#### **RESULT REPORT Q1 FY25** | Sector: Banks

# **DCB Bank**

### DCB delivers but not enough for upgrade

# Our view - NIM deteriorates due to regulatory changes, but business growth healthy

Net Interest Margin - NIM adversely impacted on sequential basis largely due to change in regulations: NIM at 3.39% was down -23bps/-44bps QoQ/YoY, sequentially lower due to repricing of deposits and certain changes in regulation relating to penal interest and date of charging of interest. The yield on advances has fallen -21bps QoQ to 11.50% for 1Q. However, the management has maintained its NIM guidance of 365-375bps which they believe can be achieved through mix change on both sides of the balance sheet.

Balance sheet growth – Growth outcomes continues to be healthy on both sides of the balance sheet: Advances grew 3.1%/18.9% QoQ/YoY, driven sequentially by Mortgages, Gold Loans, SME and MSME and 'Others' segments. Within mortgages the share of business loans and home loans is 50:50 but going forward the share of business loans is expected to increase. Advances are expected to grow at 19-20% YoY. The growth in deposits at 4.7% QoQ was higher than advances and consequently the loan to deposit ratio has fallen by -132bps QoQ to 81.6%. The management aspires to bring it below 80%.

Asset Quality - Gross slippage ratio sequentially deteriorates but recoveries remain healthy: For the quarter, Gross NPA additions had amounted to Rs 3.73bn, implying an annualised gross slippage ratio of 3.5%, while recoveries and upgrades amounted to Rs 2.87bn. The calculated credit cost for the quarter was at 27bps up 3bps QoQ but the management has guided that on a steady state basis the business model would have a credit cost of 35bps.

We maintain a less-than-bullish 'ADD' rating on DCB with a revised price target of Rs 150: DCB was among the *bottom 2* names in our <u>Sector Initiation Report dated June 2021</u>. We value the bank at 0.7x FY26 P/BV for an FY25E/26E RoE profile of 11.8/12.6%

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

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

- Opex control: Total opex rose 5.9%/17.7% QoQ/YoY, employee expenses rose
   6.3%/15.5% QoQ/YoY and other expenses rose 5.5%/20.1% QoQ/YoY
- **Fee income**: Core fee income fell/rose -3.4%/52% QoQ/YoY, driven YoY by TP distribution, proc. fees and change in regulations with regards to penal charges.

**Exhibit 1: Result table** 

(Rs mn)	Q1 FY25	Q4 FY24	% qoq	Q1 FY24	% yoy
Total Interest Income	14,893	14,446	3.1	12,377	20.3
Interest Expense	(9,927)	(9,371)	5.9	(7,670)	29.4
Net Interest Income	4,966	5,075	(2.1)	4,707	5.5
Fee Income	1,140	1,180	(3.4)	750	52.0
Non-fee Income	290	182	59.2	319	(9.2)
Total Non-Interest Income	1,430	1,362	5.0	1,069	33.7
Total Income	6,396	6,437	(0.6)	5,777	10.7
Employee Expense	(2,253)	(2,119)	6.3	(1,951)	15.5
Non-employee Opex	(2,089)	(1,981)	5.5	(1,739)	20.1
<b>Total Operating expenses</b>	(4,342)	(4,100)	5.9	(3,690)	17.7
PPOP	2,054	2,338	(12.1)	2,087	(1.6)
Provisions	(284)	(241)	17.9	(377)	(24.8)
PBT	1,770	2,097	(15.6)	1,709	3.5
Tax	(456)	(540)	(15.5)	(440)	3.7
PAT	1,314	1,557	(15.6)	1,269	3.5

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



Recommendation : **ADD**Current Price : Rs 133

Target Price : Rs 150

+13%

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

Potential Return

Nifty	24,414
52 Week h/l (Rs)	163/110
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	41022/490
Outstanding Shares (mn)	313
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	402
Div yield (%):	0.9
Bloomberg code:	DCBB IN
NSE code:	DCBBANK

#### Stock performance



#### Shareholding pattern (As of Mar'24 end)

Promoter	14.8%
FII+DII	42.4%
Others	32.8%

#### ∧ in stance

(1-Yr)	New	Old
Rating	ADD	ADD
Target Price	150	155

#### Financial Summary

(Rs mn)	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
NII	19,279	22,463	26,989
PPOP	8,644	10,290	13,069
Net Profit	5,360	6,320	7,559
Growth (%)	15.1	17.9	19.6
EPS (Rs)	17.1	20.2	24.2
BVPS (Rs)	162	180	202
P/E (x)	7.8	6.6	5.5
P/BV (x)	0.8	0.7	0.7
ROE (%)	11.1	11.8	12.6
ROA (%)	0.9	0.9	0.9
Tier-1 (%)	14.5	13.7	13.0

#### $\Delta$ in earnings estimates

Rs.	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
EPS (New)	NA	20.2	24.2
EPS (Old)	NA	20.2	24.5
% change	NA	-0.1%	-1.3%

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### **COMPREHENSIVE CON-CALL TAKEAWAYS**

#### **Net interest margin**

- NIM for the quarter
  - NIM was at 3.39%, down -23 bps QoQ and -44bps YoY.

#### Reason for sequential decline in NIM

- Repricing of deposits.
- Change in regulation where penal interest has been revised to penal charges and moves to fee income line.
- Change in regulation where interest is now charged on actual disbursement date.

#### NIM guidance

- NIM guidance of 365-375 bps remains and will be achieved through mix change on both sides of the balance sheet.
- If there is a repo rate cut, the bank will manage the impact on fixed rate book by changing the SA rates.

#### Yield on advances

- The yield on advances in 1Q was at 11.5%, down by -21bps QoQ and -5bps YoY.
- Guidance
  - Within the overall mortgages book the share of home loan to business loan is around 50:50 and going forward the bank would increase the share of business loans.
  - $\circ$  The rate differential between home loan and business loan for the bank currently is 1.5% points.
  - The bank will also focus on higher ticket loans in the range of Rs 5mn to Rs 10mn range for business loans.

#### Cost of deposits

- The Cost of deposits in 1Q was at 7.1%, up by 2bps QoQ and 49bps YoY.
- The repricing of deposits is in the last leg and should be done by 3QFY25.

#### **Operating expenses**

#### Total opex

- Opex, at Rs. 4.3bn, is up 5.9% QoQ and 17.7% YoY.
- Cost to income ratio came in at 67.9%, up by 420bps QoQ and 401bps YoY.
- Cost to assets
  - The cost to assets was at 2.71%, up by 2bps QoQ but down 3bps YoY
  - Cost to assets guidance
    - The cost to assets would decline gradually and the bank aims to bring it down to 2.5%.
    - This decline will be driven by increased productivity and digital initiatives.

#### Employee expenses

- The staff opex is up 6.3% QoQ and 15.5% YoY.
- Reason for QoQ growth in staff opex
  - Salary increments.
  - o Full impact of increase in sales force in past quarter.

(Con call takeaways continue on the next page)

#### Non-employee expenses

- Other opex is up 5.5% QoQ and 20.1% YoY.
- DCB has a system called Moneybox where more than 80 dispatches to customers are replaced with electronic communications from website.
- The company will reduce the dependence on DSAs and would do more organic sourcing.

#### Fee income

- The core fee income for the quarter was at Rs 1.14bn, down -3.4% QoQ but up 52% YoY.
- The YoY fee income growth was driven by recurring fee income such as Third-party distribution and processing fees.
- The fee income was also driven by change in regulation where penal interest has been revised to penal charges and has moved to fee income line.
- Fee income to average assets was at 0.7% down -5bps QoQ but up 16bps YoY.

#### Fee income guidance

- The bank is working towards increasing fee income to average assets ratio to 1%.
- The banks would work towards driving CASA and overdraft facility for higher fee income.

#### Loan growth

- Total advances in 1Q was at Rs 421.8bn, up by 3.1% QoQ and 18.9% YoY
- Guidance
  - The bank would double its balance sheet in 3-3.5 years and register a loan growth of 19%-20% YoY.

#### Co-lending

- The Co-lending book was at Rs 29.95bn, down by -2.4% QoQ.
- The bank has around 10 co-lending partners now.
- There is no FLDG set-ups with co-lending partners as it is not allowed by regulation.
- There was an embargo on one of the large co-lending partners and there has been no fresh sourcing but the bank had near-perfect recovery from March to date in that portfolio.
- The bank has worked with other co-lending partners to make up for the shortfall otherwise the sequential decline would have been much higher on the co-lending book.

#### **Deposits growth**

- Deposits growth at 20.2% YoY is faster than advances growth.
- CASA deposits
  - CASA deposits have grown by 17.6% YoY.
  - CA deposits have grown by 1.9% YoY whereas SA deposits growth was 21.2% YoY
  - The Bank is more focused towards SA deposits than CA deposits

#### Loan to deposit ratio

- The loan to deposit ratio was at 81.6%, down by -132bps QoQ and -88bps YoY
- Guidance
  - The CD ratio would decline from current levels and the bank targets to bring it under 80% in the shorter term.

(Con call takeaways continue on the next page)



#### **Asset quality**

#### Slippages

 Gross NPA additions amounted to Rs 3.73bn for 1QFY25, translating to an annualized slippage ratio of 3.5% for the quarter. (Gross NPA additions had amounted to Rs 3.23bn during 4QFY24.)

#### Recoveries and upgrades

 Recoveries and upgrades amounted to Rs 2.87bn for 1QFY25, implying net NPA addition of Rs 0.86bn for the quarter.

#### Provisions

- Provisions were Rs 0.28bn, up by 17.9% QoQ but down by -24.8% YoY, translating to calculated annualised credit cost of 27bps.
- Guidance
  - The management has guided for a credit cost of 35bps.

#### Restructured book

• The standard restructured loans stood at Rs 11.40bn or 2.64% of gross advances.

#### NPA ratios

• GNPA ratio stands at 3.3%, up 10bps QoQ and 7bps YoY while NNPA ratio stands at 1.2%, up 7bps QoQ but down -1bp YoY.

#### **Return ratios**

- The RoA for 1Q was at 0.82% and RoE was at 10.93%.
- Return ratio guidance
  - The bank aims to achieve an RoA of 1% and an RoE of 14% in near-term.

#### **Capital Adequacy**

- The RWA to total assets was at 53.05%
- The tier I capital ratio was at 14%, down -53bps QoQ and -78bps YoY
- Capital infusions by promoters
  - The regulator has asked for few more documents which are under process.
  - The management expects the approval to come in 2QFY25.



Exhibit 2: Key quarterly balance sheet / business data

(Rs mn)	Q1FY25	Q4FY24	% qoq	Q1FY24	% yoy	Q1FY25*	chg qoq*	chg yoy*
Advances	421,810	409,246	3.1	354,740	18.9	100.0	0bps	Obps
Corporate banking	29,105	31,103	(6.4)	28,734	1.3	6.9	-70bps	-120bps
AIB	106,296	103,539	2.7	82,300	29.2	25.2	-10bps	200bps
CV	1,687	1,637	3.1	3,902	(56.8)	0.4	0bps	-70bps
Gold Loans	13,920	12,687	9.7	12,771	9.0	3.3	20bps	-30bps
Mortgage	191,502	183,751	4.2	158,569	20.8	45.4	50bps	70bps
SME and MSME	26,152	24,145	8.3	23,768	10.0	6.2	30bps	-50bps
Co-Lending	29,949	30,693	(2.4)	27,670	8.2	7.1	-40bps	-70bps
Other Loans	23,200	21,690	7.0	17,028	36.2	5.5	20bps	70bps
Total Deposits	516,900	493,530	4.7	430,090	20.2	100.0	0bps	Obps
CASA	131,320	128,420	2.3	111,670	17.6	25.4	-62bps	-56bps
Term	385,580	365,110	5.6	318,420	21.1	74.6	62bps	56bps
RWA	342,250	328,340	4.2	290,880	17.7	NA	NA	NA
Investments	166,520	162,109	2.7	133,950	24.3	NA	NA	NA
Investments/(Invest. + Net Adv.) (%)	28.3	28.4	-7bps	27.4	89bps	NA	NA	NA
Borrowings	53,430	62,195	(14.1)	47,300	13.0	NA	NA	NA
Borrowings/(Borr. + Deposits) (%)	9.4	11.2	-182bps	9.9	-54bps	NA	NA	NA

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

**Exhibit 3: Key quarterly ratios** 

(%)	Q1FY25	Q4FY24	chg qoq	Q1FY24	chg yoy
Net interest margin	3.39	3.62	-23bps	3.83	-44bps
Yield on advances	11.50	11.71	-21bps	11.55	-5bps
Cost of Deposits	7.10	7.08	2bps	6.61	49bps
Loan to Deposit ratio	81.6	82.9	-132bps	82.5	-88bps
Non-interest income/Total income	22.4	21.2	120bps	18.5	385bps
Fee Income to Avg. Total Assets	0.7	0.8	-5bps	0.6	16bps
Cost to Income	67.9	63.7	420bps	63.9	401bps
Opex to Avg. Total Assets	2.7	2.7	5bps	2.8	-3bps
RoE^	10.9	13.5	-255bps	11.8	-88bps
RoA^	0.8	1.0	-20bps	0.9	-12bps
Annualised Slippage Ratio*	3.5	3.2	35bps	3.8	-32bps
Provision Coverage	76.0	77.3	-130bps	77.1	-107bps
Gross NPA	3.3	3.2	10bps	3.3	7bps
Net NPA	1.2	1.1	7bps	1.2	-1bps
Capital adequacy ratio	16.0	16.6	-64bps	17.1	-114bps
Tier I capital ratio	14.0	14.5	-53bps	14.8	-78bps

Source: Company, YES Sec – Research, ^Annualised, \*Annualised Gross NPA Addition Ratio

**Exhibit 4: Quarterly Actuals Vs Estimates** 

Q1FY25 (Rs. mn)	Actuals	Estimates	Diff, %
Net Interest Income	4,966	5,264	(5.7)
Pre-Prov. Operating Profit	2,054	2,289	(10.3)
Profit After Tax	1,314	1,488	(11.7)



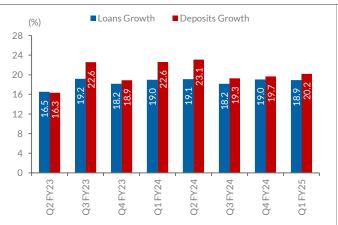
**Exhibit 5: Non-Interest Income Break-up** 

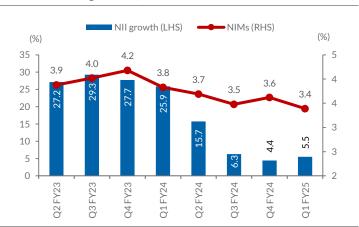
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Fee Income (A)	1,140	1,180	(3.4)	750	52.0
Other Income (B)	290	182	59.2	319	(9.2)
Total Non-Interest Income (A+B)	1,430	1,362	5.0	1,069	33.7



Exhibit 6: Loans and Deposits growth (YoY %)







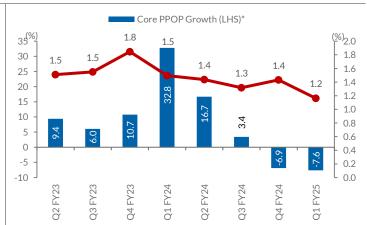
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#### Exhibit 8: Core Fee and Opex growth (YoY %)

Exhibit 9: Core PPOP growth (YoY %) and Core PPOP margin (%)



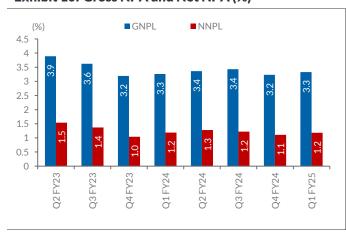


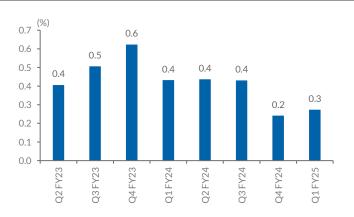
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#### Exhibit 10: Gross NPA and Net NPA (%)

Exhibit 11: Provisions/Average Advances (%)





Source: Company, YES Sec - Research



Exhibit 12: 1-year rolling P/BV band



Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

Exhibit 13: 1-yr rolling P/BV vis-a-vis the mean and standard deviations





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**Exhibit 14: Balance sheet** 

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Total cash & equivalents	40,908	23,684	30,659	43,462	51,285
Investments	90,982	125,825	162,108	187,687	217,477
Advances	290,958	343,807	409,246	482,910	569,834
Fixed assets	6,612	8,263	8,649	9,514	10,465
Other assets	18,942	22,080	19,708	20,102	20,504
Total assets	448,401	523,659	630,370	743,675	869,565
Net worth	40,488	45,661	50,713	56,433	63,273
Deposits	346,917	412,389	493,530	585,611	694,265
Borrowings	40,818	41,181	62,195	65,878	70,224
Other liabilities	20,178	24,427	23,932	35,754	41,802
Total liabilities incl. Equity	448,401	523,659	630,370	743,675	869,565

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

**Exhibit 15: Income statement** 

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Interest income	35,128	42,003	53,620	64,266	75,848
Interest expense	(21,553)	(24,833)	(34,341)	(41,802)	(48,858)
Net interest income	13,575	17,170	19,279	22,463	26,989
Non-interest income	4,520	4,094	4,742	5,685	6,682
Total income	18,095	21,264	24,021	28,148	33,671
Operating expenses	(10,126)	(13,397)	(15,377)	(17,859)	(20,602)
PPoP	7,970	7,867	8,644	10,290	13,069
Provisions	(4,074)	(1,592)	(1,425)	(1,760)	(2,868)
Profit before tax	3,895	6,276	7,220	8,529	10,201
Taxes	(1,020)	(1,620)	(1,860)	(2,209)	(2,642)
Net profit	2,875	4,656	5,360	6,320	7,559



Exhibit 16: Du Pont Analysis (RoA tree)

Y/e 31 Mar (%)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Interest income	8.3	8.6	9.3	9.4	9.4
Interest expense	-5.1	-5.1	-6.0	-6.1	-6.1
Net interest income	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3
Non-interest income	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Total income	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.2
Operating expenses	-2.4	-2.8	-2.7	-2.6	-2.6
PPoP	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6
Provisions	-1.0	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4
Profit before tax	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3
Taxes	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Net profit	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

**Exhibit 17: Change in annual estimates** 

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	Rev	Revised Estimate		Earlier Estimate			% Revision		
	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Interest Income	NA	22,463	26,989	NA	22,699	27,119	NA	(1.0)	(0.5)
Pre-Prov. Operating Profit	NA	10,290	13,069	NA	10,525	13,199	NA	(2.2)	(1.0)
Profit after tax	NA	6,320	7,559	NA	6,329	7,656	NA	(0.1)	(1.3)

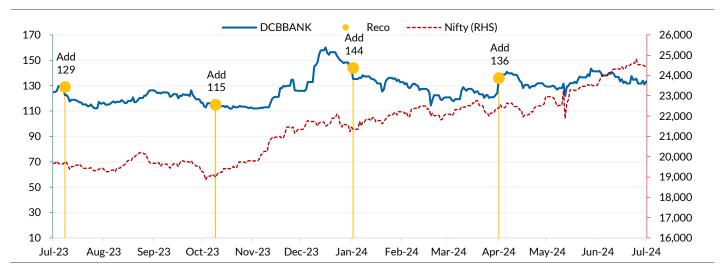


**Exhibit 18: Ratio analysis** 

Y/e 31 Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Growth matrix (%)					
Net interest income	5.5	26.5	12.3	16.5	20.1
PPoP	-11.3	-1.3	9.9	19.0	27.0
Net profit	-14.4	61.9	15.1	17.9	19.6
Loans	12.1	18.2	19.0	18.0	18.0
Deposits	16.8	18.9	19.7	18.7	18.6
Profitability Ratios (%)					
Net interest margin	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.6
Return on Average Equity	7.4	10.8	11.1	11.8	12.6
Return on Average Assets	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Per share figures (Rs)					
EPS	9.2	14.9	17.1	20.2	24.7
BVPS	130	147	162	180	202
ABVPS	112	135	148	164	18-
Valuation multiples					
P/E	14	8.9	7.8	6.6	5.
P/BV	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.
P/ABV	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.
NIM internals (%)					
Yield on loans	10.3	10.7	11.3	11.4	11.
Cost of deposits	5.9	5.9	6.8	6.9	6.
Loan-deposit ratio	83.9	83.4	82.9	82.5	82.
CASA ratio	26.8	26.4	26.0	26.0	26.
Opex control (%)					
Cost/Income ratio	56.0	63.0	64.0	63.4	61.
Cost to average assets	2.4	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.
Capital adequacy (%)					
Tier 1 capital ratio	15.8	15.2	14.5	13.7	13.
Asset quality (%)					
Slippage ratio	6.4	5.4	4.0	3.0	2.
Gross NPL ratio	4.3	3.2	3.2	2.5	2.
Credit cost	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.
Net NPL ratio	2.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.



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