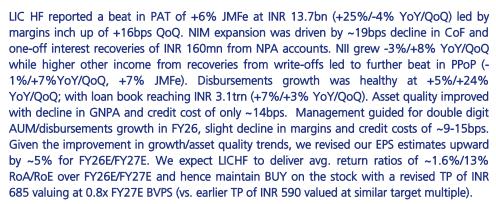
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Strong quarter



- Healthy disbursements growth: Disbursements during the quarter was healthy at INR 192bn (+5%YoY, +24% QoQ); with loan book reaching INR 3.1 trn (+7% YoY, +3% QoQ). The individual home loans grew (+7% YoY/ +3% QoQ) and LAP grew (+6% YoY, +3% QoQ). Project loans grew +15% YoY, +5% QoQ, however, management guided for a cautious approach in the segment with focus only on quality customers with BBB and above ratings. Management guides for double digit AUM and disbursements growth in FY26 backed by higher growth in affordable housing and project loans. The company disbursed ~INR4.3bn affordable housing loans in FY25 and will be focusing more on infrastructure, support and training in this segment aiming at INR 25bn AUM in FY26. We estimate AUM CAGR of ~9% over FY25-27E.
- Strong operating beat led by margins inch up; credit costs favourable: NII growth during the quarter was healthy at +8% QoQ, -1% YoY led by margins inch up of +16bps QoQ. This was led by interest recoveries of INR 160mn during the quarter (total interest recoveries of INR 4bn in FY25). CoFs declined -19bps QoQ and yields moved up +2bps QoQ. Higher other income (+57% QoQ) largely from recoveries from write-offs led to further beat in PPoP (-1%/+7%YoY/QoQ, +7% JMFe). Opex increased to INR 4.5bn (+18% YoY, +27% QoQ) which was elevated due to advertisement, publicity, CSR, contest/competitions, fees and commission, etc. Lower than estimated credit costs of 14bps of total loans (vs -6bps QoQ) was offset by lower tax which led to PAT beat of +6% JMFe at INR 13.7bn (+25% YoY, -4% QoQ). Mgmt. guided for NIMs of ~2.6-2.8% for FY26E (vs 2.9% in 4Q25) as company took 25bps cut in PLR rates in Apr'25 which will be fully transmitted by 1Jul'25. Management aims to keep spreads in the range of ~2% (1.95% in Q4FY25). We expect margins to decline by ~20bps in FY26.
- Healthy asset quality: Gross stage-3/ Net stage-3 fell by -28bps/ -24bps QoQ to 2.5%/ 1.2%. Gross stage-3 for individual housing book improved -11bps QoQ to 1.1%, non-housing individual loans improved to 3.9% (-74bps QoQ) and project loans improved 248bps QoQ to 24.5%. PCR on stage-3 moved up +376bps QoQ and stage-2 declined -



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Recommendation and Price Target								
Current Reco.	BUY							
Previous Reco.	BUY							
Current Price Target (12M)	685							
Upside/(Downside)	10.3%							
Previous Price Target	590							
Change	16.1%							

Key Data – LICHF IN	
Current Market Price	INR621
Market cap (bn)	INR341.6/US\$4.0
Free Float	55%
Shares in issue (mn)	550.1
Diluted share (mn)	
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR929.8/US\$10.9
52-week range	827/484
Sensex/Nifty	82,331/25,020
INR/US\$	85.5

Price Performance	•		
%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	4.6	2.1	-4.9
Relative*	-0.2	-3.8	-14.5

^{*} To the BSE Sensex

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Profit	47,654	54,290	51,414	54,946	62,178
Net Profit (YoY) (%)	108.3%	87.8%	7.9%	1.2%	20.9%
Assets (YoY) (%)	14.4%	12.8%	16.7%	18.8%	21.7%
ROA (%)	1.7%	1.8%	1.6%	1.6%	1.7%
ROE (%)	17.0%	17.1%	14.2%	13.4%	13.5%
EPS	86.6	98.7	93.5	99.9	113.0
EPS (YoY) (%)	64.8%	13.9%	-5.3%	6.9%	13.2%
P/E (x)	7.2	6.3	6.6	6.2	5.5
BV	571	659	741	829	929
BV (YoY) (%)	15.8%	15.5%	12.5%	11.9%	12.0%
P/BV (x)	1.09	0.94	0.84	0.75	0.67

JM Financial Research is also available on: Bloomberg - JMFR <GO>, Thomson Publisher & Reuters, S&P Capital IQ, FactSet and Visible Alpha

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Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 16/May/2025

68bps QoQ. Total technical write-offs during the quarter stood at INR 1.7bn (6bps of total loans) while recovery from write-offs stood at INR 1bn. Management expects the recovery to continue as the company still has ~INR80-90bn portfolio in default in its project loans which are undergoing recoveries/resolution. Total ECL cover on the book at 1.6% remains comfortable. We build in avg. credit costs over ~24bps for FY26-27E.

Valuation and view: We expect LICHF to deliver avg return ratios of 1.6%/13% RoA/RoE over FY26E/FY27E on the back of pick up in loan growth (largely from affordable segment) and lower credit costs led by recoveries, partially offset by margin decline. We maintain BUY on the stock with a revised TP of INR 685 valuing at 0.8x FY27E BVPS (vs earlier TP of INR 590 valued at similar target multiple).

LICHF – 4QFY25 performance highlights

Exhibit 1. LIC Housing Finance Results Snapshot										
P&L (INR bn)	3QFY24	2QFY25	4QFY25	YoY %	QoQ %	4QFY25F	Deviation			
Interest Income	68.9	69.5	71.2	3%	2%	70.7	1%			
Interest Expense	46.5	49.5	49.5	6%	0%	50.4	-2%			
Net Interest Income	22.4	20.0	21.7	-3%	8%	20.4	6%			
Other income	0.5	1.1	1.7	237%	57%	1.2	37%			
Operating income	22.9	21.1	23.3	2%	11%	21.6	8%			
Operating expenditure	3.8	3.6	4.5	18%	27%	4.1	11%			
Employee expenses	2.0	2.0	1.8	-11%	-14%	2.5	-29%			
Admin Expenses	1.8	1.5	2.8	50%	82%	1.6	73%			
Pre-provisioning profit	19.0	17.5	18.8	-1%	7%	17.5	7%			
Provisions	4.3	-0.4	1.1	-74%	-349%	1.3	-17%			
Profit before tax	14.8	17.9	17.7	20%	-1%	16.2	9%			
Tax	3.9	3.6	4.0	4%	11%	3.3	23%			
PAT	10.9	14.3	13.7	25%	-4%	12.9	6%			

Balance sheet & Others (INR bn)	3QFY24	2QFY25	4QFY25	YoY %	QoQ %	4QFY25F	Deviation
Borrowings	2,530	2,626	2,706	7%	3%	2,675	1%
Overall AUM	2,868	2,991	3,077	7%	3%	3,061	1%
Individual	2,788	2,904	2,985	7%	3%	2,964	1%
Individual housing loans	2,442	2,545	2,616	7%	3%	2,591	1%
Individual LAP/commercial loans	347	359	370	6%	3%	373	-1%
Project loans	80	88	92	15%	5%	96	-5%
Mix							
Individual Housing loans	85%	85%	85%	-14	-7	85%	33
LAP/Commercial loans	12%	12%	12%	-9	1	12%	-17
Project loans	3%	3%	3%	19	6	3%	-16
Overall disbursements	182	155	192	5%	24%	176	9%
Individual	167	145	183	9%	26%	160	14%
Individual housing loans	143	122	154	8%	26%	136	13%
Individual LAP/commercial loans	24	22	29	19%	29%	25	18%
Project loans	15	10	9	-42%	-11%	16	-44%
Margin Analysis (Calculated)	3QFY24	2QFY25	4QFY25	YoY (bps)	QoQ (bps)	4QFY25F	QoQ (bps)
Yield On advances	9.70%	9.37%	9.38%	-32	2	9.35%	3
Cost of funds	7.47%	7.62%	7.43%	-4	-19	7.60%	-17

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Cost of funds	7.47%	7.62%	7.43%	-4	-19	7.60%	-17
Spread	2.23%	1.75%	1.95%	-28	20	1.75%	20
NIM	3.15%	2.69%	2.86%	-30	16	2.69%	16
Asset quality	3QFY24	2QFY25	4QFY25	YoY (bps)	QoQ (bps)	4QFY25F	QoQ (bps)
Gross NPAs (%)	3.3%	2.8%	2.5%	-84	-28	2.7%	-23
Net NPAs (%)	1.6%	1.5%	1.2%	-42	-24	1.4%	-22
Provisioning Cover	51%	47%	51%	-13	376	47%	376
Credit costs as a % of AAUM	0.60%	-0.06%	0.14%	-46	20	0.17%	-3
Gross NPAs (Rs. Mn)	95	82	76	-20%	-8%	83	-8%
Provisions for NPAs	49	39	39	-20%	0%	39	-1%
Net NPAs (Rs. Mn)	46	43	37	-20%	-14%	43	-15%
Source: Company IM Financial							

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 2. LIC Housing Finance 4QFY25 - Dupont Analysis										
Du-pont Analysis	3QFY24	2QFY25	4QFY25	YoY (bps)	QoQ (bps)	4QFY25F	QoQ (bps)			
NII / Assets (%)	3.1%	2.6%	2.8%	-32	15	2.6%	15			
Non-Interest Inc. / Assets (%)	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	15	7	0.2%	6			
Operating Cost / Assets (%)	0.5%	0.5%	0.59%	5	11	0.53%	6			
Operating Profits / Assets (%)	2.7%	2.3%	2.4%	-23	11	2.3%	15			
Provisions / Assets (%)	0.6%	-0.1%	0.1%	-45	20	0.2%	-3			
ROA	1.5%	1.9%	1.8%	25	-13	1.7%	9			
ROE	14.1%	17.3%	15.9%	174	-143	15.6%	31			

LICHF – 4QFY25 performance highlights

Margins:

- Company took a PLR rate cut of 25bps in Apr'25. The whole effect for this will take
 place in Jul'25. Small portion of loans have monthly reset, and PLR reduction is already
 passed there. However, major chunk has quarterly reset and thus for these loans, 25bps
 will be totally transmitted in Jul'25. It takes ~3 months for the rate cuts to reflect in
 vields.
- As of mid-May'25, incr. CoFs stands at ~7.3% vs 7.66% during Q4FY25.
- Recoveries from NPAs INR 160mn was recorded in interest income. Total recoveries of INR ~4bn which was passed through NII in FY25.
- Though NIMs would be slightly under pressure, it aims to maintain margins of ~2.6-2.8%. Aim is to keep spreads in the range of ~2%.
- Bank borrowings linked with repo rate are affected immediately, NCDs will wait. And some of the old borrowings taken at higher rates will need maturity to re-price.
- Out of total 32% bank borrowings, mostly EBLR linked (repo/T-Bill) and MCLR is very less. INR ~300bn NCDs to re-priced in FY26.
- Affordable housing loan yield ~11-12% and LAP is 10.5-11%.
- Discussions with LIC are in works to reduce rates.

Asset Quality:

- Company took a technical write-off of INR 1.7bn in Q4FY25 and 10.7bn in FY25.
- Asset quality will continue to improve and credit costs requirement will continue to decline. Aims to bring GNPA below 2.2% and the management plans to keep credit costs in the range of 9-15 bps.
- Company still has INR 80-90bn portfolio in default in its project loans. There are many loans that are undergoing restructuring or resolution.
- Segmental GNPAs: IHL INR 28.52bn, 1.09% (vs 1.2% QoQ); NHC & Project 35.23bn, 24.52% (vs 27% QoQ); NHI 12.25bn, 3.85% (vs4.59% QoQ); Overall EAD 76bn, 2.47%
- Increase in other income is mainly from recoveries from write-offs of INR ~1bn in Q4 and it was more than INR 2bn for FY25.
- In Q4, no big project loans were resolved in NCLT. In Q3, one loan was moved to ARC.
- Net recoveries came at INR 6.2bn in Q4 and INR 18bn in FY25. Targeted at ~15bn for FY26 including write-offs.

Growth:

- BT outs are higher as banks are giving rates of ~8% vs ~9-9.5% given by the company.
 Company is trying to address this issue by offering similar rates for the ones who are opting out, but are very selective here.
- Expect double digit growth in disbursements and AUM.
- Project finance disbursements de-grew as large project finance loans taken at higher ROI 11-11.5% moved out of the books as they were asking for 8.5-9.5% ROIs.
- End of Aug'24, company launched affordable segment. No expertise and past history hence have gone slow here. Company disbursed INR 4.32bn in FY25. Will be focusing more on infrastructure, support and training aiming at INR 25bn AUM in FY26.

Other Highlights:

- Piling up of no of registrations in Hyderabad where there was transition from paper based to online. This has improved here.
- Mr. Sudipto Sil, CFO has been there for long time (9 years) and still will continue. Since he wanted exposure to other lines, he was moved to marketing. Not planning to exit.
- Advertisement, publicity, CSR, contest/competitions, fees and commission, etc led to higher other expenses. Also wage was revised which happens once in 5 years. Wage hike assumption was revised to 17% vs earlier 15%.

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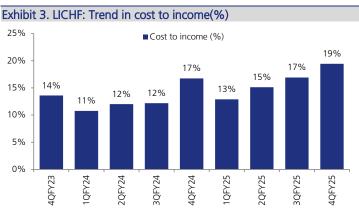
LICHF - Quarterly Trends



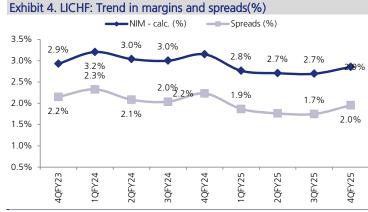
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Exhibit 2. LICHF: Trend in loan growth Outstanding Loan Portfolio (INR bn) Growth (YoY) (%) (RHS) 3,200 12% 10% 3,100 10% 8% 3,000 8% 6% 2,900 6% 2,800 4% 2,700 2% 2,600 2,500 0% **2QFY24** 1QFY25 4QFY25 1QFY24 3QFY24 4QFY24 2QFY25 3QFY25

Source: Company, JM Financial

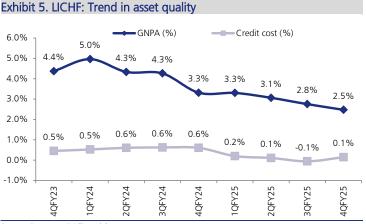


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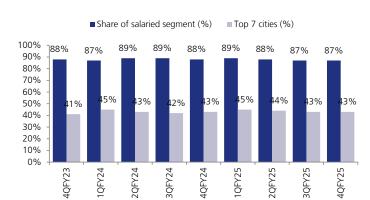


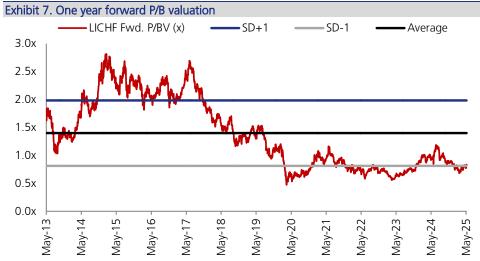
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Exhibit 6. LICHF: Higher salaried mix



Source: Company, JM Financial





Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 8. LIC Housing Finance: Change in our estimates										
Particulars	New estimates			Old estir	nates	Change in estin	nates (%/ bps)			
raiticulais	FY26F	FY27F	FY28F	FY26F	FY27F	FY26F	FY27F			
Recommendation	BUY			BUY						
Target price (Rs)	685			590		16%				
Assumptions										
AUM (Rs bn)	3,330	3,655	4,051	3,303	3,609	1%	1%			
YoY assets growth (%)	8.2%	9.8%	10.8%	7.9%	9.3%	29	50			
Net interest margins (calculated)	2.54%	2.53%	2.62%	2.57%	2.56%	-3	-2			
Opex/AUM (%)	0.46%	0.44%	0.42%	0.44%	0.43%	1	1			
Credit cost (%)	0.21%	0.26%	0.31%	0.33%	0.35%	-12	-9			
Output										
Net interest income (Rs bn)	81.4	88.5	100.8	81.9	88.3	-1%	0%			
Net revenues (Rs bn)	86.4	93.8	106.5	86.1	92.8	0%	1%			
PPOP (Rs bn)	71.8	78.5	90.4	71.9	78.0	0%	1%			
PAT (Rs bn)	51.4	54.9	62.2	49.0	52.6	5%	5%			
EPS (Rs)	93	100	113	89	96	5%	5%			
BVPS (Rs)	741	829	929	692	776	7%	7%			
RoA	1.6%	1.5%	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%	6	4			
RoE	13.3%	12.7%	12.9%	13.6%	13.0%	-28	-29			

Financial Tables (Standalone)

Income Statement				((INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Interest Income (NII)	86,509	81,295	81,396	88,501	1,00,793
Non Interest Income	1,931	3,948	5,016	5,336	5,683
Total Income	88,440	85,243	86,413	93,838	1,06,475
Operating Expenses	11,463	13,826	14,637	15,330	16,057
Pre-provisioning Profits	76,976	71,416	71,776	78,508	90,418
Loan-Loss Provisions	16,437	2,858	6,850	9,122	11,899
Others Provisions	0	0	0	0	0
Total Provisions	16,437	2,858	6,850	9,122	11,899
PBT	60,539	68,558	64,926	69,386	78,519
Tax	12,885	14,268	13,512	14,440	16,341
PAT (Pre-Extra ordinaries)	47,654	54,290	51,414	54,946	62,178
Extra ordinaries (Net of Tax)	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Profits	47,654	54,290	51,414	54,946	62,178
Dividend	4,951	5,501	6,170	6,593	7,461
Retained Profits	42,704	48,790	45,244	48,352	54,717

Source: Company, JM Financial

Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Growth (YoY) (%)					
Borrowed funds	13.0%	10.6%	15.7%	18.8%	21.7%
Advances	14.2%	11.9%	16.1%	18.8%	21.7%
Total Assets	14.4%	12.8%	16.7%	18.8%	21.7%
NII	56.3%	28.4%	-5.9%	8.9%	23.8%
Non-interest Income	-27.0%	149.9%	159.8%	35.2%	13.3%
Operating Expenses	14.7%	39.9%	27.7%	10.9%	9.7%
Operating Profits	60.4%	29.8%	-6.8%	9.9%	26.0%
Core Operating profit	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Provisions	-18.7%	-85.3%	-58.3%	219.1%	73.7%
Reported PAT	108.3%	87.8%	7.9%	1.2%	20.9%
Yields / Margins (%)					
Interest Spread	2.23%	1.84%	1.67%	1.68%	1.77%
NIM	3.08%	2.73%	2.54%	2.53%	2.62%
Profitability (%)					
ROA	1.73%	1.84%	1.63%	1.61%	1.66%
ROE	17.0%	17.1%	14.2%	13.4%	13.5%
Cost to Income	13.0%	16.2%	16.9%	16.3%	15.1%
Asset quality (%)					
Gross NPA	3.31%	2.47%	2.30%	2.20%	2.20%
Capital Adequacy (%)					
Tier I	18.34%	19.65%	20.42%	20.81%	21.03%
CAR	20.00%	21.31%	22.08%	22.47%	22.69%

Source: Company, JM Financial

Balance Sheet					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Equity Capital	3,13,946	3,62,568	4,07,812	4,56,164	5,10,881
Borrowed Funds	25,30,300	27,06,270	29,28,430	32,14,513	35,62,659
Preference Shares	67,429	70,428	60,729	58,149	59,135
Total Liabilities	29,11,675	31,39,266	33,96,971	37,28,826	41,32,674
Net Advances	28,68,440	30,77,320	33,29,940	36,55,247	40,51,126
Ot Assets	43,235	61,946	67,031	73,579	81,548
Total Assets	29,11,675	31,39,266	33,96,971	37,28,826	41,32,674

Source: Company, JM Financial

Dupont Analysis					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
NII / Assets	3.15%	2.76%	2.58%	2.59%	2.69%
Other Income / Assets	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total Income / Assets	3.15%	2.76%	2.58%	2.59%	2.69%
Cost / Assets	0.42%	0.47%	0.46%	0.45%	0.43%
PPP / Assets	2.73%	2.29%	2.12%	2.14%	2.26%
Provisions / Assets	0.60%	0.10%	0.22%	0.27%	0.32%
PBT / Assets	2.13%	2.19%	1.90%	1.87%	1.94%
Tax rate	21.3%	20.8%	20.8%	20.8%	20.8%
ROA	1.68%	1.74%	1.51%	1.48%	1.54%
Leverage	10.1	9.9	9.5	9.1	8.8
ROE	17.0%	17.1%	14.2%	13.4%	13.5%

Source: Company, JM Financial

Valuations					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Shares in Issue	550.1	550.1	550.1	550.1	550.1
EPS (INR)	86.6	98.7	93.5	99.9	113.0
EPS (YoY) (%)	64.8%	13.9%	-5.3%	6.9%	13.2%
P/E (x)	7.2	6.3	6.6	6.2	5.5
BV (INR)	571	659	741	829	929
BV (YoY) (%)	15.8%	15.5%	12.5%	11.9%	12.0%
P/BV (x)	1.09	0.94	0.84	0.75	0.67
DPS (INR)	9.0	10.0	11.2	12.0	13.6
Div. yield (%)	1.4%	1.6%	1.8%	1.9%	2.2%

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History of Recommendation and Target Price						
Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.			
31-Jan-20	Buy	510				
22-Jun-20	Buy	330	-35.3			
25-Aug-20	Buy	360	9.1			
12-Nov-20	Buy	425	18.1			
6-Jan-21	Buy	530	24.7			
30-Jan-21	Buy	540	1.9			
16-Jun-21	Buy	630	16.7			
30-Jul-21	Buy	510	-19.0			
19-May-22	Buy	470	-7.8			
2-Nov-22	Buy	470	0.0			
7-Feb-23	Buy	470	0.0			
17-May-23	Buy	470	0.0			
6-Aug-23	Buy	485	3.2			
3-Nov-23	Buy	550	13.4			
5-Feb-24	Buy	700	27.3			
16-May-24	Buy	750	7.1			
5-Aug-24	Buy	750	0.0			
29-Oct-24	Buy	750	0.0			
8-Apr-25	Buy	590	-21.3			

Recommendation History



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