RESULT REPORT Q1 FY25 | Sector: Financials

Muthoot Finance Limited

A strong show

Robust growth in Gold Loans; calibration of growth in Belstar MFI

Muthoot Finance delivered a much stronger-than-expected operational performance in Q1 FY25, manifested in 3%/7% beat on NII/PPOP despite much lower DA income in Belstar MFI. The operational beat essentially came from consolidated loan growth being 10% qoq as against our/market expectation of 5-6%. Large growth surprise came in the mainstay Gold Loans business (82.5% of consolidated AUM) wherein portfolio increased by 11% qoq on the back of 4%/3% growth in active customers/tonnage and 6%/7% growth in avg. loan ticket/avg. loan per customer. The improvement in customer activity (22.5% qoq growth in new customer acquisition and 6% qoq growth in volume of inactive customer activation) was driven by 1) increase in GL demand, 2) absence of IIFL, 3) some moderation in competition from banks and 4) lesser availability of unsecured credit to borrowers. Belstar MFI AUM (10% of consolidated AUM) marginally declined in Q1 FY25 underpinned by a cautious disbursement stance amidst increase in delinquencies.

Stable yields and operating leverage in Gold Loans; higher credit cost reflects more time given to customers

Gold Loans Yield was stable (stand-alone portfolio yield flat at 18.3%) with hardly any change in the customer mix (32% <Rs.1 lac, 37% between Rs.1-3 lacs and 31% >Rs.3 lac). The 20-bps increase in borrowing cost drove a similar decline in spread/NIM. Higher funding cost was driven by availment of funds from relatively costlier sources like ECB and NCDs during the quarter. Stronger growth underpinned significant operating leverage in the stand-alone (gold loan) entity, which got reflected in robust 13% qoq/29% yoy growth in PPOP at consolidated level. Credit cost was high both in stand-alone entity and Belstar MFI. A sharp jump in provisions in Gold Loans was driven by substantial increase in Stage-2/Stage-3 assets, reflecting customers being given more-than-usual time to repay amidst higher gold prices. MFI asset quality deteriorated due to impact of heatwaves, elections and over-leveraging in some pockets.

Gold Loans growth guidance to be revised up after Q2 FY25

After delivering 11% growth in Gold Loans in Q1 FY25, the management is looking to increase the 15-16% growth guidance for the year. Notwithstanding the correction in domestic gold price after recent customs duty cut, the disbursement activity in July-August has been healthy. Keeping aside the factor of gold price (which has improved now after rally in international gold prices), Muthoot's customer acquisition and activation on the ground has been structurally improving with balancing out of competition, lesser availability of unsecured credit and sharper focus on operations/growth. A continuation of 2-4% qoq customer base growth and gradual normalization of LTV (assuming stable gold prices) can lead to 20% growth being delivered for the whole year.

Retain BUY with revised 12m PT of Rs2175

We estimate 16%/21% CAGR in consolidated AUM/PAT over FY24-26. This is after assuming stable gold prices and marginal LTV catch-up in Gold Loans and further growth moderation in Belstar MFI. Over the next two years, average RoA/RoE delivery is likely to be 5.2%/20%. Given strong visibility of Growth and RoE for Muthoot and considering asset quality issues/uncertainty in many other NBFCs, we expect Muthoot's valuation to re-rate further. Stock is currently trading at palatable multiples of 11x PE and 2.2x P/ABV on FY26 estimates.



Reco	:	BUY
СМР	:	Rs 1,853
Target Price	:	Rs 2,175
Potential Return	:	+17.4%

Stock data (as on Aug 13, 2024)

Niftv	24.139
52 Week h/I (Rs)	1905 / 1182
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	758807 / 9042
Outstanding Shares (mn)	401
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	986
Div. yield (%):	1.3
Bloomberg code:	MUTH IN
NSE code:	MUTHOOTFIN

Stock performance



Shareholding pattern

Promoter	73.4%
FII+DII	23.2%
Others	3.4%

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(1-Yr)	New	Old
Rating	BUY	BUY
Target Price	2,175	2,050

Financial Summary

(Rs mn)	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Op. income	97,327	1,18,899	1,38,359
PPOP	65,503	81,535	96,168
Net profit	44,676	53,599	65,719
Growth (%)	21.7	20.0	22.6
EPS (Rs)	111.3	133.5	163.7
ABVPS (Rs)	625.4	724.0	852.7
P/E (x)	16.7	13.9	11.3
P/ABV (x)	3.0	2.6	2.2
ROE (%)	19.1	19.8	20.8
ROA (%)	5.1	5.0	5.3

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Exhibit 1: Result table

(Rs mn)	Q1 FY25	Q4 FY24	% qoq	Q1 FY24	% уоу
Total Operating Income	44,739	41,638	7.4	34,717	28.9
Interest expended	(15,945)	(14,466)	10.2	(12,359)	29.0
Net Interest Income	28,794	27,172	6.0	22,358	28.8
Other Income	186	156	19.2	370	(49.7)
Total Income	28,980	27,328	6.0	22,728	27.5
Operating expenses	(8,776)	(9,394)	(6.6)	(7,074)	24.1
PPOP	20,203	17,934	12.7	15,654	29.1
Provisions	(3,746)	(2,082)	79.9	(1,586)	136.2
PBT	16,457	15,852	3.8	14,068	17.0
Tax	(4,500)	(4,029)	11.7	(3,620)	24.3
PAT	11,957	11,823	1.1	10,447	14.4

Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 2: AUM Break-up

(Rs mn)	Q1 FY25	Q4 FY24	% qoq	Q1 FY24	% yoy
AUM	9,80,479	8,90,787	10.1	7,67,987	27.7
Gold Loans (Parent)	8,09,219	7,28,785	11.0	6,60,388	22.5
Other Loans (Parent)	34,019	29,485	15.4	15,997	112.7
Home Finance	21,986	20,353	8.0	15,007	46.5
Belstar MFI	99,519	1,00,232	(0.7)	70,082	42.0
Muthoot Money	16,574	11,227	47.6	4,961	234.1
Asia Asset Finance	6,362	5,705	11.5	5,352	18.9
Less: Intra group loan assets	(7,200)	(5,000)		(3,800)	

Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 3: Key Ratios - Consolidated

Particulars	Q1 FY25	Q4 FY24	chg qoq	Q1 FY24	chg yoy
Op Income as % of Avg. AUM	19.1	19.4	(0.3)	18.7	0.4
Int. Expense as % of Avg. AUM	6.8	6.7	0.1	6.7	0.1
NII as % of Avg. AUM	12.3	12.6	(0.3)	12.1	0.2
Cost to Income (%)	30.3	34.4	(4.1)	31.1	(8.0)
Prov. as % of Avg. AUM	1.6	1.0	0.6	0.9	0.7
RoA (%)	5.4	5.8	(0.4)	6.0	(0.6)
Gross NPA (%) – Standalone	4.0	3.3	0.7	4.3	(0.3)



Exhibit 4: Gold Loans Customer Matrix

Particulars	Q1 FY24	Q2 FY24	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25
Loans to inactive customers (no.)	412,206	428,114	4,08,758	4,38,350	4,63,390
Loans to new customers (no.)	355,760	360,620	3,34,868	3,73,073	4,57,097
Loans to exist. cust. on new coll. (no)	744,800	739,138	6,93,915	7,07,256	7,29,663
No of loan accounts	8,335,866	8,494,596	85,81,654	87,35,375	91,83,579
No of active Customers	5,412,660	5,502,779	55,53,823	56,77,274	59,10,268
GL AUM (In mn)	660,388	675,171	6,92,214	7,28,785	8,09,219
GL tonnage (tons)	182	183	184	188	194
GL / loan account (Rs.)	79,222	79,482	80,662	83,429	88,116
GL / active customers (Rs.)	122,008	122,696	1,24,637	1,28,369	1,36,917

Source: Company, YES Sec

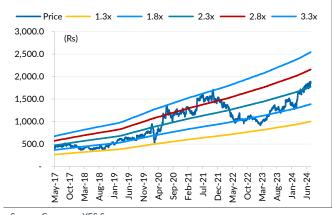
Exhibit 5: Funding Mix

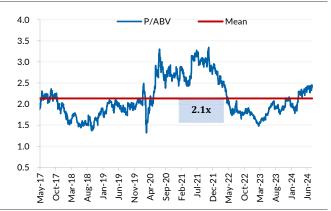
(%)	Q1 FY24	Q2 FY24	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25
Secured NCD's (M. Gold bonds)	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Secured NCDs Listed	24.8	24.4	28.8	27.9	28.0
Banks / Fl's borrowings	59.8	65.4	61.6	63.0	55.0
ECB-senior secured notes	5.2	-	-	-	8.2
Sub-ordinated debt - listed	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-
Commercial Paper (CP)	7.7	8.3	8.0	7.9	0.1
Other loans	2.4	1.8	1.5	1.2	7.2



Exhibit 6: 1-yr rolling P/ABV band

Exhibit 7: 1-year rolling P/ABV vis-a-vis the mean





Source: Company, YES Sec



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Exhibit 8: Balance Sheet

Exhibit of Balance Sheet					
Y/e 31 Mar (Rs. mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Equity Capital	4,013	4,014	4,015	4,015	4,015
Reserves	1,83,844	2,12,643	2,47,057	2,86,625	3,38,313
Shareholder's funds	1,91,379	2,21,528	2,57,540	2,97,108	3,48,795
Current tax liabilities (net)	1,418	812	552	552	552
Provisions	3,680	3,619	3,733	3,733	3,733
Other non-financial liabilities	1,307	836	1,310	1,310	1,310
Total Non-Financial liabilities	6,405	5,267	5,595	5,595	5,595
Derivative financial instruments	4,798	1,922	139	139	139
Trade Payables	3,809	2,159	2,670	2,803	2,943
Debt Securities	1,31,740	1,46,046	1,74,762	2,14,958	2,34,304
Borrowings	4,08,553	4,05,975	5,00,520	6,15,639	6,71,047
Deposits	0	3,315	4,018	4,942	5,387
Subordinated Liabilities	2,997	2,547	3,310	4,071	4,437
Other Financial liabilities	13,483	12,732	16,141	19,853	21,640
Total Financial liabilities	5,65,381	5,74,694	7,01,559	8,62,405	9,39,897
Total Equities and Liabilities	7,63,165	8,01,489	9,64,694	11,65,108	12,94,287
Assets					
Cash and Bank Balances	1,03,150	80,357	62,720	78,120	88,245
Derivative financial instruments	605	0	0	0	0
Receivables	70	99	178	178	178
Loans	6,45,276	7,05,544	8,81,872	10,66,330	11,84,798
Investments	5,233	5,457	7,125	7,125	7,125
Other Financial Assets	2,807	3,453	4,136	4,343	4,560
Total Financial assets	7,57,141	7,94,910	9,56,031	11,56,096	12,84,906
Current tax assets (net)	110	475	725	797	877
Deferred tax assets (net)	1,090	641	976	976	976
Investment Property	93	82	91	91	91
Property, Plant and equipment	2,817	3,272	4,255	4,468	4,691
Other Intangible assets	1,030	1,176	1,356	1,356	1,356
Other non-financial assets	883	934	1,260	1,323	1,389
Total Non-Financial assets	6,023	6,580	8,663	9,012	9,381
Total Assets	7,63,165	8,01,489	9,64,694	11,65,108	12,94,287



Exhibit 9: Income statement

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs. mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Income from Operations	1,21,849	1,18,977	1,50,617	1,86,696	2,12,515
Interest expense	(42,559)	(42,092)	(54,301)	(68,605)	(75,045)
Net interest income	79,291	76,885	96,316	1,18,091	1,37,470
Non-interest income	526	773	1,011	809	890
Total op income	79,816	77,658	97,327	1,18,899	1,38,359
Total op expenses	(21,879)	(25,998)	(31,823)	(37,365)	(42,192)
PPoP	57,937	51,660	65,503	81,535	96,168
Provisions	(3,835)	(2,432)	(5,538)	(9,593)	(7,959)
Profit before tax	54,102	49,228	59,965	71,941	88,209
Taxes	(13,789)	(12,530)	(15,289)	(18,343)	(22,490)
Net profit	40,313	36,698	44,676	53,599	65,719

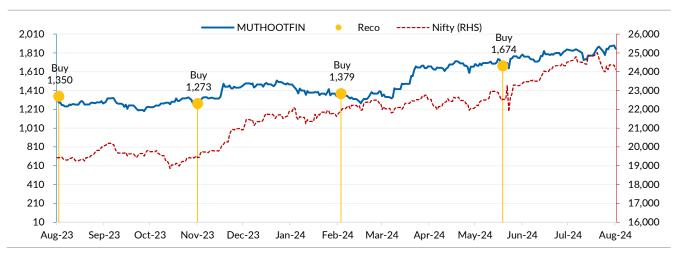
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Exhibit 10: Growth and Ratio matrix

Y/e 31 Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Growth matrix (%)					
Net interest income	6.7	(3.0)	25.3	22.6	16.4
Total op income	6.8	(2.7)	25.3	22.2	16.4
Op profit (pre-provision)	7.6	(10.8)	26.8	24.5	17.9
Net profit	5.6	(9.0)	21.7	20.0	22.6
Loans	9.7	9.3	25.0	20.9	11.1
Borrowings	16.4	(0.6)	23.3	23.0	9.0
Total assets	11.2	5.0	20.4	20.8	11.1
Profitability Ratios (%)					
NIM	10.7	9.5	10.5	10.7	10.8
Non-int. Income/Total income	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.6
Return on Avg. Equity	23.5	18.1	19.1	19.8	20.8
Return on Avg. Assets	5.6	4.7	5.1	5.0	5.3
Per share ratios (Rs)					
EPS	100.4	91.4	111.3	133.5	163.7
ABVPS	468.1	539.7	625.4	724.0	852.7
DPS	20.0	22.0	24.0	30.0	30.0
Other key ratios (%)					
Cost/Income	27.4	33.5	32.7	31.4	30.5
Gross NPLs/Loans	3.0	3.8	3.3	2.3	2.3
Credit Cost (% of AUM)	0.6	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.7
Tax rate	25.5	25.5	25.5	25.5	25.5
Dividend yield	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.6



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