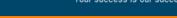
SELL Mahindra Finance

Disappointing show; Downgrade to SELL



TARGET PRICE (Rs): 235

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MMFS reported disappointing numbers in Q2, with the lower asset yield and higher borrowing cost causing a miss on NII; also, a spike in credit cost led to net income missing Consensus/our estimate by 48%/34%. The management sounded confident about the future outlook and believes the poor Q2 performance is a temporary derailment due to seasonal factors. But in our view, MMFS' muted Q2 performance dashes hopes of seasonal fluctuations decreasing for its business; also, the management's assurance on performance improvements ahead—in terms of higher asset yields, improving opex and lower credit cost—is more of a pipedream and has lower visibility. To build-in the Q2 performance, we reduce FY24-26E EPS by ~22-25% and our BVPS by ~2-6%, downgrading the stock to SELL with Sep-24E TP of Rs235/share (FY25E P/BV: 1.5x)

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Source: Company, Emkay Research

Disappointing at present; future improvement a pipedream

MMFS' performance was listless across all key parameters—PAT came in at Rs2.35bn (a 48% miss on Consensus and a 34% miss on Emkay estimates), which was prompted by a combination of a miss at the NII level (led by lower asset yield and higher cost of funds) and a spike of 2.78% in credit cost (~30bps higher vs Q1). Management attributed the weakness in NII and the spike in credit cost to seasonal factors and sounded confident about reversing the trends in both, NII and credit cost, led by their proactive measures and seasonal factor adjustments over the next two quarters.

Management believes the Q2 shock is a temporary blip

MMFS has been shifting its focus towards acquiring prime customers and reducing NTC and sub-prime customers, with a view to lowering its opex and bringing credit cost to the desirable range of 1.5-17% by Mar-24. But as things stand now, this strategy has only caused reduction in asset yields, with opex staying higher due to continued investments in tech, human resources and network, and the stronger impact of seasonal factors on credit cost leading to subpar profitability. The management firmly believes the strategy will pay off in future and that Company is well on track to deliver on its FY25 targets. It sees opex remaining higher near-term on investment in tech/infra, but credit cost seeing sharp moderation in H2, leading to FY24 credit cost ranging at 1.5-1.7%.

Better future outlook wishful thinking; Downgrade to SELL

Over the last 2-3 quarters, MMFS' shares have been seeing a re-rating on account of expectations of reduced seasonality and a more robust business model. But the poor Q2 show materially challenges the hypothesis of reduced seasonality. Management optimism about future outlook based on improvement in NII led by asset yields, playing out of the operating leverage, and improvement in credit cost still seem an unrealistic goal. Against such a backdrop, the 2.5% RoA story remains a tough ask. To account for the Q2FY24 developments, we have adjusted our FY24-26 estimates that results in ~22-25% fall in EPS and a 2-6% drop in BVPS. We downgrade the stock to SELL, with Sep-24E TP of Rs235/share (implied FY25 P/BV: 1.5x) resulting in 15% downside from current levels.

Target Price – 12M	Sep-24
Change in TP (%)	NA
Current Reco.	SELL
Previous Reco.	
Upside/(Downside) (%)	(15.3)
CMP (27-Oct-23) (Rs)	277.3

Stock Data	Ticker
52-week High (Rs)	347
52-week Low (Rs)	191
Shares outstanding (mn)	1,235.5
Market-cap (Rs bn)	343
Market-cap (USD mn)	4,116
Net-debt, FY24E (Rs mn)	18,150
ADTV-3M (mn shares)	4
ADTV-3M (Rs mn)	1,280.4
ADTV-3M (USD mn)	15.4
Free float (%)	-
Nifty-50	19,047
INR/USD	83.2
Shareholding, Sep-23	
Promoters (%)	52.2
FPIs/MFs (%)	14.1/25.8

Price Performance							
(%)	1M	3M	12M				
Absolute	(7.0)	(11.1)	33.7				
Rel. to Nifty	(3.7)	(8.2)	24.5				



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Exhibit 1: Actual vs Estimate

(Be mn)	Q2FY24	Q2FY24	Variation	Comments				
(Rs mn)	Actual	Estimate	Actual vs Estimate	Comments				
Business Assets	9,37,230	9,36,000						
Disbursement	1,33,150	1,33,000						
NII	15,865	16,888	-6%	Miss led by higher CoFs and lower than expected Yields				
PPoP	9,428	10,101	-7%	Lower NII led to a miss on PPoP				
PAT	2,352	3,575	-34%	PAT miss on account of higher than expected credit cost and lower than expected NIMs				
Credit cost	2.8%	2.4%	42bps	Credit cost higher than expected, due to write-off and additional provisioning done on account of increase in share of the Tractor segment in NPAs				
GS3	4.3%	4.4%	-11bps					
NS3	1.7%	1.8%	-12bps					

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: Revision in estimates

V/a May (Bayes)		FY24E			FY25E			FY26E	
Y/e Mar (Rs mn)	Earlier	Revised	Change	Earlier	Revised	Change	Earlier	Revised	Change
AUM	12,41,016	12,41,016	0.0%	15,07,632	15,07,632	0.0%	18,40,003	18,40,003	0.0%
Disbursement	6,13,757	6,13,757	0.0%	7,63,022	7,63,022	0.0%	9,35,424	9,35,424	0.0%
Net interest income	75,985	70,712	-6.9%	95,351	87,274	-8.5%	1,14,517	1,03,670	-9.5%
PPOP	48,080	41,887	-12.9%	63,651	54,430	-14.5%	77,454	65,204	-15.8%
Provisions	20,762	21,456	3.3%	25,124	24,565	-2.2%	31,374	29,368	-6.4%
PBT	27,318	20,431	-25.2%	38,527	29,864	-22.5%	46,080	35,836	-22.2%
Adj. PAT	20,235	15,133	-25.2%	28,537	22,121	-22.5%	34,131	26,544	-22.2%
Adj. EPS (Rs)	16.4	12.2	-25.2%	23.1	17.9	-22.5%	27.6	21.5	-22.2%
BVPS (Rs)	149	146	-1.7%	163	157	-3.6%	182	172	-5.6%
Networth	1,83,592	1,80,390	-1.7%	2,01,508	1,94,277	-3.6%	2,25,422	2,12,875	-5.6%
NIM + Fees	7.4%	6.9%	-50bps	7.5%	7.0%	-50bps	7.4%	6.9%	-52bps
Cost-to-income	40.4%	43.8%	336bps	37.1%	40.8%	372bps	36.3%	40.3%	406bps
Opex-to-AUM	2.9%	2.9%	0bps	2.7%	2.7%	0bps	2.6%	2.6%	0bps
Loan book growth	24.6%	24.6%	0bps	21.5%	21.5%	0bps	22.0%	22.0%	0bps
Credit cost	2.2%	2.3%	11bps	2.1%	2.1%	1bps	2.1%	2.0%	-7bps

Exhibit 3: Q2FY24 result snapshot

(Rs mn)	2QFY23	3QFY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	YoY	QoQ
Interest Income	25,163	27,947	29,344	30,349	31,530	25.3%	3.9%
Interest Expenses	10,688	12,419	13,340	14,505	15,665	46.6%	8.0%
Net Interest Income	14,475	15,528	16,004	15,844	15,865	9.6%	0.1%
Other Income	930	969	1,223	905	875	-5.9%	-3.3%
Total Income	15,405	16,496	17,227	16,750	16,740	8.7%	-0.1%
Operating Expenses	6,768	6,513	7,786	6,750	7,312	8.0%	8.3%
Operating Profit	8,637	9,983	9,441	10,000	9,428	9.2%	-5.7%
Provisions	1,985	1,551	4	5,264	6,266	215.7%	19%
Credit cost (%)of avg. Business Assets	1.1%	0.8%	0.0%	2.5%	2.8%	166bps	29bps
PBT	6,652	8,431	9,437	4,735	3,163	-52.5%	-33.2%
Tax	1,624	2,142	2,596	1,209	811	-50.1%	-32.9%
Tax rate	24.4%	25.4%	27.5%	25.5%	25.6%		0bps
Reported PAT	4,483	6,290	6,841	3,527	2,352	-47.5%	-33.3%
Networth	1,57,461	1,63,976	1,70,889	1,74,600	1,69,560	7.7%	-2.9%
Business assets	7,38,170	7,70,000	8,27,700	8,67,320	9,37,230	27.0%	8.1%
Disbursements	1,18,240	1,44,670	1,37,780	1,21,650	1,33,150	12.6%	9.5%
GS3 (%)	6.7	5.9	4.5	4.4	4.3	-241bps	-6bps
NS3 (%)	2.9	2.5	1.9	1.8	1.7	-120bps	-7bps
PCR (%)	58.2	59.0	59.5	60.1	61.2	299bps	105bps

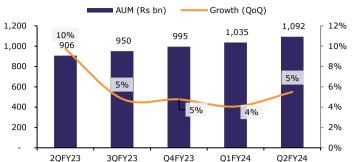
Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 4: Valuation

	CMP/TP	Up	Mkt Cap		P/BV			P/E		R	oA (%)		R	oE (%))	Book V	alue (F	Rs/sh)	El	PS (Rs)	
	(Rs/sh)	side	(Rs bn)	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E I	FY26E
At current market price		-15%	342.6	1.9x	1.8x	1.6x	22.7x	15.5x	12.9x	1.4	1.7	1.7	8.6	11.8	13.0	145.9	157.1	172.2	12.2	17.9	21.5
At target price	235		342.6	1.6x	1.5x	1.4x	19.2x	13.1x	10.9x	1.4	1.7	1.7	8.6	11.8	13.0	145.9	157.1	172.2	12.2	17.9	21.5

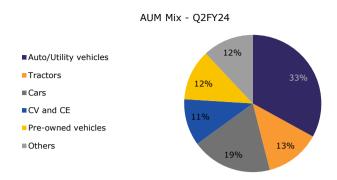
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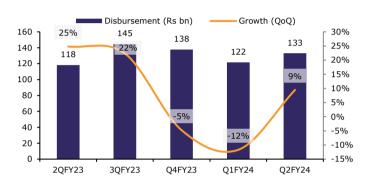
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Exhibit 6: Portfolio mix broadly the same, though Company shifting focus to the customer segment



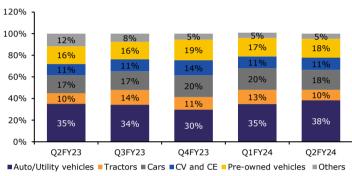
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Exhibit 7: Disbursement growth led by the Auto/Utility segments



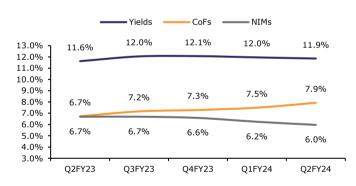
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Exhibit 8: Segmental disbursement mix



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Exhibit 9: NIM compression led by increasing CoFs and lower Yields



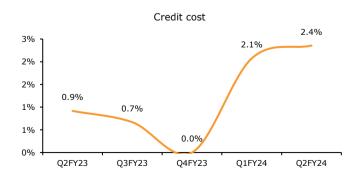
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Exhibit 10: Near-term cost-to-income to retain at current levels



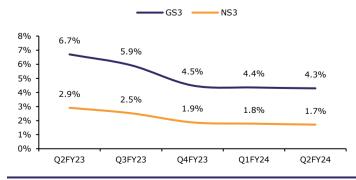
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Exhibit 11: Increased credit cost due to impact of monsoons in some segments leading to higher provision



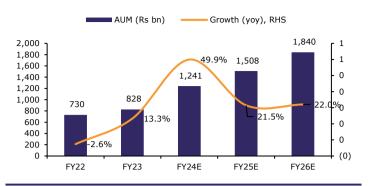
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Exhibit 12: Marginal improvement in asset quality



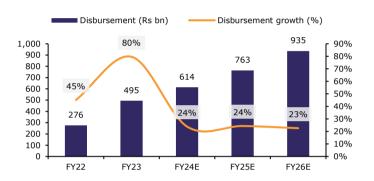
Story in charts

Exhibit 1: AUM to grow above 20% levels over FY24-26E



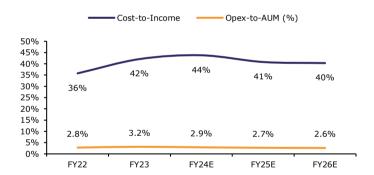
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Exhibit 3: Disbursement growth to continue across all product segments



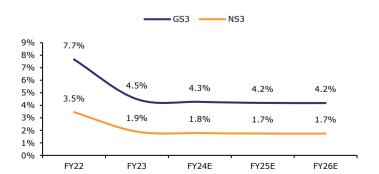
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Exhibit 5: Investment in tech and infra resulting in higher opex; expected to moderate in FY26E



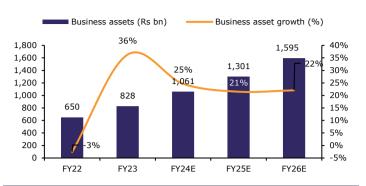
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Exhibit 7: Asset quality to remain stable, 4.2%/1.7%



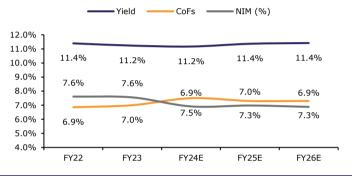
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Exhibit 2: Business assets



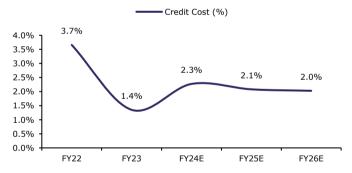
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Exhibit 4: NIM improvement to come from reducing CoFs and increasing mix of high-yielding product



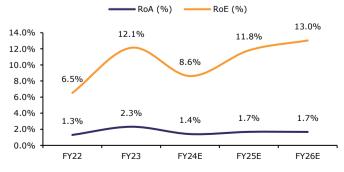
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Exhibit 6: We believe credit cost will remain at around 2% vs the management guidance of 1.5-1.7%



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 8: Profitability improvement owing to improving customer profile leading to overall cost reduction and improving product mix



Management call highlights

- Ground checks suggest overall positive sentiment in the market, with inventory building up at dealer level. Footfall at dealerships remains robust, indicating good retail volumes in light of the festive season. OEMs are excited and preparing well for the upcoming Diwali festival (good business accomplished during Dushera).
- On account of a good monsoon, festive demand and continued infra spend, MMFS sees a good cashflow trend, which would drive business in terms of both, disbursement and improved collection & collection efficiency, resulting in enhanced asset quality.
- In Q2FY24, GS3 remained stable and below Mar-23 levels, while Stage 2 is showing a declining trend, leading to overall improved asset quality. With the stable Stage 3, though, charge on P/L has been higher which the management assured is temporarily impacting PAT; this was on account of deferred cashflows, owing to the delayed monsoon in some geographies coupled with increase in the tractor portfolio that, hence, requires additional provision. Management expects credit cost to come down to 1.5-17% by end-FY24.
- Business assets registered growth above 20%, which is expected to continue, led by strong disbursement.
- Management is confident about achieving its FY25 guidance.
- Opex to track current level for the near term, given MMFS' commitment to building its tech and infra which would help it in longer-term growth.
- NIM to see some near-term pressure on account two key factors: i) The management believes CoFs would sustain current trend or increase going forward. ii) Shift in customer mix, focusing on high-quality customers.
- NIM Guidance of ~6.8% by end-FY24, led by marginal rate hike in some geographies, segments and products; improved mix of high-yielding assets like used vehicles and improved customer quality leading to lower opex and credit cost.
- Expects benign H2 results on account of improved rural cashflow.
- Trade advance for the guarter is ~Rs50bn (non-interest yielding, which was ~Rs33bn in Q2FY23); Company expects this to be converted to interest-yielding assets during nextquarter festivity.
- Impact of the rate hike to be seen in Nov/Dec-23, but most of the impact to come from Q4FY24.
- Loan loss provision for NPA in Q2 was ~Rs2.5bn; the ~Rs1bn excess provision was on account of increase in the tractor portfolio. Expects the provision to see reversal in coming quarter, as ground checks have indicated no deterioration.
- MMFS expects a marginal decline in growth of the pre-owned vehicle segment, on account of low availability of pre-owned vehicles being a challenge.
- Disbursement growth is primarily led by OEM and dealers; the branch plays a service role. MMFS expects to open some branches in the next 6 months. Overall disbursement will not be impacted.
- Write-off to tapper out, as the management focus is more on prime customer acquisition and lowering its NTC and subprime customers.
- ROA guidance of 2.5% by end-FY25.

FY25E

FY26E

Mahindra Finance: Standalone Financials and Valuations

Profit & Loss					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Interest Income	94,756	1,06,826	1,35,144	1,66,466	2,01,253
Interest Expense	39,202	45,767	64,432	79,193	97,583
Net interest income	55,554	61,059	70,712	87,274	1,03,670
NII growth (%)	0.4	9.9	15.8	23.4	18.8
Non interest income	2,432	3,735	3,796	4,655	5,580
Total income	57,986	64,794	74,508	91,928	1,09,251
Operating expenses	20,734	27,276	32,621	37,499	44,047
PPOP	37,252	37,518	41,887	54,430	65,204
PPOP growth (%)	(10.3)	0.7	11.6	29.9	19.8
Provisions & contingencies	23,683	9,992	21,456	24,565	29,368
PBT	13,569	27,526	20,431	29,864	35,836
Extraordinary items	0	(545)	0	0	0
Tax expense	3,682	7,138	5,298	7,744	9,292
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0
Income from JV/Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Reported PAT	9,888	19,843	15,133	22,121	26,544
PAT growth (%)	206.2	100.7	(23.7)	46.2	20.0
Adjusted PAT	9,888	20,388	15,133	22,121	26,544
Diluted EPS (Rs)	8.0	16.1	12.2	17.9	21.5
Diluted EPS growth (%)	164.7	100.6	(23.8)	46.2	20.0
DPS (Rs)	3.6	6.0	4.6	6.7	6.4
Dividend payout (%)	44.9	37.3	37.3	37.3	30.0
Effective tax rate (%)	27.1	25.9	25.9	25.9	25.9
Net interest margins (%)	7.6	7.6	6.9	7.0	6.9
Cost-income ratio (%)	35.8	42.1	43.8	40.8	40.3
PAT/PPOP (%)	26.5	52.9	36.1	40.6	40.7
Shares outstanding (mn)	1,233.0	1,233.6	1,233.6	1,233.6	1,233.6

Share capital	2,466	2,467	2,467	2,467	2,467
Reserves & surplus	1,53,815	1,68,422	1,77,922	1,91,810	2,10,407
Net worth	1,56,281	1,70,889	1,80,390	1,94,277	2,12,875
Borrowings	5,58,139	7,49,459	9,68,677	12,00,923	14,72,514
Other liabilities & prov.	38,467	41,818	43,909	46,104	48,409
Total liabilities & equity	7,52,887	9,62,166	11,92,975	14,41,304	17,33,798
Net loans	6,04,446	7,94,547	10,19,660	12,50,961	15,33,869
Investments	84,403	99,886	1,09,875	1,20,862	1,32,949
Cash, other balances	41,507	28,321	19,830	21,440	13,887
Interest earning assets	7,30,356	9,22,754	11,49,365	13,93,264	16,80,705
Fixed assets	3,929	6,956	7,999	8,799	9,679
Other assets	18,603	32,456	35,612	39,241	43,415
Total assets	7,52,887	9,62,166	11,92,975	14,41,304	17,33,798
BVPS (Rs)	126.5	138.3	145.9	157.1	172.2
Adj. BVPS (INR)	126.5	138.3	145.9	157.1	172.2
Gross loans	6,49,608	8,27,700	10,60,823	13,00,777	15,94,841
Total AUM	7,30,500	9,95,650	12,41,016	15,07,632	18,40,003
On balance sheet	6,49,608	8,27,700	10,60,823	13,00,777	15,94,841
Off balance sheet	80,892	1,67,950	1,80,193	2,06,855	2,45,162
Disbursements	2,75,810	4,95,410	6,13,757	7,63,022	9,35,424
Disbursements growth (%)	45.2	79.6	23.9	24.3	22.6
Loan growth (%)	0.8	31.5	28.3	22.7	22.6
AUM growth (%)	(2.6)	36.3	24.6	21.5	22.0
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Borrowings growth (%)					

FY22

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Balance Sheet Y/E Mar (Rs mn)

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Asset quality and other	r metrics				
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Asset quality					
GNPL - Stage 3	49,760	37,170	45,376	54,518	66,663
NNPL - Stage 3	20,860	15,070	18,150	21,807	26,665
GNPL ratio - Stage 3 (%)	7.7	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.2
NNPL ratio - Stage 3 (%)	3.5	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7
ECL coverage - Stage 3 (%)	58.1	59.5	60.0	60.0	60.0
ECL coverage - 1 & 2 (%)	2.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Gross slippage - Stage 3	0	0	0	0	0
Gross slippage ratio (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Write-off ratio (%)	3.9	3.4	1.6	1.5	1.4
Total credit costs (%)	3.7	1.4	2.3	2.1	2.0
NNPA to networth (%)	13.3	8.8	10.1	11.2	12.5
Capital adequacy					
Total CAR (%)	27.8	22.5	22.7	20.7	19.3
Tier-1 (%)	24.3	19.9	18.9	16.9	15.5
Miscellaneous					
Total income growth (%)	0.3	11.7	15.0	23.4	18.8
Opex growth (%)	27.0	31.5	19.6	15.0	17.5
PPOP margin (%)	5.0	4.3	3.7	4.0	3.9
Credit costs-to-PPOP (%)	63.6	26.6	51.2	45.1	45.0
Loan-to-Assets (%)	80.3	82.6	85.5	86.8	88.5
Yield on loans (%)	13.1	13.1	13.0	13.1	13.1
Cost of funds (%)	6.9	7.0	7.5	7.3	7.3
Spread (%)	6.2	6.1	5.5	5.8	5.8

Source:	Company,	Emkay	Research

Valuations and key Ratios							
Y/E Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E		
P/E (x)	34.6	17.3	22.7	15.5	12.9		
P/B (x)	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.6		
P/ABV (x)	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.6		
P/PPOP (x)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.4		
Dividend yield (%)	1.3	2.2	1.6	2.4	2.3		
Dupont-RoE split (%)							
NII/avg AUM	7.5	7.1	6.3	6.4	6.2		
Other income	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3		
Securitization income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Opex	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2		
Employee expense	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.5		
PPOP	5.0	4.3	3.7	4.0	3.9		
Provisions	3.2	1.2	1.9	1.8	1.8		
Tax expense	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.6		
RoAUM (%)	1.3	2.4	1.4	1.6	1.6		
Leverage ratio (x)	4.9	5.3	6.4	7.3	8.2		
RoE (%)	6.5	12.1	8.6	11.8	13.0		
Quarterly data							
Rs mn, Y/E Mar	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24		
NII	14,475	15,528	16,004	15,844	15,865		
NIM(%)	7.5	7.4	7.4	6.8	6.5		
PPOP	8,637	9,983	9,441	10,000	9,428		
PAT	5,028	6,290	6,841	3,527	2,352		
EPS (Rs)	3.64	5.10	5.55	2.86	1.90		

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

Date	Closing Price (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
30-Jul-23	300	315	Hold	Avinash Singh
08-Jul-23	329	320	Hold	Avinash Singh
29-Apr-23	259	270	Hold	Avinash Singh

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

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