Neutral



PNB Housing Finance

Estimate change TP change Rating change

Bloomberg	PNBHOUSI IN
Equity Shares (m)	168
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	76.1 / 0.9
52-Week Range (INR)	602 / 312
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	11/11/-9
12M Avg Val (INR M)	193
Free float (%)	67.4

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

Y/E March	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
NII	17.6	19.5	19.1
PPP	16.6	18.3	17.9
PAT	8.4	9.9	10.6
EPS (INR)	49.6	58.5	63.0
EPS Gr. (%)	-8	18	8
BV/Sh. (INR)	586	637	693
Ratios			
NIM (%)	3.0	3.3	3.0
C/I ratio (%)	22.3	22.8	25.1
RoAA (%)	1.2	1.4	1.4
RoE (%)	8.9	9.6	9.5
Valuations			
P/E (x)	9.1	7.7	7.2
P/BV (x)	0.77	0.71	0.65
Div. Yield (%)	0.0	1.3	1.3

Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Sep-22	Jun-22	Sep-21
Promoter	32.6	32.6	32.6
DII	3.3	2.4	3.1
FII	23.2	24.0	26.0
Others	40.9	41.1	38.4

FII Includes depository receipts

Execution under new management crucial for re-rating

TP: INR500 (+11%)

CMP: INR451

- PNB Housing Finance (PNBHF)'s PAT grew 12% YoY to ~INR2.63b in 2QFY23 driven by ~180bp QoQ improvement in margin (including a one-off positive impact of ~INR1.1b on interest income from prior assigned pool of loans) despite elevated credit costs of 1.7% (annualized). NII/PPoP grew 36%/35% YoY, respectively. In 1HFY23, PAT rose 4% YoY to ~INR5b (from INR4.8b YoY).
- Asset quality improved because of retail loan book expansion. Total GNPA/NNPA stood at ~6.1%/3.7% (% of loan assets) and declined 30bp/65bp QoQ, respectively. Retail GNPA declined ~30bp QoQ to 3.4% while Corporate GNPA increased to ~30% (PQ: 28%) led by a decline in Corporate book.
- The company is actively working on various resolutions in the Corporate book and has been gradually running it down. Corporate NPAs have been sticky and thus it is important for PNBHF to demonstrate some Corporate NPA resolutions in 2HFY23. Besides, we now estimate credit costs of 95bp/65bp (earlier: 60bp/55bp) in FY23/FY24, respectively.
- PNBHF's management appointed Mr. Girish Kousgi as the new MD/CEO, effective 21st Oct'22, to lead the franchise. Mr. Kousgi, in his prior CEO role at CAN FIN Homes, had successfully steered the company towards strong loan growth and healthy profitability. We believe that there will be renewed focus on both non-affordable and affordable segments under the new leadership. A better outlook on loan growth, spreads/margins and asset quality has led us to increase our FY23/FY24 EPS estimates by 8%/14%, respectively.
- We expect PNBHF to deliver a loan book and PAT CAGR of 8% and 13% over FY22-FY24, respectively, and ~10% RoE in FY23 and FY24 each. However, we remain watchful of the execution under the new leadership of Mr. Kousgi and would closely track the delivery on loan growth, spreads/margins and asset quality before turning constructive on the stock. We maintain our Neutral rating with a TP of INR500 (based on 0.7x FY24E BVPS).

Disbursement momentum to improve; NIM has a one-off in interest income

- Disbursements grew 21% YoY to INR36b in 2QFY23. Disbursements in 1HFY23 rose 49% YoY to INR70.5b and the company disbursed a gross amount of INR2.25b under co-lending during the period.
- PNBHF's AUM declined ~6% YoY and for the first time in the last eight quarters, it demonstrated a sequential growth of 1.4% to INR657.3b.
- Excluding securitization income, spreads stood at ~2.6% in 2QFY23 (PY: 2.8% and PQ: 1.64%). Margin improved to ~4.1% in 2QFY23 (PQ: ~2.4%) driven by ~2pp improvement in average yields that included the net positive impact of ~INR1.1b on assigned loans.

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Cost of borrowings (CoB) stood at 7.32% and the management guided that it expects CoB to increase 50-60bp over the next two-to-three quarters, which will be passed on to the customers. Once PNBHF starts demonstrating asset quality improvement, its cost of funds should decline since it will be able to tap market borrowings at a much lower rate.

Credit costs elevated at 1.7% but expected to moderate from hereon

- Credit costs in 2QFY23 had four components, namely: a) ARC sale, b) write-offs,
 c) additional provisions of INR600m, and d) increase in ECL provisions.
- PNBHF is working on various Corporate NPA resolutions and expects sequential asset quality improvement as well as decline in GNPA from hereon. For FY23, the company guided for credit costs of 1% (including both Retail and Corporate) and from FY24 onwards management guided for normalized credit costs of 40-50bp in the retail book.
- Total restructured pool including OTR 1.0 and 2.0 stood at INR21.5b (~3.3% of loan assets) in 2QFY23.

Highlights from the management commentary

- Management guided for minimum sustainable spreads of 2.2% (excluding securitization income) and NIM of 3.2%.
- For FY23, PNBHF guided for 40% YoY growth in disbursements and 8%-10% YoY growth in loan advances. From FY23 onwards, management guided for 25% disbursement growth and 18% loan growth.
- The company will file the proposal for the Rights issue (Issue size: ~INR25b) before the end of calendar year and expects it to be completed by Jun'23.

Execution under the new leadership a key monitorable; maintain Neutral

- Over the past year, PNBHF has transformed its business model (it is also targeting the Affordable Housing 'Unnati' segment) towards Retail and reduced its Corporate loan book (through down-selling and ARC sale) to less than 10%. Unnati disbursements were 11%-12% of the total disbursements. Incrementally, it will target to scale up Unnati disbursements to ~25% of the total retail disbursements.
- Guidance given by the management on loan growth, spreads/margins and asset quality were positive. Ability to carry out the equity capital raise through a Rights issue will bring in the much needed capital and could result in a positive rating action (or an upgrade) from the credit rating agencies. With the new management on board, we expect positivity in delivery on guided metrics. However, we will wait to see execution under the new leadership before turning constructive on the stock. We maintain our Neutral rating with a TP of INR500 (based on 0.7x FY24E BVPS).

Quarterly performance											(INR M)
	FY22					FY23E				EV22E	2QFY23E	v/s
	1QFY22	2QFY22	3QFY22	4QFY22	1QFY23	2QFY23	3QFY23E	4QFY23E	FY22	F1Z3E	ZQF1Z3E	Est.
Interest Income	16,114	14,999	14,112	12,995	12,987	15,975	15,243	16,197	58,220	60,401	13,766	16
Interest Expenses	11,029	10,348	9,961	9,307	9,303	9,639	10,506	11,456	40,645	40,904	10,047	-4
Net Interest Income	5,085	4,651	4,151	3,688	3,684	6,337	4,736	4,740	17,575	19,497	3,719	70
YoY Growth (%)	16.1	-25.1	-18.9	-29	-27.6	36.2	14.1	28.5	-15.9	10.9	-20	
Other income	815	865	844	1,264	1,124	868	1,000	1,277	3,787	4,269	1,050	-17
Total Income	5,900	5,516	4,995	4,951	4,808	7,205	5,736	6,017	21,363	23,767	4,769	51
YoY Growth (%)	16	-19.1	-23.2	-27.6	-18.5	30.6	14.8	21.5	-15.4	11.3	-13.5	
Operating Expenses	1,152	1,186	1,163	1,258	1,214	1,368	1,419	1,419	4,760	5,420	1,257	9
YoY Growth (%)	10.6	11.1	16.7	-13.1	5.4	15.4	22	12.8	4.5	13.9	6	
Operating Profits	4,748	4,330	3,832	3,693	3,594	5,837	4,318	4,599	16,603	18,347	3,512	66
YoY Growth (%)	17.3	-24.7	-30.4	-31.4	-24.3	34.8	12.7	24.5	-19.7	10.5	-18.9	
Provisions	1,595	1,418	1,295	1,455	483	2,432	1,424	1,190	5,764	5,530	567	329
Profit before Tax	3,153	2,912	2,537	2,238	3,111	3,404	2,893	3,408	10,840	12,817	2,945	16
Tax Provisions	720	560	653	542	761	778	651	757	2,475	2,948	663	17
Profit after tax	2,433	2,352	1,885	1,695	2,350	2,626	2,242	2,651	8,365	9,869	2,282	15
YoY Growth (%)	-5.4	-24.9	-18.9	33.5	-3.4	11.7	19	56.3	-8	18	-3	
Key Operating Parameters (%)												
Rep. Yield on loans	10.31	10.1	9.78	8.94	8.85	9.93						
Rep. Cost of funds	7.49	7.29	7.24	7.1	7.21	7.32						
Spreads	2.82	2.81	2.54	1.84	1.64	2.61						
Net Interest Margins	3.19	3.01	2.67	2.33	2.36	4.14						
Cost to Income Ratio	19.5	21.5	23.3	25.4	25.3	19						
Credit Cost	1.03	0.95	0.88	1.01	0.34	1.69						
Tax Rate	22.8	19.2	25.7	24.2	24.5	22.9						
Balance Sheet Parameters												
Loans (INR B)	604	593	579	579	573	578						
Change YoY (%)	-11.1	-11.5	-10.4	-8.4	-5.1	-2.4						
AUM (INR B)	718	698	665	660	649	657						
Change YoY (%)	-14	-14	-14.4	-11.4	-9.7	-5.8						
Borrowings (Ex Assgn.) (INR B)	583	556	538	532	518	523						
Change YoY (%)	-13.3	-16	-16.1	-11.2	-11.1	-5.9						
Loans /Borrowings (%)	104	107	108	109	111	110						
Off BS loans/AUM (%)	15.9	15.1	13	12.2	11.6	12						
Debt/Equity (x)	6.8	5.9	5.6	5.4	4.8	4.8						
Asset Quality Parameters (%)												
GS 3 (INR Mn)	36,251	35,110	47,370	47,060	36,390	35,020						
Gross Stage 3 (% on loans)	6	5.92	8.18	8.12	6.35	6.06						
NS 3 (INR Mn)	21,818	19,682	31,610	29,310	24,400	20,770						
Net Stage 3 (% on loans)	3.61	3.32	5.61	5.22	4.35	3.68						
PCR (%)	39.8	43.9	33.3	37.7	32.9	40.7						

E: MOFSL Estimates



Highlights from the management commentary

Business updates

Within retail, the company will target Home Loans (HL) and Non-HL mix of 75% and 25%, respectively. Likewise, within Non-affordable and Affordable housing it will target a mix of 75% and 25%, respectively.

- There is a planned change in IT infrastructure, which will take place over a timeframe of 15-18 months.
- The company was able to arrest 2QFY23 BT-OUT to INR11b (PQ: INR13.5b). The management iterated that the same will further decline in the subsequent quarters.

Guidance

- Credit costs were at 1.54% in 2QFY23 and 0.94% in 1HFY23. For FY23, it guided for credit costs of 1% (for both Retail and Corporate put together) and from next year onwards it guided for normalized credit costs of 40-50bp in retail book.
- Management guided for minimum sustainable spreads of 2.2% (excluding securitization income) and NIM of 3.2% and it could even be higher going ahead.

Asset Quality

- Credit costs in 2QFY23 had four components, namely: a) ARC sale, b) write-offs,
 c) additional provisions of INR600m, and d) increase in ECL provisions (INR800m)
- Usual credit costs have increased to INR800m (in 2QFY23) from INR490m (in 1QFY23)
- Management is working hard to bring down the GNPA level. Various corporates are under resolution and it expects sequential asset quality improvement and decline in GNPA from here onwards.
- There is a PCR of ~50% on the Corporate NPA. The company is adequately covered and it is constantly working on resolutions.
- There was a marginal improvement in asset quality excluding write-offs and sale to ARCs in 2QFY23.
- First ARC sale was done in the SR structure for a large Corporate account. This was the second sale to ARCs on a cash basis.
- Corporate book is depleting since there is a run-off and it has now declined to less than 10%. On the Corporate NPAs, the company is working on various resolutions but it is difficult to give a timeline on the resolutions.

Yields, CoF and margins

- CoB stood at 7.32% and the management guided that it expects CoB to increase 50-60bp over the next two-to-three quarters, which will be passed on to the customers. Once PNBHF starts demonstrating asset quality improvement, its cost of funds should decline since it will be able to tap market borrowings at a much lower rate.
- PNBHF recently achieved an outlook upgrade. The company might obtain a credit rating upgrade post its equity capital raise, which will allow it to raise funds at much finer rates. It will also allow PNBHF to compete with the even larger HFCs in the country.

Outlook on Loan growth

■ PNBHF will remain pretty aggressive on growth that will be much above the industry growth rate. First the growth will start on disbursements and then we will see the Loan Assets/AUM growth also catching up.

- The company's focus will be on retail and it sees opportunity in both non-affordable and affordable segments. PNBHF will get very aggressive in affordable and aggressive in non-affordable segments.
- For FY23, it guided for 40% YoY growth in disbursements and 8%-10% growth in loan advances. From next year onwards, it guided for 25% disbursement growth and 18% loan growth.
- Unnati disbursements were 11%-12% of the total disbursements. Incrementally, it will target to scale up Unnati disbursements to ~25% of the total retail disbursements.

Wholesale Loan Book

- PNBHF will run-down the Corporate book and resolve the NPA/sticky Corporate NPAs. When it reaches a comfortable mix, the company will be very choosy in corporate lending.
- Without focusing on growing the Corporate book, it has the wherewithal to maintain its minimum guided margins and spreads.

Equity Capital Raise

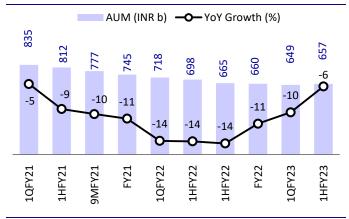
- The company will file the proposal for the Rights issue (Issue size: ~INR25b) before the end of calendar year.
- PNBHF expects the right issue to be completed before June'23.

Others

- Focus in parallel will be on: a) growth b) asset quality and c) profitability with high liquidity
- On the non-affordable segment, it has the opportunity to grow the book faster but it will have lower margins/spreads. In affordable, the margins/spreads are higher
- PNBHF has built capabilities and a separate team to manage the affordable housing business
- Incremental book which will be built at PNBHF will have far lower delinquencies.

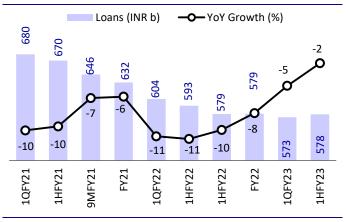
Key exhibits

Exhibit 1: AUM continued to moderate...



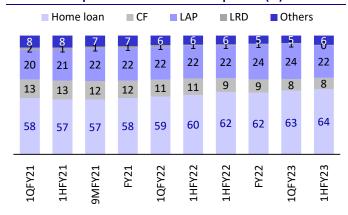
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 2: ...and so did the on-book loans



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 3: Proportion of home loans improved (%)



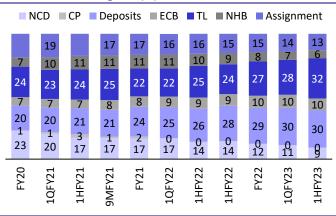
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Exhibit 4: Improving proportion of salaried in the customer mix (based on occupation, %)



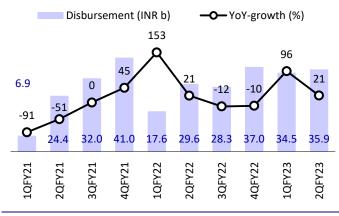
Source: MOFSL, Company, Corporates include LRD, CF, Corp. TL

Exhibit 5: Borrowing mix (%)



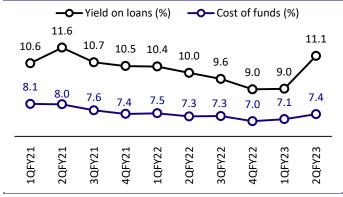
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Exhibit 6: Disbursements grew 4% QoQ



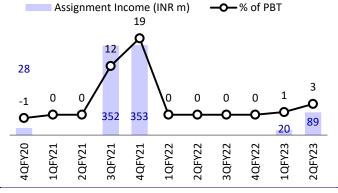
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Exhibit 7: Spreads (calc.) expanded ~180bp sequentially



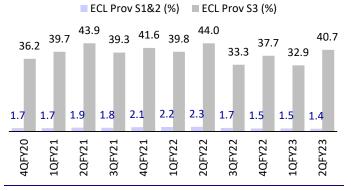
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Exhibit 9: PNBHF has resumed assignment transactions



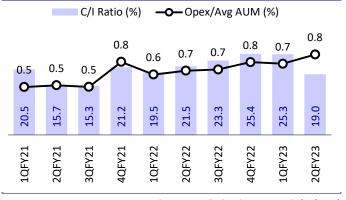
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Exhibit 11: Stage 3 PCR improved ~8pp QoQ...



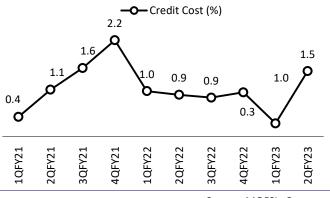
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Exhibit 8: C/I ratio declined QoQ (%)



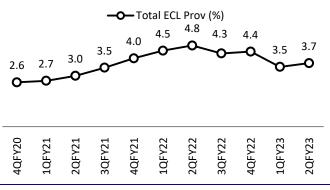
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Exhibit 10: Credit costs were elevated (%)



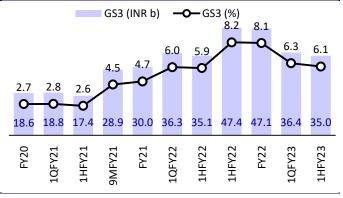
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Exhibit 12: ...while ECL/EAD increased to 3.7% of loans



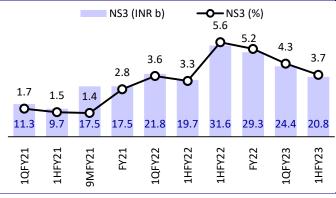
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 13: GS3 improved ~20bp sequentially...



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 14: ...while NS3 improved ~70bp QoQ



Source: MOFSL, Company

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Exhibit 15: We increase our FY23-FY24E EPS by 8%/14% to factor in higher loan growth and better spreads/margins

INR b	Old	l Est.	New	Est.	Change (%)		
	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E	
NII	16.1	16.0	19.5	19.1	20.8	18.8	
Other Income	4.2	4.9	4.3	4.8	1.0	-2.4	
Total Income	20.4	21.0	23.8	23.9	16.7	13.8	
Operating Expenses	5.2	5.7	5.4	6.0	3.6	5.3	
Operating Profits	15.1	15.3	18.3	17.9	21.2	17.0	
Provisions	3.4	3.3	5.5	4.2	62.8	28.3	
PBT	11.7	12.0	12.8	13.7	9.1	13.9	
Tax	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.1	11.5	13.9	
PAT	9.1	9.3	9.9	10.6	8.4	13.9	
Loan book	579	611	611	681	5.6	11.3	
NIM (%)	2.9	2.7	3.3	3.0			
Spreads (%)	1.9	2.0	2.4	2.2			
ROAA (%)	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4			
RoAE (%)	8.9	8.4	9.6	9.5			

Source: MOFSL estimates

Max (x)



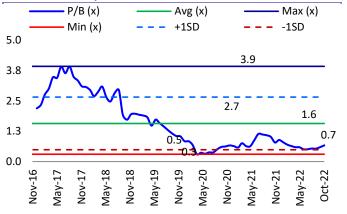
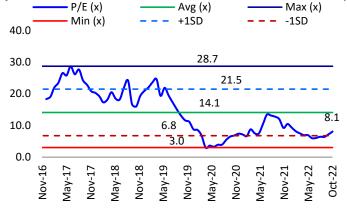


Exhibit 17: One-year forward P/E P/E (x)



Source: MOFSL, Company Source: MOFSL, Company

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Financials and valuations

Income statement								(INR m)
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Interest Income	36,401	50,467	67,929	76,882	71,898	58,220	60,401	67,376
Interest Expended	26,437	35,366	51,664	58,750	50,998	40,645	40,904	48,311
Net Interest Income	9,964	15,101	16,265	18,133	20,901	17,575	19,497	19,066
Change (%)	45.3	51.6	7.7	11.5	15.3	-15.9	10.9	-2.2
Other Operating Income	2,678	4,426	8,904	8,013	4,343	3,787	4,269	4,820
Net Income	12,642	19,528	25,169	26,146	25,243	21,363	23,767	23,886
Change (%)	50.6	54.5	28.9	3.9	-3.5	-15.4	11.3	0.5
Operating Expenses	3,573	4,416	5,935	5,522	4,554	4,760	5,420	5,984
Operating Income	9,069	15,112	19,234	20,624	20,689	16,603	18,347	17,902
Change (%)	54.5	66.6	27.3	7.2	0.3	-19.7	10.5	-2.4
Provisions/write offs	1,029	2,766	1,890	12,514	8,619	5,764	5,530	4,197
PBT	8,040	12,346	17,344	8,110	12,070	10,840	12,817	13,705
Tax	2,803	3,934	5,429	2,201	2,978	2,475	2,948	3,084
Tax Rate (%)	34.9	31.9	31.3	27.1	24.7	22.8	23	23
Reported PAT	5,237	8,412	11,915	5,909	9,092	8,365	9,869	10,622
Change (%)	60.0	60.6	41.7	-50.4	53.9	-8.0	18.0	7.6
PAT adjusted for EO	5,237	8,412	11,915	5,909	9,092	8,365	9,869	10,622
Change (%)	60.0	60.6	41.7	-50.4	53.9	-8.0	18.0	7.6
Proposed Dividend	1,196	1,799	1,809	0	0	0	1,161	1,147
Balance sheet								(INR M)
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Capital	1,656	1,666	1,675	1,682	1,683	1,686	1,686	1,686
Reserves & Surplus	56,340	64,008	73,764	78,296	87,548	97,030	1,05,739	1,15,213
Net Worth	57,996	65,673	75,439	79,978	89,230	98,716	1,07,425	1,16,899
Borrowings	3,53,207	5,37,767	7,18,589	6,77,351	5,93,925	5,30,050	5,68,040	6,39,723
Change (%)	35.8	52.3	33.6	-5.7	-12.3	-10.8	7.2	12.6
Other liabilities	14,974	26,704	44,662	31,969	30,767	28,530	31,383	34,521
Total Liabilities	4,26,177	6,30,145	8,38,690	7,89,297	7,13,922	6,57,296	7,06,848	7,91,143
Loans	3,87,347	5,71,648	7,42,879	6,66,280	6,06,447	5,53,359	6,10,796	6,80,556
Change (%)	42.5	47.6	30.0	-10.3	-9.0	-8.8	10.4	11.4
Investments	33,236	24,130	45,607	20,757	20,448	34,827	38,310	42,141
Change (%)	104.9	-27.4	89.0	-54.5	-1.5	70.3	10.0	10.0
Net Fixed Assets	604	858	1,083	1,353	1,056	935	981	1,031
Other assets	4,990	33,509	49,122	1,00,906	85,971	68,175	56,761	67,416
Total Assets	4,26,177	6,30,145	8,38,690	7,89,297	7,13,922	6,57,296	7,06,848	7,91,143

E: MOFSL Estimates

Financials and valuations

Ratios								(%)
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Spreads Analysis (%)								
Avg yield on loans	10.6	10.2	10.1	10.6	10.9	9.7	9.9	10.2
Avg. cost of funds	8.6	7.9	8.2	8.4	8.0	7.2	7.5	8.0
Interest Spread	2.0	2.3	1.9	2.1	2.9	2.4	2.3	1.8
NIM on loans	3.0	3.1	2.5	2.6	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.0
Profitability Ratios (%)								
RoE	13.2	13.6	16.9	7.6	10.7	8.9	9.6	9.5
RoA	1.4	1.6	1.6	7.6 0.7	10.7	1.2	9.6 1.4	1.4
Int. Expended/Int. Earned	72.6	70.1	76.1	76.4	70.9	69.8	67.7	71.7
Other Inc./Net Income	21.2	22.7	35.4	30.6	17.2	17.7	18.0	20.2
Other Inc./Net Income	21.2	22.7	33.4	30.0	17.2	17.7	16.0	20.2
Efficiency Ratios (%)								
Op. Exps./Net Income	28.3	22.6	23.6	21.1	18.0	22.3	22.8	25.1
Empl. Cost/Op. Exps.	28.3	32.6	51.2	42.2	46.4	45.5	46.0	46.6
Asset Quality (INR m)								
Gross NPA	858	1,861	3,549	18,562	27,620	47,060	35,993	31,106
GNPA ratio	0.2	0.3	0.5	2.8	4.5	8.1	5.7	4.5
Net NPA	590	1,438	2,784	11,838	15,130	29,310	19,796	17,109
NNPA ratio	0.2	0.3	0.4	1.8	2.5	5.3	3.2	2.5
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VALUATION	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Book Value (INR)	350.1	394.2	450.5	475.5	530.3	585.5	637.2	693.4
BVPS Growth YoY	107.1	12.6	14.3	5.6	11.5	10.4	8.8	8.8
Price-BV (x)					0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
EPS (INR)	31.6	50.5	71.1	35.1	54.0	49.6	58.5	63.0
EPS Growth YoY	22.6	59.7	40.9	-50.6	53.8	-8.2	18.0	7.6
Price-Earnings (x)					8.3	9.1	7.7	7.2
Dividend per share (INR)	6.0	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	5.7
Dividend yield (%)					0.0	0.0	1.3	1.3

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