

BUY CMP Rs411 Target Rs577 Upside 40.0%

	√	CREDAG's stand-alone PAT in Q4 FY20 was suppressed by lower securitization/assignment income (Rs6mn v/s Rs334mn in Q3 FY20 and Rs291mn in Q4 FY19), one-off expenses related to Madura acquisition (Rs152mn) and additional Covid-related provisions (Rs829mn). Adjusting for these items, co's operating performance was strong with PBT growth at 13% qoq and 44% yoy.
HIGHLIGHTS	√	Despite Covid impacting operations in March, AUM growth was solid at 11.5% qoq and 38% yoy. Negligible branch/loan officer addition led to significant reduction in Opex/AUM ratio (from 5.1% in Q3 FY20 to 4.6%). There was a material reduction in funding cost with co. procuring Rs22bn of fresh funding at blended rate of ~9%.
	✓	PAR 60 portfolio increased to 1.6% from 0.9% as of Q3 FY20, owing to loans impacted in coastal Karnataka (external interference) and in parts of Maharashtra and Karnataka (due to floods in H1 FY20) having shifted buckets. While continuing to make full provisions on PAR 60 portfolio, CREDAG made the aforesaid Covid provisions. ECL cover rose to 2.9% of AUM.
	√	During Q4 FY20, CREDAG completed 76.1% acquisition of Madura Micro Finance Ltd. (MMFL) having an AUM of Rs21bn and business infrastructure comprising 464 branches, ~2000 loans officers and 1.2mn borrowers. With dominant presence in Tamil Nadu (70% of AUM), MMFL diversifies CREDAG's regional footprint.
	✓	Key management commentary included a) prompt resumption of field operations (98% branches opened and 90% staff in place), b) 70% customers positive about not opting for further moratorium and about 20% wanting few weeks to start repayment, c) expects 60% of lenders to continue to provide principal moratorium till Aug 31 d) ~Rs15bn of sanctions under progress which includes ~Rs2.5bn under TLTRO facility and e) estimate credit cost from Covid to be around demonetization level (4%).
7. 10	√	Incorporate MMFL acquisition in FY21/22 estimates. See FY21 to be challenging both in terms of credit cost and growth, but FY22 to be normal (MFIs have a shorter crisis cycle). Expect much lower liquidity and capital related challenges for CREDAG v/s peers.
Our View	✓	Upgrade rating from ADD to BUY with a 12m TP of Rs577. Steep stock price fall and consequent valuation de-rating (1.6x FY22 P/ABV, without factoring capital raise) discounts FY21 headwinds but doesn't capture a sharp RoA/RoE recovery in FY22.
Risk to our call	✓	A large-scale moral hazard issue and adverse State intervention

Exhibit 1: Financial Summary

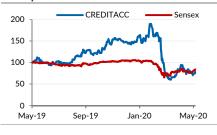
Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY19	FY20*	FY21E*	FY22E*
Operating income	8,666	11,255	14,781	18,219
yoy growth (%)	67.3	29.9	31.3	23.3
PPOP	5,726	6,989	8,809	11,141
Net profit	3,218	3,336	1,654	6,653
yoy growth (%)	51.4	3.7	(50.4)	302.3
EPS (Rs)	22.4	23.2	11.3	45.4
Adj.BVPS (Rs)	164.8	189.9	205.3	250.7
P/E (x)	18.3	17.7	36.4	9.1
P/adj.BV (x)	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.6
ROE (%)	16.9	13.3	5.8	19.9
ROA (%)	5.2	3.7	1.2	4.2
CAR (%)	35.7	23.6	23.5	22.9

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research; * financial consolidation of MMFL from March 18, 2020

Stock data (as on June 1, 2020)

Sensex:	33,304
52 Week h/I (Rs)	1000 / 305
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	58853 / 779
Outstanding Shares	144
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	101
Div yield (%):	-
Bloomberg code:	CREDAG IN
NSE code:	CREDITACC

Stock performance



	1M	3M	1Y
Absolute	(17.0)	(51.5)	(21.9)
return	%	%	%

Shareholding pattern (As of Mar'20 end)

Promoter	79.9%
FII+DII	14.3%
Others	5.8%

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CON-CALL HIGHLIGHTS

- Collection efficiency in April and May was negligible as CREDAG offered blanket moratorium in the first phase. Collection will start from today (June 1). All collections will only happen through center meetings
- ✓ CEDAG conducting center meetings by meeting 1/4th of members (but representing all) along with the group leader. For majority groups there is weekly meeting, so company would cover meeting all customers in the group during a month.
- People movement restrictions only in containment areas; particularly in Maharashtra where such areas are more.
- Company will attribute initial EMIs towards the accrued interest of the moratorium period. For a borrower, the EMI is not changing (compared to pre-Covid) but tenor is getting extended based on the remaining tenor of the original loan (determines accrued interest adjustment).
- CREDAG not to offer blanket moratorium in second phase. It will be need-based and offered on case-to-case basis.
- ✓ As per recent customer engagement, about 10% of customers may opt for moratorium in the second term. These borrowers largely in urban areas and in more Covid affected zones.
- √ ~20% of borrowers who are likely to take few weeks before starting repayments are the ones whose economic activity started late (in May).
- Company will start disbursement to customers who are prompt in repayment. Have always provided money based on need and repayment record.
- Over 60% of lenders extended moratorium during the first phase. Management expecting similar level of support in second moratorium period.
- ✓ About Rs3.5bn received from SIDBI and NABARD at ~8% rate under the special liquidity facility during May. Drawdown or fresh funding from banks stood at just Rs0.7bn in April-May. About Rs22bn of funding was drawn in Q4 at an average rate of 9%.
- ✓ Sanctions under progress (expected drawdown in June-July) worth Rs14.8bn are largely from banks who have offered moratorium (most large private and public banks). This amount also includes about Rs2.5bn under TLTRO facility.
- ✓ The company will continue to diversify liability base and wants to reduce dependency on banks to below 50% (currently at 62%).
- CREDAG has an internal policy of not operating with Tier-1 capital below 20%. There is headroom of 3-4 quarters before capital raise.
- MMFL's portfolio is pre-dominantly in TN (70% of portfolio) and majority operating districts are marked as red zone as they have >100 Covid cases. The company also has about 12% portfolio in Maharashtra which has higher incidence of Covid.
- ✓ Support from CREDAG and presence of common lenders will alleviate liquidity challenges for MMFL. MMFL received moratorium from 55-60% lenders in the first phase.
- Covid-related provisioning is an additional one-time overlay; the ECL model already includes management overlay based on similar risk events. LGD will keep changing due to data rollover.
- Management expects credit cost to not exceed demonetization level of 4%. The company holds a buffer provisioning (ECL - GNPL) of 1.3%. CREDAG not looking to change its provisioning policy.



Exhibit 2: Result Table

(Rs mn)	Q4 FY20*	Q3 FY20	% qoq	Q4 FY19	% yoy
Total Operating Income	4,817	4,532	6.3	3,355	43.6
Interest Expenses	(1,750)	(1,459)	19.9	(1,027)	70.3
Net Interest Income	3,068	3,073	(0.2)	2,328	31.8
Other income	4	4	-	9	(54.9)
Total Income	3,072	3,077	(0.2)	2,337	31.4
Operating expenses	(1,277)	(1,071)	19.3	(822)	55.3
PPOP	1,795	2,006	(10.5)	1,515	18.5
Provisions	(1,390)	(547)	154.0	(339)	310.2
PBT	405	1,459	(72.2)	1,176	(65.5)
Tax	(97)	(379)	(74.3)	(413)	(76.4)
Adjusted PAT	308	1,080	(71.5)	763	(59.7)

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

Exhibit 3: Business Data (standalone)

(%)	Q4 FY20	Q3 FY20	chg qoq	Q4 FY19	chg yoy
Gross Loan Portfolio	98,960	88,720	11.5	71,590	38.2
IGL	84,470	75,410	12.0	60,880	38.7
Family Welfare	1,680	2,490	(32.5)	930	80.6
Home Improvement	7,700	6,120	25.8	6,430	19.8
Emergency	130	140	(7.1)	100	30.0
Retail Finance	4,990	4,560	9.4	3,250	53.5
Disbursement (Rs mn)	29,160	29,770	(2.0)	32,720	(10.9)
Branches	929	928	0.1	670	38.7
Group	858	858	-	610	40.7
Retail	71	70	1.4	60	18.3
Employees	10,824	10,465	3.4	8,064	34.2
Group	9,654	9,361	3.1	7,135	35.3
Retail	1,170	1,104	6.0	929	25.9
Loan Officers	7,716	7,587	1.7	5,768	33.8
Group	6,962	6,892	1.0	5,172	34.6
Retail	754	695	8.5	596	26.5
Active Borrowers (mn)	2.9	2.8	4.9	2.5	17.6
Group	2.8	2.7	4.9	2.4	16.6
Retail	0.1	0.1	23.3	0.0	80.5

Source: Company, YES Sec – Research; *Computed

Exhibit 4: Key Ratios (standalone)

(Rs mn)	Q4 FY20	Q3 FY20	% qoq	Q4 FY19	% yoy
NIM	12.0	12.4	(0.4)	12.0	-
Portfolio Yield	19.6	19.7	(0.1)	18.6	1.0
Cost of Borrowing	9.6	10.0	(0.4)	9.9	(0.3)
Opex/GLP	4.6	5.1	(0.5)	5.0	(0.4)
C/I	36.7	34.8	1.9	35.2	1.5
RoA	3.6	4.6	(1.0)	4.1	(0.5)
RoE	12.9	16.5	(3.6)	13.1	(0.2)
GNPA	1.6	0.9	0.7	0.6	1.0
CRAR	23.6	32.4	(8.8)	35.7	(12.1)

Source: Company, YES Sec – Research

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^{*}Q4 FY20 includes financial consolidation of MMFL from March 18, 2020



Exhibit 5: Comparison of CAGL and MMFL

Particulars	Q4 FY19	Q1 FY20	Q2 FY20	Q3 FY20	Q4 FY20
Branches (no)					
CAGL	670	753	887	928	929
MMFL	357	402	420	449	464
Borrowers (mn)					
CAGL	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.9
MMFL	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2
GLP (Rs mn)					
CAGL	71,590	76,190	79,050	88,720	98,960
MMFL	18,570	19,180	20,490	21,370	21,000
Loan Officers (no)					
CAGL	5,768	6,165	7,110	7,587	7,716
MMFL	1,391	1,587	1,746	1,974	1,972
Employees (no)					
CAGL	8,064	8,641	9,817	10,465	10,824
MMFL	2,678	3,046	3,312	3,623	3,672
Portfolio Yield (%)					
CAGL	18.6	19.7	19.5	19.7	19.6
MMFL	22.6	21.4	21.8	21.5	22.3
CoB (%)					
CAGL	9.9	10.3	10.2	10.0	9.6
MMFL	11.4	11.5	11.8	11.5	11.7
NIM (%)					
CAGL	12.0	12.6	12.3	12.4	12.0
MMFL	13.2	11.7	11.0	11.9	12.4
Cost/Income (%)					
CAGL	35.2	35.4	39.8	34.8	36.7
MMFL	29.4	37.2	40.7	39.4	40.6
Opex/GLP (%)					
CAGL	5.0	4.8	5.3	5.1	4.6
MMFL	4.8	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.9
GNPL (%)					
CAGL	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.9	1.6
MMFL	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.6
RoA (%)					
CAGL	4.1	4.8	4.8	4.6	0.9
MMFL	4.6	4.5	2.3	3.2	4.5
RoE (%)					
CAGL	13.1	15.9	16.1	16.5	3.4
MMFL	29.5	29.0	14.1	18.8	25.6

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research



Exhibit 6: Liability Mix (%)

Particulars	CAGL	MMFL
Banks - Term loans	62.1	51.3
FI - Term loans	20.0	17.0
NBFC - Term loans	2.0	8.2
Domestic - NCD	-	7.4
Foreign - NCD	7.7	-
Direct Assignment	5.0	6.7
Foreign - ECB	2.9	
Banks - Sub debt	0.3	4.0
Securitisation	-	5.4

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

Exhibit 7: Regional Mix (%)

Particulars	Branches		В	orrowers		GLP	
	FY19	FY20	FY19	FY20	FY19	FY20	
	CAGL	CAGL + MMFL	CAGL	CAGL + MMFL	CAGL	CAGL + MMFL	
Karnataka	33.7	21.4	46.0	31.1	52.6	40.0	
Maharashtra	26.3	20.4	28.0	22.3	25.8	24.1	
Tamil Nadu	16.0	27.4	11.1	27.5	10.4	19.9	
Madhya Pradesh	13.4	8.3	10.4	8.0	7.6	7.6	
Other States & UTs	10.6	22.6	4.5	11.1	3.6	8.3	

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

Exhibit 8: District Concentration (%)

Particulars	CAGL	MMFL	CAGL + MMFL
Top 1	4.0	5.0	4.0
Top 3	12.0	13.0	10.0
Top 5	17.0	19.0	15.0
Top 10	29.0	32.0	24.0
Others	71.0	68.0	76.0

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research



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