

Kotak Mahindra Bank

CMP: INR1,944 TP: INR2,200 (+13%) Buy

RBI lifts key restrictions; growth and profitability outlook strengthens

Consumer business growth to perk up; estimate RoA to sustain at 2.2% for FY26E

- The RBI has lifted the business restrictions that it imposed on Kotak Mahindra Bank on 24th Apr'24 in respect to (i) onboarding of new customers through its online and mobile banking channels, and, (ii) issuance of fresh credit cards.
- The development underscores the regulator's comfort about the remedial steps taken by the bank to plug the various gaps highlighted by the regulator.
- It also ratifies the bank's resilience as well as the efficacy and strategic foresight of the new management team to deftly handle such a critical situation that posed grave concerns about the bank, right after several changes in the top leadership team.
- Credit card segment reported softer growth, affected by a moderation in card spends for the industry and the regulatory restrictions on KMB related to the sourcing of new credit cards. The card segment has thus reported 1.7% YoY growth vs. 15.6% YoY growth for the industry and a growth range of 8.2%-17.9% for top four credit card players. KMB's credit card loan mix thus declined to 3.3% as of Dec'24 from 3.7% in Mar'24. The bank's market share in o/s cards thus declined to 4.6% in Dec'24 from 5.8% in Mar'24, while its market share in spends declined to 3.6% in Dec'24 from 4.4% in Mar'24. Personal loan segment, however, has still grown at a relatively healthy rate of 10.3% YoY, with the segment accounting for 4.9% of total advances. The unsecured retail mix thus stood at 10.5%.
- Business growth to perk up; estimate KMB to deliver 16% loan CAGR over FY25-27E: Over the past one year, KMB has reported a rather resilient performance, with steady growth and profitability, backed by robust margins. During 3QFY25, its loan book grew 15.1% YoY/3.6% QoQ, led by healthy traction in business banking, CV/CE and home loans. The mix of consumer loans, though, moderated as the wholesale portfolio grew 15% YoY. With the RBI lifting significant regulatory restrictions, we expect business growth and underlying profitability to pick up, with stronger traction in the consumer banking business. This will also support lending yields and margins, which have already compressed to 4.93% from the peak of 5.75% seen during 4QFY23.

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| Equity Shares (m) | 1988 |
| M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb) | 3864.9 / 44.5 |
| 52-Week Range (INR) | 1971 / 1544 |
| 1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%) | 12/15/7 |
| 12M Avg Val (INR M) | 10204 |

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

| Y/E MARCH | FY24 | FY25E | FY26E |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| NII | 259.9 | 284.1 | 321.9 |
| OP | 195.9 | 215.4 | 243.3 |
| NP | 137.8 | 142.9 | 159.7 |
| Cons. NP | 182.1 | 190.9 | 218.2 |
| NIM (%) | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.8 |
| EPS (INR) | 69.4 | 71.9 | 80.3 |
| EPS Gr. (%) | 25.9 | 3.7 | 11.7 |
| ABV. (INR) | 462 | 528 | 602 |
| Cons. BV. (INR) | 654 | 748 | 856 |
| Ratios | | | |
| RoA (%) | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| RoE (%) | 15.3 | 13.8 | 13.5 |
| Cons. RoE (%) | 14.0 | 12.8 | 12.8 |
| Valuations | | | |
| P/BV (X) (Cons.) | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.3 |
| P/ABV (X) (Adj) | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.1 |
| P/E(X) (Adj) | 18.3 | 17.7 | 15.8 |

^{*}Adjusted for Investment subs

Shareholding pattern (%)

| As On | Dec-24 | Sep-24 | Dec-23 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Promoter | 25.9 | 25.9 | 25.9 |
| DII | 30.4 | 29.6 | 21.4 |
| FII | 30.8 | 31.8 | 39.7 |
| Others | 12.9 | 12.8 | 12.9 |

FII Includes depository receipts

Valuation and view: Reiterate BUY after recent upgrade: KMB has delivered a healthy operating performance amid challenging macro conditions and the regulatory limitations that it grappled with and deftly worked upon for the early resolution. The development underscores the regulator's comfort about the remedial steps taken by the bank to plug the various gaps. It also ratifies the bank's resilience as well as the efficacy and strategic foresight of the new management team to deftly handle such a critical situation, which posed grave concerns about the bank, right after several changes in the top leadership team. The reversal of credit card sourcing ban and the revival of customer onboarding via its advanced online and mobile banking channels will act as a powerful catalyst for business growth. This will thus also be pivotal in maintaining healthy margins and revenue growth, led by a recovery in synergistic cross-selling avenues. After being Neutral on the stock for almost four and a half years, we had recently upgraded our rating on KMB and we maintain our positive view. Reiterate BUY with a TP of INR2,200 (premised on 2.3x Sep'26E).

Exhibit 1: Deposits grew from INR1b in FY14 to INR4.7t in 9MFY25

Exhibit 2: Bank reported a 16% CAGR in advances over FY14-FY24; stood at INR4.1t in 9MFY25

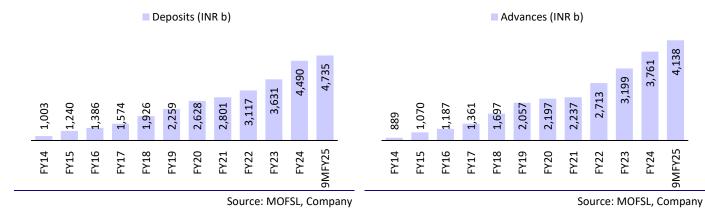


Exhibit 3: KMB credit card spends market share stood at 3.6% as at Dec'24

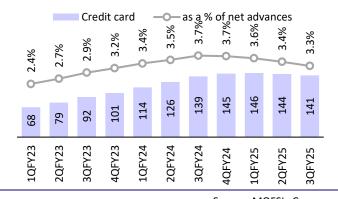
Exhibit 4: KMB credit card outstanding market share stood at 4.6% as at Dec'24

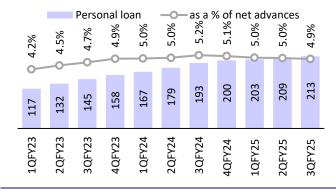


Source: MOFSL, Company Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 5: Credit card as a % of net advances stood at 3.3% in 3QFY25

Exhibit 6: Personal loan as a % of net advances stood at 4.9% in 3QFY25



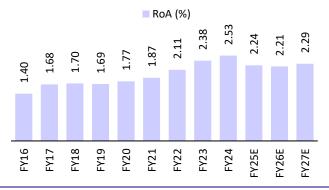


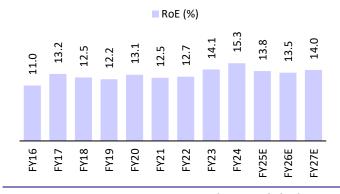
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Exhibit 7: Estimate RoA at 2.21%/2.29% for FY26/FY27

Exhibit 8: Estimate RoE at 13.5%/14.0% for FY26/FY27





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Story in charts

Exhibit 9: Advances/deposits grew 15%/16% YoY

—O—Loan growth (YoY, %) —O—Deposits growth (YoY, %) 25 19 18 15 15 18 18 16 16 19 16 15 13 11 3QFY25 3QFY23 1QFY25 2QFY25 3QFY24 1QFY24 2QFY24 4QFY24

Exhibit 10: Retail loan mix stood at 67.5% in 3QFY25

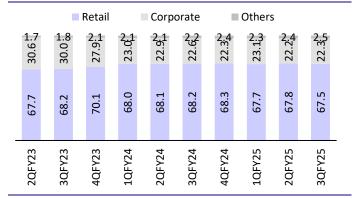


Exhibit 11: NIM improved 2bp QoQ to 4.93%

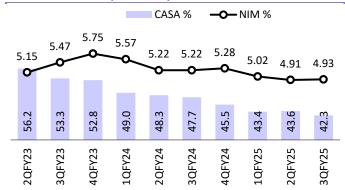


Exhibit 12: Yields/CoF stood at 10.7%/5.1% in 3QFY25

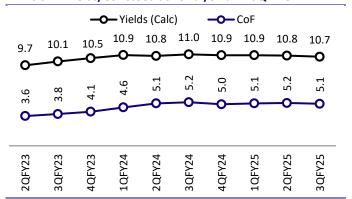


Exhibit 13: C/I ratio declined 22bp QoQ to 47.2%

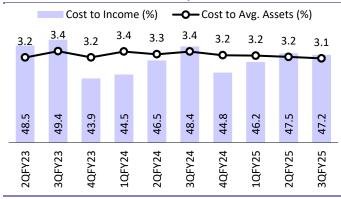


Exhibit 14: C/D ratio increased to 87.4% vs. 86.6% in 2QFY25

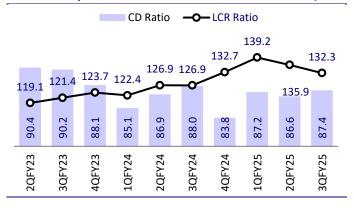


Exhibit 15: Slippages dipped to INR16.6b, credit costs at 0.8%

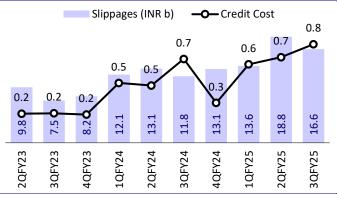
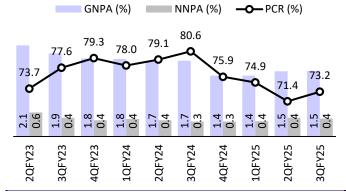


Exhibit 16: GNPA/NNPA ratio stood at 1.5%/0.4%



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Exhibit 17: KMB - SoTP Valuation (Sep'26E-based)

| - | | Total value | Attributed | Value (USD | INR per | % to | - |
|--|-----------|--------------------|---------------|------------|---------|-------|----------------------|
| | Stake (%) | (INR b) | Value (INR b) | В) | share | total | Rationale |
| Lending Business | | 3,171 | 3,402 | 40.8 | 1,712 | 78 | |
| Kotak Mahindra Bank | | 2,802 | 3,009 | 36.1 | 1,514 | 69 | 2.3x Sep'26E NW |
| Kotak Prime (Car and other loans) | 100% | 261 | 277 | 3.3 | 139 | 6 | 2.2x Sep'26E NW |
| Kotak Investment Company (LAS) | 100% | 107 | 116 | 1.4 | 59 | 3 | 2.2x Sep'26E NW |
| Asset Management Business | | 289 | 315 | 3.8 | 158 | 7 | 4.6% of Sep'26E AUMs |
| Domestic Mutual Fund | 100% | 226 | 246 | 3.0 | 124 | 6 | |
| Alternative Assets | 100% | 29 | 31 | 0.4 | 16 | 1 | |
| Offshore Funds | 100% | 34 | 37 | 0.4 | 19 | 1 | |
| Capital Markets related Business | | 354 | 393 | 4.7 | 197 | 9 | |
| Kotak Securities | 100% | 311 | 345 | 4.1 | 174 | 8 | 16x Sep'26E PAT |
| Kotak Investment Banking (KMCC) | 100% | 42 | 47 | 0.6 | 24 | 1 | 2.2x Sep'26E NW |
| Kotak Life Insurance | 100% | 549 | 604 | 7.2 | 304 | 14 | 2.5x Sep'26E EV |
| Subs value @ 20% discount | | 1,247 | 1,363 | 16.4 | 686 | 31 | |
| Target Value (Post 20% holding discount) | | 4,050 | 4,373 | 52.5 | 2,200 | 100 | |
| - contribution of subs/associates to total | PT | | | | 31% | | |

Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 18: One-year forward P/B ratio

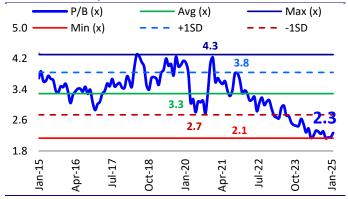
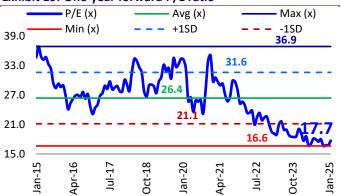


Exhibit 19: One-year forward P/E ratio



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Exhibit 20: DuPont Analysis – We estimate KMB to report FY27 RoA/RoE of 2.3%/14.0%

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|--|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| Y/E March | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| Interest Income | 6.65 | 7.45 | 8.40 | 8.29 | 8.17 | 8.11 |
| Interest Expense | 2.51 | 2.76 | 3.63 | 3.83 | 3.72 | 3.60 |
| Net Interest Income | 4.14 | 4.69 | 4.77 | 4.46 | 4.45 | 4.51 |
| Fee income | 1.70 | 1.75 | 1.72 | 1.64 | 1.64 | 1.63 |
| Trading and others | -0.23 | -0.21 | 0.17 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.24 |
| Non-Interest income | 1.47 | 1.54 | 1.88 | 1.83 | 1.86 | 1.87 |
| Total Income | 5.61 | 6.23 | 6.65 | 6.28 | 6.31 | 6.38 |
| Operating Expenses | 2.65 | 3.00 | 3.06 | 2.90 | 2.94 | 2.95 |
| Employee cost | 1.14 | 1.21 | 1.26 | 1.20 | 1.21 | 1.21 |
| Others | 1.51 | 1.79 | 1.80 | 1.70 | 1.74 | 1.74 |
| Operating Profits | 2.96 | 3.23 | 3.59 | 3.38 | 3.36 | 3.43 |
| Core operating Profits | 3.19 | 3.44 | 3.42 | 3.19 | 3.15 | 3.19 |
| Provisions | 0.17 | 0.10 | 0.29 | 0.42 | 0.45 | 0.42 |
| NPA | 0.27 | 0.11 | 0.27 | 0.40 | 0.42 | 0.39 |
| Others | -0.10 | -0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| PBT | 2.80 | 3.13 | 3.30 | 2.96 | 2.91 | 3.02 |
| Tax | 0.69 | 0.75 | 0.78 | 0.72 | 0.71 | 0.73 |
| RoA | 2.11 | 2.38 | 2.53 | 2.24 | 2.21 | 2.29 |
| Leverage (x) | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| RoE | 12.6 | 14.0 | 15.3 | 13.8 | 13.5 | 14.0 |
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Source: Company, MOFSL

Financials and valuations

| Income Statement | | | | | | (INRb |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| Y/E March | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| Interest Income | 270.4 | 342.5 | 458.0 | 528.4 | 590.7 | 674.5 |
| Interest Expense | 102.2 | 127.0 | 198.1 | 244.3 | 268.8 | 299.3 |
| Net Interest Income | 168.2 | 215.5 | 259.9 | 284.1 | 321.9 | 375.2 |
| -growth (%) | 9.6 | 28.1 | 20.6 | 9.3 | 13.3 | 16.6 |
| Non-Interest Income | 59.9 | 70.8 | 102.7 | 116.5 | 134.2 | 155.8 |
| Total Income | 228.0 | 286.3 | 362.7 | 400.6 | 456.1 | 531.0 |
| -growth (%) | 12.1 | 25.6 | 26.7 | 10.5 | 13.8 | 16.4 |
| Operating Expenses | 107.5 | 137.9 | 166.8 | 185.2 | 212.7 | 245.3 |
| Pre Provision Profits | 120.5 | 148.5 | 195.9 | 215.4 | 243.3 | 285.7 |
| -growth (%) | 2.5 | 23.2 | 31.9 | 10.0 | 12.9 | 17.4 |
| Core PPoP | 129.9 | 158.2 | 186.7 | 203.5 | 227.7 | 265.4 |
| -growth (%) | 8.7 | 21.9 | 18.0 | 9.0 | 11.9 | 16.5 |
| Provisions | 6.9 | 4.6 | 15.7 | 26.9 | 32.6 | 34.7 |
| PBT | 113.6 | 143.9 | 180.1 | 188.5 | 210.7 | 250.9 |
| Tax | 27.9 | 34.5 | 42.3 | 45.6 | 51.0 | 60.7 |
| Tax Rate (%) | 24.5 | 24.0 | 23.5 | 24.2 | 24.2 | 24.2 |
| PAT | 85.7 | 109.4 | 137.8 | 142.9 | 159.7 | 190.2 |
| -growth (%) | 23.1 | 27.6 | 26.0 | 3.7 | 11.7 | 19.1 |
| Consolidated PAT | 117.2 | 149.3 | 182.1 | 190.9 | 218.2 | 261.2 |
| -growth (%) | 17.3 | 27.3 | 22.0 | 4.8 | 14.3 | 19.7 |
| | | | | | | |
| Balance Sheet | | | | | | |
| Y/E March | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| Equity Share Capital | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.9 |
| Preference Share Capital | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0.0 | | | |
| Reserves & Surplus | 710.0 | 820.3 | 957.2 | 1,096.9 | 1,253.1 | 1,439.9 |
| Net Worth | 724.9 | 835.2 | 967.2 | 1,106.9 | 1,263.1 | 1,449.8 |
| - Equity Net worth | 719.9 | 830.2 | 967.2 | 1,106.9 | 1,263.1 | 1,449.8 |
| Deposits | 3,116.8 | 3,631.0 | 4,489.5 | 5,041.8 | 5,777.8 | 6,696.5 |
| -growth (%) | 11.3 | 16.5 | 23.6 | 12.3 | 14.6 | 15.9 |
| - CASA Dep | 1,891.3 | 1,918.2 | 2,043.0 | 2,147.8 | 2,519.1 | 2,966.6 |
| -growth (%) | 11.7 | 1.4 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 17.3 | 17.8 |
| Borrowings | 259.7 | 234.2 | 283.7 | 312.5 | 344.6 | 396.0 |
| Other Liabilities & Prov. | 192.9 | 198.3 | 263.2 | 289.5 | 327.1 | 379.5 |
| Total Liabilities | 4,294.3 | 4,898.6 | 6,003.6 | 6,750.6 | 7,712.7 | 8,921.8 |
| Current Assets | 429.2 | 325.4 | 527.9 | 546.1 | 569.4 | 624.1 |
| Investments | 1,005.8 | 1,214.0 | 1,554.0 | 1,734.3 | 1,970.2 | 2,267.7 |
| -growth (%) | -4.3 | 20.7 | 28.0 | 11.6 | 13.6 | 15.1 |
| Loans | 2,712.5 | 3,198.6 | 3,760.8 | 4,306.1 | 4,995.0 | 5,834.2 |
| -growth (%) | 21.3 | 17.9 | 17.6 | 14.5 | 16.0 | 16.8 |
| Fixed Assets | 16.4 | 19.2 | 21.6 | 24.4 | 28.1 | 32.3 |
| Other Assets | 130.3 | 141.3 | 139.3 | 139.8 | 150.0 | 163.6 |
| Total Assets | 4,294.3 | 4,898.6 | 6,003.6 | 6,750.6 | 7,712.7 | 8,921.8 |
| Total Assets | 4,234.3 | 4,030.0 | 0,003.0 | 0,750.0 | 7,7 12.7 | 0,521.0 |
| Asset Quality | | | | | | |
| Y/E MARCH | FY22 | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY25E | FY25E |
| GNPA | 64.7 | 57.7 | 52.7 | 68.6 | 85.9 | 95.2 |
| NNPA | 17.4 | 11.9 | 12.7 | 19.5 | 24.3 | 30.1 |
| GNPA Ratio (%) | 2.34 | 1.78 | 1.39 | 1.57 | 1.70 | 1.61 |
| NNPA Ratio (%) | 0.64 | 0.37 | 0.34 | 0.45 | 0.49 | 0.52 |
| Slippage Ratio (%) | 1.55 | 1.20 | 1.36 | 1.70 | 1.70 | 1.60 |
| Credit Cost (%) | 0.45 | 0.17 | 0.43 | 0.64 | 0.65 | 0.60 |
| PCR (Excl Tech. write off) (%) | 73.2 | 79.3 | 75.9 | 71.5 | 71.7 | 68.4 |
| E: MOSL Estimates | /3.2 | 13.5 | 15.5 | /1.5 | / 1./ | 00.4 |

Financials and valuations

| Y/E March | FY22 | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E | FY26E |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | F1ZZ | F123 | F124E | F1Z3E | FYZOE | FYZOE |
| Yield and Cost Ratios (%) | 7.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Avg. Yield-Earning Assets | 7.2 | 8.0 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 8.7 |
| Avg. Yield on loans | 7.8 | 9.1 | 10.2 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 9.6 |
| Avg. Yield on Investments | 6.8 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.8 |
| Avg. Cost-Int. Bear. Liab. | 3.2 | 3.5 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| Avg. Cost of Deposits | 3.1 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| Interest Spread | 4.7 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.1 |
| Net Interest Margin | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| Capitalisation Ratios (%) | | | | | | |
| CAR | 23.7 | 21.8 | 20.5 | 19.3 | 18.4 | 17.6 |
| CET-1 | 21.5 | 20.6 | 19.2 | 18.3 | 17.5 | 16.7 |
| Tier I | 22.8 | 20.6 | 19.2 | 18.3 | 17.5 | 16.7 |
| Tier II | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| Business Ratios (%) | | | | | | |
| Loans/Deposit Ratio | 87.0 | 88.1 | 83.8 | 85.4 | 86.5 | 87.1 |
| CASA Ratio | 60.7 | 52.8 | 45.5 | 42.6 | 43.6 | 44.3 |
| Cost/Assets | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Cost/Total Income | 47.2 | 48.1 | 46.0 | 46.2 | 46.6 | 46.2 |
| Cost/Core Income | 45.3 | 46.6 | 47.2 | 47.7 | 48.3 | 48.0 |
| Int. Expense/Int.Income | 37.8 | 37.1 | 43.2 | 46.2 | 45.5 | 44.4 |
| Fee Income/Total Income | 30.3 | 28.1 | 25.8 | 26.1 | 26.0 | 25.5 |
| Non Int. Inc./Total Income | 26.2 | 24.7 | 28.3 | 29.1 | 29.4 | 29.3 |
| Empl. Cost/Total Expenses | 42.9 | 40.2 | 41.3 | 41.3 | 41.0 | 40.9 |
| Efficiency Ratios (INRm) | | | | | | |
| Employee per branch (in nos) | 39.1 | 37.3 | 40.0 | 41.2 | 42.3 | 43.6 |
| Staff cost per employee (INR m) | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| CASA per branch | 1,113 | 1,078 | 1,049 | 1,060 | 1,196 | 1,354 |
| Deposits per branch | 1,833 | 2,040 | 2,305 | 2,489 | 2,742 | 3,056 |
| Business per Employee | 88 | 103 | 106 | 112 | 121 | 131 |
| Profit per Employee | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.0 |
| Trone per Employee | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 2.0 |
| Profitability Ratios and Valuation | | | | | | |
| RoE (%) | 12.7 | 14.1 | 15.3 | 13.8 | 13.5 | 14.0 |
| RoA (%) | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Consolidated ROE (%) | 12.1 | 13.3 | 14.0 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 13.3 |
| · / | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Consolidated ROA (%) | | 2.6 | | | | |
| RoRWA (%) | 2.2 | | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Book Value (INR) | 363 | 418 | 487 | 557 | 635 | 729 |
| -growth (%) | 13.7 | 15.2 | 16.4 | 14.4 | 14.1 | 14.8 |
| Price-BV (x) | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| Adjusted BV (INR) | 342 | 398 | 462 | 528 | 602 | 690 |
| -growth (%) | 15.3 | 16.4 | 16.3 | 14.2 | 14.0 | 14.6 |
| Price-ABV (x) | 3.6 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
| EPS (INR) | 43.2 | 55.1 | 69.4 | 71.9 | 80.3 | 95.7 |
| -growth (%) | 20.9 | 27.5 | 25.9 | 3.7 | 11.7 | 19.1 |
| Price-Earnings (x) | 28.1 | 22.0 | 17.5 | 16.9 | 15.1 | 12.7 |
| Consolidated EPS (INR) | 59.1 | 75.1 | 91.6 | 96.0 | 109.8 | 131.4 |
| Change (%) | 17.1 | 27.2 | 21.9 | 4.8 | 14.3 | 19.7 |
| Price-Consolidated Earnings (x) | 32.2 | 25.3 | 20.7 | 19.8 | 17.3 | 14.5 |
| Dividend Per Share (INR) | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

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NOTES

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| Explanation of Investment Rating | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Investment Rating | Expected return (over 12-month) | | | | |
| BUY | >=15% | | | | |
| SELL | <-10% | | | | |
| NEUTRAL | < - 10 % to 15% | | | | |
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