

Financials - Banks

Month	SCBs		
	WALR – O/s Loans	WALR – Fresh Loans	WATDR
Oct-24	9.88	9.54	7.04
Dec-24	9.86	9.25	7.08
Mar-25	9.75	9.35	7.11
Jun-25	9.44	8.62	7.00
Sep-25	9.26	8.39	6.82
Oct-25	9.24	8.61	6.78
Nov-25	9.21	8.71	6.73
Dec-25	9.06	8.28	6.68
Jan-26	9.04	8.67	6.64

Month	PSBs		
	WALR – O/s Loans	WALR – Fresh Loans	WATDR
Oct-24	9.19	8.71	7.08
Dec-24	9.18	8.54	7.12
Mar-25	9.09	8.66	7.16
Jun-25	8.76	7.82	7.07
Sep-25	8.63	7.80	6.91
Oct-25	8.60	7.89	6.87
Nov-25	8.58	8.05	6.82
Dec-25	8.43	7.61	6.78
Jan-26	8.41	8.05	6.74

Month	PVBs		
	WALR – O/s Loans	WALR – Fresh Loans	WATDR
Oct-24	10.83	10.35	7.13
Dec-24	10.82	10.16	7.15
Mar-25	10.71	10.32	7.16
Jun-25	10.43	9.74	7.10
Sep-25	10.17	9.14	6.91
Oct-25	10.17	9.44	6.86
Nov-25	10.13	9.44	6.80
Dec-25	10.00	9.14	6.74
Jan-26	9.97	9.32	6.71

Fresh loan yields witnessing a healthy rise

Pause in policy rates and repricing of TDs augur well for FY27E margins

- Yields on fresh loans rose 44bp for PSBs, 18bp for PVBs, and 39bp for SCBs in Jan'26. This early trend points to a favorable yield environment for banks in 4Q and thus augurs well for margins over FY27.
- WALR on O/S loans declined marginally by 2bp MoM, with a 2bp decline for PSBs and a 3bp decline for PVBs. With repo rates stable, the bulk of repo-linked repricing appears to be behind banks.
- PSU banks have reported a relatively lower decline in MCLR rates as deposit rates have been static though select large PVBs may face mild downward pressure due to repo repricing from 25bp cut in Dec'25 policy.
- The Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (WATDR) for the system continued to decline at a calibrated pace by 4bp MoM in Jan'26 to 6.74%, with PSBs and PVBs reporting a 4bp and 3bp dip MoM, respectively.
- Systemic credit growth has recovered to 13.7% (11% YTD) and has remained above 13% YoY in recent fortnights, indicating a sustainable uptrend. The RBI's comfort on elevated CD ratios further eases funding concerns. We raise our systemic loan growth estimate to ~14% CAGR over FY26-28E.
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Fresh loan yields expand 39bp MoM; O/S loan yields stable MoM

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- One-year MCLR for PVBs dipped 30-275bp over the past year. Bandhan/KMB/HDFC reported a steeper decline of 275bp/115bp/100bp YoY, while IDFCB/IIB witnessed a lower decline of 55bp YoY. PSBs MCLR rate has witnessed a more calibrated decline at 30-40bp YoY.
- With repo rates now being stable, O/s yields becoming steady, and incremental fresh loan yields improving over the past three months, incremental yield decline is likely to be calibrated. The continuous repricing of TDs should thus augur well for FY27E NIMs.

Calibrated decline in WATDR continues; bodes well for CoF moderation

- WATDR is easing at a measured pace, declining 4bp MoM in Jan'26 following a 5bp MoM dip in Dec'25.
- With term deposit repricing progressing gradually, the WATDR spread over the repo rate remains at a four-year high of ~1.5% for both PVBs and PSBs, indicating that the impact of lower rates is likely to become evident in 4QFY26 and 1HFY27E.
- Consequently, the ongoing moderation in WATDR should translate into a reduction in the overall cost of funds, with a positive spillover to NIMs.

We expect credit growth estimate at +14% over FY26-28E vs. earlier expectation of +13% for FY27

Growth recoups to 13.7%; estimate ~14% loan CAGR over FY26-28E

- Systemic credit growth improved to 13.7% (11% YTD growth) and remained consistently above 13% YoY over the last four fortnights.
- This appears well positioned to sustain, supported by multiple growth engines – steady retail demand (anchored by reviving unsecured growth), and pickup in SME/corporate demand as well, and revival in consumption-led momentum.
- Importantly, RBI's indication that elevated CD ratios will not be a binding constraint alleviates funding concerns, especially as deposit repricing and liquidity measures ease system tightness.
- Further, strengthening corporate balance sheets, rising capacity utilization, and gradual rate moderation provide incremental tailwinds, suggesting the current momentum is sustainable toward mid-teens growth over the medium term.
- We expect earnings growth to lead loan CAGR over the medium term, as banks benefit from stable-to-improving NIMs, easing deposit cost pressures, and a favorable rate backdrop.
- **We estimate loan growth to be healthy and expect it to sustain a healthy ~14% CAGR over FY26-28E.**

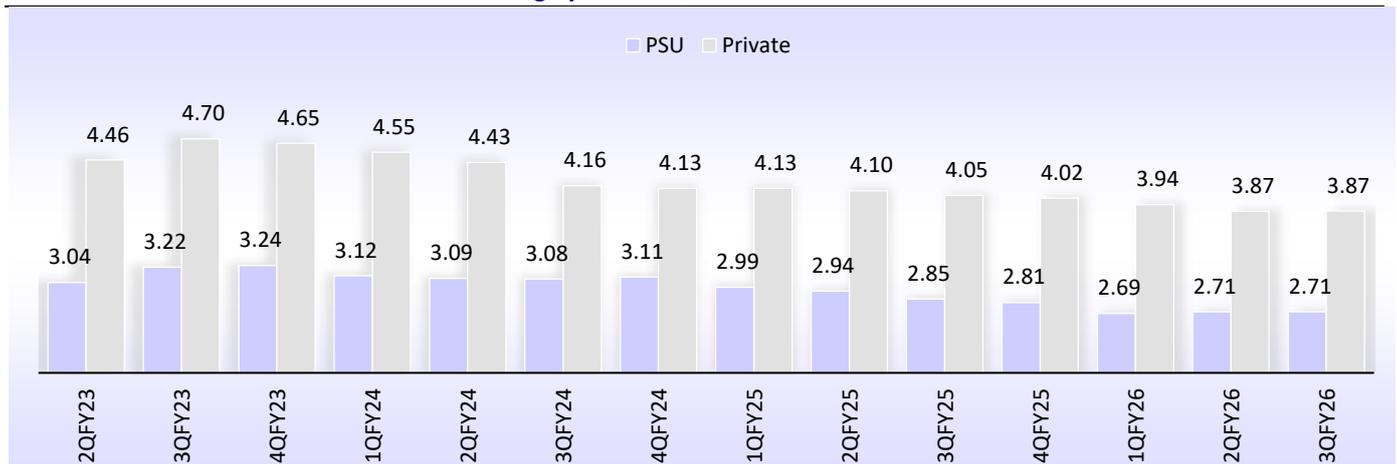
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- **We estimate a PAT growth of 15.1% and 17.8% YoY in FY27E and FY28E, respectively.**
- **Our top picks remain ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, SBI, and AUBANK.**

Exhibit 1: NIMs exhibited a mixed trend in 3Q, with certain banks reporting a contraction while others recorded an expansion

NIM (%)	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26	2Q26	3Q26
AXSB	4.06	4.05	3.99	3.93	3.97	3.80	3.73	3.64
HDFCB	3.44	3.47	3.46	3.43	3.54	3.35	3.27	3.35
ICICIBC	4.40	4.36	4.27	4.25	4.41	4.34	4.30	4.30
IDFCFB	6.35	6.22	6.18	6.04	5.95	5.71	5.59	5.76
IIB	4.26	4.25	4.08	3.93	2.25	3.46	3.32	3.52
KMB	5.28	5.02	4.91	4.93	4.97	4.65	4.54	4.54
FB	3.21	3.16	3.12	3.11	3.12	2.94	3.06	3.18
BoB	3.27	3.18	3.10	2.94	2.98	2.91	2.96	2.79
CBK	3.07	2.90	2.86	2.71	2.73	2.55	2.50	2.45
PNB	3.10	3.07	2.92	2.93	2.81	2.70	2.60	2.52
SBIN	3.30	3.22	3.14	3.01	3.00	2.90	2.97	2.99
UNBK	3.09	3.05	2.90	2.91	2.87	2.76	2.67	2.76
INBK	3.44	3.44	3.39	3.45	3.37	3.23	3.23	3.28
AUBANK	5.10	6.00	6.05	5.90	5.80	5.40	5.50	5.70
RBK	5.45	5.67	5.04	4.90	4.89	4.50	4.51	4.63
BANDHAN	7.60	7.60	7.40	6.90	6.70	6.40	5.80	5.90
DCBB	3.62	3.39	3.27	3.30	3.29	3.20	3.23	3.27
EQUITAS	8.17	7.97	7.69	7.39	7.13	6.55	6.29	6.72

Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 2: NIMs for the PSBs and PVBs stood largely flat in 3QFY26


Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 3: Estimate sector earnings to grow at ~16.5% over FY26-28E, following flat earnings in FY26

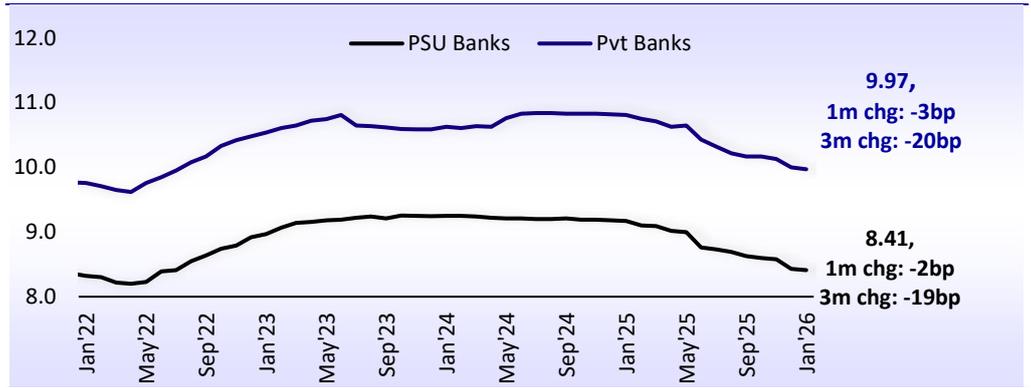
INR b	MOSL Earnings estimates						Growth YoY (%)			
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Private Banks										
AXSB	215.8	248.6	263.7	246.6	307.4	366.2	6%	-6%	25%	19%
BANDHAN	21.9	22.4	27.5	12.8	28.2	37.5	23%	-53%	120%	33%
DCBB	4.7	5.4	6.2	7.5	10.0	12.5	15%	22%	33%	26%
HDFCB	441.1	608.1	673.5	744.2	848.2	995.5	11%	10%	14%	17%
ICICIBC	319.0	408.9	472.3	496.5	569.5	668.0	16%	5%	15%	17%
IDFCFB	24.4	29.6	15.2	21.3	42.7	63.7	-48%	39%	101%	49%
IIB	74.4	89.8	25.8	4.8	33.9	51.7	-71%	-81%	603%	53%
KMB	109.4	137.8	164.5	138.6	164.1	200.7	19%	-16%	18%	22%
FB	30.1	37.2	40.5	39.7	52.0	67.0	9%	-2%	31%	29%
RBK	8.8	11.7	7.0	8.9	27.7	41.7	-40%	28%	211%	51%
AUBANK	14.3	14.9	21.1	26.3	36.5	54.1	42%	25%	39%	48%
EQUITASB	5.7	8.0	1.5	0.5	6.5	9.8	-82%	-68%	1278%	51%
Total Pvt	1,269.6	1,622.2	1,718.6	1,747.7	2,126.7	2,568.5				
YoY growth	42.1%	27.8%	5.9%	1.7%	21.7%	20.8%				
PSU Banks										
BOB	141.1	177.9	195.8	194.9	214.5	240.4	10%	0%	10%	12%
CBK	106.0	145.5	170.3	192.3	197.8	225.2	17%	13%	3%	14%
INBK	52.8	80.6	109.2	124.6	136.8	152.8	35%	14%	10%	12%
PNB	25.1	82.4	166.3	164.8	213.2	254.8	102%	-1%	29%	20%
SBIN	502.3	610.8	709.0	815.0	858.8	980.6	16%	15%	5%	14%
UNBK	84.3	136.5	179.9	176.7	182.7	206.4	32%	-2%	3%	13%
Total PSU	911.7	1,233.8	1,530.4	1,668.2	1,803.7	2,060.2				
YoY growth	59.2%	35.3%	24.0%	9.0%	8.1%	14.2%				
Total Banks	2,181.2	2,856.0	3,249.0	3,415.9	3,930.4	4,628.7				
YoY growth (%)	48.8%	30.9%	13.8%	5.1%	15.1%	17.8%				

Exhibit 4: MOFSL vs. consensus estimates for banks

PAT(INR b)	Consensus			MOSL Estimates			MOSL vs Consensus		
	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Private Banks									
AXSB	245.5	312.9	371.9	246.6	307.4	366.2	0.5%	-1.8%	-1.5%
BANDHAN	11.7	25.7	33.6	12.8	28.2	37.5	9.1%	9.7%	11.6%
DCBB	7.4	9.3	11.4	7.5	10.0	12.5	1.1%	7.2%	9.8%
HDFCB	742.4	846.9	986.4	744.2	848.2	995.5	0.2%	0.2%	0.9%
ICICIBC	504.0	575.1	662.3	496.5	569.5	668.0	-1.5%	-1.0%	0.9%
IDFCFB	20.7	41.8	60.8	21.3	42.7	63.7	2.6%	2.2%	4.9%
IIB	7.5	36.2	56.8	4.8	33.9	51.7	-35.7%	-6.5%	-9.0%
KMB	139.9	172.5	204.9	138.6	164.1	200.7	-0.9%	-4.9%	-2.0%
FB	40.2	50.9	62.3	39.7	52.0	67.0	-1.1%	2.2%	7.5%
RBK	9.3	19.3	26.8	8.9	27.7	41.7	-4.1%	43.6%	55.5%
AUBANK	25.7	35.0	44.0	26.3	36.5	54.1	2.2%	4.5%	22.9%
EQUITAS	0.3	6.6	9.8	0.5	6.5	9.8	34.6%	-2.6%	-0.7%
Total Private Banks	1,754.7	2,132.3	2,531.0	1,747.7	2,126.7	2,568.5	-0.4%	-0.3%	1.5%
PSU Banks									
BOB	192.1	204.4	230.6	194.9	214.5	240.4	1.4%	4.9%	4.3%
CBK	190.9	193.2	214.9	192.3	197.8	225.2	0.7%	2.4%	4.8%
INBK	122.1	134.9	150.6	124.6	136.8	152.8	2.0%	1.4%	1.4%
PNB	164.5	185.9	205.1	164.8	213.2	254.8	0.2%	14.7%	24.2%
SBIN	788.5	879.6	986.0	815.0	858.8	980.6	3.4%	-2.4%	-0.6%
UNBK	178.1	184.3	199.2	176.7	182.7	206.4	-0.8%	-0.9%	3.6%
Total PSU Banks	1,636.2	1,782.2	1,986.5	1,668.2	1,803.7	2,060.2	2.0%	1.2%	3.7%
Total Banking sector	3,391.0	3,914.5	4,517.5	3,415.9	3,930.4	4,628.7	0.7%	0.4%	2.5%

Source: MOFSL, Bloomberg

Exhibit 5: Pace of decline in O/S WALR has moderated for both PVBs and PSBs



PSUs and PVBs have seen a rise in fresh loan yields in Jan'26, which should support NIMs. Ongoing repricing of deposits too should support NIMs.

Exhibit 6: WALR on fresh loans rose for both PVBs as well as PSBs

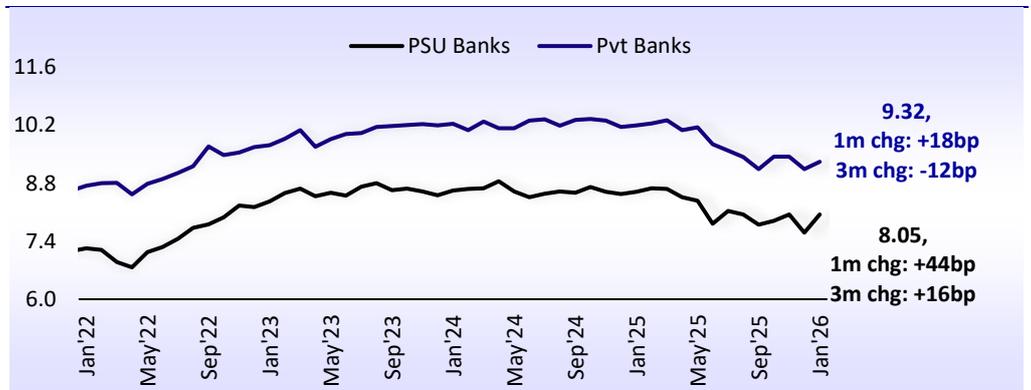


Exhibit 7: Repo rates eased to 5.25% and have been maintained in Feb'26 MPC policy

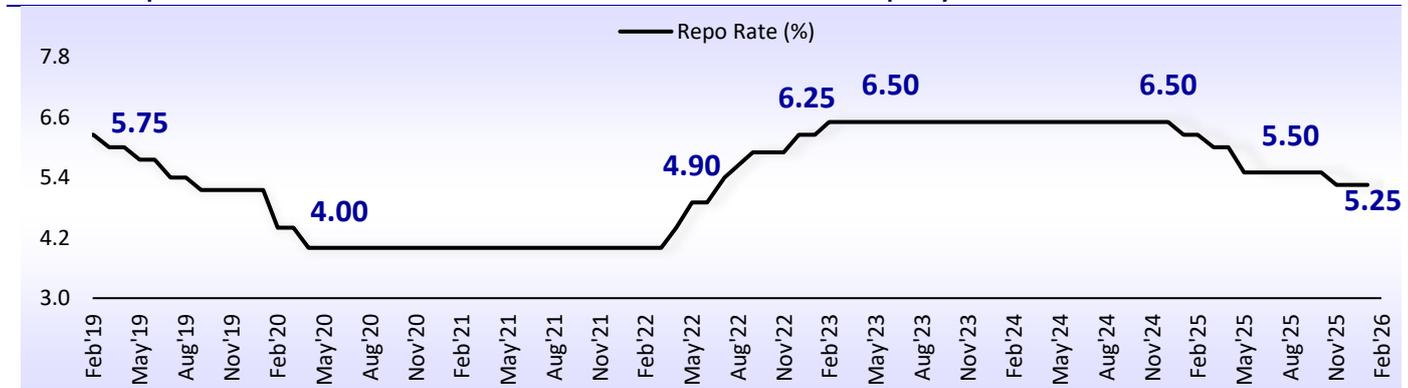


Exhibit 8: MCLR for large PVBs was stable MoM; for SBI too, it was stable MoM at 8.7%

SBI has seen lower cut of 30bp YoY in MCLR rates over the past one year, while other PVBs have seen a reduction of 60-100bp

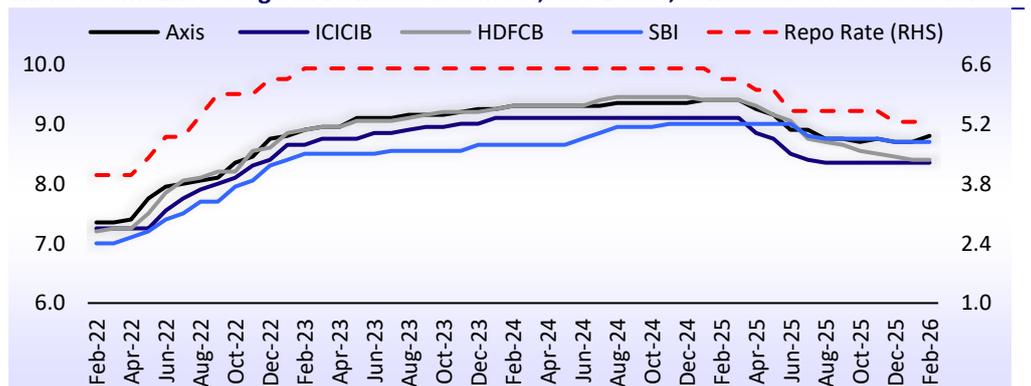
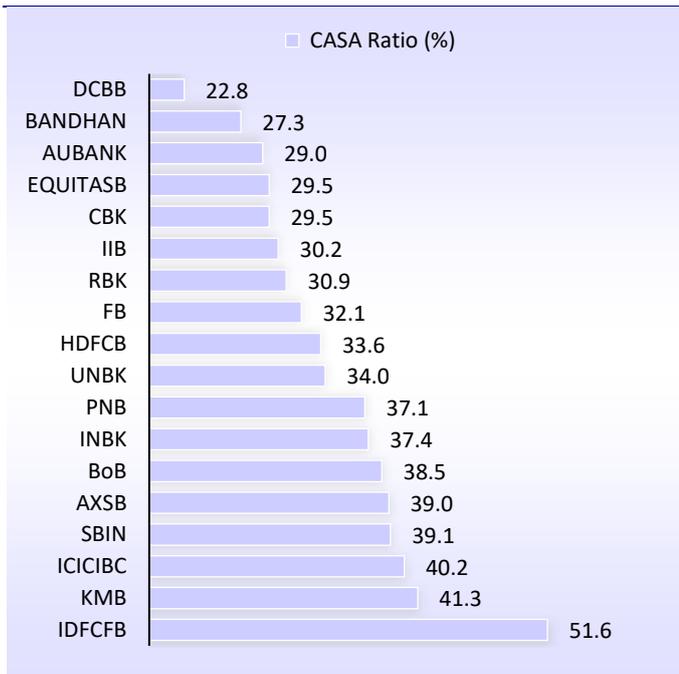


Exhibit 9: One-year MCLR rate declined 55-140bp YoY for PVBs, while it fell 30-40bp for PSBs over the past one year

	2024				2025				2026	YoY Change	QoQ Change
	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Feb	(in bp)	(in bp)
HDFC Bank	9.30	9.30	9.45	9.45	9.40	9.05	8.65	8.45	8.40	(100)	(10)
ICICI	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10	8.50	8.35	8.35	8.35	(75)	-
Axis	9.30	9.30	9.35	9.40	9.40	8.90	8.75	8.70	8.80	(60)	5
Kotak	9.45	9.50	9.55	9.55	9.55	8.90	8.55	8.40	8.40	(115)	-
IIB	10.40	10.45	10.55	10.55	10.45	10.30	10.15	10.05	10.00	(55)	(5)
IDFC First	10.40	10.65	10.55	10.50	10.60	10.35	10.20	10.05	10.05	(55)	-
RBL	10.30	10.05	10.40	10.55	10.40	9.90	9.60	9.10	9.00	(140)	(55)
Federal	9.71	9.70	9.80	9.90	9.90	9.50	9.20	9.10	9.10	(80)	-
BOB	8.80	8.85	8.95	9.00	9.00	8.90	8.80	8.75	8.70	(30)	(5)
CBK	8.90	8.90	9.00	9.10	9.10	8.80	8.75	8.70	8.70	(40)	-
INBK	8.85	8.90	9.00	9.05	9.10	9.05	8.85	8.85	8.75	(35)	(10)
PNB	8.80	8.85	8.90	9.00	9.05	8.95	8.80	8.75	8.75	(30)	-
UNBK	8.90	8.90	8.95	9.00	9.00	8.90	8.60	8.60	8.60	(40)	-
SBI	8.65	8.75	8.95	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.75	8.70	8.70	(30)	(5)

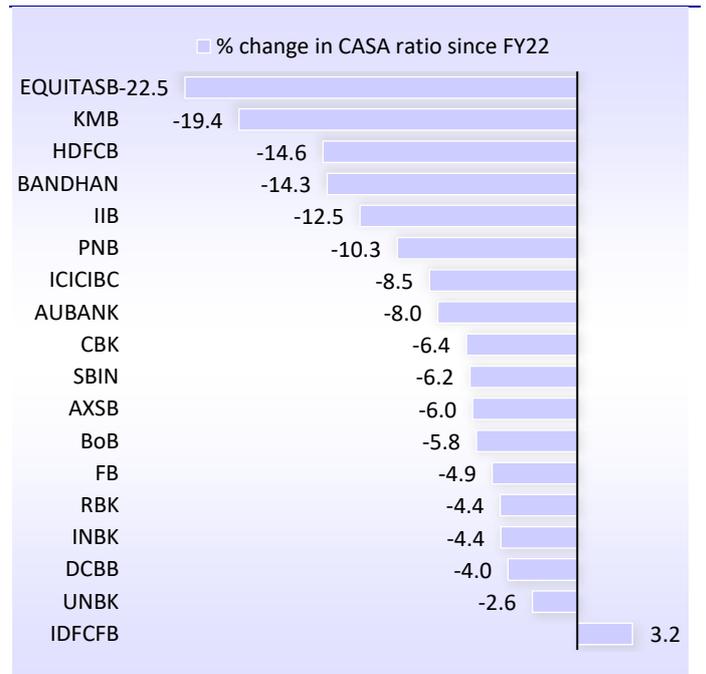
Source: RBI, MOFSL

Exhibit 10: CASA ratio has declined for most banks



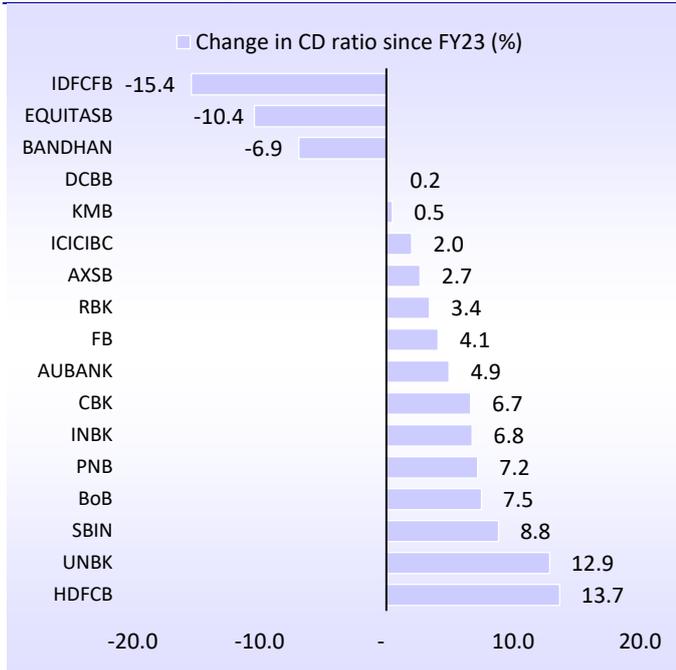
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Exhibit 11: Decline in CASA ratio for banks since FY22



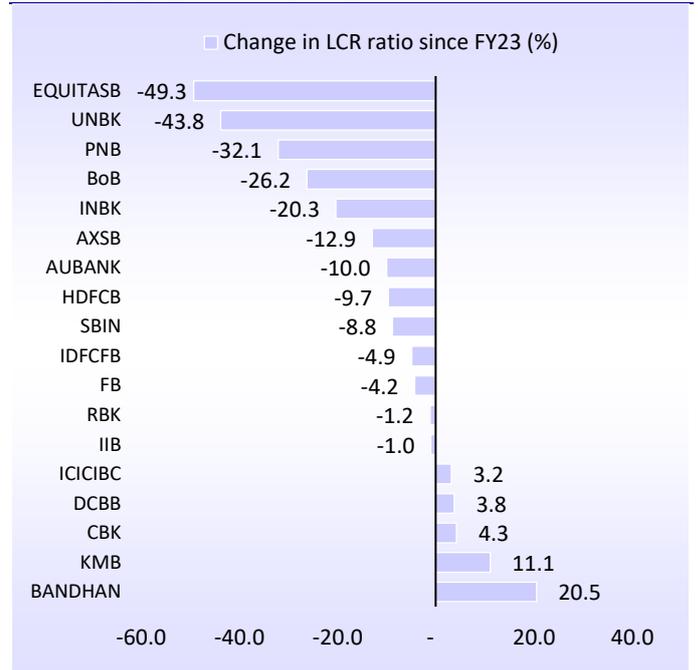
Note: Decline in HDFCB is attributed partly to the merger;
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 12: CD ratio has increased for most banks since FY23 – PSBs have seen a greater increase



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

Exhibit 13: Change in the LCR ratio since FY23 – banks have been deploying excess liquidity on their balance sheet



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 14: AXSB, FB, KMB, ICICIBC, and HDFCB have higher EBLR/repo-linked loans; PSBs have higher linkage to MCLR (%)

Loans Mix (%) - 3QFY26	MCLR	EBLR	Repo Linked	Others (Fixed, base rate, foreign currency-floating)
HDFCB	25		45	30
ICICIBC	13		56	31
AXSB	7	3	60	30
KMB		60		40
FB	8		47	45
RBL	5		47	48
AUBANK	30		5	65
Equitas			20	80
CBK	45		49	6
INBK	46		41	13
PNB	25	10	52	13
SBIN	50		47	3
BOB	38		35	27

Source: MOFSL, Company

Banks have reduced their SA rates amid declining interest rates

Exhibit 15: SA rate overview of banks

(%)	SA Rate
Large pvt banks	
AXSB	2.50%
HDFCB	2.50%
ICICIBC	2.50%
KMB	2.50%
IIB	2.50%/5.00%(>INR50m)
Mid-size pvt banks	
RBK	3.00%/6.00% (max rate for deposits between INR1m to INR75m)
IDFCFB	3.00%/6.50% (max rate for deposits between INR1m to INR100m)
BANDHAN	2.70%/6.00% (>INR50m)
Federal	2.50%/5.75% (max rate for deposits between INR50m to INR1.5b)
Small Finance Banks	
AUBANK	2.50% to 6.50% (max rate for deposits between INR1m to 100m)
EQUITASB	2.50% to 7.00% (>INR250m)
JANASFB	2.50% to 7.00% (>INR5m)
UJJIVAN	2.50% to 7.25% (>INR5m)

Source: Company, MOFSL

Most banks have lowered their peak TD rates across maturity buckets.

Exhibit 16: TD rate overview of banks

(%)	0-14 days	0-3 months	3-9 months	9-15 months	15-36 months
Large pvt banks					
HDFCB	2.75	4.25	5.50	6.25	6.45
AXSB	3.00	5.00	5.50	6.25	6.45
ICICIBC	2.75	4.00	5.50	6.25	6.45
KMB	2.75	3.50	5.50	6.50	6.70
IIB	3.25	4.75	6.25	6.75	7.00
Mid-size pvt banks					
RBK	3.50	4.50	6.05	7.00	7.20
IDFCFB	3.00	4.00	5.50	6.30	7.00
BANDHAN	2.95	4.20	4.20	7.00	7.20
Federal	3.00	4.25	6.00	6.50	6.70
Small Finance Banks					
AUBANK	3.50	4.75	6.35	6.90	7.10
EQUITASB	3.50	4.75	6.35	6.90	7.20
JANASFB	4.50	5.25	6.50	7.25	7.50
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Exhibit 17: Banking universe – valuation summary

Val summary	Rating	CMP (INR)	EPS (INR)		RoA (%)		RoE (%)		P/E (x)		P/BV (x)		P/ABV (x)	
			FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
Private Banks														
ICICIBC*	Buy	1,379	69.7	80.0	2.2	2.3	16.1	16.1	16.0	14.0	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.2
HDFCB*	Buy	887	48.6	55.4	1.8	1.9	14.1	14.5	15.4	13.5	2.5	2.2	2.2	1.9
AXSB*	Neutral	1,384	79.6	99.2	1.4	1.6	13.0	14.4	15.5	12.4	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.7
BANDHAN	Buy	182	8.0	17.5	0.6	1.3	5.2	11.0	22.9	10.4	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1
KMB*	Buy	415	13.9	16.5	1.9	2.0	11.5	12.5	17.9	15.1	3.3	3.0	2.1	1.8
IIB	Neutral	959	6.2	43.5	0.1	0.6	0.7	5.2	155.2	22.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2
FB	Buy	300	16.2	20.1	1.1	1.3	11.3	12.2	18.5	15.0	2.0	1.7	2.1	1.8
DCBB	Buy	185	23.4	31.1	0.9	1.0	13.1	15.3	7.9	6.0	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.9
IDFCFB	Neutral	73	2.7	5.0	0.6	0.9	5.0	8.8	27.5	14.7	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3
EQUITASB	Buy	64	0.4	5.7	0.1	1.0	0.8	10.5	156.0	11.3	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.2
AUBANK	Buy	959	35.3	48.9	1.5	1.7	14.4	17.1	27.2	19.6	3.7	3.1	3.8	3.2
RBK	Buy	319	14.6	16.4	0.6	1.4	5.7	8.8	21.8	19.5	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2
PSU Banks														
SBIN*	Buy	1,202	89.8	93.0	1.2	1.1	17.8	15.9	9.4	9.1	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.4
PNB	Buy	129	14.3	18.5	0.9	1.0	13.1	15.1	9.0	7.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.9
BOB	Neutral	322	37.6	41.4	1.0	1.0	14.7	14.8	8.6	7.8	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.1
CBK	Buy	157	21.2	21.8	1.1	1.0	19.3	17.8	7.4	7.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2
UNBK	Neutral	202	23.1	23.9	1.2	1.2	15.5	14.3	8.7	8.5	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.2
INBK	Buy	990	92.5	101.5	1.4	1.4	18.5	17.8	10.7	9.7	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.6
Payments & Fintech														
SBI Cards	Neutral	778	32.0	41.0	3.1	3.8	14.5	17.9	24.3	19.0	4.7	4.0	4.9	4.1
			EPS (INR)		PAT (INRb)		RoA (%)		RoE (%)		P/E (x)		P/Sales (x)	
One 97 Comm.	Neutral	1,096	13.3	25.6	5.6	8.9	3.3	3.5	5.0	5.7	82.3	42.9	8.4	7.8

* Adjusted for subsidiaries, Source: MOFSL, Company

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