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Rating change 

Bloomberg	AXSB IN
Equity Shares (m)	3095
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USD\$)	3212.9 / 37.1
52-Week Range (INR)	1340 / 996
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-4/-15/-13
12M Avg Val (INR M)	11649

## Financials & Valuations (INR b)

Y/E March	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
NII	498.9	542.8	580.7
OP	371.2	424.9	467.0
NP	248.6	261.0	277.2
NIM (%)	3.8	3.7	3.6
EPS (INR)	80.7	84.6	89.8
EPS Gr. (%)	14.9	4.8	6.2
BV/Sh. (INR)	487	569	657
ABV/Sh. (INR)	469	550	637

## Ratios

RoA (%)	1.8	1.7	1.6
RoE (%)	18.0	16.0	14.6

## Valuations

P/E(X)	12.9	12.3	11.6
P/E(X)*	11.5	10.9	10.3
P/BV (X)	1.9	1.6	1.4
P/ABV (X)*	2.0	1.7	1.5

\* adjusted for subs

## Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Dec-24	Sep-24	Dec-23
Promoter	7.9	7.9	7.9
DII	36.0	31.7	27.9
FII	49.4	54.0	56.1
Others	6.7	6.4	8.0

FII Includes depository receipts

**CMP: INR1,038**

**TP: INR1,175 (+13%)**

**Neutral**

## Earnings in line; business growth moderates

### LCR increases 4% QoQ to 119%

- Axis Bank (AXSB) reported 3QFY25 net profit of INR63b (up 3.8% YoY, in line) as lower opex offset higher provisions. In 9MFY25, earnings grew 8.6% YoY to INR192.6b, and we expect 4QFY25 PAT to come in at INR68.4b.
- NII grew 8.6% YoY/1% QoQ to INR136b (in line). NIMs moderated 6bp QoQ to 3.93%.
- Provisioning expenses stood at INR21.6b (higher than MOFSLe due to high loan loss-related provisions) as AXSB tightened its provisioning rules.
- Loan book grew 8.8% YoY (1.5% QoQ). Deposits grew 9.1% YoY (0.8% QoQ), resulting in a C/D ratio of 92.6%. CASA mix moderated to 39%. Average LCR increased 400bp QoQ.
- Fresh slippages increased to INR54.3b (INR44.4b in 2QFY25, in line). GNPA/NNPA ratios inched up to 1.46%/0.35%. PCR stood at 76.2%.
- We cut our FY26E/FY27E earnings by 4-5% and estimate FY26E RoA/RoE of 1.6%/14.6%. While the near-term growth and asset quality performance may remain suppressed, reflecting the stress in the macro environment, we see limited downside risk from the current levels. Retain Neutral with a TP of INR1,175 (1.5x Sep'26E ABV).**

### Credit cost spikes on tighter provisioning rules; NIM moderates 6bp QoQ

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- NII grew 8.6% YoY/1% QoQ to INR136b (in line). NIMs moderated 6bp QoQ to 3.93%. Other income grew 7.5% YoY to INR59.7b. Treasury gains stood at INR3.7b (vs. INR11.1b in 2QFY25). Total revenue, thus, grew 8% YoY (down 3% QoQ) to INR195.8b (inline).
- Opex grew 1% YoY (down 5% QoQ) to INR90.4b (7% lower than MOSFLe). The C/I ratio has, thus, improved 79bp QoQ to 46.2%. PPop grew 15.2% YoY to INR105.3b (in line).
- Loan book grew 8.8% YoY/1.5% QoQ, with retail/corporate loans up 1.2%/1.3% QoQ and SME loans growing 14.1% YoY/3.3% QoQ. Deposits rose 9.1% YoY/0.8% QoQ. CASA mix moderated 200bp QoQ to 39%. The C/D ratio increased to 92.6%, while LCR rose 4% QoQ to 119%.
- Fresh slippages increased to INR54.3b (INR44.4b in 2QFY25, in line). While GNPA/NNPA ratios inched up 2bp/1bp QoQ to 1.46%/0.35%. PCR stood at 76.2%. Credit cost stood at 1.28% vs. 0.90% in 2QFY25. Restructured loans edged lower to 0.12%.

### Highlights from the management commentary

- Deposit growth has been lower compared to other private banks, but the bank remains focused on improving the quality and granularity of deposits. The quality of LCR deposits has shown improvement, with the cost of deposits rising by just 3bp in recent quarters.

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- Gross slippages totaled INR54.3b, including INR9.9b due to seasonality. Retail slippages were INR49.2b, CBG INR2.1b, and corporate INR2.5b.
- The balance sheet has been managed in alignment with regulatory expectations, and the bank will continue operating within the current LDR range.

### Valuation and view

AXSB reported in-line earnings as lower opex offset higher provisions. However, margin contracted 6bp QoQ. Asset quality deteriorated slightly as slippages increased sequentially, while GNPA/NNPA ratios were broadly stable. Credit cost rose as the bank tightened its provisioning policy. Deposit growth was muted, while advances grew 9% YoY (~5% in 9MFY25), leading to a C/D ratio of 92.6%. Average LCR increased to 119%, with outflow rates improving ~60bp over the last two years. We keenly monitor near-term growth as the C/D ratio is still high, which will constrain credit growth, while continued re-pricing of deposits may keep margins in check. **We cut our FY26E/FY27E earnings by 4-5% and estimate FY26E RoA/RoE of 1.6%/14.6%. While the near-term growth and asset quality performance will likely remain suppressed, reflecting the stress in the macro environment, we see limited downside risk from the current levels. Retain Neutral with a TP of INR1,175 (1.5x Sep'26E ABV).**

### Quarterly performance

(INR b)

	FY24				FY25E				FY24	FY25E	FY25E	V/s our
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE				
<b>Net Interest Income</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>123.1</b>	<b>125.3</b>	<b>130.9</b>	<b>134.5</b>	<b>134.8</b>	<b>136.1</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>498.9</b>	<b>542.8</b>	<b>136.6</b>	<b>0%</b>
% Change (Y-o-Y)	27.4	18.9	9.4	11.5	12.5	9.5	8.6	5.0	16.2	8.8	9.0	
Other Income	50.9	50.3	55.5	67.7	57.8	67.2	59.7	71.1	224.4	255.8	63.5	-6%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>170.5</b>	<b>173.5</b>	<b>180.9</b>	<b>198.5</b>	<b>192.3</b>	<b>202.1</b>	<b>195.8</b>	<b>208.5</b>	<b>723.4</b>	<b>798.7</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>-2%</b>
Operating Expenses	82.3	87.2	89.5	93.2	91.3	94.9	90.4	97.1	352.1	373.8	97.1	-7%
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>88.1</b>	<b>86.3</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>105.3</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>371.2</b>	<b>424.9</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>2%</b>
% Change (Y-o-Y)	49.7	11.9	-1.5	14.9	14.7	24.1	15.2	5.7	16.8	14.5	12.7	
Provisions	10.3	8.1	10.3	11.9	20.4	22.0	21.6	19.7	40.6	83.7	17.6	23%
<b>Profit before Tax</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>91.7</b>	<b>330.6</b>	<b>341.2</b>	<b>85.4</b>	<b>-2%</b>
Tax	19.8	19.5	20.4	22.2	20.3	15.9	20.7	23.2	82.0	80.2	21.5	-4%
<b>Net Profits</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>71.3</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>248.6</b>	<b>261.0</b>	<b>63.9</b>	
% Change (Y-o-Y)	40.5	10.0	3.7	7.6	4.1	18.0	3.8	-4.0	15.2	5.0	5.2	
<b>Operating Parameters</b>												
Deposit (INR t)	9.4	9.6	10.0	10.7	10.6	10.9	11.0	11.6	10.7	11.6	11.4	-4%
Loan (INR t)	8.6	9.0	9.3	9.7	9.8	10.0	10.1	10.6	9.7	10.6	10.4	-2%
Deposit Growth (%)	17.2	17.9	18.5	12.9	12.8	13.7	9.1	8.1	12.9	8.1	13.7	
Loan Growth (%)	22.4	22.8	22.3	14.2	14.2	11.4	8.8	9.4	14.2	9.4	11.4	
<b>Asset Quality</b>												
Gross NPA (%)	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	
Net NPA (%)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	
PCR (%)	79.6	79.5	77.8	78.5	78.1	76.6	76.2	76.7	78.5	76.7	76.3	

E: MOFSL Estimates

## Quarterly snapshot

Profit and Loss (INR b)	FY24				FY25			Change (%)	
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	YoY	QoQ
Interest Income	255.6	266.3	279.6	292.2	300.6	304.2	309.5	11	2
Interest Expenses	136.0	143.1	154.3	161.4	166.1	169.4	173.5	12	2
<b>Net Interest Income</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>123.1</b>	<b>125.3</b>	<b>130.9</b>	<b>134.5</b>	<b>134.8</b>	<b>136.1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>
Other Income	50.9	50.3	55.5	67.7	57.8	67.2	59.7	8	-11
Trading profits	5.2	-1.0	2.9	10.2	4.1	11.1	3.7	26	-67
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>170.5</b>	<b>173.5</b>	<b>180.9</b>	<b>198.5</b>	<b>192.3</b>	<b>202.1</b>	<b>195.8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-3</b>
Operating Expenses	82.3	87.2	89.5	93.2	91.3	94.9	90.4	1	-5
Employee	26.9	26.1	27.1	29.2	31.3	31.2	29.8	10	-4
Others	55.4	61.1	62.3	64.0	60.0	63.8	60.6	-3	-5
<b>Operating Profits</b>	<b>88.1</b>	<b>86.3</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>105.3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>Core Operating Profits</b>	<b>83.0</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>
Provisions	10.3	8.1	10.3	11.9	20.4	22.0	21.6	110	-2
<b>PBT</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-2</b>
Taxes	19.8	19.5	20.4	22.2	20.3	15.9	20.7	2	30
<b>PAT</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>71.3</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-9</b>
<b>Balance Sheet (INR t)</b>									
Loans	8.6	9.0	9.3	9.7	9.8	10.0	10.1	9	1
Deposit	9.4	9.6	10.0	10.7	10.6	10.9	11.0	9	1
CASA Deposits	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	2	-2
-Savings	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.9	0	-3
-Current	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4	8	1
<b>Loan Mix (%)</b>									
Large/mid corp.	31.9	31.4	30.6	28.8	29.7	29.1	29.0	-156	-4
SME	10.1	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.6	11.0	11.2	52	20
Retail	58.0	57.9	58.7	60.4	59.7	59.9	59.7	104	-16
<b>Asset Quality (INR b)</b>									
GNPA	181.6	167.6	158.9	151.3	162.1	154.7	158.5	0	2
NNPA	37.0	34.4	35.3	32.5	35.5	36.1	37.7	7	4
Slippages	39.9	32.5	37.2	34.7	47.9	44.4	54.3	46	22
<b>Asset Quality Ratios (%)</b>									
	<b>1Q</b>	<b>2Q</b>	<b>3Q</b>	<b>4Q</b>	<b>1Q</b>	<b>2Q</b>	<b>3Q</b>	<b>YoY(BQ)</b>	<b>QoQ(BQ)</b>
GNPA	1.96	1.73	1.58	1.43	1.54	1.44	1.46	-12	2
NNPA	0.41	0.36	0.36	0.31	0.34	0.34	0.35	-1	1
PCR	79.6	79.5	77.8	78.5	78.1	76.6	76.2	-162	-46
PCR (inc TWO)	93.0	94.0	94.0	94.0	94.0	94.0	93.0	-100	-100
Slippage Ratio	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.5	2.1	1.9	2.2	48	36
<b>Business Ratios (%)</b>									
CASA	46.0	44.0	42.0	43.0	42.0	41.0	39.0	-300	-200
Loan/Deposit	91.2	93.9	92.8	90.3	92.2	92.0	92.6	-19	56
Other income/Total Income	29.8	29.0	30.7	34.1	30.1	33.3	30.5	-21	-276
Cost to Income	48.3	50.2	49.5	46.9	47.5	47.0	46.2	-326	-79
Cost to Assets	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	-1	-4
Tax Rate	25.5	25.0	25.2	23.8	25.2	18.7	24.8	-41	606
<b>Capitalisation Ratios (%)</b>									
Tier-1	14.9	15.1	14.2	14.2	14.5	14.5	15.0	83	47
- CET 1	14.4	14.6	13.7	13.7	14.1	14.1	14.6	90	49
CAR	17.7	17.8	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.6	17.0	38	40
RWA / Total Assets	67.0	67.0	71.0	70.0	73.0	74.0	73.0	200	-100
LCR	123.3	117.9	118.5	120.1	120.3	114.9	119.0	53	411
<b>Profitability Ratios (%)</b>									
Yield on loans	10.3	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.1	-43	-10
Yield on Funds	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.6	9.4	9.3	-19	-15
Cost of funds	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5	11	1
Margins	4.10	4.11	4.01	4.06	4.05	3.99	3.93	-8	-6
<b>Other Details</b>									
Branches	4,945	5,152	5,252	5,377	5,427	5,577	5,706	454	129
Employees (K)	95	99	100	104	105	103	102	3	-1

Source: Company, MOFSL



## Highlights from the management commentary

### Opening remarks by the management team

- The provisioning policy is recognized as one of the best among Indian banks.
- The bank has delivered on growth quality and cost of funds, though systemic challenges have affected deposit growth.
- The CET-1 ratio stands at 14.61%.
- Retail asset quality is normalizing.
- The cost of funds increased by only 3bp over three quarters, while quarterly average deposits grew 13% YoY, outperforming most banks.
- Approximately 130 branches were opened during 3Q.
- There is a significant market potential, with salaried customers continuing their engagement with the bank.
- New-to-bank customers grew 42% YoY.
- On retail asset quality, the bank maintains one of the best GNPA ratios among large peers.
- MFI loans account for 1% of retail loans and 0.6–0.7% of total advances.
- The bank continues to uphold top-tier asset quality among large PVBs. A recent bureau report highlights rising delinquencies in unsecured loans.
- The bank remains cautious regarding unsecured loans.
- BB remains strong, with new products launched during 3Q.
- The migration of Citi was completed in 2Q, and from 3Q onward, the focus will shift to growing and cross-selling to these customers.
- Consolidated RoA is 1.8%, and RoE is 16.9%. Leverage on the balance sheet has been reduced.
- Subsidiaries contributed 7bp to the consolidated RoA.
- Expenses decreased by 5%, and the cost-to-assets ratio improved by 7bp since Mar'24.
- The bank added 87bp to CET during 9MFY25, with a CET-1 ratio of 14.61%.
- A higher tax rate this quarter was due to favorable tax orders in the previous quarter.
- The bank is not considering raising Tier-1 capital.
- NIM at 3.93% declined by 6bp QoQ, with 3bp attributed to interest reversal and 3bp to LCR impact.
- RIDF comprises 1.1% of total advances as of 3QFY25 vs. 1.8% in 3QFY24.
- The impact on the cost of funds from CASA decline was offset by higher deposit rates.
- Operating expenses stood at INR9.44, declining 5% QoQ. The bank opened 130 branches in 3Q and 330 in 9MFY25. Technology and digital accounted for 10.2% of total operating expenses, while headcount declined QoQ.
- Net credit costs were INR21.9b, annualized at 80bp, impacted by seasonality.
- Subsidiary ROI is 49%.
- Slippages were primarily in cards and PL, with some slippages in MFI during 3Q, though MFI accounted for only 1% of retail loans.
- Gross slippages totalled INR54.3b, including INR9.9b due to seasonality. Retail slippages were INR49.2b, CBG INR2.1b, and corporate INR2.5b.
- Net slippages totalled INR35.2b, with retail at INR33.9b, CBG at INR1.5b, and corporate at INR-0.23b.

- Net slippages, net of recoveries, amounted to INR22.2b, with retail at INR29.3b, CBG at INR0.5b, and corporate at INR-7.6b.

### Opex and other income

- The bank had previously guided for optimizing operating expenses. With 4Q being the strongest quarter, appropriate costs shall be considered.
- Fee income declined in 3Q, as retail fees are linked to incremental disbursements.
- Restoring fee income is not a challenge and can be managed at reasonable levels.

### Outlook of the sector

- The macroeconomic environment is showing signs of moderation. Liquidity constraints could continue to impact loan and deposit growth in FY26.
- The bank has made strategic decisions to pay higher prices compared to competitors for the long-term benefit of the franchise.
- For now, prioritizing the right action is more important for the bank.
- A slowdown across the industry is expected in the coming quarters unless there is a shift in the macroeconomic conditions.

### Advances and deposits

- Deposit growth has been lower compared to other private banks, but the bank remains focused on improving the quality and granularity of deposits. The quality of LCR deposits has shown improvement, with the cost of deposits rising by just 3bp in recent quarters. QAB growth was 13%, surpassing industry growth rates.
- The bank is committed to accelerating deposit growth. The Citi acquisition has contributed to overall deposit growth, and new products have been introduced to further enhance deposit mobilization.
- QAB deposit growth of 13% reflects the bank's focus on granular deposits rather than large lumpy ones.
- The bank believes its balance sheet is well-calibrated and has no issues maintaining the LDR at current levels.
- While the bank understands the importance of maintaining monthly or quarterly deposit levels, it acknowledges that system-wide liquidity constraints are affecting deposit growth. Efforts are underway to maintain MAB, while sustaining QAB levels.
- The bank aims to grow deposits at the right cost and only if suitable loan growth opportunities are available.
- PL growth stood at 17% YoY and 1% QoQ, down from 23% YoY in 2Q. . The bank is taking corrective actions, and is already seeing early signs of improvement.

### LDR

- The bank has submitted its strategy to the RBI and is confident of maintaining the specified range. Discussions with the RBI have indicated comfort with this approach.
- The bank is not pursuing lumpy deposits that are transient, instead it is focusing on growing deposits in a granular manner.

- The balance sheet has been managed in alignment with regulatory expectations, and the bank will continue operating within the current LDR range.

### **NIMs**

- The proportion of the domestic book has increased, and excess liquidity has affected global NIMs.

### **Asset quality**

- Asset quality policy: The bank provides 100% provisioning on retail unsecured exposures at 90 days past due, demonstrating a more prudent approach compared to peer banks. Write-offs in the SME portfolio are rule-based.
- The bank considers the current cycle as reflecting normalized credit costs.
- There is no evidence of unsecured loan issues spilling over to other segments, and no contagious effects related to asset quality challenges have been observed.
- Industry-wide increases in delinquencies for MFI, PL, and CC have been noted. However, the bank's policy filters ensure new acquisitions are of better quality.
- The bank has focused on two key areas: new acquisitions over the past nine months and improved collection efficiency. In the past 6-9 months, the bank has revamped its collection processes.
- Slippages are primarily in personal loans and cards. The MFI portfolio is small and contributes minimally to overall slippages.
- The challenging macroeconomic environment reflects in individual customer health, with the industry yet to reach its peak impact.
- Seasonality and MFI effects have impacted slippages, with seasonality being the more significant factor. There is no seasonality impact on personal loans or credit cards.
- Recovery from written-off accounts has improved, particularly in 2Q and 3Q, though recoveries remain difficult to predict.
- Portfolio actions have been taken, particularly in cards, where the impact takes longer to materialize. Corrective actions have shown early positive signs, and portfolio growth has moderated due to tightened measures.
- The bank's provisioning policies are stricter than market norms, underscoring its conservative stance on asset quality.

### **Miscellaneous**

- The bank holds INR50.1b in ECL provisions. It also maintains higher provisions for standard assets, resulting in a mixed impact.

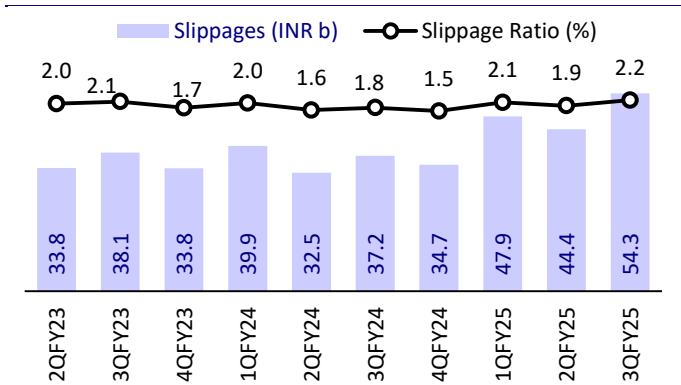
**Loan book grew ~8.8% YoY; deposit grew ~9.1% YoY**

- Loan book grew 8.8% YoY/1.5% QoQ, with retail/corporate loans up 1.2%/1.3% QoQ and SME loans growing 14.1% YoY/3.3% QoQ. Retail made up ~59.7% of total loans.
- Within retail loans, LAP grew 3.7% QoQ, PL rose 0.7% QoQ, and rural lending increased 4.5% QoQ. Business banking grew 17.5% YoY/1.1% QoQ. Cards declined 1.2% QoQ.
- Around 90% of AXSB’s corporate book is now rated A- and above, with 90% of incremental sanctions in 9MFY25 being made to corporates rated A- and above.
- Deposits rose 9.1% YoY/0.8% QoQ. The CASA mix moderated 200bp QoQ to 39%. The C/D ratio stood at 92.6%, while the average LCR increased 4% QoQ to 119%.

**PCR at ~76.2%; slippages increased sequentially**

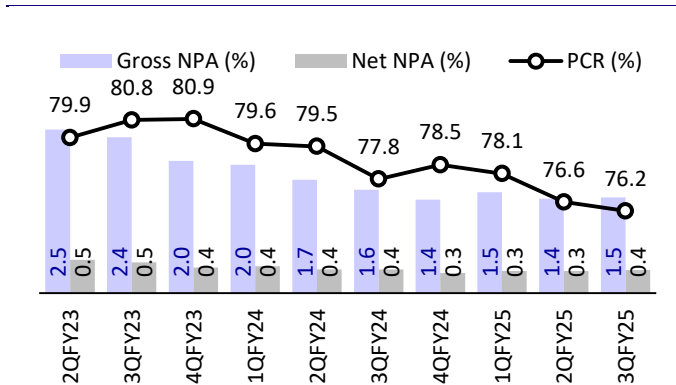
- Reported slippages increased to INR54.3b (INR44.4b in 2QFY25), while recoveries/upgrades stood at INR19.1b and write-offs stood at INR31.3b.
- GNPA/NNPA ratios inched up 2bp/1bp QoQ to 1.46%/0.35%. PCR stood at 76.2%.
- Credit cost stood at 1.28% vs. 0.90% in 2QFY25. Restructured loans edged lower to 0.12%.

**Exhibit 1: Slippages increased to INR54.3b in 3QFY25**



Source: MOFSL, Company

**Exhibit 2: GNPA/NNPA ratios stood at 1.46%/0.35%**



Source: MOFSL, Company

Story in charts

Exhibit 3: Loans/deposits grew 8.8%/9.1% YoY

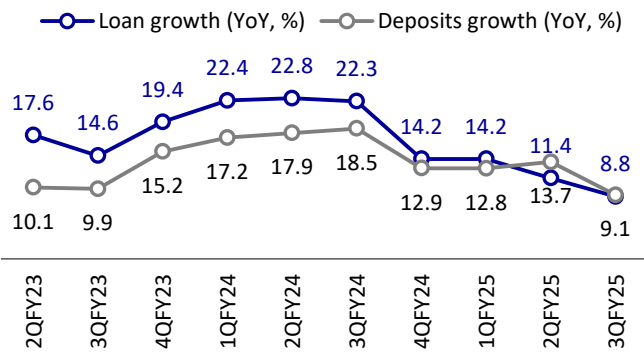


Exhibit 4: CASA ratio moderated to 39% in 3QFY25

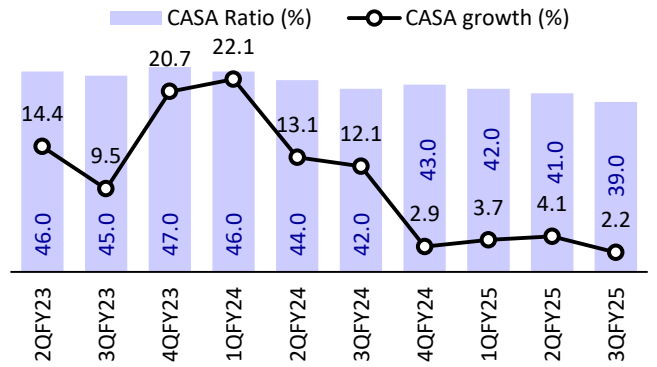


Exhibit 5: Fee income as a % of assets stood at 1.4%

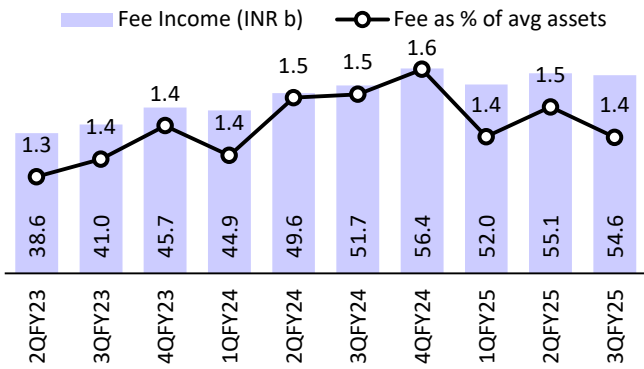


Exhibit 6: NIM moderated 6bp QoQ; CoF increased 1bp QoQ

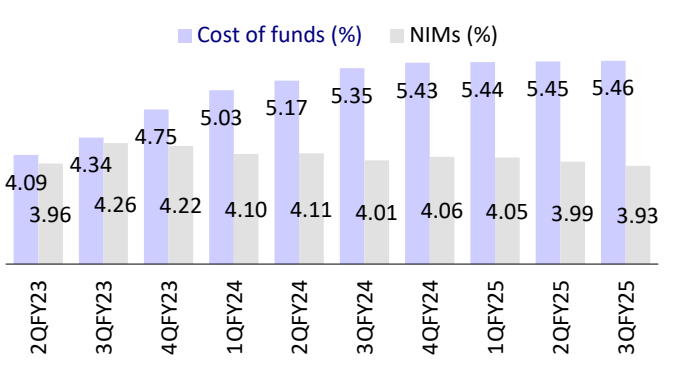


Exhibit 7: C/D ratio at 92.6%; LCR increased to 119%

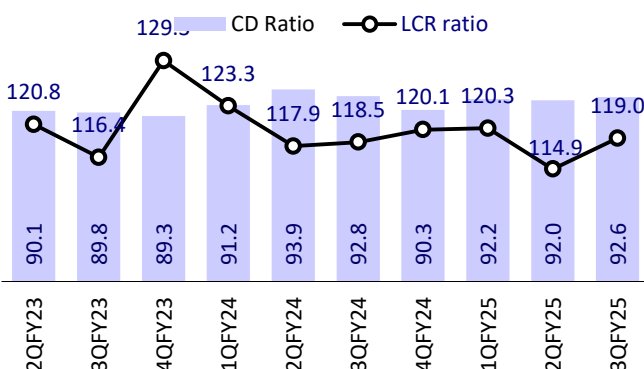


Exhibit 8: C/I ratio moderated to 46.2% in 3QFY25

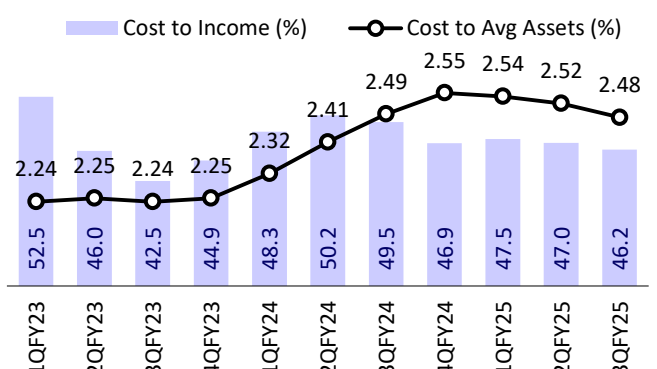


Exhibit 9: Slippages increased to INR54.3b in 3QFY25

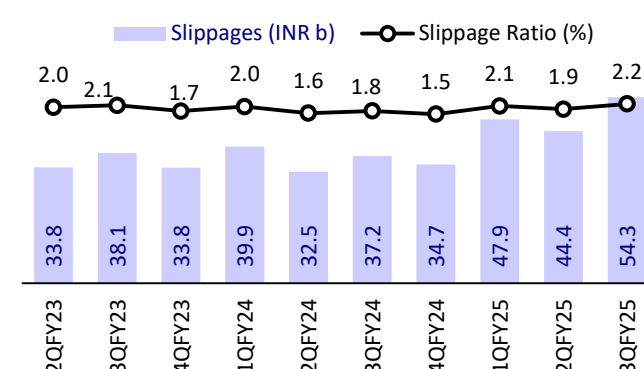
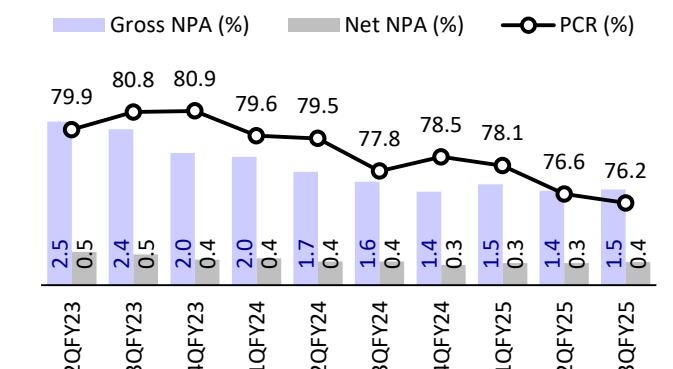


Exhibit 10: GNPA/NNPA ratios stood at 1.46%/0.35%



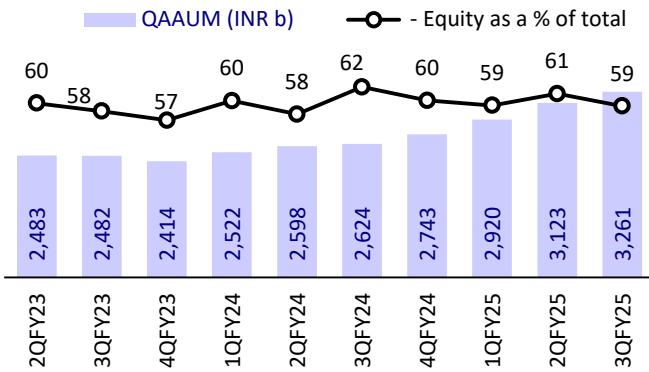
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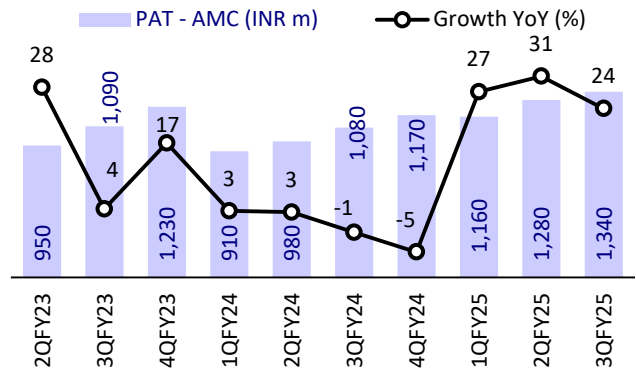


## Subsidiaries' performance and consolidated earnings snapshot

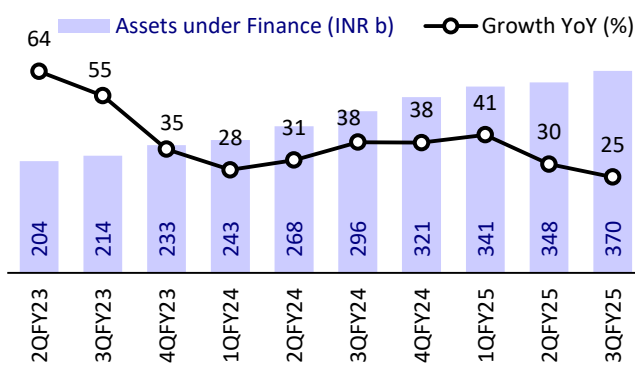
**Exhibit 11: Axis AMC: Equity QAAUM as a % of total at 59%**



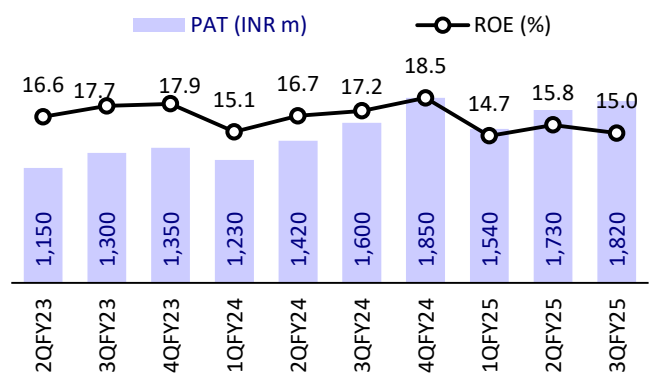
**Exhibit 12: Axis AMC: PAT grew 24% YoY to INR1.3b**



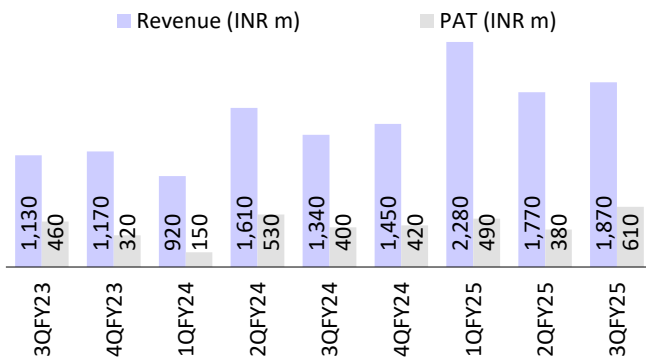
**Exhibit 13: Axis Finance: AUF grew 25% YoY to INR370b**



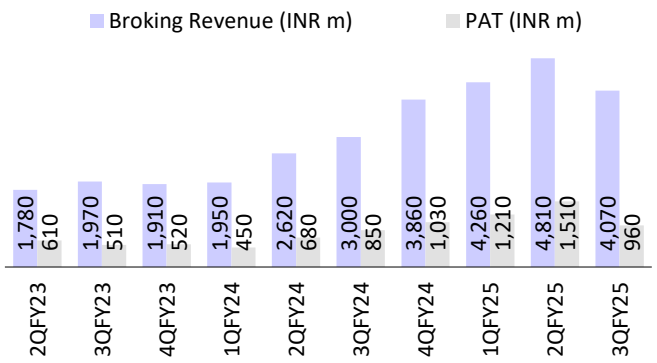
**Exhibit 14: Axis Finance: PAT at INR1.8b; RoE at 15.0%**



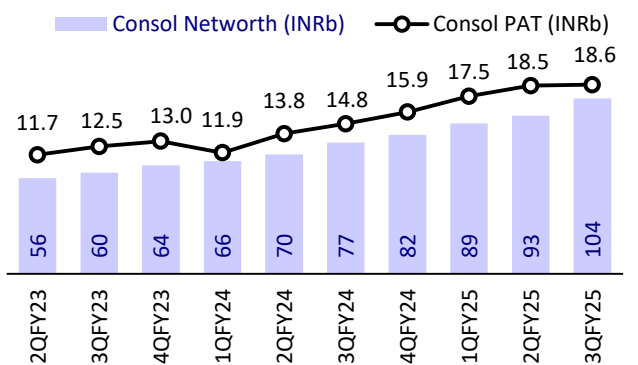
**Exhibit 15: Axis Capital: Revenue grew 40% YoY to INR1.9b**



**Exhibit 16: Axis Securities: Revenue/PAT grew 36%/13% YoY**



**Exhibit 17: Consol entity's net worth increased to INR104b**



Source: MOFSL, Company

**Exhibit 18: Axis Bank consolidated profits**

INRb	3QFY24	2QFY25	3QFY25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Stand bank	60.7	69.2	63.0	3.8	-8.9
Axis Finance	1.6	1.7	1.8	13.8	5.2
Axis AMC	1.1	1.3	1.3	24.1	4.7
Axis Cap	0.4	0.4	0.6	52.5	60.5
Axis Securities	0.9	1.5	1.0	12.9	-36.4
Axis Trustee	0.2	0.1	0.0	-77.7	-33.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>67.8</b>		
Consol. RoA %	1.8	1.9	1.7	-4	-21
Consol. RoE %	18.1	18.1	15.8	-229	-230

Source: MOFSL, Company

**Valuation and view: Reiterate Neutral with a TP of INR1,175**

- AXSB reported in-line earnings as lower opex offset higher provisions. However, margin contracted 6bp QoQ. Asset quality deteriorated slightly as slippages increased sequentially, while GNPA/NNPA ratios were broadly stable. Credit cost stood higher as the bank tightened its provisioning policy.
- Deposit growth was muted, while advances grew 9% YoY (~5% in 9mFY25), leading to a C/D ratio of 92.6%. Average LCR rose to 119%, with outflow rates improving ~60bp over the last two years. We keenly monitor near-term growth as the C/D ratio is still high, which will constrain credit growth, while continued re-pricing of deposits may keep margins in check.
- We cut our FY26E/FY27E earnings by 4-5% and estimate FY26E RoA/RoE of 1.6%/14.6%. While the near-term growth and asset quality performance will likely remain suppressed, reflecting the stress in the macro environment, we see limited downside risk from the current levels. Retain Neutral with a TP of INR1,175 (1.5x Sep'26E ABV).

**Exhibit 19: Changes to our estimates**

INR b	Old Est.			Revised Est.			Chg %/bps		
	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY25	FY26	FY27
Net Interest Income	546.8	601.9	689.8	542.8	580.7	658.0	-0.7	-3.5	-4.6
Other Income	258.1	299.4	347.3	255.8	294.2	338.3	-0.9	-1.7	-2.6
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>804.9</b>	<b>901.3</b>	<b>1,037.1</b>	<b>798.7</b>	<b>874.9</b>	<b>996.3</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>-3.9</b>
Operating Expenses	384.1	425.4	487.6	373.8	407.9	457.1	-2.7	-4.1	-6.3
<b>Operating Profits</b>	<b>420.7</b>	<b>475.9</b>	<b>549.5</b>	<b>424.9</b>	<b>467.0</b>	<b>539.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
Provisions	76.1	88.3	103.1	83.7	97.4	110.2	10.1	10.2	6.9
<b>PBT</b>	<b>344.7</b>	<b>387.5</b>	<b>446.4</b>	<b>341.2</b>	<b>369.6</b>	<b>429.0</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>-3.9</b>
Tax	81.0	96.9	111.6	80.2	92.4	107.3	-1.0	-4.6	-3.9
<b>PAT</b>	<b>263.7</b>	<b>290.7</b>	<b>334.8</b>	<b>261.0</b>	<b>277.2</b>	<b>321.8</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>-3.9</b>
Loans	10,780	12,224	13,972	10,558	11,740	13,208	-2.1	-4.0	-5.5
Deposits	11,979	13,693	15,746	11,552	12,961	14,659	-3.6	-5.3	-6.9
Margins (%)	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3	1	4
Credit Cost (%)	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	9	11	10
<b>RoA (%)</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>1.64</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>RoE (%)</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>(15)</b>	<b>(64)</b>	<b>(44)</b>
EPS	85.4	94.2	108.5	84.6	89.8	104.2	-1.0	-4.6	-3.9
BV	569.9	662.7	769.5	569.0	657.5	760.1	-0.2	-0.8	-1.2
ABV	550.2	641.0	744.2	550.5	637.3	738.4	0.0	-0.6	-0.8

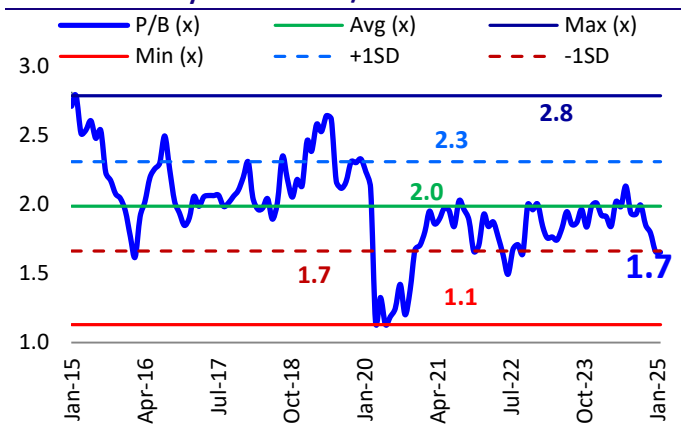
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**Exhibit 20: SoTP-based pricing**

Name	Stake	Attributed Value		Rationale	
		(INR b)	Value per Share % of total value		
<b>Axis Bank</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,270.6</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>1.5x Sep' 26E ABV</b>
Axis Finance	100.0	137.0	44	3.8	2.0x Sep' 26E Networth
Axis Capital	100.0	38.9	13	1.1	15x Sep' 26E PAT
Axis Securities	100.0	74.1	24	2.0	15x Sep' 26E PAT
Axis Mutual Fund	75.0	146.0	47	4.0	27x Sep' 26E PAT
Max Life Insurance	20.0	60.8	20	1.7	2.1x Sep' 26E EV
<b>Total Value of Subs</b>		<b>456.7</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>12.6</b>	
Less: 20% holding disc		91.3	30	2.5	
<b>Value of Subs (Post Holding Disc)</b>		<b>365.4</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>10.0</b>	
<b>Target Price</b>		<b>3,635.9</b>	<b>1,175</b>		

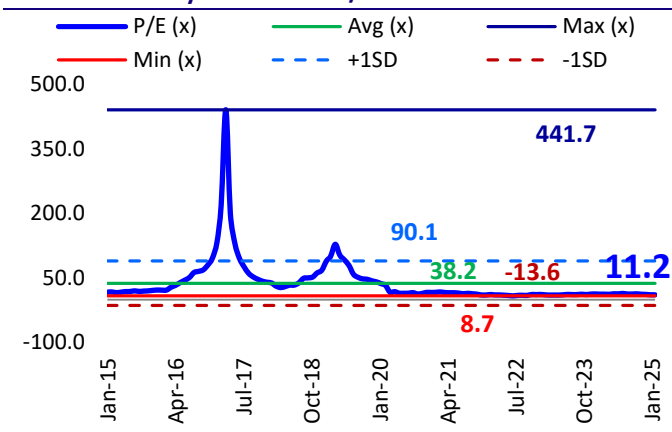
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**Exhibit 21: One-year forward P/B ratio**



Source: MOFSL, Company

**Exhibit 22: One-year forward P/E ratio**



Source: MOFSL, Company

**Exhibit 23: DuPont Analysis: Return ratios to see a moderation**

Y/E MARCH	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Interest Income	6.23	6.83	7.83	8.15	7.94	7.86
Interest Expense	3.17	3.39	4.26	4.62	4.51	4.38
<b>Net Interest Income</b>	<b>3.06</b>	<b>3.45</b>	<b>3.57</b>	<b>3.53</b>	<b>3.44</b>	<b>3.48</b>
Fee income	1.28	1.32	1.48	1.52	1.59	1.63
Trading and others	0.13	-0.02	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.16
<b>Non-Interest income</b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>1.74</b>	<b>1.79</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4.47</b>	<b>4.74</b>	<b>5.18</b>	<b>5.19</b>	<b>5.18</b>	<b>5.27</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>2.18</b>	<b>2.19</b>	<b>2.52</b>	<b>2.43</b>	<b>2.41</b>	<b>2.42</b>
-Employee cost	0.70	0.70	0.78	0.80	0.80	0.81
-Others	1.48	1.49	1.74	1.63	1.61	1.61
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>2.29</b>	<b>2.55</b>	<b>2.66</b>	<b>2.76</b>	<b>2.76</b>	<b>2.85</b>
<b>Core Operating Profit</b>	<b>2.16</b>	<b>2.57</b>	<b>2.53</b>	<b>2.62</b>	<b>2.61</b>	<b>2.69</b>
<b>Provisions</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>0.58</b>
<b>PBT</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>2.32</b>	<b>2.37</b>	<b>2.22</b>	<b>2.19</b>	<b>2.27</b>
Tax	0.40	0.59	0.59	0.52	0.55	0.57
<b>RoA</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.73</b>	<b>1.78</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>1.64</b>	<b>1.70</b>
Leverage (x)	10.0	10.4	10.2	9.4	8.9	8.6
<b>RoE</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>14.7</b>

Source: Company, MOFSL

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<b>Income Statement</b>							<b>(INRb)</b>
<b>Y/E March</b>	<b>FY22</b>	<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25E</b>	<b>FY26E</b>	<b>FY27E</b>	
Interest Income	673.8	851.6	1,093.7	1,253.6	1,342.1	1,485.1	
Interest Expense	342.4	422.2	594.7	710.8	761.4	827.1	
<b>Net Interest Income</b>	<b>331.3</b>	<b>429.5</b>	<b>498.9</b>	<b>542.8</b>	<b>580.7</b>	<b>658.0</b>	
-growth (%)	13.3	29.6	16.2	8.8	7.0	13.3	
Non Interest Income	152.2	161.4	224.4	255.8	294.2	338.3	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>483.5</b>	<b>590.9</b>	<b>723.4</b>	<b>798.7</b>	<b>874.9</b>	<b>996.3</b>	
-growth (%)	16.5	22.2	22.4	10.4	9.5	13.9	
Operating Expenses	236.1	273.0	352.1	373.8	407.9	457.1	
<b>Pre Provision Profits</b>	<b>247.4</b>	<b>317.9</b>	<b>371.2</b>	<b>424.9</b>	<b>467.0</b>	<b>539.2</b>	
-growth (%)	7.0	28.5	16.8	14.5	9.9	15.5	
<b>Core PPOp</b>	<b>233.6</b>	<b>320.6</b>	<b>353.3</b>	<b>403.4</b>	<b>441.1</b>	<b>508.2</b>	
-growth (%)	5.5	37.2	10.2	14.2	9.4	15.2	
Provisions	73.6	28.8	40.6	83.7	97.4	110.2	
<b>PBT</b>	<b>173.8</b>	<b>289.0</b>	<b>330.6</b>	<b>341.2</b>	<b>369.6</b>	<b>429.0</b>	
Tax	43.6	73.3	82.0	80.2	92.4	107.3	
Tax Rate (%)	25.1	25.3	24.8	23.5	25.0	25.0	
Extraordinary expense	-	123.5	-	-	-	-	
<b>PAT</b>	<b>130.3</b>	<b>92.2</b>	<b>248.6</b>	<b>261.0</b>	<b>277.2</b>	<b>321.8</b>	
-growth (%)	97.7	(29.2)	169.6	5.0	6.2	16.1	
<b>Balance Sheet</b>							
<b>Y/E March</b>	<b>FY22</b>	<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25E</b>	<b>FY26E</b>	<b>FY27E</b>	
Equity Share Capital	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	
Reserves & Surplus	1,145.6	1,248.0	1,504.4	1,750.2	2,023.2	2,340.0	
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>1,151.7</b>	<b>1,254.2</b>	<b>1,510.6</b>	<b>1,756.4</b>	<b>2,029.3</b>	<b>2,346.1</b>	
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>8,219.7</b>	<b>9,469.5</b>	<b>10,686.4</b>	<b>11,552.0</b>	<b>12,961.4</b>	<b>14,659.3</b>	
-growth (%)	17.8	15.2	12.9	8.1	12.2	13.1	
- CASA Deposits	<b>3,700.1</b>	<b>4,465.4</b>	<b>4,594.0</b>	<b>4,620.8</b>	<b>5,262.3</b>	<b>6,054.3</b>	
-growth (%)	16.4	20.7	2.9	0.6	13.9	15.1	
Borrowings	1,851.3	1,863.0	1,968.1	2,018.6	2,105.2	2,232.6	
Other Liabilities & Prov.	531.5	586.6	606.9	655.5	708.6	766.7	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>11,754.3</b>	<b>13,173.3</b>	<b>14,772.1</b>	<b>15,982.5</b>	<b>17,804.5</b>	<b>20,004.7</b>	
Current Assets	1,109.9	1,064.1	1,144.5	1,139.9	1,280.7	1,435.8	
<b>Investments</b>	<b>2,756.0</b>	<b>2,888.1</b>	<b>3,315.3</b>	<b>3,580.5</b>	<b>3,974.3</b>	<b>4,491.0</b>	
-growth (%)	21.9	4.8	14.8	8.0	11.0	13.0	
<b>Loans</b>	<b>7,079.5</b>	<b>8,453.0</b>	<b>9,650.7</b>	<b>10,557.8</b>	<b>11,740.3</b>	<b>13,207.9</b>	
-growth (%)	15.2	19.4	14.2	9.4	11.2	12.5	
Fixed Assets	45.7	47.3	56.8	62.5	71.9	82.0	
Other Assets	763.3	720.6	604.7	641.7	737.3	788.0	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>11,754.3</b>	<b>13,173.3</b>	<b>14,772.1</b>	<b>15,982.5</b>	<b>17,804.5</b>	<b>20,004.7</b>	
<b>Asset Quality</b>							
<b>Y/E March</b>	<b>FY22</b>	<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25E</b>	<b>FY26E</b>	<b>FY27E</b>	
GNPA	218.2	186.0	151.3	159.2	189.5	220.7	
NNPA	56.1	37.3	32.5	37.0	44.4	50.3	
Slippages	201.1	146.5	144.3	181.9	200.7	224.5	
GNPA Ratio (%)	3.01	2.16	1.55	1.49	1.59	1.65	
NNPA Ratio (%)	0.79	0.44	0.34	0.35	0.38	0.38	
Slippage Ratio (%)	3.0	1.9	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	
Credit Cost (%)	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.9	
PCR (Excl Tech. write off) (%)	74.3	80.0	78.5	76.7	76.6	77.2	

E: MOFSL Estimates

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### Ratios

Y/E March	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
<b>Yield and Cost Ratios (%)</b>						
<b>Avg. Yield-Earning Assets</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.2</b>
Avg. Yield on loans	7.5	8.3	9.6	9.8	9.5	9.3
Avg. Yield on Investments	5.9	6.5	6.6	6.9	6.8	6.7
<b>Avg. Cost-Int. Bear. Liab.</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Avg. Cost of Deposits	3.5	3.6	4.5	5.1	5.0	4.9
Avg. Cost of Borrowings	4.6	5.6	7.3	7.3	7.0	6.8
<b>Interest Spread</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Net Interest Margin</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>Capitalisation Ratios (%)</b>						
CAR	18.5	17.6	16.6	17.4	17.8	18.0
Tier I	16.4	14.6	14.2	15.2	15.9	16.3
- CET-1	15.2	14.0	13.7	14.8	15.3	15.8
Tier II	2.1	3.1	2.4	2.1	1.9	1.7
<b>Business Ratios (%)</b>						
Loans/Deposit Ratio	86.1	89.3	90.3	91.4	90.6	90.1
CASA Ratio	45.0	47.2	43.0	40.0	40.6	41.3
Cost/Avg Assets	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4
Cost/Total Income	48.8	46.2	48.7	46.8	46.6	45.9
Cost/Core Income	50.3	46.0	49.9	48.1	48.0	47.4
Int. Expense/Int.Income	50.8	49.6	54.4	56.7	56.7	55.7
Fee Income/Total Income	24.7	24.7	25.9	25.3	26.7	26.9
Non Int. Inc./Total Income	31.5	27.3	31.0	32.0	33.6	34.0
Empl. Cost/Total Expense	32.2	32.1	31.0	33.1	33.3	33.6
<b>Efficiency Ratios (INRm)</b>						
Employee per branch (in nos)	18.0	18.7	19.4	20.1	20.3	20.5
Staff cost per employee	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
CASA per branch	777.7	909.4	854.4	810.7	862.9	927.8
Deposits per branch	1,727.6	1,928.6	1,987.4	2,026.8	2,125.3	2,246.5
Business per Employee (INR m)	178.3	195.0	194.9	192.7	199.3	208.2
Profit per Employee (INR m)	1.5	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.4
<b>Profitability Ratios and Valuation (%)</b>						
RoE	12.0	17.9	18.0	16.0	14.6	14.7
RoA	1.2	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.7
RoRWA	1.7	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.2
Book Value (INR)	375.2	406.2	486.7	569.0	657.5	760.1
-growth	13.1	8.3	19.8	16.9	15.5	15.6
<b>Price-BV (x)</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Adjusted BV (INR)	354.1	388.2	468.8	550.5	637.3	738.4
<b>Price-ABV (x)</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>
EPS (INR)	42.5	70.2	80.7	84.6	89.8	104.2
-growth	89.7	65.3	14.9	4.8	6.2	16.1
<b>Price-Earnings (x)</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<b>Price-Earnings (x) - Adj. Subs</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>8.9</b>
Dividend Per Share (INR)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.6
<b>Dividend Yield</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>

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