

Bajaj Finance (BAF IN)

Rating: ACCUMULATE | CMP: Rs1,048 | TP: Rs1,125

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Analyst Meet Update

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Change in Estimates

	Cu	rrent	Pre	evious
	FY27E	FY28E	FY27E	FY28E
Rating	ACCU	MULATE	Н	IOLD
Target Price	1	,125	1	,030
NII (Rs.)	6,60,249	8,11,419	6,60,249	8,11,419
% Chng.	-	-		
PPoP (Rs.)	4,63,087	5,72,560	4,62,087	5,69,499
% Chng.	0.2	0.5		
EPS (Rs.)	43.7	54.7	43.6	54.3
% Chng.	0.3	0.7		

Key Financials - Consolidated

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Int.Inc. (Rs m)	4,29,548	5,37,579	6,60,249	8,11,419
Growth (%)	23.0	25.1	22.8	22.9
Op. Profit (Rs m)	3,00,457	3,73,569	4,63,087	5,72,560
PAT (Rs m)	1,67,795	2,11,461	2,71,163	3,39,489
EPS (Rs.)	27.0	34.1	43.7	54.7
Gr. (%)	14.7	26.0	28.2	25.2
DPS (Rs.)	2.7	3.4	4.4	5.5
Yield (%)	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
Margin (%)	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.5
RoAE (%)	19.0	19.5	20.8	21.4
RoAA (%)	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.4
PE (x)	38.8	30.8	24.0	19.2
P/BV (x)	6.5	5.5	4.6	3.7
P/ABV (x)	6.7	5.7	4.7	3.8

Key Data	BJFN.BO BAF IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.1,103 / Rs.668
Sensex / Nifty	85,712 / 26,186
Market Cap	Rs.6,521bn/ \$ 72,463m
Shares Outstanding	6,222m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.8151.54m

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	54.66
Foreign	21.97
Domestic Institution	15.41
Public & Others	7.96
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	(0.9)	17.3	53.2
Relative	(3.5)	11.5	46.1

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LRS 2026-30: Betting big on FINAI

BAF outlined its long-term strategic framework (LRS 2026-30). Key themes revolved around customer centricity, AI adoption and risk management. Company aims to grow disbursements 10x by launching new products and leverage technology as a catalyst to drive growth (100 mn loans/ 3.5- 4.5 bn web visitors/ 160-180 mn app downloads) and reduce operating cost (Opex to NIM ratio of 31% by FY30). It expects to maintain a resilient asset quality profile with GNPA/ NNPA below 1.2%/ 0.4% over the long-term. While BAF has lowered its FY26 growth guidance to ~23%, it is seeing strong traction in new verticals (Cars, Gold, MFI) and new customer addition. We expect AUM growth of 24%/ 23% in FY27E/ FY28E led by new product lines and higher cross-sell. We expect BAF to deliver an RoA/ RoE of 4.4%/ 21.4% by FY28E. Upgrade to ACCUMULATE with a TP of Rs 1,125 (4.6x Sep-27 P/ABV vs. 4.2x earlier) on improved long-term growth outlook and cost profile. Elevated credit cost remains a near-term drag.

- Moving to a customer-centric model: Company aims to transition from a product-centric approach to a customer-centric model by focusing on experience, long-term relationships and products/ processes designed for customer satisfaction. It is planning to launch a wealth management business and increase Product Per Customer (PPC) to 7.5 products vs. ~6 products currently. By launching new products and offering all these products to all customers across all channels (Web, App, Social, POS and call-center), it expects to grow disbursements by 10x- from Rs 8bn per month to Rs 80bn.
- To be a technology leader in financial services: BAF continues to leverage technology as a catalyst to drive innovation, anticipate trends and re-shape business models. It has identified two main strategies for this goal- (1) Data for AI (organize structured and unstructured data) (2) Consumer AI to transform customer experience (a dedicated new consumer AI platform). With these initiatives, it expects to (1) reach 100 mn loans (2) increase net users (3.5- 4.5 bn web visitors/ 160-180 mn app downloads) (3) boost digital contribution to 30% (4) cut service requests and queries by 90% with an improved cost profile- 31% Opex to NIM by FY30 (vs. 34.7% in FY25).
- Aim to be the lowest risk company in India: Company reiterated low tolerance across all dimensions of risk- credit risk, operational risk, fraud risk, compliance risk, market risk, technology risk and reputation risk while maintaining sustainable growth and profitability. With greater resilience and scalability, it expects to keep GNPA/ NNPA controlled below 1.2%/ 0.4%.
- Our view and valuation: While BAF has lowered its FY26 growth guidance to ~23% due to slower growth in the MSME and mortgage portfolio, it is seeing strong traction in new verticals (Cars, Gold, MFI) and is on track to add 17 mn new customers in FY26. Post FY26E, we expect AUM growth of 24%/ 23% in FY27E/ FY28E led by new product lines, new users (via web/ app downloads) and higher product penetration per customer (PPC of ~7.5). We tweak our opex estimates for FY27/ FY28E as investments in AI, technology and customer innovation are likely to pay off over the long-term. We expect BAF to deliver an RoA/ RoE of 4.4%/ 21.4% by FY28E.



Exhibit 1: Change in our estimates

	Revised Estimate		Earlier Estimate			Change in estimates			
	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net interest income (Rsmn)	537,579	660,249	811,419	537,579	660,249	811,419	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Operating profit (Rsmn)	373,569	463,087	572,560	373,569	462,087	569,499	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%
PAT (Rsmn)	211,461	271,163	339,489	211,461	270,413	337,193	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%
ABVPS (Rs)	185	225	275	185	225	274	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%

Exhibit 2: 12 strategies of LRS 2026-30

A customer-centric A technology leader in The lowest risk company financial services in India in India company serving all needs of the customer Al augmentation to deliver agility in Risk 3. Data for Al 1. Design thinking methodology 4. Consumer Al 10.Al fraud risk model to eliminate fraud 2. Transition from 'product-5. Enterprise Al centric' to 'customer-centric' 11. A compliance-centric, Al driven operations and service 6. Agentic Al 7. BFS intelligence 12. Debt management services – Technology leadership and 8. Technology solutions to products agentics

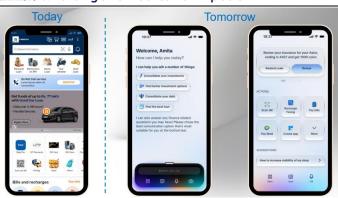
Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 3: Offering all products across all channels



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 4: Building a new Consumer AI platform



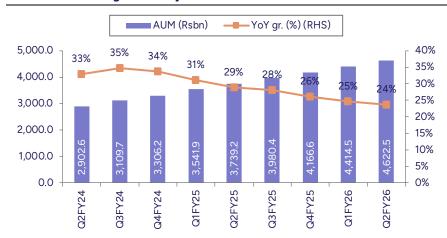
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Exhibit 5: Key aspects of LRS 2026-30

No.	Metrics	H1 FY26	LRS FY30
1	Customer Franchise (MM)	110.6	200-220
2	Cross Sell Franchise (MM)	71.3	120-130
3	India payments GMV	0.17%	0.4-0.5%
4	Share of total credit	2.32%	3.2-3.5%
5	Share of retail credit	2.81%	3.6-4.0%
6	Location Presence	4,039	4,600-4,900
7	App - Net installs (MM)	78	160-180
8	Web - Visitors (MM)	305	3,500-4,500
9	Return on Equity	19.2%	19-21%
10	AUM per Cross Sell Franchise (₹)	64.8k	85k-90k
11	PAT per Cross Sell Franchise (₹)	1,362	3.7k-3.9k
12	PPC	6.05	6.5-7.5

Exhibit 6: Q2 AUM grew steady at 24% YoY



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 7: AUM mix over the past quarters



Source: Company, PL

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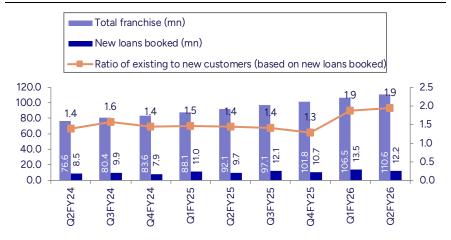
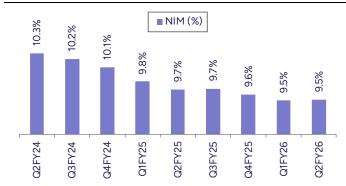
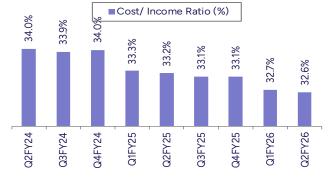


Exhibit 9: NIM (%) trajectory over the past few quarters

Exhibit 10: Cost to income ratio (%) is seeing improvement

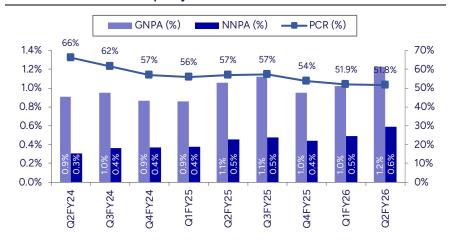




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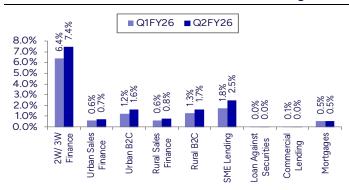
Exhibit 11: Headline asset quality has weakened due to stress in MSME/ auto

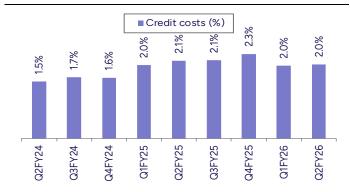


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Exhibit 12: GNPA (%)- 2W/ 3W finance & MSME seeing stress

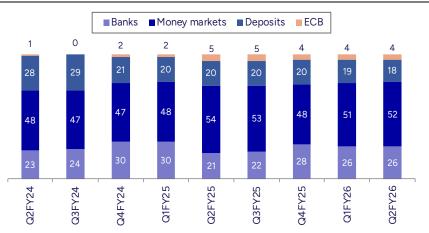
Exhibit 13: Credit cost (%) elevated over the near-term





Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 14: Funding mix over the past quarters



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 15: One-year forward P/ABV of BAF trades at 4.6x



Source: Company, PL



/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Int. Inc. / Opt. Inc.	6,77,256	8,28,755	9,87,975	12,14,472
Interest Expenses	2,47,708	2,91,177	3,27,726	4,03,053
Net interest income	4,29,548	5,37,579	6,60,249	8,11,419
Growth(%)	23.0	25.1	22.8	22.9
Non-interest income	20,170	21,275	28,592	35,280
Growth(%)	50.8	5.5	34.4	23.4
Net operating income	4,49,718	5,58,853	6,88,840	8,46,699
Expenditures				
Employees	75,083	93,984	1,13,382	1,36,629
Other Expenses	74,178	91,300	1,12,372	1,37,510
Depreciation	-	-	-	
Operating Expenses	1,49,261	1,85,284	2,25,754	2,74,139
PPP	3,00,457	3,73,569	4,63,087	5,72,560
Growth(%)	25.5	24.3	24.0	23.6
Provisions	79,660	91,372	1,01,536	1,19,908
Profit Before Tax	2,20,796	2,82,198	3,61,551	4,52,652
Tax	53,002	70,737	90,388	1,13,163
Effective Tax rate(%)	24.0	25.1	25.0	25.0
PAT	1,67,795	2,11,461	2,71,163	3,39,489
Growth(%)	16.1	26.0	28.2	25.2

Balance Sheet (Rs. m)				
Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Source of funds				
Equity	6,209	6,209	6,209	6,209
Reserves and Surplus	9,88,127	11,70,314	14,20,331	17,32,703
Networth	9,94,336	11,76,523	14,26,539	17,38,912
Growth (%)	28.8	18.3	21.3	21.9
Loan funds	27,52,180	33,33,722	39,46,079	45,09,607
Growth (%)	24.9	21.1	18.4	14.3
Deferred Tax Liability	-	-	-	-
Other Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	8,16,859	10,75,020	15,33,694	22,02,661
Total Liabilities	45,63,375	55,85,265	69,06,312	84,51,180
Application of funds				
Net fixed assets	1,21,547	1,33,023	1,59,098	1,89,657
Advances	41,66,610	51,18,869	63,52,606	78,10,562
Growth (%)	27.7	22.9	24.1	23.0
Investments	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	2,75,218	3,33,372	3,94,608	4,50,961
Net current assets	2,75,218	3,33,372	3,94,608	4,50,961
Other Assets	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	45,63,375	55,85,265	69,06,312	84,51,180
Growth (%)	21.4	22.4	23.7	22.4
Business Mix				
AUM	41,66,610	51,18,869	63,52,606	78,10,562
Growth (%)	26.0	22.9	24.1	23.0
On Balance Sheet	41,66,610	51,18,869	63,52,606	78,10,562
% of AUM	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Off Balance Sheet	-	-	-	-
% of AUM		-	-	-

Profitability	ጲ	Capital	(%)

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
NIM	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.5
ROAA	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.4
ROAE	19.0	19.5	20.8	21.4

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Quarterly Financials (Rs. m)				
Y/e Mar	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26
Int. Inc. / Operating Inc.	1,57,682	1,63,591	1,71,447	1,77,960
Income from securitization	17,002	16,642	18,852	19,767
Interest Expenses	63,856	65,520	69,177	70,113
Net Interest Income	1,10,828	1,14,714	1,21,122	1,27,614
Growth (%)	23.6	22.7	21.6	22.2
Non-Interest Income	5,930	4,542	4,986	4,114
Net Operating Income	1,16,757	1,19,256	1,26,108	1,31,728
Growth (%)	25.6	22.7	21.0	20.3
Operating expenditure	38,670	39,493	41,230	42,959
PPP	78,088	79,763	84,878	88,769
Growth (%)	-	-	-	-
Provision	20,433	23,289	21,202	22,688
Exchange Gain / (Loss)	-	-	-	-
Profit before tax	57,654	56,474	63,676	66,081
Tax	14,572	11,018	16,023	16,604
Prov. for deferred tax liability	-	-	-	-
Effective Tax Rate	25.3	19.5	25.2	25.1
PAT	43,082	45,456	47,653	49,478
Growth	18	19	22	23
AUM	39,80,430	41,66,610	44,14,500	46,22,500
YoY growth (%)	28.0	26.0	24.6	23.6
Borrowing	25,57,550	27,52,180	29,14,210	39,74,009
YoY growth (%)	27.8	24.9	25.9	62.4

Key Ratios				
Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
CMP (Rs)	1,048	1,048	1,048	1,048
EPS (Rs)	27.0	34.1	43.7	54.7
Book value (Rs)	160.2	189.5	229.8	280.1
Adj. BV(Rs)	157.2	185.5	225.1	274.5
P/E(x)	38.8	30.8	24.0	19.2
P/BV(x)	6.5	5.5	4.6	3.7
P/ABV(x)	6.7	5.7	4.7	3.8
DPS (Rs)	2.7	3.4	4.4	5.5
Dividend Payout Ratio(%)	-	-	-	-
Dividend Yield(%)	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Gross NPAs(Rs m)	39,650	58,978	70,892	85,618
Net NPA(Rs m)	18,340	25,053	28,708	34,486
Gross NPAs to Gross Adv.(%)	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1
Net NPAs to net Adv.(%)	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
NPA coverage(%)	53.7	57.5	59.5	59.7

Du-Pont as a % of AUM					
Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	
NII	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.6	
NII INCI. Securitization	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.6	
Total income	10.8	11.0	11.0	11.0	
Operating Expenses	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	
PPOP	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.5	
Total Provisions	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.6	
RoAA	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.4	
Avg. Assets/Avg. net worth	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.9	
RoAE	19.0	19.5	20.8	21.4	

Source: Company Data, PL Research

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Sr. No.	CompanyName	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	Bajaj Finance	Hold	1,030	1,085
2	Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company	Hold	1,725	1,704
3	HDFC Life Insurance Company	BUY	900	761
4	ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company	BUY	710	597
5	Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services	Hold	300	300
6	Max Financial Services	BUY	1,925	1,702
7	SBI Life Insurance Company	Hold	1,950	1,903
8	Shriram Finance	BUY	875	749
9	Sundaram Finance	Hold	5,000	4,691

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 Buy
 : > 15%

 Accumulate
 : 5% to 15%

 Hold
 : +5% to -5%

 Reduce
 : -5% to -15%

 Sell
 : < -15%</td>

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