RESULT REPORT Q1 FY25 | Sector: Asset Managers

Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC

Equity business improves, yield remains stable

Our view - SIP flows drive equity business, equity yield remains stable

Equity business - Equity business continues to improve even as management aspires for further improvement: The lump sum inflows into the recent NFO have been good. While lump sum flows are improving, SIPs have been the key driver of flows. The SIP flows for the quarter were Rs 37bn while the SIP AUM stood at Rs 770bn. Overall, a large component of the flows have gone into the thematic funds. Fund flows are improving outside thematic funds as well but the company is not yet satisfied with these flows.

Revenue Yield – Overall revenue yield has remained stable sequentially and so has equity segment yield: Overall revenue yield has remained stable sequentially at 44 bps. Notably, equity segment yield has remained stable sequentially on a standalone basis at 68 bps. While the company does not intend to pay too much distributor commission, it will also not completely rationalize commission and will follow the middle path.

We maintain 'ADD' rating on ABSL with a revised price target of Rs 800: We value ABSL at 24.0x FY26 P/E, at which the stock would trade at an FY26 P/B of 5.4x.

(See Comprehensive con call takeaways on page 2 for significant incremental colour.)

Other Aspects (See "Our View" above for elaboration and insight)

- Revenue: Revenue from operations at Rs 3,866mn was up 5.8%/24.3% QoQ/YoY, lagging/leading QAAUM growth of 6.3%/18.7% QoQ/YoY.
- Share of Equity in AUM: Share of Equity in AUM (including Hybrid funds) at 46.0% was up 16bps QoQ and 604bps YoY (calculated on rounded off figures)
- Share of B-30 in AUM: Share of B-30 in AUM at 17.7% was up 20bps QoQ and 170bps YoY
- Channel mix: Share of MFDs, Banks, NDs and Direct was 33%, 8%, 16% and 43%, respectively in overall AUM (Ex-ETF)
- Operating profit margin: Operating profit margin for the quarter, at 57.0%, was up 235bps QoQ and 93bps YoY

Exhibit 1: Result table

Rs mn	Q1FY25	Q1FY24	YoY	Q4FY24	QoQ
Revenue from operation	3,866	3,112	24.3%	3,656	5.8%
As % of QAUM^	0.44%	0.42%	2bps	0.44%	Obps
Fees and Commission Expenses	105	82	28.0%	99	5.4%
As % of revenue	2.7%	2.6%	8bps	2.7%	-1bps
Employee Benefit Expenses	892	774	15.3%	842	6.0%
As % of revenue	23.1%	24.9%	-178bps	23.0%	4bps
Other Expenses	667	557	19.8%	666	0.1%
As % of revenue	17.2%	17.9%	-65bps	18.2%	-97bps
Total Expense	1,664	1,412	17.8%	1,607	3.5%
Operating Profit	2,203	1,700	29.6%	2,049	7.5%
As % of QAUM^	0.2%	0.2%	2bps	0.2%	Obps
As % of revenue	57.0%	54.6%	235bps	56.0%	93bps
Other Income	948	778	21.9%	745	27.3%
Finance cost	14	8	81.0%	17	-15.4%
Depreciation	91	66	38.1%	101	-9.2%
Profit before Tax	3,045	2,403	26.7%	2,676	13.8%
Tax Expense	688	557	23.5%	592	16.2%
Profit After Tax	2,357	1,846	27.7%	2,084	13.1%
As % of QAUM^	0.3%	0.2%	2bps	0.3%	2bps
As % of revenue	61.0%	59.3%	165bps	57.0%	397bps

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Recommendation : **ADD**

Current Price : Rs 697

Target Price : Rs 800

Potential Return : +15%

Stock data (as on July 25, 2024)

Nifty	24,406
52 Week h/I (Rs)	732/382
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	202534/2419
Outstanding Shares (mn)	288
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	157
Div yield (%):	2.1
Bloomberg code:	ABSLAMC IN
NSE code:	ABSLAMC

Stock performance



Shareholding pattern (As of Mar'24 end)

Promoter	75.3%
FII+DII	16.5%
Others	8.2%

∧ in stance

(1-Yr)	New	Old
Rating	ADD	ADD
Target Price	800	750

Financial Summary

Rs mn	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Revenue	13,532	15,570	17,685
YoY Growth	10.3%	15.1%	13.6%
EBIDTA Margin	56.2%	57.8%	59.1%
PAT	7,804	8,276	9,616
YoY Growth	30.8%	6.1%	16.2%
ROE	27.4%	24.2%	24.3%
EPS (Rs)	27.1	28.7	33.4
P/E (x)	25.7	24.3	20.9
BV (Rs)	110.0	127.2	147.3
P/BV (x)	6.3	5.5	4.7

Δ in earnings estimates

Rs.	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
EPS (New)	NA	28.7	33.4
EPS (Old)	NA	28.0	32.5
% change	NA	2.7%	2.7%

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COMPREHENSIVE CON-CALL TAKEAWAYS

Equity business

Equity inflows

• SIP vs Lump Sum

- o While lump sum flows are improving, SIPs have been the key driver of flows.
- The majority of inflows in the SIP business emerge from mutual fund distributors and the digital channel.
- The lump sum inflows into the recent NFO have been good.
- SIP flows
 - The SIP flows for the quarter were Rs 37bn
 - They were Rs 13.67bn for the month (presumably for June).

SIP AUM

The SIP AUM stood at Rs 770bn.

Fund category aspects

- For the existing funds, flows have been good in the largecap and thematic funds.
- For existing diversified funds, the flows have been going into the key largecap and flexicap strategies.
- Overall, a large component of the flows have gone into the thematic funds.
- The thematic funds that have done well are Digital India, PSU, Banking and Gen Next (Consumer- focused).
- Fund flows are improving outside thematic funds as well but the company is not yet satisfied with these flows.

Budget aspects

 Management believes the increase in capital gains tax on equity mutual funds would not impact inflows since these come in for long-term investment needs.

Fund performance

- 65% of the company's funds are either in the first or the second quartile.
- Now, the performance is looking good not only over a 1-year horizon but also longerterm.

Client segments

- Retail
 - o Retail segment is under focus and the productivity of RMs is being monitored.

Institutional

 For the institutional business, the company is reaching out to family offices and ultra-HNIs.

NRI segment

 There is going to focus on the NRI segment via the GIFT City and Dubai offices and sharper focus on customer addition.

Fixed income business

Budget aspects

- For fixed income funds, there is status quo.
- Some positive steps, which were expected, did not come through.

Product innovation

- The company is developing a product offering which is a fixed income-oriented scheme with higher return expectation.
- This would include a credit opportunities fund and as well a related yield fund.
- These products would be targeted to HNI and family office needs.

(Con call takeaways continue on the next page)

Yield aspects

- Segmental book yields
 - Equity 68 bps
 - Debt 25-26 bps
 - Liquid 12-13 bps

Distribution commission

 While the company does not intend to pay too much distributor commission, it will also not completely rationalize commission and follow the middle path.

Operating expenses

Guidance

- Both employee expenses and non-employee expenses growth can be expected to be in the 10-12% range.
- There would be continued employee addition and branch expansion but productivity gains would keep opex under control.

Expenses

- The total operating expenses stood at Rs. 1.66bn, up by 17.8% YoY and 3.5% QoQ.
- Employee expenses
 - o The employee expense for the quarter was up by 15.3% YoY.
 - 70 employees were added during the quarter, taking the employee count to 1520.
 - o The ESOP cost for the quarter amounted to Rs 30mn.

Other operating expenses

o Other operating expense was up by 20.8% YoY.

New fund pipeline

- The company has 2 approvals in place, on of which is an Innovation Fund and another being an index fund.
- The company has also taken some incremental approvals from its Board and will file these products with the SEBI.
- There is a pipeline for the GIFT City for both outward and inward remittance business.

Key AUM aspects

- Total company AUM
 - The total company level average AUM was Rs. 3,676bn, up 19% YoY
- Total mutual fund AUM
 - The mutual fund quarterly average AUM was Rs. 3,525bn, up 19% YoY.
- Equity mutual fund AUM
 - The equity mutual funds average AUM was Rs. 1,621bn for the quarter, comprising 46.0% of total mutual fund AUM.
- Folios serviced
 - The outstanding folio count serviced amounts to 9.40mn.
 - ABSL AMC has added 0.81mn folios in 1QFY25

(Con call takeaways continue on the next page)



SIP business

- Monthly SIP inflow was at Rs. 13.67bn.
- Currently, 4.05mn live SIP accounts are being serviced.
- The total SIP AUM is about Rs. 770bn.

B-30 AUM

• The share of B-30 AUM has risen to 17.7% of total mutual fund AUM.

Individual MAAUM

The individual MAAUM was at Rs 1,857 bn and contributed 52.7% to the total AUM

Collection in NFO

- The collection in the Quant fund NFO launched during the quarter was Rs 24bn
- The Company's Quant fund is now one of the largest fund in this category

Passive Fund business

- AUM
 - The total passive fund AUM was at Rs 299 bn as of June 2024, up 4.2% YoY.

Products offered

ABSL AMC now has total of 44 products in the passive segment.

Folios

• Number of folios served are 0.75mn.

Alternative assets business

- PMS/AIF
 - The total QAAUM in the PMS and AIF segment was Rs. 34 bn.
 - Fund raising is currently underway in ABSL India Special Opportunities Fund (CAT III AIF)
 - AIF pipeline
 - o ABSL Structured Opportunities Fund (CAT II AIF)
 - ABSL Money Manager Fund (CAT II AIF)

Offshore

- The total QAAUM in the Offshore segment was Rs. 112 bn.
- Fund raising is currently underway for ABSL Global Emerging Market Equity Fund (IFSC) and the collection has reached around Rs 4bn and the company will be closing this fund soon.
- Other schemes where fund raising is currently underway are ABSL index Linked Fund (IFSC) and ABSL India Opportunities Fund
- Product pipeline
 - o ABSL India ESG Engagement Fund (IFSC)
 - ABSL Flexi Cap Fund (IFSC)
 - o ABSL Global Bluechip Fund (IFSC)

Overall profitability aspects

- Operating Profit
 - Operating profit for 1QFY25 was Rs. 2.10bn, up 29% YoY.
- Profit After Tax
 - PAT for 1QFY25 was Rs. 2.36 bn, up 28% YoY.



Exhibit 2: Other Business Parameters

Rs mn	Q1FY25	Q1FY24	YoY	Q4FY24	QoQ
MF QAAUM	3,525,000	2,969,371	18.7%	3,317,091	6.3%
Individual share	53%	51%	213bps	52%	47bps
Monthly SIP Book	13,670	9,870	39%	12,520	9%
AAUM Mix					
Alternate and Offshore - Others	9,000	9,000	0%	9,000	0%
Domestic - Liquid	546,000	571,000	-4%	497,000	10%
Domestic - Fixed Income	1,358,000	1,213,000	12%	1,300,000	4%
Alternate and Offshore - Equity	142,000	106,000	34%	132,000	8%
Domestic - Equity	1,621,000	1,186,000	37%	1,520,000	7%
QAAUM Mix (% proportion)					
Alternate and Offshore - Others	0.2%	0.3%	-5bps	0.3%	-2bps
Domestic - Liquid	14.9%	18.5%	-366bps	14.4%	48bps
Domestic - Fixed Income	36.9%	39.3%	-238bps	37.6%	-65bps
Alternate and Offshore - Equity	3.9%	3.4%	43bps	3.8%	5bps
Domestic - Equity	44.1%	38.4%	565bps	44.0%	14bps
Channel Mix – Ex-ETF (% proportion)					
Bank	8%	9%	-100bps	8%	0bps
National Distributor	16%	17%	-100bps	17%	-100bps
MFDs	33%	32%	100bps	34%	-100bps
Direct	43%	42%	100bps	41%	200bps
Geographical Spread					
T-30	82%	84%	-170bps	83%	-20bps
B-30	18%	16%	170bps	18%	20bps

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

Exhibit 3: Quarterly Actuals Vs Estimates

Q1FY25 (Rs. mn)	Actuals	Estimates	Diff, %
Revenue	3,866	3,930	(1.6)
EBITDA	2,203	2,201	0.1
PAT	2,357	2,220	6.2

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research



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Exhibit 4: Balance sheet statement

(Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Share Capital	1,440	1,440	1,441	1,441	1,441
Share Warrants & Outstanding	0	0	0	0	0
Total Reserves	20,525	23,730	30,248	35,214	40,983
Shareholder's Funds	21,965	25,170	31,689	36,654	42,424
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Trade Payables	304	482	576	605	635
Lease liabilities	544	480	791	873	944
Other financial liabilities	659	506	667	700	735
Total Financial Liabilities	1,507	1,468	2,034	2,178	2,315
Current tax liabilities	0	107	35	36	38
Provisions	375	412	442	464	487
Deferred Tax Liabilities (net)	252	348	614	644	677
Other non-financial liabilities	249	377	206	216	227
Total Non-Financial Liabilities	876	1,243	1,296	1,360	1,428
TOTAL LIABILITIES	24,347	27,881	35,019	40,193	46,167
Cash and Bank	979	1,266	848	1,151	1,564
Trade receivables	262	245	407	428	449
Loans	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	21,210	23,592	31,222	35,905	41,291
Other Financial assets	183	598	140	147	155
Total Financial Assets	22,634	25,701	32,617	37,630	43,458
Current tax assets (net)	305	420	177	186	195
Property, plant and equipment	137	187	299	316	330
Right of use assets	485	427	701	783	854
Capital Work in Progress	15	10	6	7	7
Intangible assets under development	14	10	13	14	15
Other intangible assets	98	88	109	106	100
Other non-financial assets	659	1,038	1,097	1,151	1,209
Total Non-Financial Assets	1,714	2,180	2,401	2,562	2,709
TOTAL ASSETS	24,347	27,881	35,019	40,193	46,167

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

Exhibit 5: Profit & Loss statement

(Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue excl. treasury income	12,930	12,266	13,532	15,570	17,685
Operating Expense					
Fees and Commission	198	229	351	436	498
Employee Expense	2,532	2,772	3,208	3,528	3,881
Other Expenses	2,003	2,215	2,364	2,600	2,860
Total Expenses	4,733	5,216	5,922	6,565	7,240
Operating Profit	8,196	7,050	7,610	9,005	10,445
Other Income	1,156	1,271	2,874	2,452	2,819
Depreciation	356	343	346	363	381
Finance Cost	49	39	56	59	62
Profit before Tax	8,947	7,939	10,082	11,034	12,821
Tax	2,219	1,975	2,278	2,759	3,205
Net Profit	6,728	5,964	7,804	8,276	9,616

 $Source: Company, YES \, Sec - Research$



Exhibit 6: Cash flow statement

(Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
PBT	8,947	7,939	10,082	11,034	12,821
Depreciation	356	343	346	145	153
Change in working cap	(738)	(1,293)	812	8	9
Tax paid	(2,337)	(1,795)	(1,839)	(2,759)	(3,205)
Others	(596)	(820)	(2,552)	(2,392)	(2,757)
Cash flow from operations	5,632	4,373	6,848	6,037	7,020
Capex	(160)	(186)	(301)	(161)	(161)
Change in investments	(2,940)	(1,292)	(4,976)	(4,683)	(5,386)
Others	115	135	169	(71)	(74)
Cash flow from investments	(2,985)	(1,343)	(5,107)	(4,915)	(5,621)
Equity raised/(repaid)	0	0	1	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	0	0	0	0	0
Dividend (incl tax)	(2,318)	(3,125)	(1,512)	(3,310)	(3,846)
Others	(241)	(222)	(174)	2,491	2,860
Cash flow from financing	(2,560)	(3,347)	(1,686)	(820)	(986)
Net change in cash	87	(316)	55	302	413

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

Exhibit 7: Change in annual estimates

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	Revised Estimate		Earlie	Earlier Estimate			% Revision		
T/e 31 Mar (RS IIII)	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	NA	15,570	17,685	NA	15,267	17,344	NA	2.0	2.0
Operating Profit	NA	9,005	10,445	NA	8,710	10,114	NA	3.4	3.3
Profit After Tax	NA	8,276	9,616	NA	8,055	9,367	NA	2.7	2.7

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research



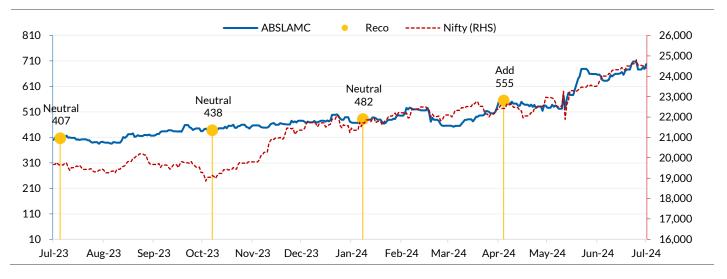
Exhibit 8: Ratio analysis

Y/e 31 Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Growth ratios (%)					
AAUM	5.2%	-10.3%	11.6%	16.3%	14.2%
Revenue excl. investment income	21.1%	-5.1%	10.3%	15.1%	13.6%
Total Expenses	1.4%	10.2%	13.5%	10.9%	10.3%
Operating Profit	36.4%	-14.0%	7.9%	18.3%	16.0%
Profit Before Tax	28.6%	-11.3%	27.0%	9.5%	16.2%
Net profit	27.8%	-11.4%	30.8%	6.1%	16.2%
As a % of Avg AUM					
Revenue excl. investment income	0.41%	0.44%	0.43%	0.43%	0.43%
Operating Expense	0.15%	0.19%	0.19%	0.18%	0.17%
Operating Profit	0.26%	0.25%	0.24%	0.25%	0.25%
PBT	0.29%	0.28%	0.32%	0.30%	0.31%
Net profit	0.22%	0.21%	0.25%	0.23%	0.23%
Operating Ratios					
Operating Profit Margin	63.4%	57.5%	56.2%	57.8%	59.1%
PBT Margin	69.2%	64.7%	74.5%	70.9%	72.5%
PAT Margin	52.0%	48.6%	57.7%	53.2%	54.4%
ROE	34.5%	25.3%	27.4%	24.2%	24.3%
Dividend Payout Ratio	49.0%	49.5%	49.8%	40.0%	40.0%
Per share					
EPS, Rs.	23.4	20.7	27.1	28.7	33.4
Book Value, Rs.	76.3	87.4	110.0	127.2	147.3
Valuation Ratios					
P/E, x	29.9	33.7	25.7	24.3	20.9
P/BV, x	9.1	8.0	6.3	5.5	4.7
Mcap to AUM, %	6.4%	7.2%	6.4%	5.5%	4.8%
Dividend Yield, %	1.6%	1.5%	1.9%	1.6%	1.9%
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