#### **RESULT REPORT Q3 FY24** | Sector: Banks

# **DCB Bank**

## Nothing particularly inspiring to change stance

## Our view - Asset quality, margin and opex outcomes not satisfactory

While gold loan slippages, which are less concerning, made the gross slippage ratio look much worse, the number isn't great excluding gold loans either: Gross slippage ratio excluding gold loan slippage was at 2.55%. Recoveries and upgrades amounted to Rs 3.39bn for 3QFY24, implying net NPA addition of Rs 0.89bn for the quarter. Total non-tax provisions were Rs 0.41bn, up by 3.3% QoQ and 0.8% YoY, translating to calculated annualised credit cost of 43bps on all-inclusive basis.

Sequential margin decline was particularly material even in the context of the rate environment: Cost of deposits has gone up on sequential basis by 18 bps. Management expects this rise to play out over the next 4-5 months and then stabilize. Yield on advances have declined by -12bps QoQ to 11.4%, largely due to change in loan mix.

Loan growth remains reasonably healthy, sequential deposits traction improves while opex remains sticky at elevated levels: The intention is to increase loan growth to above 20% and double the balance sheet in 3-4 years. Savings deposits have grown by 10.6% QoQ and 14.8% YoY. The savings deposit growth was driven by launch of new products, adoption of technology, effective fintech tie-ups and increased focus at branch level for saving deposits. Cost to assets was at 2.6%.

We maintain a less-than-bullish 'ADD' rating on DCB with a revised price target of Rs 170: DCB was among the *bottom 2* names in our <u>Sector Initiation Report dated June 2021</u>. We value the bank at 1.0x FY25 P/BV for an FY24E/25E/26E RoE profile of 10.4/11.1/12.2%.

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

## Result Highlights (See "Our View" above for elaboration and insight)

- Asset quality: Gross NPA addition amounted to Rs 4.28bn (annualised slippage ratio of 4.4%) while recoveries and upgrades amounted to at Rs 3.39bn
- Margin picture: NIM at 3.48% was down -21bps/-54bps QoQ/YoY, sequentially lower due to rise in cost of deposits as against fall in yield on advances.
- Asset growth: Advances grew 4.5%/18.2% QoQ/YoY, driven sequentially by AIB, Mortgages, Co-lending and 'Others' segments
- Opex control: Total opex rose 3.7%/11.2% QoQ/YoY, employee expenses rose 5%/10.5% QoQ/YoY and other expenses rose 2.3%/11.9% QoQ/YoY
- Fee income: Core fee income rose 1%/40% QoQ/YoY, driven by underline growth in business.

## **Exhibit 1: Result table**

(Rs mn)	Q3 FY24	Q2 FY24	% qoq	Q3 FY23	% yoy
Total Interest Income	13,741	13,056	5.2	10,717	28.2
Interest Expense	(9,001)	(8,299)	8.5	(6,257)	43.9
Net Interest Income	4,740	4,757	(0.4)	4,460	6.3
Other income	1,237	1,074	15.2	954	29.7
Total Income	5,977	5,831	2.5	5,414	10.4
Operating expenses	(3,862)	(3,725)	3.7	(3,473)	11.2
PPOP	2,115	2,105	0.5	1,941	9.0
Provisions	(410)	(397)	3.3	(407)	0.8
PBT	1,705	1,708	(0.2)	1,534	11.1
Tax	(439)	(441)	(0.3)	(396)	11.0
PAT	1,266	1,268	(0.2)	1,139	11.2

 $Source: Company, YES\,Sec\text{-}Research$ 



Recommendation : ADD

Current Price : Rs 144

Target Price : Rs 170

Potential Return : +18%

#### Stock data (as on January 24, 2024)

Nifty	21,454
52 Week h/I (Rs)	163/97
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	44358/534
Outstanding Shares (mn)	312
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	314
Div yield (%):	0.8
Bloomberg code:	DCBB IN
NSE code:	DCBBANK

#### Stock performance



### Shareholding pattern (As of Sept'23 end)

Promoter	14.8%
FII+DII	51.7%
Others	33.5%

#### ∧ in stance

(1-Yr)	New	Old
Rating	ADD	ADD
Target Price	170	175

## Financial Summary

(Rs mn)	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
NII	18,764	21,774	25,693
PPOP	8,926	10,855	13,438
Net Profit	5,104	6,097	7,468
Growth (%)	9.6	19.4	22.5
EPS (Rs)	15.6	18.6	22.8
BVPS (Rs)	160	177	197
P/E (x)	9.2	7.7	6.3
P/BV (x)	0.9	0.8	0.7
ROE (%)	10.4	11.1	12.2
ROA (%)	0.9	0.9	1.0
Tier-1 (%)	14.3	13.2	12.4

### $\Delta$ in earnings estimates

Rs.	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
EPS (New)	15.6	18.6	22.8
EPS (Old)	16.8	20.2	24.6
% change	-7.1%	-7.7%	-7.2%

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## **COMPREHENSIVE CON-CALL TAKEAWAYS**

### **Asset quality**

## Slippages

• Gross NPA additions amounted to Rs 4.28bn for 3QFY24, translating to an annualized slippage ratio of 4.4% for the quarter.

### Gold loan slippages

- Gross slippage ratio excluding gold loan slippage was at 2.55% down by -14bps
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- The proportionate contribution to gold loan slippages is similar across organic bank sourced gold loan book and co-lending book.

#### Co-lending

There is no FLDG arrangements in co-lending at the bank.

#### Recoveries and upgrades

• Recoveries and upgrades amounted to Rs 3.39bn for 3QFY24, implying net NPA addition of Rs 0.89bn for the quarter.

#### Provisions

#### P&L provisions

- Total non-tax provisions were Rs 0.41bn, up by 3.3% QoQ and 0.8% YoY, translating to calculated annualised credit cost of 43bps (on fully-loaded basis).
- NPA provisions alone amounted to a credit cost of 28 bps.

#### • Balance sheet provisions

o Provisions excluding NPA Provision were 1.21% of performing advances.

#### Restructured book

• The standard restructured loans stood at Rs 13.37bn or 3.36% of gross advances.

## **Net interest margin**

## NIM for the quarter

• NIM was at 3.48%, down -21bps QoQ and -54bps YoY.

#### Cost of deposits

- Cost of deposits has gone up on sequential basis by 18 bps.
- Management expects this rise to play out over the next 4-5 months and then stabilize.

#### Yield on advances

 Yield on advances have declined by -12bps QoQ to 11.4%, largely due to change in loan mix.

## Margin guidance

• The management has maintained its guidance that its business model remains geared towards a NIM of 365-375 bps.

### Loan growth

The advances for the bank stood at Rs 390 bn, up 4.5% QoQ and 18.2% YoY.

## Mortgages

- Mortgages have grown 5.9% QoQ and 24.5% YoY.
- The bank is working towards increasing the share of LAP in mortgages.
- The bank sees further scope for improving mortgages growth.

(Con call takeaways continue on the next page)

#### Corporate Loans

- Corporate loan book has de-grown sequentially by -3%.
- The bank does not intend to focus on growing its corporate book.

#### AIB loans

• AIB loans are growing at 28-30% YoY and would continue to grow at current levels.

#### Co-lending

- Co-lending has grown 12% QoQ and 59% YoY.
- Co-lending will grow at 25-30% going forward.
- The share of Gold loans in the co-lending will go down.

## SME and MSME

- SME and MSME has de-grown -5% QoQ and -22% YoY due to no disbursement under TReDs.
- SME and MSME portfolio has now bottomed out.

#### Guidance

- The intention is to increase loan growth to above 20%.
- The intention is to double the balance sheet in 3-4 years.

## **Deposits growth**

- The deposits were at Rs 471bn, up by 3.6% QoQ and 19.3% YoY.
- The share of top 20 depositors has sequentially come down to 6.75% from 7.06%.

### CASA

- CASA has grown by 8.1% QoQ and 12.8% YoY.
- Saving Deposits
  - o Savings deposits have grown by 10.6% QoQ and 14.8% YoY.
  - The savings deposit growth was driven by launch of new products, adoption of technology, effective fintech tie-ups and increased focus at branch level for saving deposits.
  - The bank has launched new savings account product 'DCB Happy' which gives cashback on UPI.

## **Operating expenses**

### Total opex

- Opex, at Rs. 3.86bn, is up 3.7% QoQ and 11.2% YoY.
- Consequently, cost/income ratio came in at 64.6%, up by 72bps QoQ and 46bps YoY.
- Cost to assets was at 2.6%.

#### Guidance

 The bank intends to operate at cost to assets of 2.45% to 2.5%, but it will not be linear.

#### Staff opex

- The staff opex is up by 5% QoQ and 10.5% YoY.
- Total employees were at 10,539, up by around 500 employees sequentially.

### Non-staff opex

- Other opex is up 2.3% QoQ and 11.9% YoY.
- Branch expansion
  - The bank plans to add 25-30 branches per year.

(Con call takeaways continue on the next page)



## **Capital Adequacy**

- CET 1
  - CET 1 is at 13.7%, without considering profits for 9 months.
- Capital infusion
  - The bank doesn't see any need for a capital raise for the next 12 months.
  - The bank is positive that it will get approval from RBI for the promoter's planned capital infusion of USD 10mn in the bank.
- RWA impact
  - The impact due to the RBI's circular on change in risk weights was around 20bps.



Exhibit 2: Key quarterly balance sheet / business data

(Rs mn)	Q3FY24	Q2FY24	% qoq	Q3FY23	% yoy	Q3FY24*	chg qoq*	chg yoy*
Advances	389,510	372,760	4.5	329,660	18.2	100.0	Obps	Obps
Corporate banking	30,382	31,312	(3.0)	32,966	(7.8)	7.8	-60bps	-220bps
AIB	93,093	87,599	6.3	72,525	28.4	23.9	40bps	190bps
CV	2,337	2,982	(21.6)	5,604	(58.3)	0.6	-20bps	-110bps
Gold Loans	12,075	12,674	(4.7)	13,846	(12.8)	3.1	-30bps	-110bps
Mortgage	175,280	165,505	5.9	140,765	24.5	45.0	60bps	230bps
SME and MSME	23,371	24,602	(5.0)	29,999	(22.1)	6.0	-60bps	-310bps
Co-Lending	33,498	29,821	12.3	21,098	58.8	8.6	60bps	220bps
Other Loans	19,476	18,265	6.6	12,857	51.5	5.0	10bps	110bps
Total Deposits	471,200	454,963	3.6	395,060	19.3	100.0	Obps	Obps
CASA	123,110	113,910	8.1	109,110	12.8	26.1	109bps	-149bps
Term	348,090	341,053	2.1	285,950	21.7	73.9	-109bps	149bps
RWA	313,660	301,080	4.2	268,600	16.8	NA	NA	NA
Investments	154,430	146,761	5.2	108,540	42.3	NA	NA	NA
Investments/(Invest. + Net Adv.) (%)	28.4	28.2	14bps	24.8	362bps	NA	NA	NA
Borrowings	53,720	51,898	3.5	38,250	40.4	NA	NA	NA
Borrowings/(Borr. + Deposits) (%)	10.2	10.2	-1bps	8.8	141bps	NA	NA	NA

Source: Company, YES Sec – Research, \* Share in Total and change in share

**Exhibit 3: Key quarterly ratios** 

(%)	Q3FY24	Q2FY24	chg qoq	Q3FY23	chg yoy
Net interest margin	3.48	3.69	-21bps	4.02	-54bps
Yield on advances	11.44	11.56	-12bps	10.99	45bps
Cost of Deposits	6.95	6.77	18bps	5.98	97bps
Loan to Deposit ratio	82.7	81.9	73bps	83.4	-78bps
Non-interest income/Total income	20.7	18.4	229bps	17.6	308bps
Fee Income to Avg. Total Assets	0.7	0.7	-2bps	0.6	9bps
Cost to Income	64.6	63.9	72bps	64.1	46bps
Opex to Avg. Total Assets	2.6	2.6	-2bps	2.9	-25bps
RoE^	11.3	11.6	-27bps	11.3	-4bps
RoA^	0.9	0.9	-4bps	0.9	-8bps
Annualised Slippage Ratio*	4.4	4.3	14bps	4.9	-51bps
Provision Coverage	76.4	75.5	93bps	74.7	174bps
Gross NPA	3.4	3.4	7bps	3.6	-19bps
Net NPA	1.2	1.3	-6bps	1.4	-15bps
Capital adequacy ratio	15.7	16.6	-83bps	16.3	-54bps
Tier I capital ratio	13.7	14.3	-59bps	14.5	-78bps

 $Source: Company, YES \, Sec - Research, `Annualised, *Annualised \, Gross \, NPA \, Addition \, Ratio \, Annualised \, Gross \, NPA \, Addition \, Ratio \, Annualised \, Gross \, NPA \, Addition \, Ratio \, Annualised \, Gross \, NPA \, Addition \, Ratio \, Annualised \, Gross \, NPA \, Addition \, Ratio \, Annualised \, Gross \, NPA \, Addition \, Ratio \, Annualised \, Gross \, NPA \, Addition \, Ratio \, Annualised \, Gross \, NPA \, Addition \, Ratio \, Annualised \, Gross \, NPA \, Addition \, Ratio \, Annualised \, Gross \, NPA \, Addition \, Ratio \, Annualised \, Gross \, NPA \, Addition \, Ratio \, Annualised \, Gross \, NPA \, Addition \, Ratio \, Annualised \, Gross \, Annualised \, Annualised \, Annualised \, Annualised \, A$ 

**Exhibit 4: Quarterly Actuals Vs Estimates** 

Q3FY24 (Rs. mn)	Actuals	Estimates	Diff, %
Net Interest Income	4,740	4,930	(3.8)
Pre-Prov. Operating Profit	2,115	2,186	(3.3)
Profit After Tax	1,266	1,299	(2.5)

Source: Company, YES Sec – Research



## **Exhibit 5: Operating Expense Break-up**

(Rs mn)	Q3FY24	Q2FY24	% qoq	Q3FY23	% yoy
Employee Expense	1,984	1,889	5.0	1,796	10.5
Other Operating Expense	1,878	1,836	2.3	1,677	11.9
Total Operating Expense	3,862	3,725	3.7	3,473	11.2

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

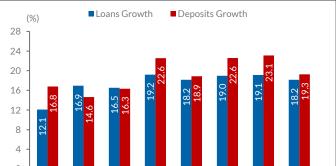
## **Exhibit 6: Non-Interest Income Break-up**

(Rs mn)	Q3FY24	Q2FY24	% qoq	Q3FY23	% yoy
Fee Income (A)	980	970	1.0	700	40.0
Other Income (B)	257	104	148.5	254	1.2
Total Non-Interest Income (A+B)	1,237	1,074	15.2	954	29.7

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research



Exhibit 7: Loans and Deposits growth (YoY %)



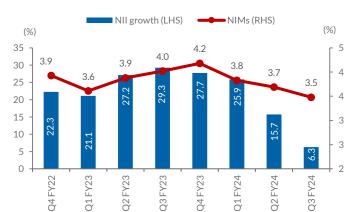
Q4 FY23

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Q3 FY24

Exhibit 8: NII growth (YoY %) and NIM (%)



Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

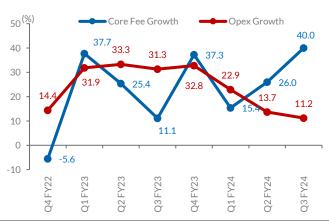
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Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

Exhibit 9: Core Fee and Opex growth (YoY %)

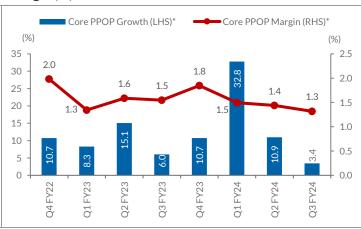
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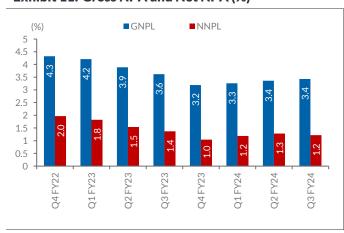
Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

Exhibit 10: Core PPOP growth (YoY %) and Core PPOP margin (%)



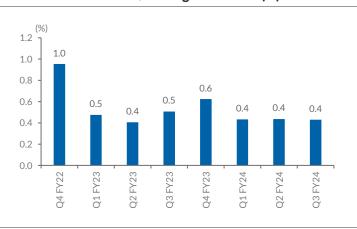
Source: Company, YES Sec – Research,  $^{\ast}$  Core PPOP is derived by adjusting PPOP for gain/loss on sale of investments and misc. income

Exhibit 11: Gross NPA and Net NPA (%)



Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

## Exhibit 12: Provisions/Average Advances (%)



Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

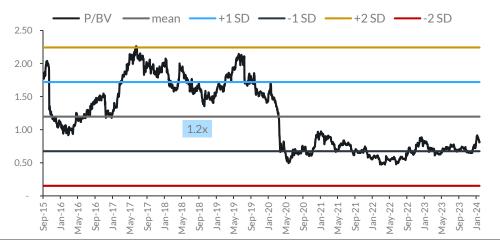


Exhibit 13: 1-year rolling P/BV band



Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

Exhibit 14: 1-yr rolling P/BV vis-a-vis the mean and standard deviations



Source: Company, YES Sec - Research



## **ANNUAL FINANCIALS**

**Exhibit 15: Balance sheet** 

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Total cash & equivalents	40,908	23,684	28,398	33,510	39,542
Investments	90,982	125,825	136,943	159,945	186,853
Advances	290,958	343,807	405,693	478,717	564,887
Fixed assets	6,612	8,263	9,089	9,998	10,998
Other assets	18,942	22,080	22,521	22,972	23,431
Total assets	448,401	523,659	602,645	705,142	825,711
Net worth	40,488	45,661	52,305	57,822	64,581
Deposits	346,917	412,389	489,746	581,027	688,738
Borrowings	40,818	41,181	44,275	47,927	52,235
Other liabilities	20,178	24,427	16,319	18,367	20,157
Total liabilities incl. Equity	448,401	523,659	602,645	705,142	825,711

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

**Exhibit 16: Income statement** 

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Interest income	35,128	42,003	50,284	58,866	69,348
Interest expense	(21,553)	(24,833)	(31,520)	(37,093)	(43,654)
Net interest income	13,575	17,170	18,764	21,774	25,693
Non-interest income	4,520	4,094	5,324	6,352	7,646
Total income	18,095	21,264	24,088	28,125	33,339
Operating expenses	(10,126)	(13,397)	(15,162)	(17,271)	(19,901)
PPoP	7,970	7,867	8,926	10,855	13,438
Provisions	(4,074)	(1,592)	(2,038)	(2,627)	(3,360)
Profit before tax	3,895	6,276	6,888	8,228	10,078
Taxes	(1,020)	(1,620)	(1,784)	(2,131)	(2,610)
Net profit	2,875	4,656	5,104	6,097	7,468

Source: Company, YES Sec – Research



Exhibit 17: Du Pont Analysis (RoA tree)

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Interest income	8.3	8.6	8.9	9.0	9.1
Interest expense	-5.1	-5.1	-5.6	-5.7	-5.7
Net interest income	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.4
Non-interest income	1.1	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0
Total income	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4
Operating expenses	-2.4	-2.8	-2.7	-2.6	-2.6
PPoP	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8
Provisions	-1.0	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Profit before tax	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3
Taxes	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Net profit	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

**Exhibit 18: Change in annual estimates** 

V/2 24 May (Damp)	Revised Estimate		Earlie	Earlier Estimate			% Revision		
Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Interest Income	18,764	21,774	25,693	19,007	22,268	26,423	(1.3)	(2.2)	(2.8)
Pre-Prov. Operating Profit	8,926	10,855	13,438	9,456	11,545	14,215	(5.6)	(6.0)	(5.5)
Profit after tax	5,104	6,097	7,468	5,496	6,608	8,044	(7.1)	(7.7)	(7.2)

Source: Company, YES Sec – Research



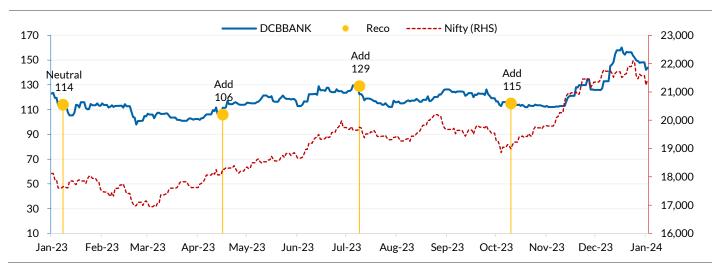
**Exhibit 19: Ratio analysis** 

Y/e 31 Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Growth matrix (%)					
Net interest income	5.5	26.5	9.3	16.0	18.0
PPoP	-11.3	-1.3	13.5	21.6	23.8
Net profit	-14.4	61.9	9.6	19.4	22.5
Loans	12.1	18.2	18.0	18.0	18.0
Deposits	16.8	18.9	18.8	18.6	18.5
Profitability Ratios (%)					
Net interest margin	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.7
Return on Average Equity	7.4	10.8	10.4	11.1	12.2
Return on Average Assets	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0
Per share figures (Rs)					
EPS	9.2	14.9	15.6	18.6	22.8
BVPS	130	147	160	177	197
ABVPS	112	135	153	164	179
Valuation multiples					
P/E	16	9.6	9.2	7.7	6.
P/BV	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.
P/ABV	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.8
NIM internals (%)					
Yield on loans	10.3	10.7	11.0	11.0	11.
Cost of deposits	5.9	5.9	6.3	6.3	6.
Loan-deposit ratio	83.9	83.4	82.8	82.4	82.
CASA ratio	26.8	26.4	26.5	26.8	26.
Opex control (%)					
Cost/Income ratio	56.0	63.0	62.9	61.4	59.
Cost to average assets	2.4	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.
Capital adequacy (%)					
Tier 1 capital ratio	15.8	15.2	14.3	13.2	12.
Asset quality (%)					
Slippage ratio	6.4	5.4	3.0	2.5	2.
Gross NPL ratio	4.3	3.2	2.3	2.4	2.4
Credit cost	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.0
Net NPL ratio	2.0	1.0	0.5	0.9	1.

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



## **Recommendation Tracker**





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