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Home First Finance Company Limited

10 May 2022





Sector	: Housing Finance
Target Price	: Rs 988
Last Closing Price	: Rs 776
Market Cap	: Rs 6,783 crore
52-week High/Low	: Rs 921/481
Daily Avg Vol (12M)	: 1,73,178
Face Value	: Rs 2
Beta	: 0.63
Pledged Shares	: 0%
Year End	: March
BSE Scrip Code	: 543259
NSE Scrip Code	: HOMEFIRST
Bloomberg Code	: HOMEFIRS IN
Reuters Code	: HOME.NS
Nifty	: 16,240
BSE Sensex	: 54,365
Analyst	: Research Team





Shareholding Pattern



4Q FY22 Update

Results Analysis

- Home First Finance Company's (HFFC's) 4Q FY22 and FY22 results were broadly in line with our expectations as the company reached two key milestones in 4Q FY22, crossing Rs 5,000 crore in AUM and Rs 2,000 crore in annual disbursement for the first time.
- Registering a healthy growth of 30% y-o-y, AUM stood at Rs 5,380 crore as of 31 March 2022. Loan disbursals increased by 42% y-o-y to Rs 641 crore in 4Q FY22 while it grew by 85% y-o-y to Rs 2,031 crore over the full financial year.
- . NII expanded 45% y-o-y to Rs 85 crore and 41% y-o-y to Rs 288 crore in 4Q FY22 and FY22, respectively. Net revenues increased 24% y-o-y to Rs 102 crore and 40% y-o-y to Rs 378 crore in 4Q FY22 and FY22, respectively.
- Adjusted PAT increased 54% y-o-y to Rs 48 crore and 74% y-o-y to Rs 174 crore in 4Q FY22 and FY22, respectively. The adjustment in the PAT pertains to a onetime deferred tax liability.
- Mar-22 Gross Stage 3 ratio was 2.3%. Mar-22 GNPA ratio based on the old classification was 1.3% (vs 1.7% in Dec-21). GNPA provision coverage ratio stood at 47.1% in Mar-22 vs 46.2% in Dec-21. PCR without considering the impact of the new RBI circular was 83.6% in Mar-22 vs 69.1% in Dec-21.
- Total CRAR was 58.6% while Tier-1 capital was 58.0% as of 31 March 2022.
- Physical branches / total distribution points increased from 76 to 80 and 187 to 200, respectively on a q-o-q basis.

Outlook & Valuation

We expect HFFC's revenues to be driven by continued brisk demand for low-cost housing that the company plans to capture through 20-25% annual increase in physical branches and stronger expansion in virtual locations. Healthy growth in loans/AUM will result in strong increase in earnings and book value, enabling the company to maintain high levels of ROAA and ROAE. The HFFC stock has appreciated by 3% since we initiated coverage on the company on 01 February 2022. We maintain a BUY rating with an unchanged price target of Rs 988, implying a FY24E P/E of 35x and P/BV of 4.3x and informing an upside of 27% from current levels.

Key Financial Metrics

₹ crore	FY19A	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E		
Net interest income	105.5	161.0	203.5	287.5	362.8	458.3		
Non-interest income	39.0	64.8	65.5	90.1	99.1	109.0		
Net revenues	144.5	225.8	269.0	377.6	461.9	567.3		
PPOP	72.6	123.8	166.2	251.3	304.8	366.6		
PAT	45.7	79.6	100.1	186.1	204.7	244.8		
Diluted EPS (₹)	7.74	10.57	12.18	21.29	23.42	28.01		
BVPS (₹)	413	119	158	180	203	231		

Source: Company data, Khambatta Research

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Financial Performance

₹ crore	4Q FY21	3Q FY22	4Q FY22	Y-o-Y	Q-o-Q	FY21	FY22	Y-o-Y
Net interest income	58.8	75.9	85.1	44.8%	12.0%	203.5	287.5	41.3%
Non-interest income	23.4	21.1	17.2	-26.7%	-18.5%	65.5	90.1	37.6%
Net revenues	82.2	97.0	102.3	24.4%	5.4%	269.0	377.6	40.4%
PPOP	34.2	65.1	65.9	92.9%	1.2%	166.2	251.3	51.2%
PAT	31.3	45.9	60.2	92.4%	31.0%	100.1	186.1	85.8%

Source: Company data, Khambatta Research

Profit & Loss Account

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Operating expenses	67.3	94.8	95.2	118.8	149.1	192.1
Depreciation & amortization	4.6	7.2	7.6	7.5	8.0	8.6
PPOP	72.6	123.8	166.2	251.3	304.8	366.6
Provisions & impairment of assets	7.3	16.5	32.2	25.0	31.3	39.4
PBT	65.3	107.3	134.0	226.3	273.5	327.1
Tax expense	19.6	27.8	33.9	40.2	68.8	82.3
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Abridged Balance Sheet

₹crore	FY19A	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Total shareholders' equity	522.7	933.4	1,380.5	1,573.7	1,778.4	2,023.2
Total debt	1,925.6	2,493.8	3,053.7	3,466.8	4,589.0	6,160.4
Loans	2,134.7	3,013.9	3,326.5	4,304.9	5,596.3	7,163.3
Cash & cash equivalents	185.7	147.7	209.4	617.8	642.4	882.1
Total assets / equity & liabilities	2,481.5	3,480.2	4,510.2	5,116.9	6,453.0	8,275.9
Source: Company data, Khambatta Research						

Ratio Analysis

	FY19A	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
GNPA	0.8%	1.0%	1.8%	1.3%	1.4%	1.6%
NNPA	0.6%	0.8%	1.2%	0.9%	1.0%	1.2%
NIM	5.9%	5.9%	5.8%	6.9%	7.3%	7.2%
Cost-to-income ratio	24.8%	22.6%	35.4%	31.5%	32.3%	33.9%
ROAA	2.4%	2.7%	2.5%	3.9%	3.5%	3.3%
ROAE	10.8%	10.9%	8.6%	12.6%	12.2%	12.9%
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ERE: The Excess Return to Equity (ERE) method takes into consideration the absolute value of a company's return to equity in excess of its cost of equity discounted to the present day using the cost of equity. This methodology is more appropriate for valuing banking stocks than FCFF or FCFE methodologies.

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Other methodologies such as DuPont Analysis, CFROI, NAV and Sum-of-the-Parts (SOTP) are applied where appropriate.

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