

# **Banks**

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## **Top Picks**

State Bank of India

Kotak Mahindra Bank

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# Jul-Sep'25 Earnings Preview

## Margins to dip QoQ but may bottom out

Banks under our coverage are likely to see a mixed quarter; while core earnings (ex-IIB) may increase by 3.1% QoQ to Rs554.5bn (-9.3% QoQ in Q1FY26) core PPoP might slightly decline. Loan/deposit growth is expected at +3.5%/+2.3% QoQ (0.6% each in Q1FY26 as Q1 is seasonally weak). LDR may rise sequentially by 103bps to 84.3%. Owing to repo rate reduction of 75bps in Q1, calculated NIM might decline by 7bps QoQ to 3.19% (-5bps in Q1FY26); however, margins might bottom out for the sector in Q2. Hence sequential NII growth would be a key monitorable. As Q1 seasonality could reverse, fees may increase by 5.2% QoQ, to Rs398.7bn, which would be offset by 5.9% QoQ rise in opex to Rs933bn. Core PPoP may be Rs903bn (-0.8% QoQ) owing to weaker NII and rise in opex. Gross slippage ratio and provisions might reduce as Q1 generally sees a spike in agri slippages while for banks like AXSB and KMB elevated stress levels would normalize. Banks' PAT may decrease by 6.7% QoQ to Rs645.1bn. Among our coverage universe, we prefer SBI and KMB.

- System growth could be 10% YoY in Sep'25: System credit (incl. HDFCL) grew by +9.9% YoY in Aug'25, which has improved since May'25 mainly led by better offtake in corporate, NBFC and housing; agri continues to decelerate. Industry/services grew by 6.5%/10.6% YoY each and large industries grew by +1.8% YoY. Agri loans grew by +7.6% YoY. Within services, NBFC accretion is improving as growth rose from -0.3% YoY in May'25 to 3.4% YoY in Aug'25. Retail credit growth came in at 11.8% YoY (11.1% in May'25) driven by housing, gold and PL. System credit (incl. HDFC) could grow by ~10% YoY in Sep'25, while system deposits were up by 9.5% YoY as at 19<sup>th</sup> Sep'25. Coverage banks may see loan growth/deposits growth of 10.8%/9.7% YoY each in Q2FY26.
- Margins may improve: Loan yields may decline due to repo rate cut which would be partly offset by fall in cost of funds owing to reduction in SA/TD rates. As a result, NIM (calc.) could decline by 7bps QoQ to 3.19%. NII may increase by 1.0% QoQ compared to loan growth of +3.5%. Due to seasonality in Q1, fees could increase by 5.2% QoQ that would be offset by 5.9% QoQ rise in opex. Core PPoP may come in at Rs903bn (-0.8% QoQ).
- Slippages and provisions might decline QoQ: Since Q1 generally sees higher delinquencies due to agri stress (mainly large banks), slippages are expected to fall QoQ. Slippage ratio is expected at 1.1% (1.36% in Q1FY26). As a result, GNPA ratio could improve by 7bps QoQ to 1.82%. Provision costs may reduce by 14bps QoQ to 54bps. PCR for coverage banks may remain stable at 75%.
- Core PAT to improve QoQ: Core PAT for our coverage banks is likely to increase by 3.1% QoQ to Rs554.5bn due to lower provisions. Excluding IIB, large private banks would deliver better core profitability. PAT may fall to Rs645.1bn (-6.7% QoQ).
- Private banks likely to perform better: While growth would be superior for private banks, NIM movement would be better for PSUs. However, core earnings growth for private banks (large and midcaps) would be better than PSUs since reduction in provisions would be sharper over Q1FY26 credit costs.



## **Top Picks:**

- State Bank of India: With credit growth likely to pick-up in H2FY26 and FY27, SBI is better placed to other PSU and private banks due higher unsecured and NBFC exposure respectively. Bank has usually delivered better than system growth and recent capital raise of Rs250bn may further support growth. Due to higher contingent provision buffer compared to other PSUs, SBI is better placed to navigate the transition to ECL. Core earnings growth could be strong at 22% YoY for FY27E. Stock is currently valued at 1.1x on Mar'27 core ABV; we maintain multiple of 1.3x and retain 'BUY' with TP at Rs960.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank: Lifting of RBI embargo could lead to better loan and deposit growth; bank also plans to increase share of unsecured loans from 10.5% to 15% which would cushion NIM. Core earnings growth is expected to be 23.2% YoY in FY27E with core RoA/RoE of 1.8%/11.0%. We keep multiple at 2.4x on Mar'27 core ABV. Retain 'BUY' with TP at Rs2,350.

Exhibit 1: Recommendation for PL coverage universe

	СМР	МСар	New	Old	New	Old	Upside		P/AB	V (x)		RoE (%)					
Coverage Universe	(Rs)	(Rs bn)	Rating	Rating	PT (Rs)	(Rs)	PT (%)		FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E		
Axis Bank	1,187	1,375	BUY	BUY	1,375	1,375	15.9%	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.4	15.9	13.5	14.0	14.1		
HDFC Bank	983	1,075	BUY	BUY	1,075	1,075	9.4%	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.2	14.3	13.7	14.1	14.2		
ICICI Bank	1,376	1,730	BUY	BUY	1,730	1,730	25.7%	3.4	3.0	2.6	2.3	18.1	16.1	15.6	15.7		
IndusInd Bank	749	780	HOLD	HOLD	780	780	4.1%	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	4.2	4.8	6.4	8.5		
Kotak Mahindra Bank	2,127	2,350	BUY	BUY	2,350	2,350	10.5%	3.7	3.2	2.9	2.6	15.4	11.0	11.7	12.2		
Federal Bank	199	220	BUY	BUY	220	220	10.5%	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.1	13.0	10.5	11.9	12.4		
DCB Bank	132	155	BUY	BUY	155	155	17.4%	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	12.1	11.2	12.0	13.0		
City Union Bank	219	245	BUY	BUY	245	245	11.8%	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.3	12.6	12.2	12.8	12.6		
Bank of Baroda	262	270	BUY	BUY	270	270	3.1%	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	16.7	11.9	11.8	11.8		
State Bank of India	865	960	BUY	BUY	960	960	11.0%	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.3	18.6	16.4	13.9	14.1		
Union Bank of India	139	150	BUY	BUY	150	150	8.3%	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	18.1	13.0	13.0	12.7		

Source: Company, PL



Exhibit 2: Q2FY26 Banks Results Preview – NII could improve by 1.0% QoQ

Rs Million	NII	YoY	QoQ	PPOP	YoY	QoQ	PAT	YoY	QoQ
HDFC Bank	3,16,307	5.0%	0.6%	2,55,749	3.5%	-28.4%	1,69,914	1.0%	-6.4%
ICICI Bank	2,14,590	7.0%	1.0%	1,75,451	4.9%	-4.4%	1,19,340	1.6%	-3.6%
Axis Bank	1,36,347	1.1%	0.6%	1,05,793	-1.2%	-8.1%	64,345	-7.0%	10.8%
Kotak	73,162	4.2%	0.8%	52,921	3.8%	-4.9%	33,211	-0.7%	1.2%
IndusInd	45,559	-14.8%	-1.8%	24,054	-33.0%	-9.3%	6,311	-52.4%	-7.8%
Federal	23,412	-1.1%	0.2%	14,775	-5.6%	-5.1%	8,623	-18.4%	0.1%
DCB Bank	5,890	15.7%	1.5%	2,664	4.4%	-18.5%	1,385	-10.9%	-12.0%
City Union Bank	6,488	11.4%	3.8%	4,459	4.1%	-1.1%	2,914	2.2%	-4.7%
SBI	4,15,200	-0.2%	1.1%	2,81,730	-3.8%	-7.8%	1,75,727	-4.1%	-8.3%
BOB	1,13,831	-2.1%	3.0%	68,693	-27.5%	-16.6%	36,505	-30.3%	-19.6%
Union	90,323	-0.2%	-0.9%	62,693	-22.7%	-9.3%	33,129	NA	NA
Total Banks	13,50,786	1.8%	1.0%	9,86,289	-3.2%	-14.2%	6,18,275	-5.2%	-5.4%
<b>Total Private Banks</b>	8,21,755	3.4%	0.6%	6,35,866	0.8%	-16.5%	4,06,042	-2.5%	-2.5%
<b>Total Public Banks</b>	5,29,031	-0.6%	1.5%	3,50,423	-9.6%	-9.6%	2,12,232	-10.0%	-10.5%
Rs Billion	Loans	YoY	QoQ	Margins	YoY	QoQ	Credit Cost	YoY	QoQ
Rs Billion HDFC Bank	<b>Loans</b> 27,433	<b>YoY</b> 9.9%	<b>QoQ</b> 4.4%		<b>YoY</b> -12bps	<b>QoQ</b> -9bps	Credit Cost 0.47%	<b>YoY</b> 4bps	<b>QoQ</b> -173bps
				Margins					
HDFC Bank	27,433	9.9%	4.4%	Margins 3.46%	-12bps	-9bps	0.47%	4bps	-173bps
HDFC Bank ICICI Bank	27,433 14,051	9.9% 10.0%	4.4% 3.0%	Margins 3.46% 4.33%	-12bps -22bps	-9bps -9bps	0.47% 0.46%	4bps 8bps	-173bps -7bps
HDFC Bank ICICI Bank Axis Bank	27,433 14,051 11,000	9.9% 10.0% 10.0%	4.4% 3.0% 3.8%	Margins 3.46% 4.33% 3.62%	-12bps -22bps -38bps	-9bps -9bps -9bps	0.47% 0.46% 0.73%	4bps 8bps -15bps	-173bps -7bps -76bps
HDFC Bank ICICI Bank Axis Bank Kotak	27,433 14,051 11,000 4,626	9.9% 10.0% 10.0% 15.8%	4.4% 3.0% 3.8% 4.0%	Margins 3.46% 4.33% 3.62% 4.49%	-12bps -22bps -38bps -51bps	-9bps -9bps -9bps -12bps	0.47% 0.46% 0.73% 0.75%	4bps 8bps -15bps 9bps	-173bps -7bps -76bps -34bps
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Source: Company, PL

**Exhibit 3: GNPA expected to improve** 

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		Q1FY26		G								
	GNPA	NNPA	PCR	GNPA	NNPA	PCR						
HDFCB	1.40%	0.47%	66.9%	1.36%	0.41%	70.0%						
ICICIBC	1.79%	0.44%	75.9%	1.73%	0.38%	78.0%						
Axis	1.66%	0.48%	71.5%	1.62%	0.44%	73.0%						
KMB	1.48%	0.34%	76.9%	1.45%	0.37%	75.0%						
IIB	3.64%	1.12%	70.2%	3.89%	1.16%	71.0%						
SBI	1.83%	0.47%	74.5%	1.77%	0.45%	75.0%						
BOB	2.28%	0.60%	74.0%	2.13%	0.54%	75.0%						
UNBK	3.52%	0.62%	82.9%	3.43%	0.64%	82.0%						
Federal	1.91%	0.48%	75.2%	1.90%	0.48%	75.0%						
DCB	2.98%	1.22%	59.7%	2.99%	1.19%	61.0%						
CUBK	2.99%	1.20%	60.8%	2.64%	1.03%	61.5%						

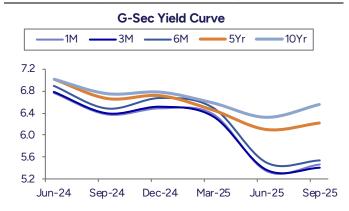
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Exhibit 4: G-sec yields have increased to 6.50%



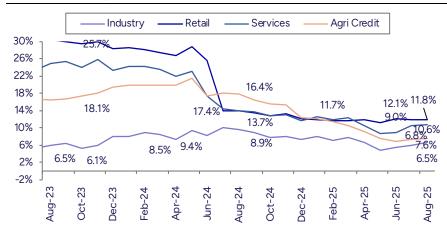
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Exhibit 5: G-sec yields are on an increasing trend



Source: PL

Exhibit 6: Credit growth expected to pickup



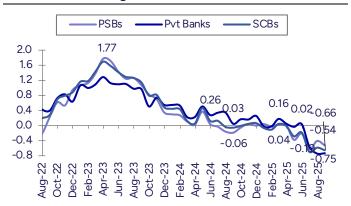
Source: RBI, PL

Exhibit 7: MCLR rates reducing due to rate cuts

Banks MCLR Profile	N	1CLR 1YR	% Change			
Danks MCLR Profile	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	3Months	6Months	
HDFC Bank	9.40%	9.05%	8.65%	-35bps	-40bps	
Axis Bank	9.40%	8.90%	8.75%	-50bps	-15bps	
ICICI Bank	9.10%	8.50%	8.35%	-60bps	-15bps	
KMB	9.55%	8.90%	8.55%	-65bps	-35bps	
IndusInd Bank	10.45%	10.30%	10.15%	-15bps	-15bps	
SBI	9.00%	9.00%	8.75%	Obps	-25bps	
Bank of Baroda	9.00%	8.90%	8.80%	-10bps	-10bps	
Union Bank	9.00%	8.90%	8.60%	-10bps	-30bps	
Federal	9.90%	9.50%	9.20%	-40bps	-30bps	
PSBs – Median	9.08%	9.00%	8.83%	-8bps	-18bps	
Pvt – Median	10.00%	9.75%	9.45%	-25bps	-30bps	

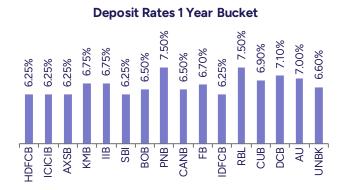
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Exhibit 8: Incr. lending rates have declined amid rate cuts



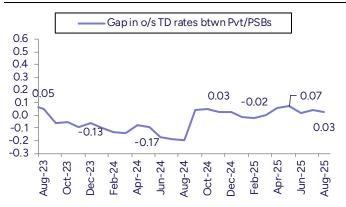
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Exhibit 10: Deposit rates have fallen post rate cuts



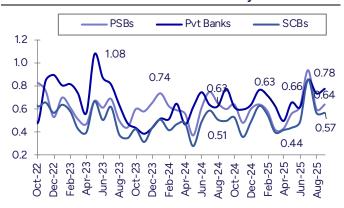
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**Exhibit 12: TD rates higher for PVBs over PSBs** 



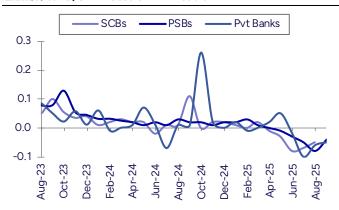
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Exhibit 9: Difference between stock & fresh yields



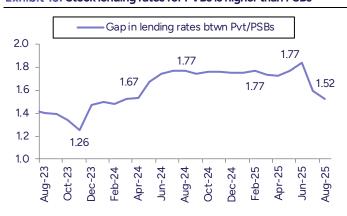
Source: RBI, PL

Exhibit 11: O/S TD rates on YTD basis



Source: RBI, PL

Exhibit 13: Stock lending rates for PVBs is higher than PSBs



Source: RBI, PL



Exhibit 14: Q2FY26 Result Preview (Private Banks)

Company Name		Q2FY26E	Q2FY25	YoY gr. (%)	Q1FY26	QoQ gr. (%)	Remark
	NII (Rs mn)	1,36,347	1,34,832	1.1	1,35,598	0.6	
	PPOP (Rs mn)	1,05,793	1,07,125	(1.2)	1,15,152	(8.1)	
	Provisions (Rs mn)	20,000	22,041	(9.3)	39,477	(49.3)	Loan growth may come in at 3.8% QoQ; NIM is expected to decline by 9bps QoQ to 3.62%
Axis Bank	PAT (Rs mn)	64,345	69,176	(7.0)	58,061	10.8	is expected to decline by Jbps Gog to 3.0270
AXIS DAIIK	Loans (Rs bn)	11,000	10,000	10.0	10,597	3.8	PPoP is likely to decline QoQ due to decrease
	Margin (%)	3.62	4.00	-38bps	3.71	-9bps	in margins. Provision costs to decrease by 76bps QoQ.
	GNPA (%)	1.56	1.44	12bps	1.57	-1bps	
	Credit Cost (%)	0.73	0.88	-15bps	1.49	-76bps	
	NII (Rs mn)	3,16,307	3,01,139	5.0	3,14,380		Loan growth would be at 4.4% QoQ. NII could grow by 0.6% QoQ. Margins may
	PPOP (Rs mn)	2,55,749	2,47,057	3.5	3,57,340	(28.4)	decline to 3.46%.
	Provisions (Rs mn)	32,178	27,005	19.2	1,44,416	(77.7)	DD-D - sold fall by 20 40/ due to leave able of
HDFC Bank	PAT (Rs mn)	1,69,914	1,68,210	1.0	1,81,552	(6.4)	PPoP could fall by 28.4% due to lower other income and decrease in margins.
	Loans (Rs bn)	27,433	24,951	9.9	26,284	4.4	
	Margin (%)	3.46	3.59	-12bps	3.55		Provisions could decline by 77.7% QoQ.
	GNPA (%)	1.36	1.36	Obps	1.40	-4bps	GNPAs likely to improve to 1.36% due to
	Credit Cost (%)	0.47	0.43	4bps	2.20	-173bps	better asset quality.
	NII (Rs mn)	2,14,590	2,00,480	7.0	2,12,435	1.0	Loan growth momentum to continue and
	PPOP (Rs mn)	1,75,451	1,67,232	4.9	1,83,548	(4.4)	come in at 3.0%. We expect NII growth of
	Provisions (Rs mn)	16,331	12,331	32.4	18,146		1.0% QoQ.
ICICI Bank	PAT (Rs mn)	1,19,340	1,17,459	1.6	1,23,772	(3.6)	Margin may fall by 9bps due to fall in yields
	Loans (Rs bn)	14,051	12,772	10.0	13,642	3.0	outpacing fall in cost of funds.
	Margin (%)	4.33	4.55	-22bps	4.42	-9bps	GNPAs (%) would be steady QoQ and credit
	GNPA (%) Credit Cost (%)	1.66 0.46	1.97 0.39	-31bps 8bps	1.67 0.53	-1bps -7bps	cost may decrease by 7bps QoQ.
	NII (Rs mn)	45,559	53,473	(14.8)	46,398	(1.8)	Loan may degrow by 1.9% QoQ while NII
	PPOP (Rs mn)	24,054	35,918	(33.0)	26,522	(9.3)	decline might come at 1.8% QoQ.
	Provisions (Rs mn)	15,640	18,201	(14.1)	17,378	(10.0)	Margin is expected to decline by 9bps QoQ
	PAT (Rs mn)	6,311	13,255	(52.4)	6,843	(7.8)	to 3.59%.
IndusInd Bank	Loans (Rs bn)	3,273	3,572	(8.3)	3,337	(1.9)	D 100%
	Margin (%)	3.59	4.44	-84bps	3.68		Provisions are expected to decrease by 10.0% QoQ due to higher base effect
	GNPA (%)	3.89	2.11	178bps	3.64	25bps	
	Credit Cost (%)	1.91	2.04	-13bps	2.08		GNPA to worsen by 25bps sequentially. Credit cost would decrease by 17bps QoQ.
	NII (Rs mn)	73,162	70,196	4.2	72,593	0.8	,
	PPOP (Rs mn)	52,921	50,993	3.8	55,637		We expect loan growth to be at 4% QoQ. Margins could come down by 12bps QoQ at
	Provisions (Rs mn)	8,639	6,604	30.8	12,078	(28.5)	4.49%.
Kotak Mahindra	PAT (Rs mn)	33,211	33,437	(0.7)	32,817	1.2	PAT might be up 1.2% QoQ due lower credit
Bank	Loans (Rs bn)	4,626	3,995	15.8	4,448	4.0	cost.
	Margin (%)	4.49	4.99	-51bps	4.61	-12bps	4
	GNPA (%)	1.45	1.49	-4bps	1.48		Asset quality may improve with GNPAs declining by 3bps QoQ.
	Credit Cost (%)	0.75	0.66	9bps	1.09	-34bps	Credit costs to decrease by 34bps QoQ
	NII (Rs mn)	23,412	23,672	(1.1)	23,368		NII largely to remain flattish with growth at
	PPOP (Rs mn)	14,775	15,654	(5.6)	15,563	(5.1)	0.2% QoQ. Loan growth would be 1.8% QoQ
	Provisions (Rs mn)	3,201	1,584	102.2	4,002		while NIM may decline by 5bps QoQ to 2.85%.
	PAT (Rs mn)	8,623	10,567	(18.4)	8,618	0.1	2.03%.
Federal Bank	Loans (Rs bn)	2,454	2,303	6.6	2,412	1.8	PPOP to decrease by 5.1% due to lower other
	Margin (%)	2.85	3.23	-38bps	2.90	-5bps	income. Provisions are expected to come down by 20% QoQ.
	GNPA (%)	1.90	2.09	-19bps	1.91	-1bps	-
	Credit Cost (%)	0.52	0.28	25bps	0.66		Asset quality (GNPA) could improve by 1bps QoQ and credit cost could decline by 14bps
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Company Name		Q2FY26E	Q2FY25	YoY gr. (%)	Q1FY26	QoQ gr. (%)	Remark			
	NII (Rs mn)	5,890	5,092	15.7	5,804	1.5				
	PPOP (Rs mn)	2,664	2,551	4.4	3,269	(18.5)	Loan growth may come in at 4.2% QoQ with NII growth of 1.5% QoQ. Expect margins to			
	Provisions (Rs mn)	800	456	<i>7</i> 5.4	1,151	(30.5)	decline QoQ by 12bps. PPoP could fall by			
DCB Bank	PAT (Rs mn)	1,385	1,555	(10.9)	1,573	(12.0)	18.5% QoQ due to lower margins and lower			
ось вапк	Loans (Rs bn)	534	445	20.0	512	4.2	other income.			
	Margin (%)	3.30	3.38	-8bps	3.42	-12bps	We expect credit cost to decrease by 30 bp			
	GNPA (%)	2.99	3.29	-30bps	2.98	1bps	whiile GNPAs are expected to be up by 1bps to 2.99%.			
	Credit Cost (%)	0.60	0.41	19bps	0.90	-30bps	to 2.007%			
	NII (Rs mn)	6,488	5,825	11.4	6,253	3.8	Loan growth could be up by 5.0% QoQ. We			
	PPOP (Rs mn)	4,459	4,282	4.1	4,509	(1.1)	expect NII to improve by 3.8% and PPoP to decline by 1.1% QoQ due to decline in other			
	Provisions (Rs mn)	770	700	10.0	700	10.0	income.			
0:: 11 : 5 1	PAT (Rs mn)	2,914	2,852	2.2	3,059	(4.7)	Margins might improve by 2bps QoQ to			
City Union Bank	Loans (Rs bn)	557	478	16.6	530	5.0	3.50% due to fall in CoFs.			
	Margin (%)	3.50	3.52	-2bps	3.48	2bps	Provisions are expected to increase by 10.0%			
	GNPA (%)	2.64	3.54	-90bps	2.99	-35bps	QoQ while GNPA might improve by 35bps			
	Credit Cost (%)	0.55	0.59	-3bps	0.53	3bps	QoQ. Credit cost expected to come in at 55bps.			
Source: Compo	any, PL						·			

Exhibit 15: Q2FY26 Result Preview (PSU Banks)

Company Name		Q2FY26E	Q2FY25	YoY gr. (%)	Q1FY26	QoQ gr. (%)	Remark
	NII (Rs mn)	4,15,200	4,16,195	(0.2)	4,10,725	1.1	NII is expected to be up by 1.0% QoQ with
	PPOP (Rs mn)	2,81,730	2,92,937	(3.8)	3,05,445	(7.8)	loan growth seen at 3.2%. Margins could fall
	Provisions (Rs mn)	44,261	45,057	(1.8)	47,592	(7.0)	by 6bps sequentially.
State Bank of	PAT (Rs mn)	1,75,727	1,83,314	(4.1)	1,91,604	(8.3)	PPoP to decline by 7.8% QoQ.
ndia	Loans (Rs bn)	43,305	38,574	12.3	41,962	3.2	Provisions expected to decline by 7% QoQ.
	Margin (%)	2.70	2.96	-26bps	2.76	-6bps	Asset quality in terms of GNPA to improve by
	GNPA (%)	1.77	2.13	-35bps	1.83	-6bps	6 bps while credit cost is expected to fall by
	Credit Cost (%)	0.41	0.47	-6bps	0.45	-4bps	4bps.
	NII (Rs mn)	1,13,831	1,16,221	(2.1)	1,10,495	3.0	NII could inch up by 3.0% QoQ while loan
	PPOP (Rs mn)	68,693	94,770	(27.5)	82,365	(16.6)	growth would come in at 6.0% QoQ. Margins
	Provisions (Rs mn)	18,686	23,357	(20.0)	19,669	(5.0)	could decline by 5bps to 2.70% due to lower yield on advances.
Davida of Davida	PAT (Rs mn)	36,505	52,379	(30.3)	45,414	(19.6)	yield off advances.
Bank of Baroda	Loans (Rs bn)	12,574	11,212	12.2	11,866	6.0	
	Margin (%)	2.70	3.04	-34bps	2.75	-5bps	decline in margins and other income.
	GNPA (%)	2.13	2.50	-37bps	2.28	-15bps	
	Credit Cost (%)	0.59	0.83	-24bps	0.66	-7bps	credit costs could decrease by 7bps.
	NII (Rs mn)	90,323	90,473	(0.2)	91,126	(0.9)	NII to fall by 0.9% QoQ. Loan growth largely
	PPOP (Rs mn)	62,693	81,128	(22.7)	69,087	(9.3)	remains flattish at 0.1% QoQ. Margins could fall slightly sequentially by 4bps to 2.60%.
	Provisions (Rs mn)	17,311	17,122	1.1	16,645	4.0	PPoP to decrease by 9.3% QoQ on account o
Jnion Bank of	PAT (Rs mn)	33,129	47,197	(29.8)	41,155	(19.5)	lower other income and decline in margins.
ndia	Loans (Rs bn)	9,466	8,971	5.5	9,461	0.1	Provisions are expected to increase in
	Margin (%)	2.60	2.77	-17bps	2.64	-4bps	Q2FY26 leading to further fall in PAT by 19.5% QoQ.
	GNPA (%)	3.43	4.36	-93bps	3.52	-9bps	Asset quality in terms of GNPA to improve by 9 bps while credit cost is expected to
	Credit Cost (%)	0.73	0.76	-3bps	0.70	3bps	increase by 3bps.

Source: Company, PL



**Exhibit 16: Change in Estimates** 

	Rating		ing Towart Dries		NII (Rs bn)				PPoP (Rs bn)					PAT (Rs bn)									
	Rat	ing	Target Price		e	FY26E FY27E			FY26E FY27E						FY26E			FY27E					
	С	Р	С	Р	% Chng.	С	Р	% Chng.	С	Р	% Chng.	С	Р	% Chng.	С	Р	% Chng.	С	Р	% Chng.	С	Р	% Chng.
Axis Bank	BUY	BUY	1,375	1,375	0.0%	555.9	564.0	-1.4%	627.0	630.0	-0.5%	443.0	448.5	-1.2%	504.3	501.7	0.5%	260.3	264.7	-1.7%	310.7	309.5	0.4%
HDFC Bank	BUY	BUY	1,075	1,075	0.0%	1,309.8	1,306.7	0.2%	1,515.3	1,497.6	1.2%	1,173.6	1,170.5	0.3%	1,249.1	1,238.5	0.9%	727.4	725.4	0.3%	840.3	833.6	0.8%
ICICI Bank	BUY	BUY	1,730	1,730	0.0%	874.4	876.7	-0.3%	1,000.6	1,007.6	-0.7%	736.1	740.4	-0.6%	825.8	835.9	-1.2%	500.1	501.8	-0.3%	555.9	561.3	-1.0%
IndusInd Bank	HOLD	HOLD	780	780	0.0%	185.2	186.2	-0.6%	203.4	207.6	-2.0%	102.9	104.0	-1.0%	110.6	114.0	-3.0%	31.6	32.1	-1.8%	44.7	46.2	-3.2%
Kotak Mahindra Bank	BUY	BUY	2,350	2,350	0.0%	301.1	301.9	-0.3%	352.8	353.0	-0.1%	220.9	220.8	0.0%	252.8	253.8	-0.4%	138.5	138.3	0.1%	165.1	165.3	-0.2%
Federal Bank	BUY	BUY	220	220	0.0%	96.7	99.9	-3.2%	115.0	120.6	-4.6%	61.8	64.4	-4.1%	75.2	77.6	-3.1%	36.8	38.2	-3.8%	46.4	47.9	-3.0%
DCB Bank	BUY	BUY	155	155	0.0%	24.5	24.2	1.3%	29.0	29.2	-0.6%	12.0	11.0	8.5%	13.8	14.0	-0.8%	6.4	6.1	4.5%	7.7	7.9	-2.2%
City Union Bank	BUY	BUY	245	245	0.0%	26.8	26.3	1.9%	31.9	31.0	3.1%	18.4	18.2	1.1%	21.8	21.6	1.1%	12.2	12.0	2.0%	14.3	14.3	0.6%
Bank of Baroda	BUY	BUY	270	270	0.0%	471.3	473.7	-0.5%	546.4	543.7	0.5%	299.9	302.2	-0.8%	327.2	324.4	0.8%	159.6	162.5	-1.8%	175.0	174.3	0.4%
State Bank of India	BUY	BUY	960	960	0.0%	1,724.4	1,723.0	0.1%	2,003.7	2,013.4	-0.5%	1,212.6	1,076.2	12.7%	1,234.1	1,243.8	-0.8%	760.4	659.4	15.3%	757.9	765.1	-0.9%
Union Bank of India	BUY	BUY	150	150	0.0%	374.5	380.2	-1.5%	419.2	429.2	-2.3%	264.5	271.1	-2.4%	302.4	308.5	-2.0%	147.5	149.9	-1.6%	164.2	166.5	-1.4%

Source: Company, PL C=Current / P=Previous / Acc=Accumulate



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Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
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2	Axis Bank	BUY	1,375	1,161
3	Bank of Baroda	BUY	270	243
4	Can Fin Homes	BUY	875	813
5	City Union Bank	BUY	245	214
6	DCB Bank	BUY	155	142
7	Federal Bank	BUY	220	196
8	HDFC Asset Management Company	BUY	5,700	5,357
9	HDFC Bank	BUY	2,150	1,957
10	ICICI Bank	BUY	1,730	1,426
11	IndusInd Bank	Hold	780	808
12	Kotak Mahindra Bank	BUY	2,350	2,121
13	LIC Housing Finance	BUY	725	591
14	Nippon Life India Asset Management	BUY	860	794
15	State Bank of India	BUY	960	804
16	Union Bank of India	BUY	150	146
17	UTI Asset Management Company	BUY	1,300	1,329

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