

Month	SCB's		WATDR
	WALR – O/s Loans	WALR - Fresh Loans	
Sep-23	9.81	9.38	6.70
Oct-23	9.82	9.50	6.76
Nov-23	9.81	9.41	6.79
Dec-23	9.81	9.32	6.83
Jan-24	9.83	9.43	6.85
Feb-24	9.81	9.36	6.86
Mar-24	9.83	9.37	6.88
Apr-24	9.81	9.55	6.91
May-24	9.86	9.45	6.92
Jun-24	9.89	9.32	6.91
Jul-24	9.89	9.40	6.92
Aug-24	9.89	9.41	6.93
Sep-24	9.88	9.37	6.95

Month	PSB Banks		WATDR
	WALR – O/s Loans	WALR - Fresh Loans	
Sep-23	9.21	8.63	6.75
Oct-23	9.25	8.67	6.80
Nov-23	9.25	8.60	6.85
Dec-23	9.25	8.51	6.88
Jan-24	9.25	8.63	6.91
Feb-24	9.25	8.66	6.94
Mar-24	9.24	8.68	6.96
Apr-24	9.22	8.85	6.97
May-24	9.21	8.60	6.99
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Jul-24	9.20	8.55	7.03
Aug-24	9.20	8.60	7.05
Sep-24	9.21	8.57	7.07

Month	Private Banks		WATDR
	WALR - O/s Loans	WALR - Fresh Loans	
Aug-23	10.64	10.16	6.67
Sep-23	10.62	10.18	6.69
Oct-23	10.59	10.20	6.75
Nov-23	10.59	10.23	6.76
Dec-23	10.59	10.20	6.83
Jan-24	10.63	10.23	6.82
Feb-24	10.61	10.08	6.82
Mar-24	10.64	10.29	6.83
Apr-24	10.63	10.13	6.88
May-24	10.63	10.13	6.90
Jun-24	10.83	10.31	6.83
Jul-24	10.84	10.34	6.85
Aug-24	10.84	10.19	6.85
Sep-24	10.83	10.33	6.87

WATDR inches up slightly; NIMs to see negative bias

CD ratio declines to 79% as credit growth moderates

- The weighted average lending rate (WALR) on fresh loans declined 4bp MoM in Sep'24, compared with a 1bp increase in Aug'24. PSBs reported a 3bp decline MoM (up 5bp MoM in Aug'24), while PVBs saw a 14bp MoM gain after a sharp fall of 15bp in Aug'24.
- The weighted average term deposit rate (WATDR) for the system increased 2bp MoM to 6.95% (up 2bp MoM for both PSBs and PVBs). During Jul-Sep'24, WADTDR rose 4bp (7bp for PSBs and 4bp for PVBs); this indicates that competition remains intense for PVBs and PSBs.
- Credit growth for the system decelerated sharply to 11.5% as on 18th Oct'24. We note that the deceleration in credit growth was sharper than we thought, led by weakness in the credit environment (led by unsecured loan), besides elevated LDR. We see downside risk to our FY25 credit growth estimate of 12.5% and believe that it can drift down toward ~10.5% YoY.
- With repo rates remaining unchanged since Feb'23, lending rates have increased at a slower pace, while funding costs have been rising amid ongoing liability re-pricing and the rise in deposit rates by select banks.
- We, thus, expect a minor negative bias in margins of the banking system in the near term, while the potential turn in the rate cycle during 2HFY25 may further compress lending yields. Our top picks are ICICI, HDFCB, SBIN, FB and AUBANK.

WALR on fresh loan declines in Sep'24; down 3bp MoM for PSBs

- WALR on fresh loans declined 4bp MoM (up 1bp in Aug'24), with a 3bp fall for PSBs and a 14bp gain for PVBs (after a sharp fall of 15bp in Aug'24). During Jul-Sep'24, WALR rose 5bp, with major contribution from PSBs (11bp) and a small 2bp contribution from PVBs. As of Sep'24, fresh rupee loans over repo premium stood at 3.83% for PVBs (3.69% in Aug and 3.84% in Jul) and 2.07% for PSBs (2.1% in Aug and 2.05% in Jul). Banks remain competitive as most of them look for healthy growth while maintaining margins.
- WALR on outstanding loans was flat MoM at 9.88%. It was flat for both PSBs and PVBs in Sep'24, Aug'24 and Jul'24. During Jul-Sep'24, WALR on O/S loan was flat for SCBs at 9.88% (up 1bp MoM).
- One-year MCLR for most PVBs increased 15-90bp YoY, with City Union recording a maximum increase of 90bp. For DCB, it remained flat at 2bp YoY. Meanwhile, PSBs saw a 25-40bp expansion in MCLR.

WATDR rises 2bp MoM for both PSBs and PVBs

- WATDR rose 2bp MoM in Sep'24, led by a 2bp gain for both PSBs and PVBs. During Jul-Sep'24, WADTDR rose 4bp, with a 7bp gain for PSBs and 4bp for PVBs; this indicates that competition remains intense among PVBs and PSBs.
- With systemic liquidity in deficit and strong competition for deposits, we anticipate TD rates will stay high in the near term, even with the expected rate cuts. However, banks will continue to prioritize a balanced mix of LCR, CASA, and retail deposits.

Deposit growth surpasses credit growth; PVBs' CD ratio down 347bp since Jan'24

- Systemic credit growth has decelerated sharply to 11.5% as of 18th Oct'24. After two long years of healthy credit growth, banks have now slowed their credit growth in order to adjust their high CD ratio.
- Deposit growth has been following a steady trajectory at 11.7% vs. 11.8% in the previous fortnight, indicating healthy traction in liabilities for the banking system.
- As a result, the gap between credit and deposits reduced to -0.2% from the highs of 7% as of May'24. Banks have increased deposit mobilization efforts over the past few months by raising short-term TD rates to match ALM requirements, while some banks have decided to either opt for bulk TDs or redirect their focus on certificate of deposits (CDs).
- **We note that the deceleration in credit growth was sharper than we thought, partly driven by the weakness in the credit environment (mainly unsecured loans), besides elevated LDR. We revise our FY25 credit growth estimate to 11% YoY vs. 12.5% YoY earlier.**

CD ratio moderates; incremental CD ratio eases to 77.7% (lowest in past 30 months)

- Outstanding LDR has moderated to 79% from the highs of 80.3% in Mar'24. This decline looks minor; however, considering the rising LDR at most of the PSU banks, it implies a faster restoration of skewed CD ratio of private banks. The incremental CD ratio for the sector eased to 77.7%.
- Incremental LDR for banks under our coverage stood at 50-120%, with the lowest for HDFCB at 50% and the highest for INBK at 119%. It was 108% for BOB. The LCR ratio, however, remained at a comfortable level, with most large PVBs falling in the range of 112-136%.

Margin compression to continue, albeit at a slower pace

- With repo rates remaining unchanged since Feb'23, lending rates have increased at a slow pace; however, funding costs have gradually increased due to continuous liability re-pricing and hikes in term deposit rates by select banks. Add to this, most of the banks have been slowing down their credit growth amid rising stress in unsecured loans, which may lead to NIM compression.
- Amid the tight interest rate environment and liquidity conditions, we expect NIMs to continue to see a slight contraction, although at a slower pace.

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- We keenly monitor the FY25 margin trajectory, as a potential turn in the interest rate cycle would adversely impact lending yields. Banks with a higher proportion of fixed loan books are expected to fare better and report NIM expansion or at least stable NIMs in FY26.
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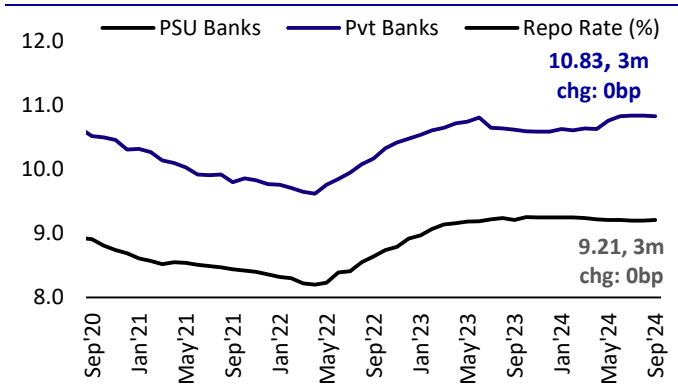


Exhibit 2: WALR on fresh loans: up in Oct'24 for PVBs and down marginally for PSBs

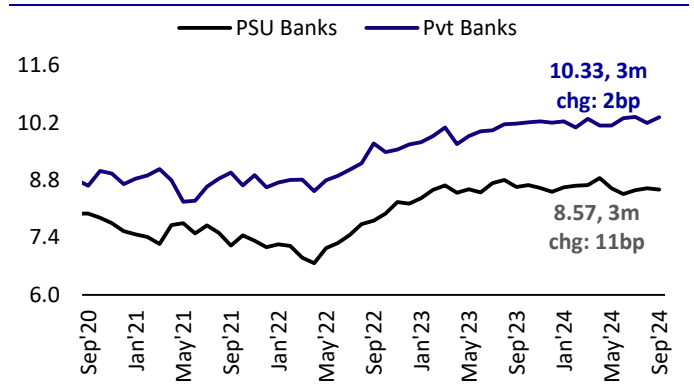
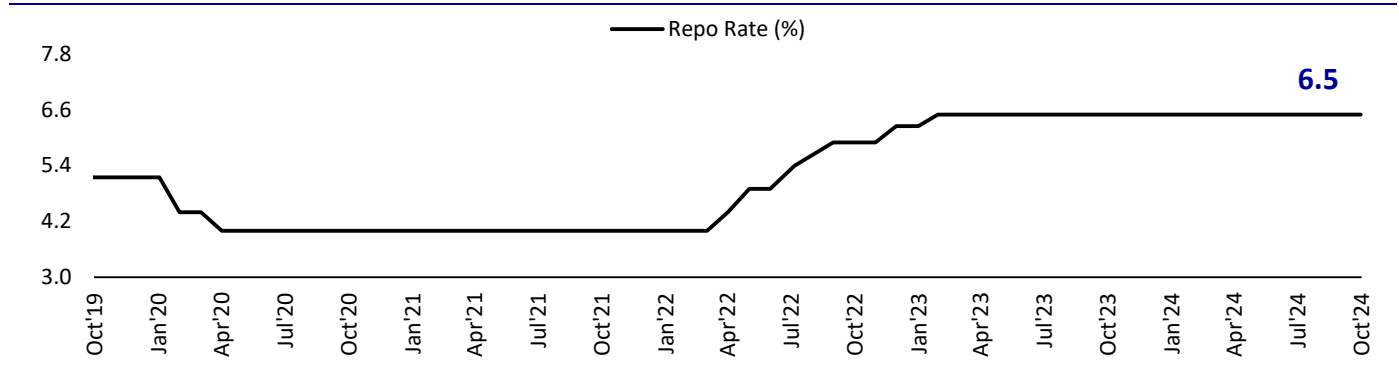
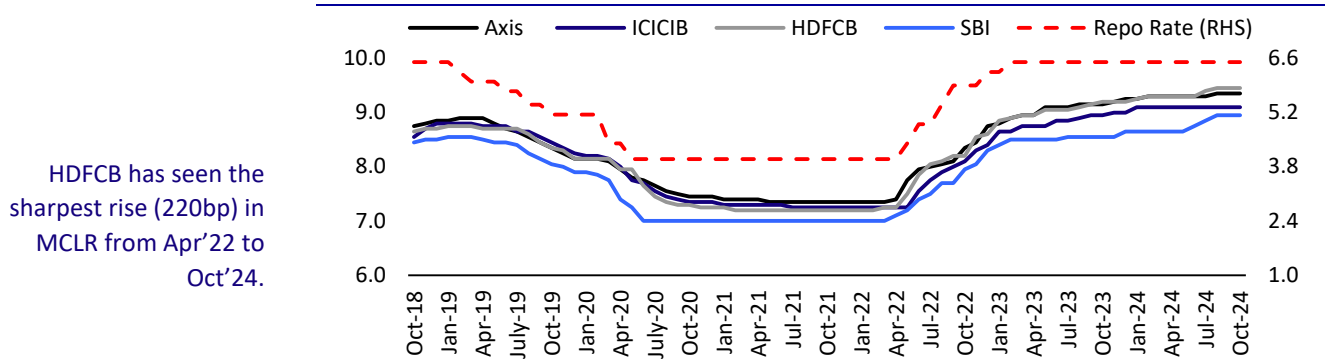


Exhibit 3: Repo rate remains unchanged at 6.5% since Feb'23



Source: RBI, MOFSL

Exhibit 4: MCLR for large banks rose 185-220bp from Apr'22 to Oct'24, while repo rate increased 250bp during the same period



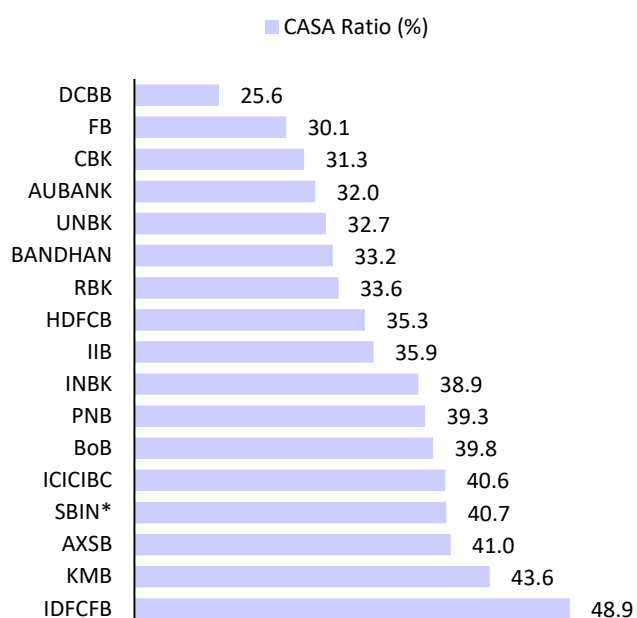
HDFCB has seen the sharpest rise (220bp) in MCLR from Apr'22 to Oct'24.

Source: RBI, MOFSL

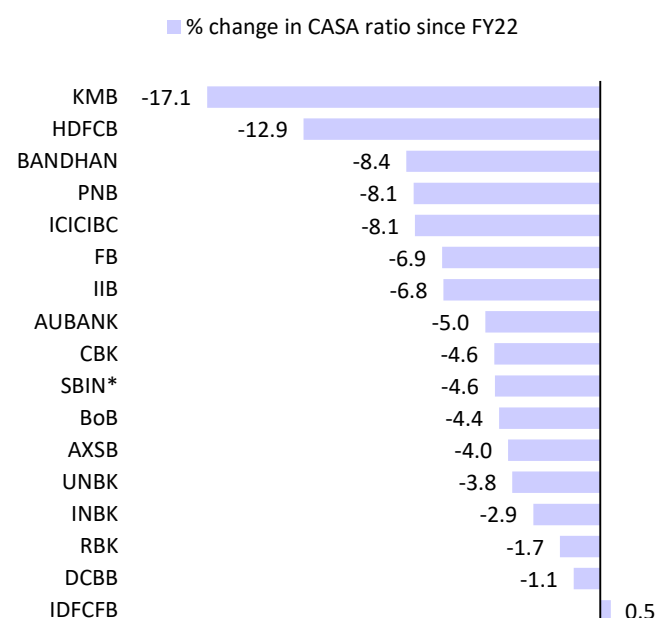
Exhibit 5: One-year MCLR rate rose 20-30bp YoY for PVBs and 25-40bp for PSBs

	2022				2023				2024				YoY Change (in %)
	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct	
Kotak	7.25	7.40	8.05	8.45	8.95	9.10	9.25	9.35	9.45	9.45	9.50	9.55	0.20
IIB	8.45	8.55	9.10	9.55	9.95	10.20	10.25	10.30	10.35	10.40	10.45	10.55	0.25
RBL	8.35	8.60	9.15	9.70	9.95	10.20	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.37	10.30	10.50	0.30
Federal	8.10	8.00	8.30	8.70	9.20	9.30	9.45	9.50	9.70	10.55	9.70	9.80	0.30
BOB	7.30	7.35	7.65	7.95	8.50	8.60	8.65	8.70	8.80	9.70	8.90	8.95	0.25
CBK	7.25	7.25	7.50	7.90	8.35	8.65	8.65	8.70	8.80	8.85	8.95	9.05	0.35
INBK	7.30	7.30	7.55	7.85	8.30	8.60	8.65	8.70	8.80	8.90	8.95	9.00	0.30
PNB	7.25	7.25	7.55	7.75	8.30	8.50	8.60	8.65	8.70	8.85	8.85	8.95	0.30
UNBK	7.25	7.25	7.55	7.90	8.40	8.65	8.65	8.70	8.80	8.80	8.90	9.00	0.30
SBI	7.00	7.10	7.50	7.95	8.40	8.50	8.55	8.55	8.65	8.90	8.85	8.95	0.40

Source: RBI, MOFSL

Exhibit 6: CASA ratio continues to moderate for most banks

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Exhibit 7: Decline in CASA ratio for banks since FY22

Note: Decline in HDFCB is attributed partly to the merger;

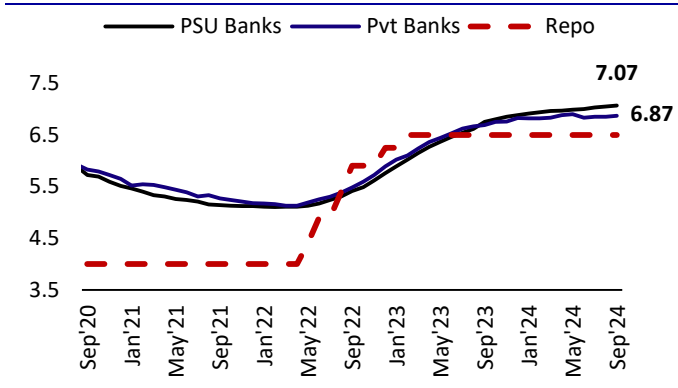
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Exhibit 8: PSBs had a sizeable mix of MCLR-linked loans as of 2QFY25 (%)

Loans Mix (%) - 2QFY25	MCLR	EBLR	Repo Linked	Others (Fixed, base rate, foreign currency-floating)
AXSB	11	4	53	32
ICICIBC	16	1	51	32
RBL*	7	35		58
FB	10		50	60
CBK	48	41		11
INBK	58		36	6
PNB	34	10	42	17
SBIN*	36	27		37

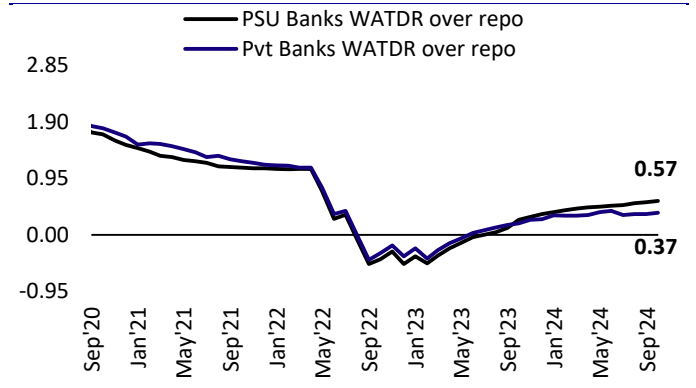
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Exhibit 9: WATDR stood at 7.07% for PSBs and 6.87% for PVBs



Source: MOFSL, RBI

Exhibit 10: WATDR was higher for both PVBs/PSBs at 57bp/37bp vs. the repo rate



Source: MOFSL, RBI

Exhibit 11: SA rates offered by various banks

(%)	SA Rate
AXSB	3.0%/3.5% (>INR5m)
HDFCB	3.0%/3.5% (>INR5m)
ICICIBC	3.0%/3.5% (>INR5m)
KMB	3.5%/4.0% (>INR5m)
IIB	3.5% to 6.75% (max rate for deposits between INR1m and above)
RBK	3.50% to 7.75% (max rate for deposits between INR0.75b to 1.25b)
IDFCFB	3% to 7.25% (max rate for deposits between INR0.5m-500m)
BANDHAN	3.0% to 8.0% (max rate for deposits above INR0.5b)
AUBANK	3.0% to 7.25% (max rate for deposits between INR10m to 50m)
BOB	2.75%/4.5% (max rate for deposits for INR10b and above)
PNB	2.7%/3.0% (max rate for deposits for INR1b and above)
SBIN	2.7%/3% (>INR100m)
DCBB	1.75% to 8.0% (max rate for deposits between INR10m to 20m)

Source: MOFSL, Company

AU, IDFCB, RBK, Bandhan, DCB, and IIB offer much higher interest rates in certain buckets than other larger banks.

Exhibit 12: Peak term deposit rates across different buckets for major banks

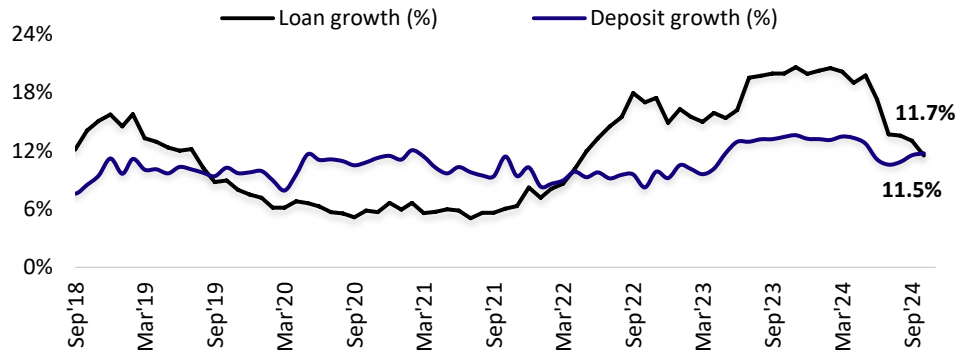
(%)	7-14 days	0-3 months	3-9 months	9-15 months	15-36 months
Large pvt banks					
HDFCB	3.00	4.50	5.75	6.60	7.35
AXSB	3.00	4.50	5.75	6.70	7.25
ICICIBC	3.00	4.50	5.75	6.70	7.25
KMB	2.75	3.50	7.00	7.40	7.40
IIB	3.50	4.75	6.10	7.75	7.25
Mid-size pvt banks					
RBK	3.50	4.50	6.05	7.50	8.10
IDFCFB	3.00	4.50	5.75	7.75	7.25
BANDHAN	3.00	4.50	4.50	8.05	7.25
Federal	3.00	5.50	6.25	7.35	7.40
Small Finance Banks					
AUBANK	3.75	5.50	7.25	7.85	8.00
EQUITASB	3.50	4.50	6.75	8.25	8.15
JANASFB	3.00	5.00	7.75	8.25	8.25
UJJIVAN	3.75	4.25	7.50	8.25	8.00

Source: MOFSL, Company

Top four PVBs offer lower FD rates vs. other players.

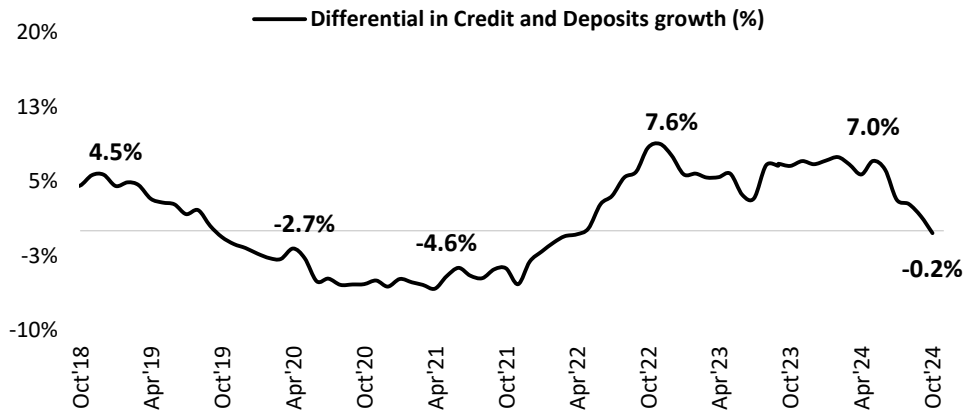
Exhibit 13: Deposit growth stood at 11.7% YoY, while credit growth was ~11.5% YoY

Deposit growth of 11.7% surpasses credit growth of 11.5%



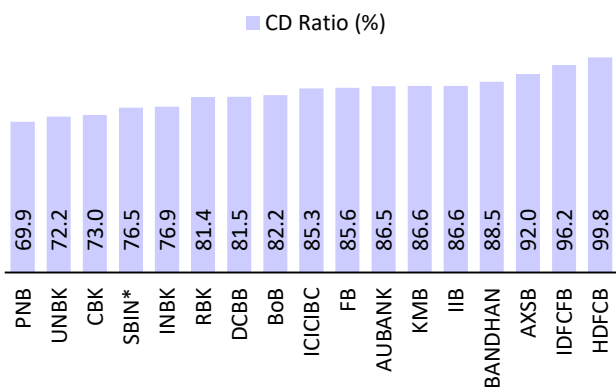
Credit growth adjusted for HDFC merger; Source: MOFSL, RBI

Exhibit 14: Deposit growth has surpassed credit growth after a gap of more than two years



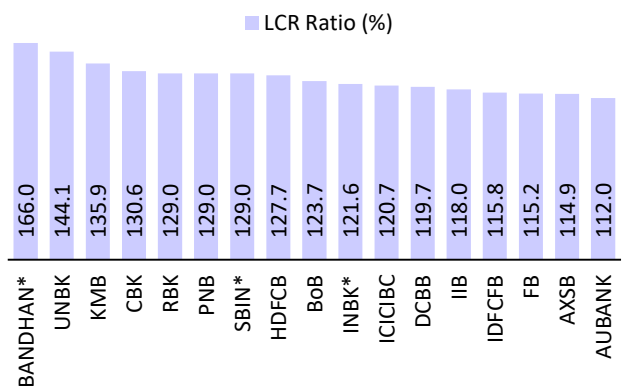
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Exhibit 15: CD ratio remained high for PVBs; PSBs had a lower CD ratio (as of 2QFY25)



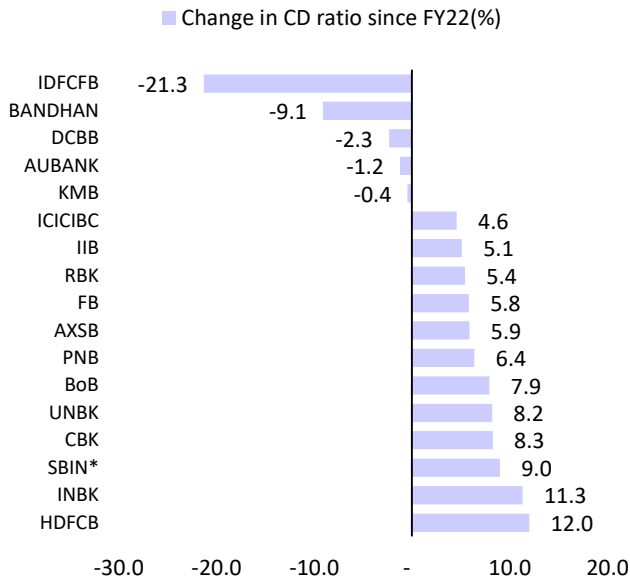
Higher CD ratio for HDFCB amid merger; Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 16: LCR ratio was healthy for most PSBs; PVBs' ratio in the range of 112-136%



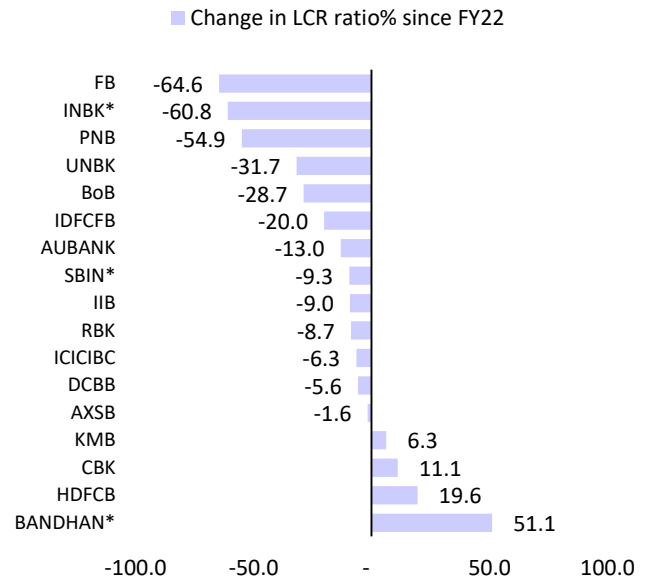
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Exhibit 17: CD ratio increased for most banks since FY22 – the increase was more for PSBs than PVBs



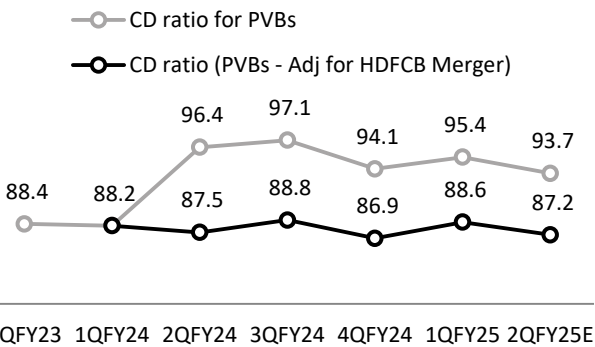
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Exhibit 18: Change in LCR ratio since FY22 – most banks have deployed excess liquidity on their balance sheets



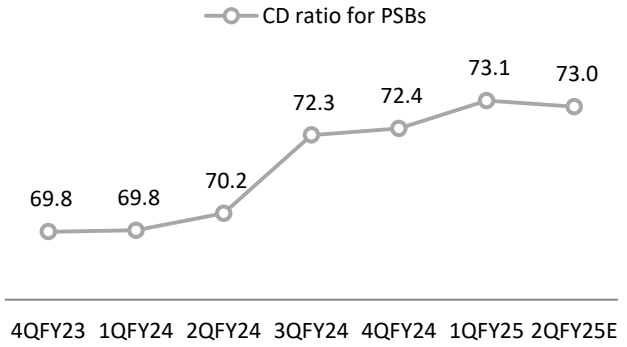
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Exhibit 19: CD ratio for PVBs declined to 93.7% (87.2% adj for HDFCB Merger)



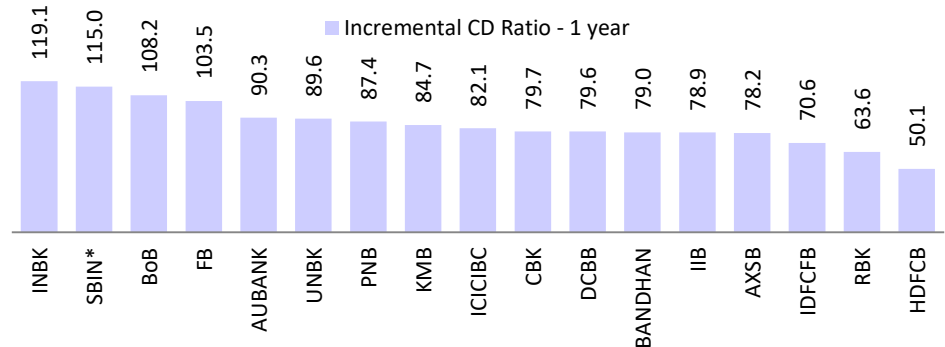
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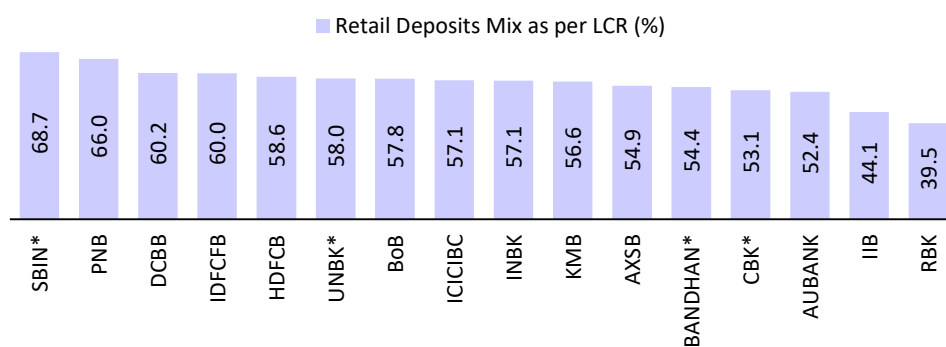


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Exhibit 21: Incremental CD ratio has been high for most PSBs



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Exhibit 22: Retail deposits across banks as per LCR

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Exhibit 23: Yields and cost ratios for key banks – 2QFY25

%	YoF			YoA			CoF			CoD		
	2QFY25	YoY (bp)	QoQ (bp)	2QFY25	YoY (bp)	QoQ (bp)	2QFY25	YoY (bp)	QoQ (bp)	2QFY25	YoY (bp)	QoQ (bp)
AXSB*	9.4	-6.1	-17.0	10.2	-21.4	-9.1	5.5	28.0	1.0	6.6	15.2	0.3
HDFCB**	9.4	-127.9	-147.5	9.8	-155.3	-167.1	4.9	10.0	0.0	NA	NA	NA
ICICIBC	8.6	-1.0	-6.0	9.7	-8.0	-7.0	5.1	31.0	4.0	4.9	35.0	4.0
IDFCFB**	13.5	-31.8	-53.0	15.4	-46.8	-50.6	6.7	1.0	-19.6	NA	NA	NA
IIB	9.7	0.0	-18.0	12.3	1.0	-26.0	5.6	21.0	-1.0	6.6	20.0	2.0
KMB**	10.1	-24.4	-9.6	10.8	3.4	-4.8	5.2	37.0	5.0	NA	NA	NA
RBK***	12.4	44.7	-21.4	13.5	-49.0	-63.0	6.6	24.0	-6.0	6.5	32.0	0.0
AUBANK***	14.4	110.0	0.0	16.5	222.3	28.2	7.0	34.0	1.0	NA	NA	NA

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NIM (%)	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25
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HDFCB	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	3.40	3.40	3.44	3.47	3.46
ICICIBC	4.31	4.65	4.90	4.78	4.53	4.43	4.40	4.36	4.27
IDFCFB	5.98	6.36	6.41	6.33	6.32	6.42	6.35	6.22	6.18
IIB	4.24	4.27	4.28	4.29	4.29	4.29	4.26	4.25	4.08
KMB	5.15	5.47	5.75	5.57	5.22	5.22	5.28	5.02	4.91
FB	3.30	3.49	3.31	3.15	3.16	3.19	3.21	3.16	3.12
BoB	3.33	3.37	3.53	3.27	3.07	3.10	3.27	3.18	3.10
CBK	2.86	3.05	3.07	3.05	3.00	3.03	3.07	2.90	2.86
PNB	3.00	3.16	3.24	3.08	3.11	3.15	3.10	3.07	2.92
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INBK	3.20	3.74	3.59	3.61	3.52	3.49	3.52	3.53	3.49
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