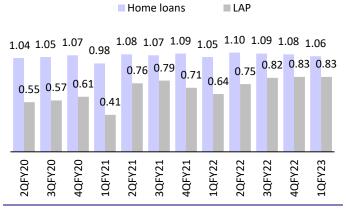
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Exhibit 4: Stable customer mix (%)



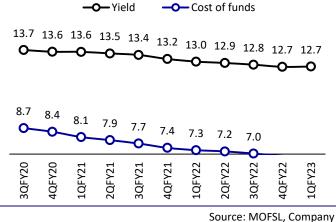
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Exhibit 5: ATS was stable QoQ (INR m)



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Exhibit 6: Reported spreads were broadly stable



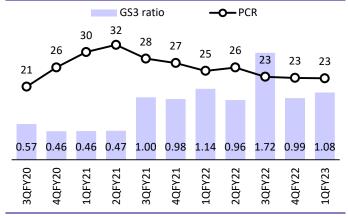
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Exhibit 7: OPEX/AUM declined to 3.5% but CIR rose to 47%

Opex/Avg. AUM **—O**— C/I ratio 44 43 42 42 42 41 3.6 3.5 2.7 3.1 3.1 3.2 2.8 3.5 3.5 3.9 3.5 1QFY23 1QFY21 1QFY22 2QFY22 2QFY21 3QFY22

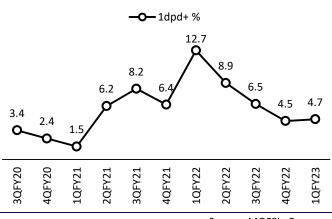
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Exhibit 8: PCR remained stable at ~23%



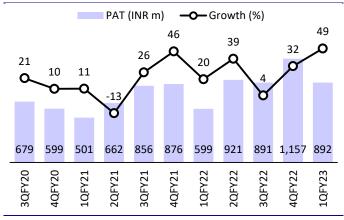
Source: MOFSL, Company, PCR in %

Exhibit 9: 1+dpd deteriorated to 4.7% but still below 5%



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 10: PAT grew 49% YoY led by higher NII and lower credit costs



Source: MOFSL, Company

Valuation and view

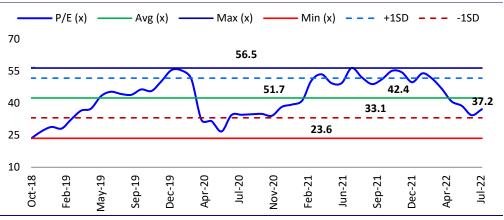
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Exhibit 11: Cut our FY24 estimate by ~2% to factor in a higher OPEX intensity

INR b	Old	Est.	New	Est.	Change (%)		
	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E	
NII	7.6	9.1	7.6	9.1	0.6	-0.5	
Other Income	2.2	2.8	2.3	2.8	2.0	1.7	
Total Income	9.8	11.9	9.9	11.9	0.9	0.1	
Operating Expenses	4.0	4.5	4.2	4.7	5.8	5.8	
Operating Profits	5.8	7.4	5.7	7.2	-2.5	-3.4	
Provisions	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	-34.0	-26.3	
PBT	5.5	7.0	5.5	6.9	-0.7	-2.2	
Tax	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.5	-0.7	-2.2	
PAT	4.3	5.5	4.3	5.4	-0.7	-2.2	
AUM	141	175	140	173	-0.4	-1.2	
Borrowings	101	126	101	124	-0.4	-1.2	
NIM (%)	6.0	5.8	6.0	5.8			
ROA (%)	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.6			
RoE (%)	14.3	15.7	14.2	15.4			

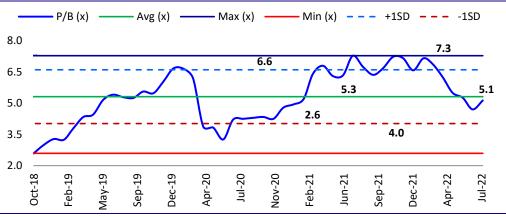
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Exhibit 12: One-year forward P/E



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 13: One-year forward P/B



Source: MOFSL, Company

Financials and valuations

Income statement									INR m
Y/E March	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Interest Income	1,725	2,707	3,926	5,935	7,864	9,764	11,288	14,189	17,635
Interest Expended	969	1,428	1,931	2,554	3,561	4,582	4,775	6,551	8,562
Net Interest Income	757	1,279	1,995	3,382	4,304	5,182	6,513	7,638	9,073
Change (%)	76.3	69.0	56.0	69.5	27.3	20.4	25.7	17.3	18.8
Gain on Securitisation	0	5	602	783	766	864	1,240	1,550	1,938
Other Operating Income	244	343	417	391	401	426	528	730	879
Total Income	1,001	1,627	3,014	4,556	5,470	6,471	8,281	9,918	11,890
Change (%)	86.5	62.5	85.3	51.2	20.1	18.3	28.0	19.8	19.9
Operating Expenses	466	673	1,645	1,890	2,296	2,566	3,506	4,230	4,732
Operating Income	535	953	1,369	2,666	3,174	3,905	4,775	5,689	7,158
Change (%)	71.0	78.1	43.6	94.7	19.1	23.0	22.3	19.1	25.8
Provisions	47	67	26	89	153	371	226	206	278
PBT	489	887	1,343	2,577	3,020	3,533	4,549	5,483	6,880
Tax	168	308	412	818	529	638	981	1,184	1,486
Tax Rate (%)	34.4	34.7	30.7	31.7	17.5	18.1	21.6	21.6	21.6
PAT	321	579	931	1,759	2,491	2,895	3,568	4,299	5,394
Change (%)	68.0	80.4	60.9	89.0	41.6	16.2	23.2	20.5	25.5
Proposed Dividend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Y/E March	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Capital	384	582	692	781	783	785	789	789	789
Reserves & Surplus	1,647	5,082	11,207	17,589	20,196	23,229	27,297	31,596	36,990
Net Worth	2,031	5,663	11,899	18,370	20,979	24,014	28,086	32,385	37,779
Borrowings	14,572	17,935	27,376	36,533	53,520	63,454	79,725	1,00,991	1,24,325
Change (%)	104.2	23.1	52.6	33.4	46.5	18.6	25.6	26.7	23.1
Other liabilities	505	908	1,126	1,366	2,081	2,132	2,392	2,632	2,895
Total Liabilities	17,108	24,507	40,401	56,268	76,580	89,600	1,10,204	1,36,008	1,64,999
Loans	14,702	21,638	33,334	47,245	61,808	75,233	90,534	1,12,212	1,38,139
Change (%)	75.9	47.2	54.1	41.7	30.8	21.7	20.3	23.9	23.1
Investments	0	8	45	45	45	45	675	675	675
Change (%)	NM	NM	NM	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,400.4	0.0	0.0
Other assets	2,405	2,861	7,022	8,978	14,727	14,323	18,994	23,120	26,185
Total Assets	17,108	24,507	40,401	56,268	76,580	89,600	1,10,204	1,36,008	1,64,999

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Financials and valuations

Ratios									(%)
Y/E March	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Spreads Analysis (%)									
Avg Yield on Loan portfolio	15.0	14.8	14.2	13.9	13.5	14.1	13.8	14.2	14.3
Avg. Cost of borrowings	8.9	8.8	8.5	8.0	7.9	7.8	6.7	7.3	7.6
Interest Spread	6.0	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.6	6.3	7.1	7.0	6.7
Net Interest Margin (AUM)	6.0	5.8	5.9	6.8	6.3	6.0	6.3	6.0	5.8
Profitability Ratios (%)									
RoE	21.1	15.0	10.6	11.6	12.7	12.9	13.7	14.2	15.4
RoA	2.5	2.8	2.9	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.6
Loans/Equity (x)	7.2	3.8	2.8	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.7
Cost/Income	46.5	41.4	54.6	41.5	42.0	39.7	42.3	42.6	39.8
Asset Quality (%)									
Gross NPAs	80	169	107	158	210	739	904	1,114	1,297
Gross NPAs to Adv.	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
Net NPAs	62	129	83	112	171	538	695	847	986
Net NPAs to Adv.	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7
VALUATION	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Book Value (INR)	53	97	172	235	268	306	356	410	479
Price-BV (x)	33	3,	1/2	233	200	7.8	6.7	5.8	5.0
EPS (INR)	8.4	9.9	13.5	22.5	31.8	36.9	45.2	54.5	68.3
EPS Growth YoY	44	19	35	67	41	16	23	20	25
Price-Earnings (x)		-		-		64.7	52.8	43.8	34.9
Dividend per share (INR)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend yield (%)	-					0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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NOTES

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Investment Rating	Expected return (over 12-month)					
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