

One-off DTA charge drags earnings

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CMP (Rs): 108 | TP (Rs): 130

PNB reported a better-than-expected PPOP, supported by in-line NII and higher treasury gains, although partly offset by higher opex (including PSLC cost). However, a one-off deferred tax write-off of Rs33.2bn due to the shift to the new tax regime resulted in a lower net profit of Rs16.8bn (vs our estimated Rs41bn) in Q1FY26. Ahead, the bank's effective tax rate is expected to reduce to ~25% vs ~35% earlier, and keep RoA above 1%. Credit growth moderated to ~11% YoY in Q1FY26; the bank, however, expects growth to be around 11-12% in FY26. NIM contraction was limited (as seen across PSBs) at 11bps QoQ to 2.7%; the bank expects NIM to remain broadly stable in Q2FY26 and improve thereafter as cost-benefits seep in. We trim FY26E earnings by ~5% due to the DTA impact, while raising FY27E earnings by 3% on benefit from the lower tax rate. Factoring in reasonable RoA/RoE of ~0.9-1%/~14% and cheap valuations at 0.8x Jun-27E ABV, we retain BUY with an unchanged TP of Rs130.

Slower growth, albeit relatively resilient margins

PNB reported moderate credit growth of ~11% YoY/1.3% QoQ, from ~15% in Q4FY25, driven by slower growth across retail (11.8% YoY), agriculture (6.2% YoY), and corporate (7.6% YoY) segments. Deposit growth remained moderate at ~13% YoY/1.5% QoQ, with the CASA ratio declining by 83bps QoQ to 35.8%. The LDR ratio remains stable at 69%, with scope for improvement. NIM declined by 11bps QoQ (vs peers' contraction at 7-18bps) to 2.7%, mainly due to a 22bps drop in loan yields. The management expects credit growth around 11-12% and deposit growth at 9-10%; NIM to remain at ~2.7% in Q2, with improvement likely from Q3, supported by deposit repricing and CRR-related benefits.

Lower slippages drive improvement in GNPA

Gross slippages declined to Rs18.9bn/0.8% of loans which coupled with higher write-offs led to 17bps QoQ reduction in the GNPA ratio to 3.8%. The specific PCR remained stable and healthy at 90%, leading to a lower NNPA ratio at ~0.4%. However, SMA-2 increased slightly to ~Rs16bn, ie 0.15% of loans vs 0.02% in Q4FY25. The management does not see any stress in the MSME segment, as exposures are secured either by collaterals or covered under CGFMU while incremental slippages in MSME remain at 2.5-3.0%. The management guided for overall slippages below 1% and recoveries of Rs160bn, with Rs60bn recoveries from written-off accounts. Ahead, the bank expects asset quality to trend well which should keep credit cost lower.

We retain BUY with a TP of Rs130

Factoring in reasonable RoA/RoE of ~0.9-1%/~14% and cheap valuations at 0.8x Jun-27E ABV (adjusted for subsidiary/investment value of Rs10/sh), we retain BUY with an unchanged TP of Rs130. Key risks: Macro deterioration derailing growth, asset-quality normalization, and ECL implementation.

Target Price – 12M	Jun-26
Change in TP (%)	-
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Upside/(Downside) (%)	20.4

Stock Data	PNB IN
52-week High (Rs)	128
52-week Low (Rs)	85
Shares outstanding (mn)	11,492.9
Market-cap (Rs bn)	1,242
Market-cap (USD mn)	14,211
Net-debt, FY26E (Rs mn)	NA
ADTV-3M (mn shares)	26
ADTV-3M (Rs mn)	2,807.6
ADTV-3M (USD mn)	32.1
Free float (%)	29.9
Nifty-50	24,855.1
INR/USD	87.4

Shareholding, Jun-25

Promoters (%)	70.1
FPIs/MFs (%)	5.5/15.1

Price Performance

(%)	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	(2.2)	7.9	(13.9)
Rel. to Nifty	0.4	5.6	(13.9)

1-Year share price trend (Rs)**Punjab National Bank: Financial Snapshot (Standalone)**

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net profit	82,446	166,302	173,049	204,501	218,049
Loan growth (%)	12.5	15.3	12.0	12.8	13.5
NII growth (%)	16.2	6.7	2.8	9.9	14.3
NIM (%)	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4
PPOP growth (%)	10.7	7.6	8.4	4.1	11.7
Adj. EPS (Rs)	7.5	14.8	15.1	17.8	18.9
Adj. EPS growth (%)	228.8	97.4	1.9	18.0	6.3
Adj. BV (INR)	81.7	99.1	112.9	125.7	139.0
Adj. BVPS growth (%)	23.9	21.3	14.0	11.3	10.5
RoA (%)	0.5	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9
RoE (%)	8.7	15.3	13.6	14.2	13.5
P/E (x)	13.1	6.6	6.5	5.5	5.2
P/ABV (x)	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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Key Concall takeaways

Outlook on loans, deposits, and margin

- The bank targets 11-12% loan growth and 9-10% deposit growth in FY26, with the credit-deposit (CD) ratio expected to improve to 73% by Mar-26 (from the current 69%).
- The bank has sanctioned corporate loans totalling Rs1.3trn, of which Rs0.4trn remains in the pipeline. These are primarily project finance loans across sectors such as power, renewables, smart metering, InvITs, REITs, and food processing, and are expected to be disbursed in Q2 and Q3.
- The growth momentum in RAM (Retail, Agriculture, and MSME) segments is expected to continue. The bank aims to enhance disbursement turnaround time through digital initiatives.
- Loan mix - Repo - 47%, MCLR - 30%, T-bill linked - 9%, Fixed - 7.8%, Others - 6.2%.
- NIMs are expected to improve from Q3, supported by deposit repricing (~100bps reduction in bulk TD rates, from 7.85-7.9% to 6.85-6.9%) and the benefit from CRR cut. Accordingly, the bank guided for FY26 NIM at 2.8-2.9%.
- Loan yields stand at 8.6% for retail, 8.82% for agriculture, and 10.12% for MSME segments. MCLR has been reduced by 15bps to 8.90%.

Asset quality

- The bank targets to keep its GNPA ratio <3% and NNPA ratio ~0.4%, with PCR (incl TWO) >96%. Credit cost is guided to remain <0.5%.
- Total recoveries are targeted at Rs160bn, including Rs60bn from written-off accounts.
- The bank has not observed any material stress in its MSME portfolio. Lending is either backed by collateral or covered under the CGFMU scheme. Slippages within MSME were largely confined to Mudra loans (<Rs1mn), which are covered under insurance, enabling the bank to recover 75% from the government. MSME loans >Rs1mn continue to perform well. Slippages on incremental MSME lending remain contained at 2.5-3%.
- The overall SMA book declined to 6.14%, from 6.9%.
- The total SMA exposure stands at Rs690bn, comprising Rs430bn in SMA-0, Rs133bn in SMA-1, and Rs12.7bn in SMA-2. Segment-wise: MSME - Rs240bn; Agri - Rs52bn; Retail - Rs17.8bn.
- In Q1, recoveries from written-off accounts stood at Rs17bn, and interest recovery was Rs5bn.

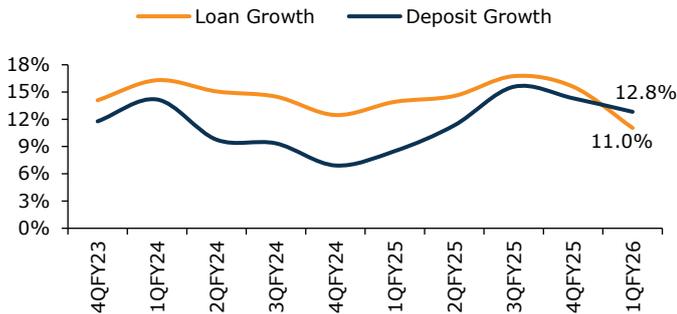
Others

- Operating expenses were elevated in Q1 due to PSLC purchases amounting to Rs8.5bn. Operating expense run-rate is guided at Rs80-88bn for the next few quarters.
- The bank has waived off minimum balance charges across savings accounts.
- The bank has migrated to the new tax regime (effective rate at 25% vs 35% earlier), which is expected to enhance RoA by ~16bps, translating to tax savings of Rs21bn.

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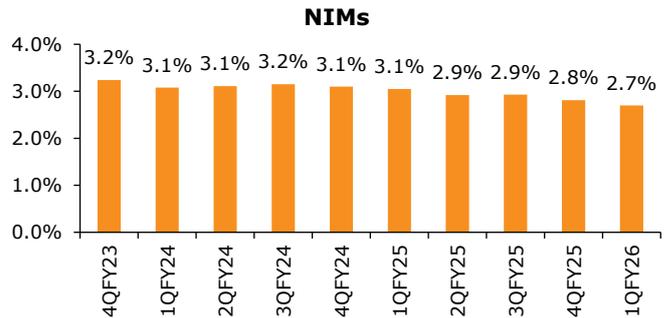
Story in Charts

Exhibit 1: Credit growth as well as deposit growth moderated



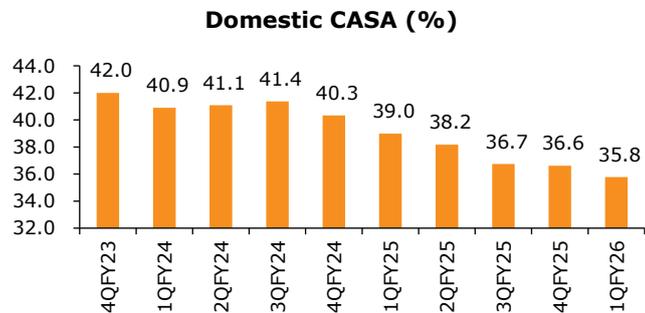
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Exhibit 2: NIM contraction was contained at 11bps QoQ



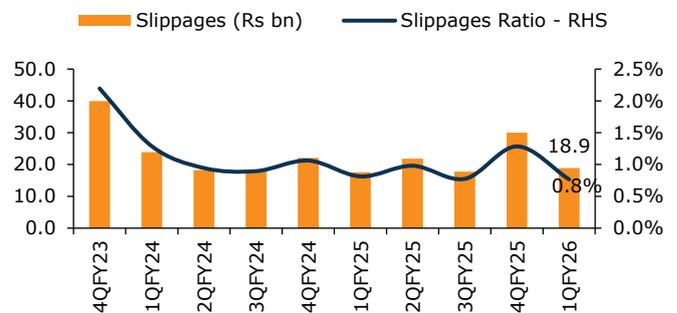
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Exhibit 3: CASA ratio continued to decline



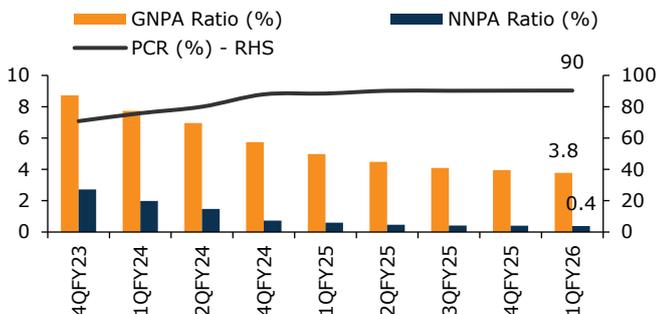
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Exhibit 4: Slippage declined QoQ, owing to broad-based reduction across segments particularly agri (down 58bps QoQ)...



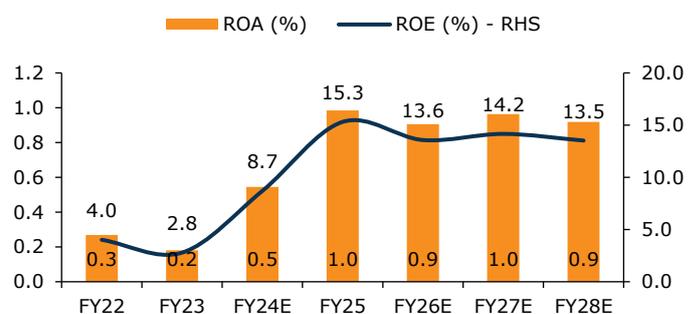
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Exhibit 5: ...resulting in improvement in the GNPA ratio by ~17bps QoQ, while the NNPA ratio remained sticky at ~0.4%



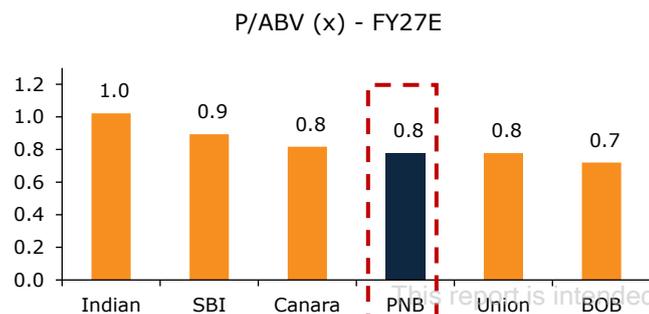
Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 6: We expect the bank to post healthy RoAs at 0.9-1% in FY26-28E



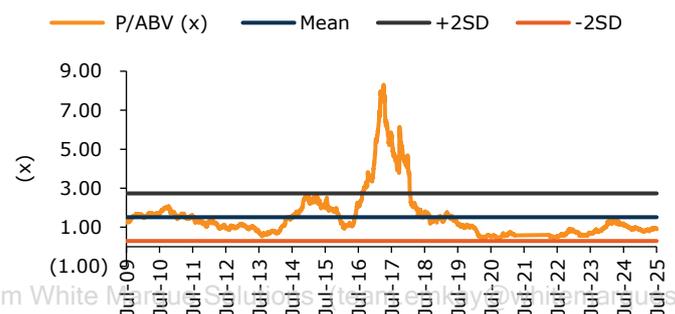
Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 7: PNB is reasonably valued vs peers



Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 8: The stock currently trades at 0.9x its 1YF ABV



Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 9: Actuals vs Estimates (Q1FY26)

(Rs mn)	Actuals	Estimates		Variation		Comments
		Emkay	Consensus	Emkay	Consensus	
Net income	1,58,459	1,44,445	1,39,325	10%	14%	Higher other income (especially treasury gains) led to higher net income.
PPOP	70,814	64,616	66,377	10%	7%	Higher net income partly offset by higher opex led to a PPOP beat.
PAT	16,750	41,283	39,365	-59%	-57%	One-off DTA impact owing to a shift to the new tax regime led to a PAT miss.

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 10: Quarterly Summary

(Rs mn)	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25	4QFY25	1QFY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	FY25	FY26E	YoY (%)
Interest Earned	285,564	298,750	313,398	319,895	319,639	12	0	1,217,607	1,269,378	4
Interest Expenses	180,802	193,583	203,076	212,325	213,859	18	1	789,786	829,695	5
Net Interest Income	104,763	105,167	110,323	107,570	105,781	1	-2	427,822	439,683	3
Global NIM (reported)	3.05	2.92	2.93	2.81	2.70	-35bps	-11bps	2.68	2.43	-25bps
Non-interest Income	36,095	45,721	34,119	47,159	52,678	46	12	163,094	189,041	16
Operating Expenses	75,046	82,355	78,236	86,972	87,646	17	1	322,609	337,937	5
Pre-Provisioning Profit	65,812	68,533	66,206	67,757	70,814	8	5	268,307	290,787	8
Provision and Contingencies	13,123	2,880	(2,854)	3,597	3,231	-75	-10	16,746	16,106	-4
PBT	52,689	65,653	69,060	64,160	67,583	28	5	251,561	274,681	9
Income Tax Expense (Gain)	20,173	22,618	23,977	18,490	50,833	152	175	85,259	101,632	19
Net Profit/(Loss)	32,516	43,035	45,082	45,670	16,750	-48	-63	166,302	173,049	4
Gross NPA (%)	4.98	4.48	4.09	3.95	3.78	-120bps	-17bps	3.95	3.18	-77bps
Net NPA (%)	0.60	0.46	0.41	0.40	0.38	-22bps	-2bps	0.40	0.46	6bps
Deposits (Rs bn)	14,082	14,583	15,297	15,666	15,894	13	1	15,666	17,286	10
Net Advances (Rs bn)	9,840	10,196	10,700	10,775	10,920	11	1	10,775	12,063	12

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 11: Revision in Estimates

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY26E			FY27E			FY28E		
	Earlier	Revised	Change	Earlier	Revised	Change	Earlier	Revised	Change
Net income	628,067	628,725	0.1%	674,062	665,732	-1.2%	747,155	733,223	-1.9%
PPOP	288,177	290,787	0.9%	308,459	302,765	-1.8%	350,827	338,264	-3.6%
PAT	181,763	173,049	-4.8%	199,475	204,501	2.5%	221,980	218,049	-1.8%
EPS (Rs)	15.8	15.1	-4.8%	17.3	17.8	2.5%	19.2	18.9	-1.8%
BV (Rs)	116.2	118.3	1.8%	129.5	132.6	2.4%	144.3	146.6	1.6%

Source: Emkay Research

Exhibit 12: Key Assumptions

(%)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Loan Growth	15.3	12.0	12.8	13.5
Deposit Growth	14.4	10.3	11.1	12.5
NIM	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4
GNPA	3.9	3.2	2.6	2.2
Credit Cost	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3

Source: Emkay Research

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Exhibit 13: Key Ratios and Trends

	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25	4QFY25	1QFY26
Loans (Rs bn)	9,175	9,417	9,673	9,860	10,293	10,625	11,103	11,166	11,299
Growth (% YoY)	14.5	13.3	12.9	11.3	12.2	12.8	14.8	13.6	9.8
Growth (% QoQ)	3.6	2.6	2.7	1.9	4.4	3.2	4.6	0.6	1.2
Liability Profile									
Deposits (Rs bn)	12,979	13,099	13,235	13,697	14,082	14,583	15,297	15,666	15,894
growth (% YoY)	14.2	9.8	9.3	6.9	8.5	11.3	15.6	14.4	12.9
growth (% QoQ)	1.3	0.9	1.0	3.5	2.8	3.6	4.9	2.4	1.5
Asset Quality and Capital									
GNPA (%)	7.7	7.0	6.2	5.7	5.0	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.8
NNPA (%)	1.9	1.4	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
PCR (%)	75.8	80.0	85.4	87.9	88.4	90.2	90.2	90.3	90.3
Slippages (Rs mn)	23,900	18,260	17,930	22,060	17,550	21,810	17,740	30,010	18,860
Slippages (%)	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.7
CAR (%)	15.5	15.1	14.6	16.0	15.8	16.4	15.4	17.0	17.5
Tier I (%)	12.3	12.0	11.7	13.2	13.0	13.6	12.5	14.1	14.6
ROE Decomposition (on total assets; %)									
NII	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.3
Other Income (Ex Treasury)	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.8
Treasury	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Opex	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.9
PPOP	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.6
Provisioning Cost	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.1	(0.1)	0.1	0.1
PBT	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.5
Tax	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	1.1
ROA	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.4
ROE	5.0	6.9	8.5	11.4	11.9	14.7	14.6	14.4	5.2

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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Punjab National Bank: Standalone Financials and Valuations

Profit & Loss					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Interest Income	1,069,016	1,217,607	1,269,378	1,332,403	1,437,186
Interest Expense	668,186	789,786	829,695	849,218	884,679
Net interest income	400,831	427,822	439,683	483,186	552,507
NII growth (%)	16.2	6.7	2.8	9.9	14.3
Other income	133,835	163,094	189,041	182,547	180,716
Total Income	534,666	590,915	628,725	665,732	733,223
Operating expenses	285,358	322,609	337,937	362,967	394,958
PPOP	249,308	268,307	290,787	302,765	338,264
PPOP growth (%)	10.7	7.6	8.4	4.1	11.7
Core PPOP	242,397	229,075	230,224	244,016	281,178
Provisions & contingencies	117,366	16,746	16,106	29,368	46,756
PBT	131,942	251,561	274,681	273,397	291,509
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Tax expense	49,496	85,259	101,632	68,896	73,460
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0
Income from JV/Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	82,446	166,302	173,049	204,501	218,049
PAT growth (%)	228.8	101.7	4.1	18.2	6.6
Adjusted PAT	82,446	166,302	173,049	204,501	218,049
Diluted EPS (Rs)	7.5	14.8	15.1	17.8	18.9
Diluted EPS growth (%)	228.8	97.4	1.9	18.0	6.3
DPS (Rs)	1.5	3.0	3.0	3.6	3.8
Dividend payout (%)	20.0	20.0	19.9	20.3	20.2
Effective tax rate (%)	37.5	33.9	37.0	25.2	25.2
Net interest margins (%)	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4
Cost-income ratio (%)	53.4	54.6	53.7	54.5	53.9
Shares outstanding (mn)	11,011.0	11,492.9	11,492.9	11,530.6	11,568.4

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Asset quality and other metrics					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Asset quality					
Gross NPLs	563,430	440,815	394,309	358,890	343,979
Net NPLs	84,514	42,905	55,203	71,778	89,435
GNPA ratio (%)	5.7	3.9	3.2	2.6	2.2
NNPA ratio (%)	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6
Provision coverage (%)	85.0	90.3	86.0	80.0	74.0
Gross slippages	58,262	67,613	93,012	118,064	149,107
Gross slippage ratio (%)	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0
LLP ratio (%)	1.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3
NNPA to networth (%)	8.1	3.4	3.9	4.5	5.0
Capital adequacy					
Total CAR (%)	16.0	17.0	17.6	17.5	17.2
Tier-1 (%)	13.2	14.0	14.8	14.9	14.8
CET-1 (%)	-	-	-	-	-
RWA-to-Total Assets (%)	47.1	45.5	45.0	45.0	45.0
Miscellaneous					
Total income growth (%)	23.6	14.8	5.6	3.9	6.8
Opex growth (%)	18.4	13.1	4.8	7.4	8.8
Core PPOP growth (%)	2.4	(5.5)	0.5	6.0	15.2
PPOP margin (%)	20.7	19.4	19.9	20.0	20.9
PAT/PPOP (%)	33.1	62.0	59.5	67.5	64.5
LLP-to-Core PPOP (%)	48.4	7.3	7.0	12.0	16.6
Yield on advances (%)	8.8	8.6	7.7	7.2	6.9
Cost of funds (%)	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.2

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Balance Sheet					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Share capital	22,022	22,986	22,986	23,061	23,137
Reserves & surplus	1,042,744	1,250,637	1,418,799	1,588,345	1,754,395
Net worth	1,064,766	1,273,622	1,441,785	1,611,407	1,777,532
Deposits	13,697,128	15,666,233	17,285,585	19,206,592	21,607,851
Borrowings	504,299	837,767	625,871	643,267	661,034
Interest bearing liab.	14,201,427	16,504,000	17,911,456	19,849,859	22,268,885
Other liabilities & prov.	352,158	404,085	693,651	949,491	1,009,002
Total liabilities & equity	15,618,350	18,181,707	20,046,891	22,410,756	25,055,420
Net advances	9,344,306	10,774,746	12,062,542	13,602,733	15,440,981
Investments	4,203,182	4,973,113	5,531,521	6,113,547	6,833,834
Cash, other balances	1,291,046	1,487,198	1,502,916	1,657,989	1,628,822
Interest earning assets	14,838,534	17,235,057	19,096,979	21,374,269	23,903,637
Fixed assets	123,188	130,534	156,342	171,976	189,174
Other assets	656,629	816,117	793,569	864,511	962,609
Total assets	15,618,350	18,181,707	20,046,891	22,410,756	25,055,420
BVPS (Rs)	89.2	103.6	118.3	132.6	146.6
Adj. BVPS (INR)	81.7	99.1	112.9	125.7	139.0
Gross advances	9,823,221	11,172,656	12,401,648	13,889,845	15,695,525
Credit to deposit (%)	68.2	68.8	69.8	70.8	71.5
CASA ratio (%)	40.3	36.6	33.9	34.0	35.5
Cost of deposits (%)	4.7	5.0	4.7	4.4	4.1
Loans-to-Assets (%)	59.8	59.3	60.2	60.7	61.6
Net advances growth (%)	12.5	15.3	12.0	12.8	13.5
Deposit growth (%)	6.9	14.4	10.3	11.1	12.5
Book value growth (%)	7.4	16.2	14.2	12.1	10.5

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Valuations and key Ratios					
Y/E Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
P/E (x)	13.1	6.6	6.5	5.5	5.2
P/B (x)	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
P/ABV (x)	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7
P/PPOP (x)	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.1	3.7
Dividend yield (%)	1.4	2.7	2.8	3.3	3.5
DuPont-RoE split (%)					
NII/avg assets	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.3
Other income	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8
Fee income	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Opex	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7
PPOP	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4
Core PPOP	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.2
Provisions	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Tax expense	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3
RoA (%)	0.5	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9
Leverage ratio (x)	16.0	15.6	15.0	14.7	14.7
RoE (%)	8.7	15.3	13.6	14.2	13.5

Quarterly data					
Rs mn	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26
NII	104,763	105,167	110,323	107,570	105,781
NIM (%)	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7
PPOP	65,812	68,533	66,206	67,757	70,814
PAT	32,516	43,035	45,082	45,670	16,750
EPS (Rs)	3.0	3.7	3.9	4.0	1.5

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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Date	Closing Price (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
23-Jul-25	110	130	Buy	Anand Dama
08-May-25	91	125	Buy	Anand Dama
09-Apr-25	96	125	Buy	Anand Dama
31-Jan-25	101	125	Buy	Anand Dama
29-Oct-24	101	125	Buy	Anand Dama
26-Jan-24	105	125	Buy	Anand Dama
30-Nov-23	78	78	Reduce	Anand Dama
27-Oct-23	73	78	Hold	Anand Dama

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RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



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