Buy



Poonawalla Fincorp

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 85,633
 26,192



Bloomberg	POONAWAL IN
Equity Shares (m)	779
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	380.6 / 4.3
52-Week Range (INR)	570 / 267
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-10/13/19
12M Avg Val (INR M)	990

Financials Snapshot (INR b)

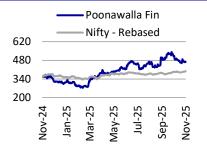
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Y/E MARCH	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Net Total Income	26.9	39.1	62.7
PPOP	13.2	19.0	35.0
PAT	-1.0	7.0	17.5
EPS (INR)	-1.3	8.7	21.8
EPS Gr. (%)	-111.7	-	150.2
Standalone BV (INR)	105	128	148
Ratios			
NIM on AUM (%)	7.8	7.0	7.5
C/I ratio (%)	50.9	51.6	44.2
RoAA (%)	-0.3	1.5	2.5
RoE (%)	-1.2	7.6	15.8
Payout (%)	0.0	23.0	13.8
Valuations			
P/E (x)	-	53.7	21.5
P/BV (x)	4.4	3.6	3.2
Div. Yield (%)	0.0	0.4	0.6
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Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Sep-25	Jun-25	Sep-24
Promoter	64.0	62.5	61.9
DII	12.3	12.3	10.6
FII	11.2	11.4	8.4
Others	12.6	13.9	19.1

FII Includes depository receipts

Stock's performance (one year)



CMP: INR468 TP: INR600 (+28%)

Smart risk, sharp execution, strong outcomes

Driving predictable scale via smart underwriting and diversified growth engines

We hosted Mr. Arvind Kapil, MD & CEO of Poonawalla Fincorp (PFL), for a meeting with a group of foreign institutional investors to discuss the company's future trajectory and the progress achieved over the past year under the new leadership team.

PFL continues to deliver on its stated ambition of building a digitally enabled, multi-product, and high-ROA retail lending franchise. Under the leadership of its new MD & CEO, the company has rapidly scaled newer businesses, invested significantly in Al-driven risk and operational systems, and strengthened its governance and cultural fabric. The strategy focuses on disciplined, diversified growth with balanced exposure across secured and unsecured retail products. The organizational culture is driven by a focus on high performance and innovation, coupled with a commitment to continuous improvement. With multiple new products scaling well, robust risk practices, and strong execution capabilities, PFL is well-positioned to sustain (or potentially exceed) its ~35-40% AUM CAGR guidance, while improving profitability. The company targets to achieve its guided ROA of 3.0-3.5% by Jun'28, supported by higher operating leverage, superior cross-sell, and cost efficiency from automation. Over the next 4-5 years, the company aspires to set the stage for greater revenue stability, supported by sustained growth and consistent improvement in ROA.

Multi-product, multi-channel strategy driving robust AUM momentum

- Over the past year, PFL has introduced six to seven new products across consumer durable loans, education loans, gold loans, Prime PL, CV, and shopkeeper loans, each supported by detailed product engineering and a risk-calibrated execution framework.
- This diversification across multiple businesses not only creates different distribution strengths for the future but also generates revenue stability, which is vital for sustainable profit. The portfolio is being transformed into a highly resilient, scalable, and geographically diverse one, spanning retail, multi-channel, multi-product, and balancing secured and unsecured lending.
- The company has focused on building multiple distribution engines such as digital channels, DSAs, physical branches, dealer networks, and counsellor-led channels to drive visibility, customer acquisition, and cross-sell opportunities. Notably, PFL's emphasis has been on creating sustainable growth engines, ensuring that every new product contributes meaningfully to both customer franchise expansion and profitability.

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- Consumer durable loans are already active through 10k dealer outlets across urban and semi-urban markets, while education loans are distributed via counselor networks, where PFL is gaining strong acceptance. The company's digital lending platform continues to enable seamless onboarding, and its gold loan operations are targeted to be fully rolled out across ~400 focused branches by Mar'26.
- The company is focusing on high-yield, granular products, disciplined underwriting, and strong cost controls. Management reiterated confidence in sustaining robust AUM growth momentum in FY26, supported by improving productivity and diversification benefits. We model AUM growth of 69%/46% in FY26/FY27E, leading to AUM CAGR of ~50% over FY25-FY28E.

Rapid scale-up across all its new lending engines

- PFL continues to demonstrate strong and broad-based traction across its newly launched businesses, with disbursements scaling sharply in multiple segments. The prime PL business has gained rapid market acceptance, with monthly disbursals scaling to ~INR4b and 26% of volumes processed through a fully digital straight-through processing (STP) journey, underscoring the strength of PFL's tech-led origination capabilities.
- Gold loans have also accelerated meaningfully, with disbursements rising from INR280m in Jun'25 to INR1.1b in Sep'25, supported by rapid branch expansion to 160 locations and a clear roadmap to reach 400 branches by Mar'26.
- The CV business continues to scale strongly as well, with disbursals doubling to INR1b and network expansion to 49 locations and 450 channel partners, alongside a successful launch of the new CV product.
- Education loans have built early momentum, with over 10k files logged, INR1b disbursed in a single month, and a growing base of 200 counsellors. Collectively, these businesses are gaining scale at a rapid pace and are set to evolve into robust and sustainable growth engines for PFL over the medium term.

AI-led transformation driving structural improvement in operating leverage

- A defining pillar of PFL's transformation is its AI innovation lab in collaboration with IIT Mumbai, where 45 projects are underway and 16-17 are already live. Out of 45 initial projects tabled, 16-17 have been commissioned and executed. It is believed that five or six of these projects could be pathbreaking, while the others are designed to incrementally enhance decision-making speed and cost efficiency. These projects cover areas like risk analytics, collections, underwriting, marketing efficiency, and even internal audit and governance automation.
- PFL aims for the organization to fully embrace AI. AI and ML models are extensively used in collections, providing a significant edge compared to the industry. The agility enables PLF to launch new AI or ML models in potentially less than one-third of the time required by industry peers.
- This digital transformation is expected to yield significant cost efficiencies over the next 12-18 months, structurally improving PFL's cost-to-income ratio. We model the cost-to-income ratio to decline to ~42% by FY28E (FY25: 51%).



Building strong cross-sell engines for scalable customer growth

- Digital lending provides pan-India access, unrestricted by pin codes, enabling seamless spread across geographies. The PL Prime 24x7 digital journey is an industry benchmark, capitalizing on customers who prefer taking loans late at night or early in the morning based on their cash flow and EMI requirements.
- The new businesses are strategically designed to create strong cross-sell opportunities and customer acquisition funnels. For instance, investing in consumer durables, which may not generate rapid standalone profit, is primarily intended for accelerated cross-sell. The goal is for each new customer to become a multi-product relationship. The ability to approve education loans quickly is aided by digital backend capabilities. Over time, these funnels are expected to meaningfully reduce customer acquisition costs, improve profitability, and enhance customer stickiness, creating a strong base for long-term compounding growth.

Reinforced risk framework driving sustained asset quality gains

- PFL maintains a risk philosophy centered on making the portfolio more granular, retail-focused, and completely diversified. This strategic approach is intended to design a model that is resilient and can withstand external shocks and economic cycles. The company reiterated that credit costs will continue on a declining trend in the foreseeable future till it stabilizes at steady-state levels. This will be achieved by planning for the contribution of lower-risk secured products (like gold and education loans) to increase substantially over the next three years.
- MSME portfolio, a key area of investor focus, remains predominantly secured, with ATS generally >INR5m and prudent underwriting. Management stated that the portfolio has been intentionally designed for low risk.
- The erstwhile STPL book continues to run down, now forming about 2% of AUM (vs 4% in Jun'25). Around 70% of this portfolio is zero-dpd and adequately provided. First EMI bounce rates in the recalibrated STPL book have improved 70% (relative to the legacy STPL book), with collection efficiencies improving by ~40%. As the mix shifts towards secured, salaried, and prime segments across gold, CV, LAP, education, and prime PL, credit costs are expected to decline over the next 3-5 years.
- Underwriting standards are calibrated using dynamic credit scoring models and algorithms built internally. There is strong investment in AI-driven risk analytics and collections, ensuring that collection capability translates into measurable outcomes. The disciplined approach of combining secured lending with prudent unsecured exposure ensures the credit cost profile remains structurally lower, even during volatile economic periods.

Valuation and view

- PFL is transitioning into a structurally stronger, digitally advanced, and well-diversified retail NBFC. The company's disciplined approach to growth, strong leadership bench, and emphasis on technology and governance provide a clear path toward consistent, high-quality profitability. With multiple engines of growth and improving operating leverage, PFL is well-positioned to deliver sustained superior returns in the medium-to-long term.
- Culturally, the organization combines high-performance innovation with continuous improvement, reflecting what management calls a 'smart



- organization mindset'. The company now employs over 3k people across multiple verticals, operating cohesively toward clearly defined profitability and governance objectives.
- PFL trades at 3.2x FY27E, and we estimate AUM/PAT CAGR of 42%/92% over FY26-FY28E with RoA/RoE of 2.6%/20% in FY28E. Reiterate our BUY rating on the stock with a TP of INR600 (premised on 3.7x Sep'27 BVPS).

Exhibit 1: Valuation matrix of PFL and its peers

Val	Rating	СМР	TP	MCap	EPS	(INR)	BV (INR)	RoA	(%)	RoE	(%)	P/E	(x)	P/B	V (x)
summary	FY28E	(INR)	(INR)	(INRb)	FY26E	FY27E										
Poonawalla	Buy	467	600	363	8.7	21.8	128	148	1.5	2.5	7.6	15.8	53.7	21.5	3.6	3.2
BAF	Neutral	1,029	1,160	6,243	32.7	41.4	183	218	3.9	4.0	19.3	20.6	31.5	24.9	5.6	4.7
ABCL	Buy	328	380	863	15.2	19.5	129	145	0.0	0.0	12.3	14.2	21.6	16.8	2.5	2.3
LTFH	Buy	292	330	742	11.9	16.1	112	125	2.3	2.6	11.1	13.6	24.5	18.2	2.6	2.3
Piramal Finance	Buy	1,676	1,460	361	63.7	106.8	1,255	1,346	1.4	1.9	5.2	8.2	26.3	15.7	1.3	1.2
MAS Financial	Buy	318	380	57	20.0	24.8	158	181	2.7	2.8	13.4	14.6	15.9	12.8	2.0	1.8
IIFL Finance	Buy	545	635	237	34.7	47.0	323	365	2.1	2.3	11.3	13.6	15.7	11.6	1.7	1.5
HDB Financial	Neutral	743	800	616	31.4	40.8	252	293	2.3	2.5	14.2	15.0	23.6	18.2	2.9	2.5



Story in charts

Exhibit 2: Expect AUM CAGR of ~50% over FY25-FY28E

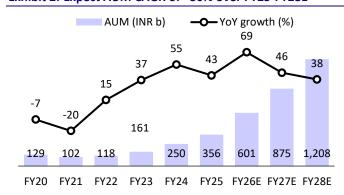


Exhibit 3: Disbursements CAGR of ~47% over FY25-FY28E

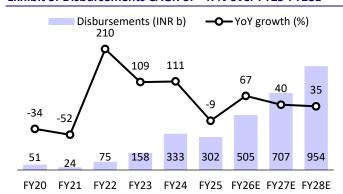


Exhibit 4: Spreads to expand in FY27E/FY28E

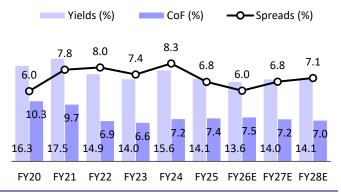
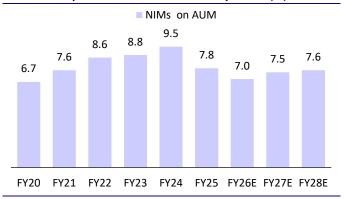


Exhibit 5: Expect NIMs to reach ~7.5% by FY27E (%)



*Note: Change in classification from 2QFY24

Exhibit 6: Expect continuous improvement in the C/I ratio

C/I ratio (%) —O—Opex/ AUM (%)

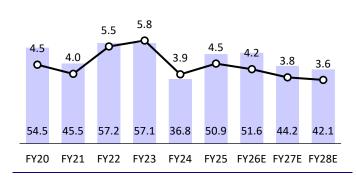


Exhibit 7: Expect further improvement in asset quality

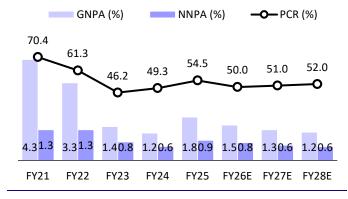


Exhibit 8: Expect credit costs to decline gradually

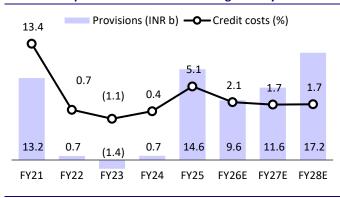
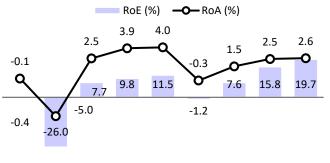


Exhibit 9: Expect RoA/RoE of 2.6%/20% in FY28E



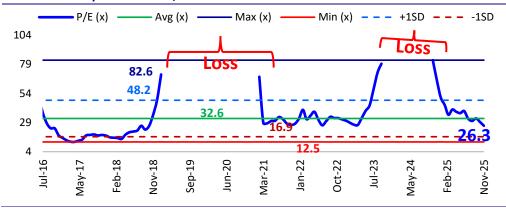
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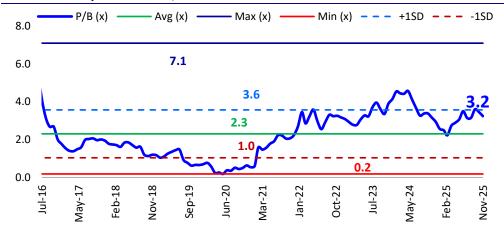


Exhibit 10: One-year forward P/E charts



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 11: One-year forward P/B charts



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 12: RoA Tree

Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Interest Income	14.5	15.1	12.6	11.8	13.8	13.1	13.0	13.7	13.8
Interest Expended	8.0	7.5	4.4	3.9	4.5	5.1	5.8	5.9	5.9
Net Interest Income	6.4	7.6	8.2	8.0	9.3	8.0	7.2	7.7	7.9
Other Operating Income	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.9
Other Income	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Income	7.8	8.6	9.1	9.2	10.4	9.1	8.4	8.8	8.9
Operating Expenses	4.3	3.9	5.2	5.3	3.8	4.6	4.3	3.9	3.7
Operating Income	3.6	4.7	3.9	4.0	6.6	4.5	4.1	4.9	5.1
Provisions/write offs	3.3	11.3	0.6	-0.9	0.3	4.9	2.1	1.6	1.7
PBT	0.2	-6.6	3.3	4.9	6.3	-0.5	2.0	3.3	3.4
Tax	0.3	-1.7	0.8	1.2	2.3	-0.1	0.5	0.8	0.9
Reported PAT	-0.1	-5.0	2.5	3.7	4.0	-0.3	1.5	2.5	2.6
Avg leverage	5.5	5.2	3.0	2.5	2.9	3.6	5.0	6.4	7.7
RoE	-0.4	-26.0	7.7	9.4	11.5	-1.2	7.6	15.8	19.7



Financials and Valuation

Income Statement									(INR M)
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Interest Income	20,228	17,570	14,586	18,265	29,041	38,745	60,491	97,371	1,38,855
Interest Expenses	11,240	8,746	5,093	5,953	9,551	15,151	27,210	42,150	59,236
Net Interest Income	8,988	8,824	9,493	12,312	19,490	23,594	33,281	55,221	79,619
Change (%)	-11.8	-1.8	7.6	29.7	58.3	21.1	41.1	65.9	44.2
Non-interest income and Other Income	1,962	1,199	1,085	1,931	2,478	3,346	5,843	7,504	9,510
Net Total Income	10,951	10,023	10,578	14,243	21,967	26,940	39,124	62,724	89,129
Change (%)	-12.4	-8.5	5.5	34.6	54.2	22.6	45.2	60.3	42.1
Total Operating Expenses	5,968	4,563	6,046	8,139	8,074	13,713	20,172	27,695	37,561
Change (%)	-0.8	-23.5	32.5	34.6	-0.8	69.8	47.1	37.3	35.6
Employee Expenses	3,741	3,060	4,099	5,148	4,444	6,362	10,052	13,571	18,049
Depreciation	716	522	495	614	593	651	911	1,048	1,205
Other Operating Expenses	1,487	981	1,453	2,268	3,036	5,755	9,208	13,076	18,306
PPoP	4,982	5,460	4,532	6,104	13,894	13,228	18,952	35,030	51,569
Change (%)	-23.1	9.6	-17.0	34.7	127.6	-4.8	43.3	84.8	47.2
Total Provisions	4,640	13,186	686	-1,445	720	14,582	9,606	11,648	17,220
PBT	342	-7,727	3,846	7,761	13,173	-1,354	9,346	23,382	34,348
Exceptional items					12,212	0	0	0	0
Tax Provisions	442	-1,943	914	1,816	4,827	-371	2,337	5,845	8,587
PAT (excl. exceptional)	-100	-5,784	2,932	5,945	8,347	-983	7,010	17,536	25,761
PAT (incl. exceptional)	-100	-5,784	2,932	5,945	20,559	-983	7,010	17,536	25,761
Balance Sheet									(INR M)
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Equity Share Capital	539	539	1,530	1,536	1,541	1,546	1,612	1,612	1,612
Reserves & Surplus	24,614	18,881	55,615	62,711	79,623	79,694	1,01,637	1,17,562	1,40,905
Net Worth	25,153	19,421	57,145	64,247	81,164	81,240	1,03,250	1,19,174	1,42,517
Borrowings	1,00,595	79,487	67,734	1,12,092	1,52,157	2,58,806	4,62,933	7,04,657	9,87,799
Change (%)									
Other liabilities	3,803	4,512	3,217	3,880	7,041	9,747	14,621	21,931	32,897
Total Liabilities	1,29,552	1,03,420	1,28,097	1,80,218	2,40,362	3,49,793	5,80,803	8,45,762	11,63,213
Loans	1,11,749	85,653	1,06,784	1,52,295	2,20,464	3,26,950	5,60,679	8,25,641	11,38,993
Change (%)	-14.9	-23.4	24.7	42.6	44.8	48.3	71.5	47.3	38.0
Cash and Bank Balances	6,484	6,124	5,372	6,574	2,685	323	1,455	-1,148	-62
Fixed Assets	2,267	1,715	1,748	2,117	1,944	2,542	2,745	2,965	3,202
Investments	4,024	4,289	8,197	3,109	8,783	13,416	8,050	8,855	9,740
Other assets	5,028	5,638	5,996	16,123	6,486	6,562	7,875	9,450	11,339
Total Assets	1,29,552	1,03,420	1,28,097	1,80,218	2,40,362	3,49,793	5,80,803	8,45,762	11,63,213

E: MOFSL Estimates



Financials and Valuation

AUM									
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
AUM (INR b)	128.5	102.5	117.7	161.4	250.0	356.3	601.2	875.4	1,208.3
YoY growth (%)	-7	-20	15	37	55	43	69	46	38
Disbursements (INR b)	50.5	24.2	75.2	157.5	332.9	302.4	505.0	707.0	954.5
YoY growth (%)	-34	-52	210	109	111	-9	67	40	35
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Ratios									
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Spreads Analysis (%)	-								
Avg. Yield on Loans	16.3	17.5	14.9	14.0	15.6	14.1	13.6	14.0	14.1
Avg Cost of Funds	10.3	9.7	6.9	6.6	7.2	7.4	7.5	7.2	7.0
Spread on loans	6.0	7.8	8.0	7.4	8.3	6.8	6.0	6.8	7.1
NIM (on AUM)	6.7	7.6	8.6	8.8	9.5	7.8	7.0	7.5	7.6
Profitability Ratios (%)									
RoE	-0.4	-26.0	7.7	9.8	11.5	-1.2	7.6	15.8	19.7
RoA	-0.1	-5.0	2.5	3.9	4.0	-0.3	1.5	2.5	2.6
Int. Expended / Int.Earned	55.6	49.8	34.9	32.6	32.9	39.1	45.0	43.3	42.7
Other Inc. / Net Income	17.9	12.0	10.3	13.6	11.3	12.4	14.9	12.0	10.7
Efficiency Ratios (%)									
Op. Exps. / Net Income	54.5	45.5	57.2	57.1	36.8	50.9	51.6	44.2	42.1
Opex/ Avg AUM	4.5	4.0	5.5	5.8	3.9	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.6
Empl. Cost/Op. Exps.	62.7	67.1	67.8	63.2	55.0	46.4	49.8	49.0	48.1
zmpii costy op. zxps.	02.7	07.1	07.0	05.2	33.0	10.1	15.0	13.0	10.1
Asset-Liability Profile (%)									
Loans/Borrowings Ratio	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
Debt/Equity (x)	4.0	4.1	1.2	1.7	1.9	3.2	4.5	5.9	6.9
Assets/Equity (x)	5.2	5.3	2.2	2.8	3.0	4.3	5.6	7.1	8.2
Asset quality									
GNPA (INR m)	8,357	4,190	3,720	2,250	2,680	6,190	8,567	10,924	13,920
GNPA (%)	0.0	4.3	3.3	1.4	1.2	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.2
NNPA (INR m)	0	1,240	1,440	1,210	1,360	2,820	4,284	5,353	6,682
NNPA (%)	0.0	1.3	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6
PCR (%)	0.0	70.4	61.3	46.2	49.3	54.5	50.0	51.0	52.0
Credit costs (%)	3.8	13.4	0.7	-1.1	0.4	5.1	2.1	1.7	1.7
Valuations	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Book Value (INR)	93	72	75	84	105	105	128	148	177
BV Growth (%)	-1.7	-22.8	3.7	12.0	25.9	-0.2	21.9	15.4	19.6
Price-BV (x)	5.0	6.5	6.3	5.6	4.4	4.4	3.6	3.2	2.6
EPS (INR)	-0.4	-21.5	3.8	7.7	10.8	-1.3	8.7	21.8	32.0
EPS Growth (%)	-103.6	5,675.2	-117.9	102.0	39.9	-111.7	-783.5	150.2	46.9
Price-Earnings (x)	-1,257.3	-21.8	121.8	60.3	43.1	-367.0	53.7	21.5	14.6
Dividend per share	0.0	0.0	0.4	2.0	2.0	0.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.6
E: MOFSL Estimates									

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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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