Fedbank Financial Services | BUY

Steady quarter; outlook positive

Fedbank Financial Services (Fedfina) reported PAT of INR 750mn (+7%/+5% YoY/QoQ) which was 14% above our estimates, leading to RoA/RoE of 2.3%/11.6% over the quarter. The beat was mainly driven by lower credit costs of ~71bps (vs 85bps QoQ). Operating performance however was weak on account of NIMs decline of -57bps mainly due to derecognition of its business loans (INR 7.7bn) leading to lower interest income. Opex declined -9% QoQ due to lower originations which led to steady PPoP growth (flat YoY, -2% QoQ). Disbursements growth was healthy at +6% QoQ, +19% YoY, however AUM remained stable at -1% QoQ as growth in gold loans and MTLAP was offset by rundown in unsecured BL. GS3/NS3 remained largely stable (-3%/+9bps QoQ) led by INR 250mn sale of NPA to ARC while PCR declined to 46% (-503bps QoQ). The company opened 23 co-located branches where it offers LAP and gold loans both. Management have plans to open 150 branches in FY26 with increasing its presence of co-located branches which will offer strong tailwinds in terms of opex over the medium term. We expect normalization in NIMs from Q2 onwards and expect STLAP and gold book to contribute higher yields going forward while rate cuts will offer further tailwinds on CoFs. We maintain BUY with a revised target price of INR 140, valuing the stock at 1.6x FY27E BVPS.

- Flat AUM growth led by sale of unsecured BL: Fedfina reported healthy disbursements of INR ~59.3bn (+6% QoQ, +19% YoY), resulting in AUM of INR 157bn (-1 QoQ, +19% YoY). The de-growth was mainly due to sale of INR 7.7bn worth of business loans leading its mix to decline from 10% of total AUM to 4% QoQ in line with management's strategy to recalibrate the portfolio towards higher-yielding and low risk segments. Other segments reported healthy growth with gold loans (+8% QoQ, +39% YoY), MTLAP (+10% QoQ, +49% YoY), and STLAP (+2% QoQ, +11% YoY). Management indicated demand to recover in STLAP over few quarters, with gold loans to have a healthy momentum (growth of FY26e at +25% YoY). We build in AUM growth of 19% CAGR over FY25-27E mainly led by gold loans.
- Lower provisions drive PAT beat: Fedfina reported NII of INR 2.68bn (-5% QoQ, +7% YoY, -9% JMFe), supported by a sequential decline in cost of funds (-10bps QoQ to 8.5%). NIM compressed -57bps QoQ to 6.8%, driven by a -60bps QoQ decline in yields mainly due to de-recognition of its business loans (INR 7.7bn) leading to lower interest income. Opex reduced to INR 1.7bn (-9% QoQ, +9% YoY), which led cost to income ratio to decline to 57.6% (-160bps QoQ). This led to PPoP of INR 1.3bn (flat YoY, -2% QoQ). Lower provisions at INR 278mn (~71bps of AUM vs 85bps QoQ) led to a sharp beat of +14% on PAT at INR 750mn (+5% QoQ, +7% YoY). In the current quarter, company has started 23 co-located branches where it offers both LAP and gold loans. Further, company has guided for around 150 branches expansion in FY26 (100 of which being gold branches) which would lead to higher opex over near term, however leverage to flow in over medium term.
- Steady asset quality led by sale of NPA to ARC: Gross stage 3 broadly remained flat at 2%

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Recommendation and Price Target				
Current Reco.	BUY			
Previous Reco.	BUY			
Current Price Target (12M)	140			
Upside/(Downside)	13.5%			
Previous Price Target	135			
Change	3.7%			

Key Data – FEDFINA IN	
Current Market Price	INR123
Market cap (bn)	INR46.0/US\$0.5
Free Float	29%
Shares in issue (mn)	369.4
Diluted share (mn)	
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR85.9/US\$1.0
52-week range	132/80
Sensex/Nifty	80,891/24,681
INR/US\$	86.7

Price Performance	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	7.6	35.5	0.3
Relative*	11.8	28.2	0.9

^{*} To the BSE Sensex

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Profit	2,447	2,252	3,334	4,578	5,539
Net Profit (YoY) (%)	35.8%	-8.0%	48.1%	37.3%	21.0%
Assets (YoY) (%)	22.8%	19.0%	20.1%	23.2%	23.4%
ROA (%)	2.4%	1.8%	2.3%	2.6%	2.5%
ROE (%)	13.5%	9.4%	12.3%	14.7%	15.3%
EPS	6.6	6.0	8.9	12.3	14.9
EPS (YoY) (%)	18.4%	-8.8%	48.1%	37.3%	21.0%
P/E (x)	18.6	20.4	13.7	10.0	8.3
BV	61	68	77	90	104
BV (YoY) (%)	45.3%	11.7%	13.1%	15.9%	16.6%
P/BV (x)	2.01	1.80	1.59	1.37	1.18

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Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 28/Jul/2025

(-3bps QoQ) while net stage 3 increased +9bps QoQ to 1.1% led by INR 250mn sale of NPA to ARC. PCR declined to 46% (-503bps QoQ). Mortgage GS3 declined to 3.4% (vs 3.3% QoQ) while gold GS3 also declined to 0.3% (vs 0.4% QoQ). 1+DPD increased +70bps QoQ to 8.0% (7.5% without business loan impact). Stage-2 assets also improved -12bps QoQ to 4.0%. Management guided for credit costs to be maintained at ~1% (+/-10bps) as the company had taken elevated provisions in 3Q which led PCR to move up significantly from earlier 20% levels to now at 46% (-503bps QoQ). Thus the PCR is likely to go down while keeping its credit costs intact. Also, since ~40% of its book is gold loans, it requires lower provisions while 82.3% of the mortgage AUM is secured by self-occupied residential/commercial property. Further, management has guided gold loan mix to be around 43-45% and balance to be mortgage business (STLAP and MTLAP). We build in ~1% avg credit costs over FY26-27E.

Valuation and view: We expect normalization in NIMs from Q2 onwards and expect STLAP and gold book to contribute higher yields going forward while rate cuts will offer further tailwinds on CoFs. We maintain BUY with a revised target price of INR 140, valuing the stock at 1.6x FY27E BVPS.

FEDFINA – 1QFY26 Quarterly Performance

Exhibit 1. FEDFINA - 1QFY	26 Results S	inapshot					
Earnings Table (INR mn)	1Q'25	4Q'25	1Q'26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	1Q'26E	%var
Interest Income (a)	4,520	4,992	4,861	8%	-3%	5,150	-6%
Interest Expenses (b)	2,024	2,159	2,180	8%	1%	2,218	-2%
Net Interest Income	2,496	2,833	2,682	7%	-5%	2,933	-9%
Non-Interest Income	390	383	342	-12%	-11%	417	-18%
Total Income	2,886	3,216	3,024	5%	-6%	3,350	-10%
Employees Cost	918	1,060	925	1%	-13%		
Other Expenditure	524	688	693	32%	1%		
Total Operating Expenses	1,598	1,904	1,742	9%	-9%	1,956	-11%
Operating Profit (PPP)	1,288	1,312	1,282	0%	-2%	1,394	-8%
Provisions & Write Offs	352	325	278	-21%	-14%	519	-46%
PBT	936	987	1,004	7%	2%	875	15%
Tax	234	270	253	8%	-6%	219	16%
Reported Profit	702	717	750	7%	5%	656	14%
Business Growth (INR bn)							
Assets Under Management	131.9	158.1	157.0	19%	-1%	161.3	
Disbursements	50.0	55.8	59.3	19%	6%	58.6	
Credit Quality							
Gross Stage 3(%)	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2bps	-3bps	0.0%	
Net Stage 3 (%)	1.6%	1.0%	1.1%	-52bps	9bps	0.0%	
Coverage Ratio (%)	19.3%	51.3%	46.3%	2693bps	-503bps	0.0%	
Credit cost (%) (AUM)	1.1%	0.8%	0.71%	-40bps	-14bps	1.3%	
Capital Adequacy (%)							
CAR (%)	22.8%	21.9%	22.8%	-4bps	88bps	0.0%	
Return ratios (%)							
RoA (%)	2.4%	2.2%	2.3%	-10bps	10bps	0.0%	
RoE (%)	12.3%	11.4%	11.6%	-70bps	20bps	0.0%	
Other Ratios (%)							
NIM (%)	7.9%	7.4%	6.8%	-106bps	-57bps	7.3%	
Cost to income (%)	55.4%	59.2%	57.6%	225bps	-160bps	57.6%	
Cost to Assets (%)	5.5%	5.7%	5.3%	-27bps	-47bps	5.3%	

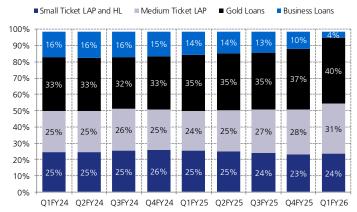
Quarterly Trends

Exhibit 2. Disbursements seasonally soft



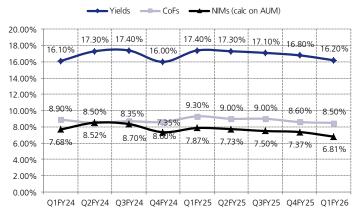
Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 4. Gold loans and MTLAP gaining share in mix



Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 6. Margins decline led by one-off



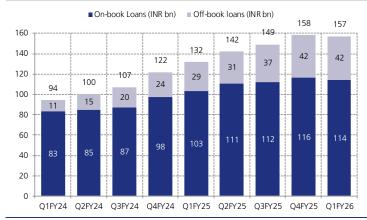
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Exhibit 3. Lower AUM growth due to sale of unsecured BL book



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Exhibit 5. Trend in on-book mix



Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 7. Cost-to-income improves sequentially

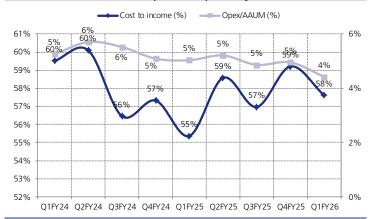


Exhibit 8. Credit costs improved sequentially

■ Credit costs % 3.0% 3.0% 2.5% 2.0% 1.5% 1.2% 1.1% 0.9% 0.8% 1.0% 0.7% 0.6% 0.6% 0.5% 0.5% 0.0% Q3FY24 Q4FY24 Q1FY25 Q2FY25 Q3FY25 Q4FY25 Q1FY26 Q1FY24 Q2FY24

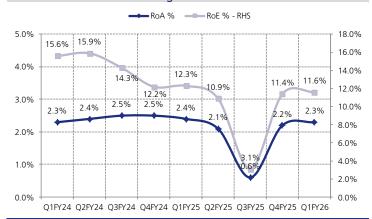
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Exhibit 9. Largely stable asset quality



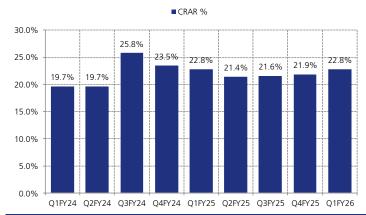
Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 10. Return ratios holding better



Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 11. Trend in capital adequacy



Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 12. One year forward P/B chart



Financial Tables (Standalone)

Income Statement				(1	NR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Interest Income (NII)	8,121	10,708	12,063	14,609	17,350
Non Interest Income	1,313	1,552	1,785	2,142	2,571
Total Income	9,434	12,260	13,848	16,751	19,921
Operating Expenses	5,495	7,059	7,816	8,817	10,170
Pre-provisioning Profits	3,939	5,201	6,032	7,934	9,752
Loan-Loss Provisions	119	2,164	1,587	1,829	2,366
Others Provisions	525	0	0	0	0
Total Provisions	659	2,164	1,587	1,829	2,366
PBT	3,281	3,038	4,446	6,104	7,385
Tax	834	786	1,111	1,526	1,846
PAT (Pre-Extra ordinaries)	2,447	2,252	3,334	4,578	5,539
Extra ordinaries (Net of Tax)	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Profits	2,447	2,252	3,334	4,578	5,539
Dividend	0	0	0	0	0
Retained Profits	2,447	2,252	3,334	4,578	5,539

Source: Company, JM Financial

Balance Sheet					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Equity Capital	3,694	3,727	3,727	3,727	3,727
Reserves & Surplus	18,914	21,746	25,081	29,659	35,198
Stock option outstanding	0	0	0	0	0
Borrowed Funds	82,146	1,02,687	1,16,036	1,45,045	1,81,306
Deferred tax liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Preference Shares	0	0	0	0	0
Current Liabilities & Provisions	6,624	4,337	14,325	17,647	21,781
Total Liabilities	1,11,378	1,32,497	1,59,169	1,96,078	2,42,012
Net Advances	98,225	1,16,464	1,36,925	1,67,979	2,09,263
Investments	7,513	4,042	4,655	5,711	6,278
Cash & Bank Balances	1,855	8,347	9,585	11,759	14,648
Loans and Advances	345	193	479	588	732
Other Current Assets	2,002	1,477	1,127	2,159	1,362
Fixed Assets	1,417	1,868	6,367	7,843	9,680
Miscellaneous Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Tax Assets	22	107	31	39	48
Total Assets	1,11,378	1,32,497	1,59,169	1,96,078	2,42,012

Source: Company, JM Financial

Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Growth (YoY) (%)					
Borrowed funds	15.1%	25.0%	13.0%	25.0%	25.0%
Advances	22.8%	18.6%	17.6%	22.7%	24.6%
Total Assets	22.8%	19.0%	20.1%	23.2%	23.4%
NII	27.3%	31.9%	12.7%	21.1%	18.8%
Non-interest Income	25.7%	18.2%	15.0%	20.0%	20.0%
Operating Expenses	26.3%	28.5%	10.7%	12.8%	15.3%
Operating Profits	28.2%	32.0%	16.0%	31.5%	22.9%
Core Operating profit	26.9%	32.2%	16.0%	32.1%	23.1%
Provisions	34.7%	228.6%	-26.7%	15.3%	29.4%
Reported PAT	35.8%	-8.0%	48.1%	37.3%	21.0%
Yields / Margins (%)					
Interest Spread	6.47%	6.90%	7.20%	7.23%	6.93%
NIM	8.29%	9.04%	8.60%	8.65%	8.32%
Profitability (%)					
ROA	2.42%	1.85%	2.29%	2.58%	2.53%
ROE	13.5%	9.4%	12.3%	14.7%	15.3%
Cost to Income	58.2%	57.6%	56.4%	52.6%	51.0%
Asset quality (%)					
Gross NPA	1.68%	2.03%	1.83%	1.77%	1.74%
LLP	0.74%	2.02%	1.25%	1.20%	1.25%
Capital Adequacy (%)					
Tier I	19.72%	18.59%	17.73%	16.90%	16.15%
CAR	23.46%	21.92%	20.64%	19.38%	18.26%

Source: Company, JM Financial

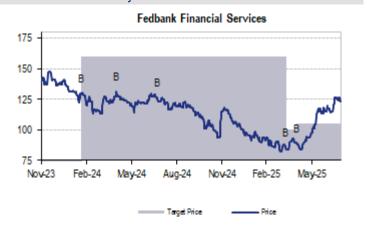
Dupont Analysis					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
NII / Assets	8.04%	8.78%	8.27%	8.22%	7.92%
Other Income / Assets	1.10%	1.06%	1.02%	1.01%	0.98%
Total Income / Assets	9.14%	9.84%	9.29%	9.23%	8.90%
Cost / Assets	5.44%	5.79%	5.36%	4.96%	4.64%
PPP / Assets	3.90%	4.27%	4.14%	4.47%	4.45%
Provisions / Assets	0.65%	1.77%	1.09%	1.03%	1.08%
PBT / Assets	3.25%	2.49%	3.05%	3.44%	3.37%
Tax rate	25.4%	25.9%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%
ROA	2.42%	1.85%	2.29%	2.58%	2.53%
Leverage	4.9	5.2	5.5	5.9	6.2
ROE	13.5%	9.4%	12.3%	14.7%	15.3%

Source: Company, JM Financial

Valuations					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Shares in Issue	369.4	372.7	372.7	372.7	372.7
EPS (INR)	6.6	6.0	8.9	12.3	14.9
EPS (YoY) (%)	18.4%	-8.8%	48.1%	37.3%	21.0%
P/E (x)	18.6	20.4	13.7	10.0	8.3
BV (INR)	61	68	77	90	104
BV (YoY) (%)	45.3%	11.7%	13.1%	15.9%	16.6%
P/BV (x)	2.01	1.80	1.59	1.37	1.18
DPS (INR)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Div. yield (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

History of Recommendation and Target Price						
Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.			
18-Feb-24	Buy	160				
29-Apr-24	Buy	160	0.0			
21-Jul-24	Buy	160	0.0			
8-Apr-25	Buy	100	-37.5			
30-Apr-25	Buy	105	5.0			

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