Bandhan Bank

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Neutral

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Stock Info

Bloomberg	BANDHAN IN
Equity Shares (m)	1,611
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	445.3 / 5.7
52-Week Range (INR)	354 / 230
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-12/17/-21
12M Avg Val (INR M)	2544
Free float (%)	60.0

Financials Snapshot (INR b)

FY22	FY23E	FY24E
87.1	106.6	140.0
80.1	97.9	126.0
1.3	41.9	58.9
7.3	7.5	7.9
0.8	26.0	36.6
-94.3	NM	40.5
107.9	129.2	159.9
101.1	123.1	154.6
0.7	21.9	25.3
0.1	2.7	3.1
NM	10.6	7.6
2.6	2.1	1.7
2.7	2.2	1.8
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CMP: INR276 TP: INR315 (+14%)

Assam floods to elongate recovery trajectory

Stress dissolution to moderate; provisioning to remain elevated

- Bandhan stock has corrected sharply in recent days owing to concerns over its Assam portfolio as 85-90% of total districts in the state have been affected by severe floods.
- As Assam constitutes ~9% of MFI loans and ~8% of total banking units for BANDHAN, the ongoing flood situation will affect collection trends over the near term.
- Its SMA book for Assam and West Bengal stands at 8.5%/8.2% (v/s 46.4%/41.3% in 1QFY22), with restructured assets of INR54.2b (5.8% of loans). We expect the stress dissolution rate to now moderate.
- Our PAT and ABV projections have witnessed sharp swings of -24% to 22% over the past five quarters. We remain watchful of the near-term impact, though the stock trades at reasonable valuations of 1.7x FY24E P/BV against its average FY23-24E RoE of 24%. We maintain our Neutral rating with a revised TP of INR315 per share (2x FY24E P/BV).

Assam witnesses severe floods; forms 9%/8% of MFI loans/banking units Assam has witnessed severe floods in recent weeks, which has affected 85-90% of total districts in the state and impacted the lives of ~3.3m. Total casualties, so far, stands at 135, almost similar to the 149 casualties witnessed in May-Aug'20. While Assam has witnessed floods in the past as well, the severity this time has been quite high v/s prior years and can impact lending operations in the state. Assam constitutes ~9% of MFI loans and ~8% of total banking units for BANDHAN.

Collection efficiency to take a beating, weekly meetings getting impacted

Collection efficiency (CE), particularly in Assam, has been severely impacted in the past due to multiple events such as the CAA agitation, floods, COVID-19 pandemic, etc. CE dropped to as low as 49% in Jun'21. It gradually recovered and improved to 93% in 4QFY22. The same for the bank improved to 97% from 77% over a similar period. Collections are likely to take a beating due to the ongoing flood situation. Our industry interaction suggests that weekly meetings have been impacted and the recovery trajectory will get prolonged.

BANDHAN demonstrated a higher resilience in earlier crises

Historically, BANDHAN has demonstrated higher resilience in dealing with various crises, and delinquencies have been much lower v/s the industry (refer Exhibit 11-15). During earlier events, where the customer's ability to pay or businesses had got impacted (Cyclone Fani, floods, GST, or demonetization), the incremental loss rates have been limited. Though CE dropped sharply, the recoveries improved with a lag. However, when the issue pertains to the willingness or credit culture (farm loan waiver or Assam agitation), the incremental loss rates have been higher (3-4% range). The situation in Assam appears grim as the state has been in recovery mode after the impact posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. We, thus, remain watchful on near term developments.

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Shareholding pattern (%)							
As On	Mar-22	Dec-21	Mar-21				
Promoter	40.0	40.0	40.0				

Promoter	40.0	40.0	40.0
DII	4.6	1.9	1.9
FII	34.3	34.6	34.9
Others	21.1	23.5	23.2

FII Includes depository receipts

Stock's performance (one-year)



The SMA book witnessed a healthy reduction, may rise in the near term

We note that the SMA book across various buckets has witnessed a constant decline, led by an improving environment, which has supported a gradual recovery. The SMA book has moderated to 6.5% in 4QFY22 v/s 37.1% in 1QFY22. The SMA book stands relatively higher for Assam/West Bengal at 8.5%/8.2% (v/s 46.4%/41.3% in 1QFY22). While the recovery has been encouraging, we expect the SMA book to increase in the near term, which could result in elevated slippages.

Credit cost glide path to get elongated as Assam witnesses higher stress

The MFI business is highly cyclical, which is evident from the fact that credit cost has seen severe volatility in times of acute stress. We note that the recovery in terms of reduction in credit cost has also been quick (refer Exhibit 9). Credit cost has been high (6-8% range) over 4QFY20-1QFY22 and rose to 30% (annualized) in 2QFY22 as the bank focused on cleaning up its Balance Sheet. Since then, credit cost has moderated sharply and stood negligible in 4QFY22. We expect the credit cost glide path to get elongated as potential recoveries, particularly from the Assam relief scheme, get delayed.

Total stress pool stands ~19% of EEB loans; coverage stands ~59%

Total EEB stress pool stands ~INR119b (19.1% of loans), within which the restructured book stands at INR48.9b (7.8% of loans). Including Housing loans, the restructured book stands at INR54.2b (5.8% of loans). The coverage on the total stress pool stands ~58.5%, which excludes the Assam relief package. The management expects a recovery of INR30b over 1HFY23 and INR25b from the CGFMU scheme.

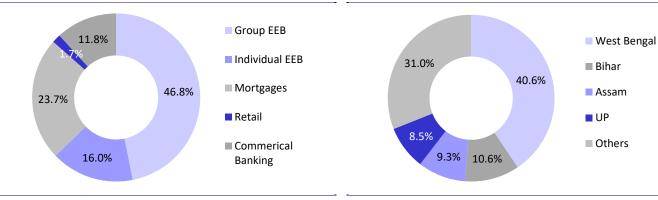
Earnings have witnessed acute volatility

BANDHAN's earnings have demonstrated acute volatility due to the cyclical nature of the MFI business. Our PAT and ABV projections have witnessed sharp swings of - 24% to 22% over the past five quarters. This has rendered the stock extremely volatile to external events and shocks. Exhibit 10 shows how our annual estimates for key parameters have changed over the past few quarters.

Valuation and view

The performance of the MFI industry has been resilient in recent months, with assets stress declining and growth trajectory holding strong over 4QFY22. This is reflected in BANDHAN's performance as well. Given the ongoing developments in Assam, we expect the stress dissolution rate to moderate, while the recovery and ongoing improvement in CE may also get affected. We remain watchful about the near-term impact, though the stock has corrected sharply by ~20%/15% since its 4QFY22 result/past 3 weeks and trades at reasonable valuations of 1.7x FY24E P/BV against its average FY23-24E RoE of 24%. We maintain our Neutral rating with a revised TP of INR315 (2x FY24E P/BV) and will review our estimates after its 1QFY23 result.

Exhibit 1: Loan mix – MFI plus individual EEB constitutes 63% of total loans



Source: MOFSL, Company

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~9% of MFI loans

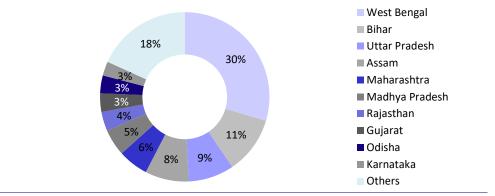


Exhibit 2: Geographical MFI loan mix: Assam constitutes

Source: MOFSL, RBI, Company

CY19 (May-August)	CY20 (May-August)	CY22 (May-June)
30	30	28
3,024	5,474	NA
5.3	5.8	3.3
110	149	135
	(May-August) 30 3,024 5.3	(May-August) (May-August) 30 30 3,024 5,474 5.3 5.8

Source: MOFSL, Company

Collection efficiency witnesses a gradual recovery till 4QFY22, likely to take a beating in 1QFY23

The impact of the Assam floods appears to be higher

in a short timespan

Exhibit 5: Collection efficiency trends across key states – Assam to take a beating

Collection efficiency excluding NPA	Sep'20	Dec'20	Mar'21	Jun'21	1QFY22	2QFY22	3QFY22	4QFY22
Assam	75%	88%	83%	49%	67%	67%	91%	93%
West Bengal	87%	90%	95%	73%	85%	86%	96%	97%
Rest of India	95%	94%	97%	85%	90%	93%	97%	97%
Total	89%	92%	95%	77%	86%	88%	96%	97%

Source: MOFSL, Company

SMA book for Assam moderates, but is likely to increase in the near term due to the flood situation

Exhibit 6: SMA and NPA book across Assam, West Bengal, and the overall bank moderates over the past few quarters

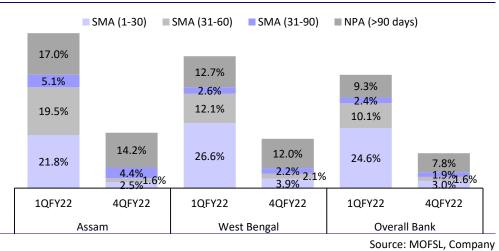


Exhibit 7: Total stress pool within EEB stands ~INR119b (~19% of loans)

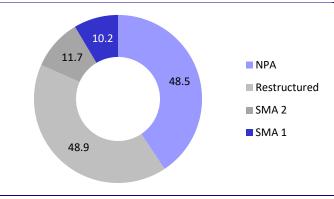


Exhibit 8: Coverage on the stress pool stands ~59%; expect a recovery of INR55b, excluding the Assam relief scheme

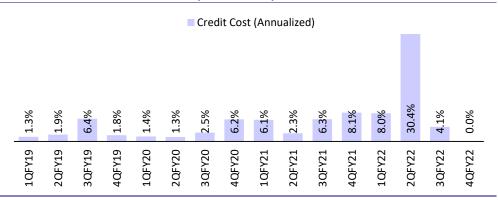
Coverage		INR b
Provisions		69.7
Estimated recovery over 1HFY23		30.0
CGFMU recovery		25.0
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Credit cost has been highly volatile over the past few quarters

Exhibit 9: Credit cost trends over the past several quarters



Source: MOFSL, Company

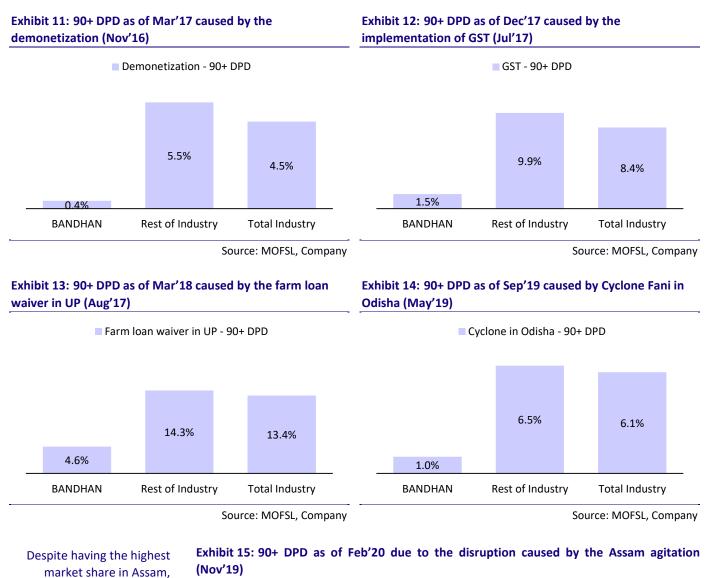
Four out of five quarters have seen a double-digit change in earnings for FY23

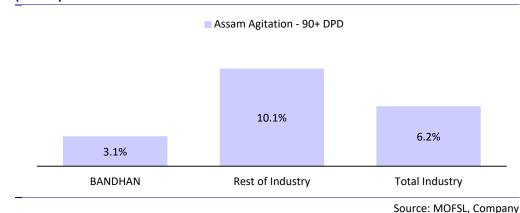
Exhibit 10: Change in our FY23	estimates in the past five quarters
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FY23E	4QFY21	1QFY22	2QFY22	3QFY22	4QFY22
NII	115.3	110.2	108.9	96.5	99.1
Change (%)	-7.4%	-4.4%	-1.2%	-11.4%	2.7%
РРОР	104	100.7	96.9	84.4	89.7
Change (%)	-3.2%	-3.2%	-3.8%	-12.9%	6.3%
PAT	55.3	52.3	44.1	35.9	43.7
Change (%)	-13.5%	-5.4%	-15.7%	-18.6%	21.7%
Loans	1227.9	1107.2	1107.2	1055.2	1,164.50
	-3.8%	-9.8%	0.0%	-4.7%	10.4%
GNPA (%)	6.0	6.6	7.4	8.6	4.6
NNPA (%)	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.3	1.2
Credit Cost (%)	2.6	2.8	3.5	3.5	2.7
NIM (%)	7.7	7.9	8.1	7.2	7.0
RoA	3.5	3.6	3.2	2.6	2.8
RoE	24.9	24.9	26.8	20.4	22.8
BV	152	143	113	118	130
Change (%)	-6 <u>.7%</u>	-5.9%	-21.0%	4.4%	10.2%
ABV	141	135	103	108	125
Change (%)	-9.6%	-4.3%	-23.7%	4.9%	15.7%
EPS	34.3	32.5	27.4	22.3	27.2
Change (%)	-13.6%	-5.2%	-15.7%	-18.6%	22.0%

Source: MOFSL, Company

BANDHAN demonstrated higher resilience during earlier crisis

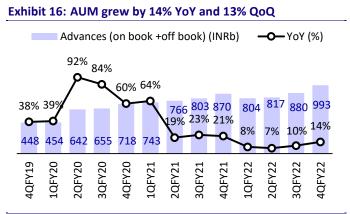




BANDHAN outperformed

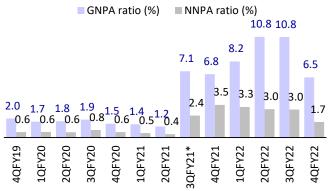
the industry with regard to delinquencies during the agitation in the state

Story in charts



2QFY20-1QFY21 growth not comparable due to the merger Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 18: Asset quality ratios improves sharply, with GNPA/NNPA ratio declining by 435bp/135bp QoQ



3QFY21 based on pro-forma numbers

Source: MOFSL, Company 3QFY21 based on pro-forma numbers

Source: MOFSL, Company

75.5

74.4

3QFY22 4QFY22

74.1

2QFY22

4QFY21 1QFY22

3QFY21*

Exhibit 20: DuPont Analysis: Return ratios to pick up strongly from FY23 onwards

	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Net Interest Income	8.1	8.9	8.5	7.3	6.9	6.9	7.5
Other Income	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.1
Total Income	10.0	11.0	10.6	9.4	9.1	9.2	9.6
Operating Expenses	3.5	3.6	3.3	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8
Employees	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7
Others	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Operating Profit	6.5	7.4	7.4	6.6	6.3	6.4	6.7
Core operating Profit	6.4	7.4	7.2	6.3	6.0	6.3	6.6
Provisions	1.0	1.5	1.9	3.8	6.2	2.7	2.5
NPA	0.6	1.3	0.8	4.2	6.2	2.5	2.3
Others	0.4	0.1	1.1	-0.4	0.0	0.2	0.2
РВТ	5.5	6.0	5.5	2.9	0.1	3.7	4.2
Тах	1.9	2.1	1.4	0.7	0.0	0.9	1.1
RoA	3.6	3.9	4.1	2.1	0.1	2.7	3.1
Leverage (x)	5.4	4.9	5.6	6.3	7.3	8.0	8.1
RoE	19.5	19.0	22.9	13.5	0.7	21.9	25.3





Exhibit 19: Provision coverage ratio improves to ~75.5% in

PCR (%)

4QFY22 v/s 50% in 4QFY21

65.9 68.3 58.4 60.8 66.6 66.9 66.9 66.9 61.8

2QFY20

4QFY20

1QFY21 2QFY21

3QFY20

72.1

4QFY19 1QFY20

Source: MOFSL, Company

Financials and valuations

Income Statement							(INR b)
Y/E March	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Interest Income	48.0	66.4	108.9	125.2	138.7	189.3	240.5
Interest Expense	17.7	21.5	45.6	49.6	51.6	82.7	100.6
Net Interest Income	30.3	45.0	63.2	75.6	87.1	106.6	140.0
Growth (%)	26.2	48.3	40.7	19.6	15.2	22.4	31.2
Non-Interest Income	7.1	10.6	15.5	21.1	28.2	33.9	39.3
Total Income	37.4	55.6	78.7	96.7	115.4	140.5	179.2
Growth (%)	32.8	48.7	41.6	22.9	19.3	21.8	27.6
Operating Expenses	13.1	18.1	24.3	28.2	35.2	42.6	53.3
Pre-Provision Profit	24.3	37.5	54.5	68.6	80.1	97.9	126.0
Growth (%)	35.5	54.2	45.3	25.9	16.9	22.1	28.7
Core PPOP	23.8	37.1	53.3	65.5	76.4	96.4	124.2
Growth (%)	34.6	55.7	43.7	22.8	16.7	26.1	28.8
Provisions (excl. tax)	3.7	7.4	13.9	39.1	78.8	41.9	47.2
PBT	20.6	30.1	40.5	29.5	1.3	56.0	78.7
Тах	7.1	10.6	10.3	7.4	0.0	14.1	19.8
Tax Rate (%)	34.6	35.2	25.4	25.2	2.2	25.2	25.2
PAT	13.5	19.5	30.2	22.1	1.3	41.9	58.9
Growth (%)	21.0	45.0	54.9	-27.1	-94.3	NM	40.5
Balance Sheet							
Y/E March	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Equity Share Capital	11.9	11.9	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1
Reserves and Surplus	81.9	100.1	135.9	158.0	157.7	192.0	241.4
Net Worth	93.8	112.0	152.0	174.1	173.8	208.1	257.5
Deposits	338.7	432.3	570.8	779.7	963.3	1,194.5	1,493.1
Growth (%)	45.8	27.6	32.0	36.6	23.5	24.0	25.0
of which CASA Deposits	116.2	176.2	210.3	338.3	400.8	556.6	704.8
Growth (%)	70.0	51.6	19.4	60.9	18.5	38.9	26.6
Borrowings	2.9	5.2	163.8	169.6	199.2	223.1	256.6
Other Liabilities and Prov.	7.7	14.9	30.6	26.5	52.3	55.0	64.8
Total Liabilities	443.1	564.4	917.2	1,149.9	1,388.7	1,680.7	2,072.1
Current Assets	55.1	58.0	83.5	61.9	93.2	75.7	84.9
Investments	83.7	100.4	153.5	251.6	290.8	351.9	418.7
Growth (%)	51.8	19.9	52.9	63.9	15.6	21.0	19.0
Loans	297.1	396.4	666.3	816.1	939.7	1,171.1	1,477.9
Growth (%)	76.5	33.4	68.1	22.5	15.1	24.6	26.2
Fixed Assets	2.4	3.3	3.7	4.9	5.9	6.6	7.4
Other Assets	4.8	6.3	10.1	15.5	59.0	75.5	83.2
Total Assets	443.1	564.4	917.2	1,149.9	1,388.7	1,680.7	2,072.1
Asset Quality	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
GNPA	3.7	8.2	9.9	57.6	63.8	59.9	54.1
NNPA	1.7	2.3	3.9	28.6	15.6	14.1	12.2
GNPA Ratio	1.7	2.5	1.5	6.8	6.5	4.9	3.6
NNPA Ratio	0.6	0.6	0.6	3.5		4.9	
Credit Cost					1.7		0.8
PCR (Excl. Tech. write-off)	<u> </u>	1.9	2.6	5.3	9.0 75.5	3.7	3.3
	53.7	72.1	60.8	50.3	75.5	76.4	77.4

Financials and valuations

Ratios							
Y/E March	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Spread Analysis (%)							
Avg. Yield on Earning Assets	13.9	14.2	15.4	12.6	11.6	13.3	13.6
Avg. Yield on loans	16.4	16.5	17.9	14.7	13.9	15.8	16.1
Avg. Yield on Investments	7.1	6.7	6.6	5.9	5.5	6.4	6.5
Avg. Cost of Int. Bear. Liab.	6.5	6.0	8.3	6.2	5.1	6.8	6.8
Avg. Cost of Deposits	5.9	5.4	6.6	5.9	5.5	5.5	5.5
Interest Spread	7.5	8.2	7.2	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.8
Net Interest Margin	8.8	9.6	9.0	7.6	7.3	7.5	7.9
Capitalization Ratios (%)							
CAR	31.5	29.2	27.4	23.5	20.1	19.2	18.5
Tier I	30.3	27.9	25.2	22.5	18.9	18.5	17.9
Tier II	1.2	1.3	2.2	1.0	1.2	0.7	0.5
Business and Efficiency Ratios (%)							
Loans/Deposit Ratio	87.7	91.7	116.7	104.7	97.6	98.0	99.0
CASA Ratio	34.3	40.8	36.8	43.4	41.6	46.6	47.2
Cost/Assets	3.0	3.2	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6
Cost/Total Income	35.0	32.6	30.8	29.1	30.5	30.3	2.0
Cost/Core income	35.4	32.8	31.3	30.1	31.6	30.7	30.0
Int. Expense/Int. Income	36.9	32.3	41.9	39.6	37.2	43.7	41.8
Fee Income/Total Income	17.7	18.4	18.2	18.6	21.3	23.1	20.9
Non Int. Inc./Total Income	18.9	19.1	19.7	21.8	24.5	24.1	21.9
Emp. Cost/Total Expense	52.6	55.7	56.3	59.1	60.6	60.6	60.6
Investment/Deposit Ratio	24.7	23.2	26.9	32.3	30.2	29.5	28.0
Profitability Ratios and Valuation RoE	19.5	19.0	22.9	13.5	0.7	21.9	25.3
RoA	3.6	3.9	4.1	2.1	0.1	2.7	3.1
RoRWA	5.5	5.6	6.2	3.3	0.2	4.2	4.7
Book Value (INR)	79	94	94	108	108	129	160
Growth (%)	93.7	19.4	0.5	14.5	-0.2	12.5	23.7
Price-to-BV (x)	3.5	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.1	1.7
Adjusted BV (INR)	78	93	93	96	101	123	155
Price-to-ABV (x)	3.6	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.2	1.8
EPS (INR)	11.8	16.4	21.6	13.7	0.8	26.0	36.6
Growth (%)	15.8	39.1	31.9	-36.5	-94.3	NM	40.5
Price-to-Earnings (x)	23.5	16.9	12.8	20.2	NM	10.6	
	23.3	10.5	12.0	20.2		10.0	7.0

NOTES

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