HDFC Bank

Margin expands sequentially after a long time due to transient lead-lag effect

Result Highlights

- Asset quality: Annualized gross slippage ratio for 2QFY23 was 1.4% (Rs 57bn), with recoveries and upgrades amounting to Rs 25bn
- ✓ Margin picture: NIM at 4.1% was up 10bps QoQ as calculated yield on advances have moved up more than cost of funds
- ✓ Asset growth: Advances grew 6.0%/23.4% QoQ/YoY, sequentially driven by Commercial and Rural loans and Corporates & Other Wholesale segments
- ✓ Opex control: Total opex rose 6.9%/21% QoQ/YoY, employee exp. grew 0.7%/18.8% QoQ/YoY and other exp. grew 10%/22% QoQ/YoY
- Fee income: Fees and commissions rose 8.3%/17.3% QoQ/YoY, sequentially driven by higher card spends and other business activity

Our view – Margin expands sequentially after a long time due to transient lead-lag effect

While management stopped short of providing margin guidance, they conceded some of the sequential expansion was transient: Management stated that there is a lead-lag effect in terms of rise in loan and deposit interest rates, leading to expansion in margin. On the other hand, they also added that retail lending, which is higher-margin than wholesale lending, has picked up for the bank over a period of time. Furthermore, the penetration of the customer base in terms of term deposits is just 14-15%, which implies that HDFCB may not have to woo rate-shoppers with unduly high TD rates.

While branch openings were tepid during the quarter, the second half is expected to see significantly higher branch openings: 121 branches were added during the quarter and more than 500 branches are in various stages of completion to be opened over the next few months. 900 more branches were activated for gold loans, taking the count to 2960. The C/I ratio was 39.2% but could move up to 40% due to continued investments.

While management flagged the return of retail lending, other segments outperformed core retail growth for the quarter: Core retail (excl Agri) grew 4.1% QoQ whereas Corporate and other wholesale loans grew 4.5% QoQ. Payment products loan growth was tepid at 2.3% QoQ as the revolve rate for credit cards has not picked up and remains at 70-75% of pre-Covid levels. Gold loans, on the other hand, have grown 7.1% QoQ. Commercial and Rural loans grew 8.7% QoQ and Agri loans grew 14.1% QoQ.

We reiterate BUY rating on HDFCB with a revised price target of Rs 1830: We value the standalone bank at 2.7x FY24 P/BV for an FY23E/24E/25E RoE profile of 14.4/14.5/15.4%. We assign a value of Rs 229 per share to the subsidiaries, on SOTP.

(See Comprehensive con call takeaways on page 2 for significant incremental colour.)

Exhibit 1: Result table

Particulars (Rs mn)	Q2 FY23	Q1 FY23	% qoq	Q2 FY22	% уоу
Total Interest Income	385,864	351,720	9.7	313,534	23.1
Interest expended	(175,652)	(156,906)	11.9	(136,690)	28.5
Net Interest Income	210,212	194,814	7.9	176,844	18.9
Other income	75,956	63,882	18.9	74,008	2.6
Total Income	286,167	258,697	10.6	250,852	14.1
Operating expenses	(112,246)	(105,018)	6.9	(92,779)	21.0
PPOP	173,922	153,678	13.2	158,073	10.0
Provisions	(32,401)	(31,877)	1.6	(39,247)	(17.4)
PBT	141,520	121,801	16.2	118,826	19.1
Тах	(35,463)	(29,841)	18.8	(30,483)	16.3
PAT	106,058	91,960	15.3	88,343	20.1

Source: Company, YES Sec-Research





Recommendation	:	BUY
Current Price	:	Rs 1439
Target Price	:	Rs 1830
Potential Return	:	27%

Stock data (as on October 14, 2022)

Nifty	17,271
52 Week h/l (Rs)	1725 / 1272
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	8015171/97345
Outstanding Shares (mn)	5,570
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	10,748
Div yield (%):	1.1
Bloomberg code:	HDFCB IN
NSE code:	HDFCBANK

Stock performance



Shareholding pattern (As of Jun'22 end)

Promoter	25.7%
FII+DII	59.4%
Others	14.7%

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(1-Yr)	New	Old
Rating	BUY	BUY
Target Price	1,830	1,825

Financial Summary

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(Rs mn)	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E			
NII	829,461	1,152,877	1,564,302			
PPOP	655,921	955,137	1,300,028			
Net Profit	366,103	522,106	736,360			
Growth (%)	(0.9)	42.6	41.0			
EPS (Rs)	66.0	70.3	99.1			
BVPS (Rs)	486.2	604.0	683.9			
P/E (x)	18.3	17.2	12.2			
P/BV (x)	2.5	2.0	1.8			
ROE (%)	14.4	14.5	15.4			
ROA (%)	1.6	1.6	1.7			
Tier-1 (%)	16.9	17.0	16.0			

Rs.	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EPS (New)	66.0	70.3	99.1
EPS (Old)	64.7	69.3	98.0
% change	2.0%	1.5%	1.1%

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COMPREHENSIVE CON-CALL TAKEAWAYS

Asset quality

- Slippages and other NPA movement
 - Slippages
 - The slippages were Rs 57bn, which translated to a non-annualised slippage ratio of 36 bps.
 - Recoveries and upgrades
 - Recoveries and upgrades were Rs 25bn, which translated to a non-annualised ratio of 19 bps.
 - Write offs
 - Write offs were Rs 30bn, which translated to a non-annualised ratio of 22 bps.
- ✓ GNPA ratio
 - Of the GNPA ratio of 1.23%, 19 bps are standard loans where some other facility of the same borrower is NPA.
- Provisions
 - P&L provisions
 - Provisions were Rs 32.4bn, up by 1.6% QoQ but down -17.4% YoY.
 - o Gross credit cost for the quarter amounted to 87 bps.
 - Net credit cost for the quarter amounted to 64 bps.
 - Provision coverage
 - The PCR amounted to 73%.
 - The contingent and floating provisions amounted to Rs 110bn.
 - The general provisions amounted to Rs 68bn.
 - \circ ~ Together, all provisions amounted to a provision coverage of 171% of GNPA.
 - $\circ \qquad \text{Non-specific provisions amounted to 1.19% of advances.}$
- Restructuring
 - Restructuring under Covid-19 is Rs 78.51bn or 53 bps of advances.
 - Certain facilities of the same borrowers not restructured amount to 9 bps.

Operating expenses

Other operating expenses

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- Branch and distribution addition
 - 121 branches were added during the quarter and more than 500 branches are in various stages of completion to be opened over the next few months.
 - 900 more branches were activated for gold loans, taking the count to 2960.
 - 145 locations were opened up for wealth management, taking the count to 502 locations.
 - Number of ATMs added during the quarter amounted to 248.
- Overall operating expenses
 - Total opex was up 6.9% QoQ.
 - The cost to income ratio was 39.2%.
 - Cost to income ratio guidance
 - The ratio could move up to 40% due to continued investments.

(Con call takeaways continue on the next page)



Net interest margin

- Comments pertaining to margin outlook
 - Retail lending, which is higher-margin than wholesale lending, has picked up for the bank over a period of time.
 - There is a lead-lag effect in terms of rise in loan and deposit interest rates, leading to expansion in margin.

Merger with HDFC Limited

 The bank is on-track to receive approvals to execute the merger and may achieve the same a few months ahead of time.

Deposits traction

- ✓ 2.9mn new liability relationships were opened during the quarter, up 11% QoQ.
- ✓ Deposits rose 4.3% QoQ.
- Share of retail deposits in total deposits is 83%.
- Term deposits
 - Term deposits have grown 22% YoY.
 - The penetration of the customer base in terms of term deposits is just 14-15%, which is indicative of a large opportunity.

Loan growth

- Sequential growth
 - Overall loan growth was 6.1% QoQ.
 - Retail loan growth was 4.9% QoQ.
- Unsecured lending
 - Credit cards
 - 1.2mn new credit cards were added during the quarter, taking the count to 16.3mn.
 - o 2.4mn inactive cards were closed down as per RBI guidelines.
 - The revolve rate has not picked up and remains at 70-75% of pre-Covid levels.

Treasury income

- ✓ The treasury loss for the quarter amounted to Rs 2.53bn.
- ✓ There were losses on corporate bonds and pass through certificates.

Subsidiaries

- HDB Financial
 - Stage 3 assets ratio amounted to 4.9%, which includes a 1.1% impact due to new RBI guidelines.
 - The RoA and RoE amount to 3%+ and 18.5%, respectively.
- ✓ HDFC Securities
 - The revenue and PAT amounted to Rs 4.68bn and Rs 1.91bn, respectively.

(Con call takeaways continue on the next page)



Fee income

- ✓ Overall fee income
 - Overall fee income was up 8% QoQ.
 - Share of retail business in fee income was 93%.
- ✓ Credit cards
 - Card spends are up 9% QoQ.
 - The spends are transactor-driven.



Exhibit 2: Key quarterly balance sheet / business data

Particulars (Rs mn)	Q2 FY23	Q1 FY23	% qoq	Q2 FY22	% yoy
Gross Advances	14,932,500	14,081,750	6.0	12,103,890	23.4
Retail Excl. Agri	5,805,460	5,578,800	4.1	4,829,420	20.2
Commercial & Rural Excl. Agri	4,744,620	4,364,850	8.7	3,590,200	32.2
Agriculture	702,780	615,790	14.1	560,040	25.5
Corporates & Other Wholesale	3,679,640	3,522,300	4.5	3,124,230	17.8
Total Deposits	16,734,080	16,047,600	4.3	14,063,433	19.0
CA deposits	2,299,510	2,205,840	4.2	2,058,510	11.7
SA deposits	5,297,450	5,140,630	3.1	4,523,810	17.1
Term deposits	9,137,120	8,701,130	5.0	7,481,113	22.1
Investments	5,191,159	4,961,567	4.6	4,162,926	24.7
Borrowings	2,068,783	1,736,059	19.2	1,498,135	38.1
Risk-weighted assets	14,778,550	13,984,420	5.7	11,902,700	24.2

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

Exhibit 3: Key quarterly ratios

(%)	Q2 FY23	Q1 FY23	chg qoq	Q2 FY22	chq yoy
Net Interest Margin	4.10	4.00	10bps	4.10	Obps
Non-interest income/Total income	26.5	24.7	185bps	29.5	-296bps
Cost to Income ratio	39.2	40.6	-137bps	37.0	224bps
CASA ratio	45.4	45.8	-38bps	46.8	-141bps
Loan to Deposit ratio	88.4	86.9	150bps	85.2	319bps
Capital adequacy ratio	18.0	18.1	-10bps	20.0	-200bps
Tier I capital ratio	17.1	17.1	Obps	18.7	-160bps
Common equity tier 1	16.3	16.5	-20bps	17.4	-110bps
Annualised Slippage Ratio	1.4	2.0	-56bps	1.8	-36bps
Provisions /Avg. Advances	0.9	0.9	-2bps	1.3	-44bps
RoA	2.0	1.8	20bps	2.0	4bps
Gross NPA	1.2	1.3	-5bps	1.4	-12bps
Net NPA	0.3	0.4	-2bps	0.4	-7bps

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

Exhibit 4: Quarterly Actuals Vs Estimates

Q2FY23 (Rs. mn)	Actuals	Estimates	Diff, %
Net Interest Income	210,212	206,314	1.9
Pre-Prov. Operating Profit	173,922	178,419	(2.5)
Profit After Tax	106,058	106,814	(0.7)

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research



Exhibit 5: Gross Advances Mix - Quarterly

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Particulars (Rs mn)	Q2 FY23	Q1 FY23	% qoq	Q2 FY22	% уоу
Personal Loans	1,548,200	1,479,280	4.7	1,263,580	22.5
Auto Loans	1,087,880	1,040,030	4.6	951,950	14.3
Home Loans	930,500	882,490	5.4	757,540	22.8
Payment Products	819,660	801,420	2.3	677,830	20.9
Loan against Property	693,130	651,160	6.4	544,260	27.4
Two Wheelers	95,970	91,950	4.4	97,130	(1.2)
Gold Loans	94,340	88,080	7.1	81,090	16.3
Other Retail	535,800	544,400	(1.6)	456,040	17.5
Total Retail Assets	5,805,460	5,578,800	4.1	4,829,420	20.2
Emerging Corporates	1,645,580	1,527,810	7.7	1,296,120	27.0
Business Banking	2,180,140	1,991,680	9.5	1,598,070	36.4
Commercial Transportation	918,900	845,370	8.7	696,010	32.0
Agriculture	702,780	615,790	14.1	560,040	25.5
Total Commercial & Rural Banking	5,447,400	4,980,640	9.4	4,150,240	31.3
Corporates & Other Wholesale	3,967,790	3,639,390	9.0	3,124,230	27.0
IBPC/BRDS	(288,150)	(117,090)	NA	0	NA
Total Gross Advances	14,932,500	14,081,750	6.0	12,103,890	23.4

Source: Company, YES Sec – Research



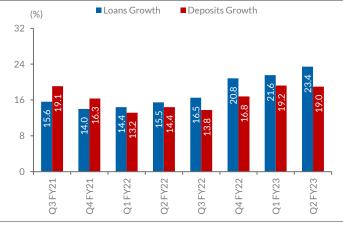
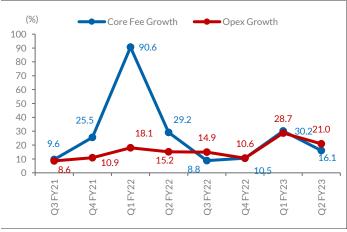


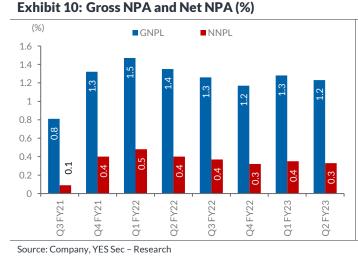
Exhibit 6: Loans and Deposits growth (YoY %)

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

Exhibit 8: Core Fee and Opex growth (YoY %)



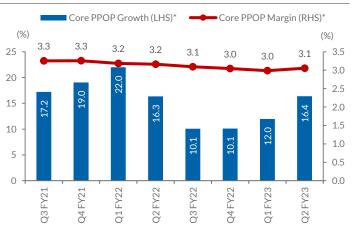
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Exhibit 9: Core PPOP growth (YoY %) and Core PPOP margin



Source: Company, YES Sec - Research, * Core PPOP is derived by adjusting PPOP for gain/loss on sale of investments and misc. income

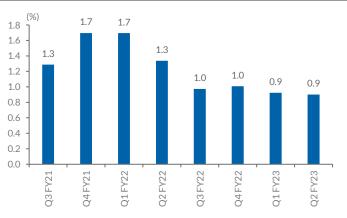


Exhibit 11: Provisions/Average Advances (%)

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

Exhibit 7: NII growth (YoY %) and NIM







Source: Company, YES Sec - Research, N.B. Valuations in this chart are not adjusted / netted out for subsidiaries' value





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Exhibit 14: Balance sheet

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Total cash & equivalents	1,194,704	1,523,269	1,791,787	2,966,409	3,559,691
Investments	4,437,283	4,555,357	5,085,889	7,969,054	9,425,291
Advances	11,328,366	13,688,209	16,288,969	26,967,358	32,360,829
Fixed assets	49,093	60,837	66,920	73,612	80,974
Other assets	459,259	857,678	1,029,214	1,235,057	1,482,068
Total assets	17,468,705	20,685,351	24,262,779	39,211,490	46,908,854
Net worth	2,037,208	2,400,929	2,696,009	4,488,070	5,081,576
Deposits	13,350,602	15,592,174	18,453,010	29,665,318	35,058,790
Borrowings	1,354,873	1,848,172	2,160,263	3,441,670	4,088,886
Other liabilities	726,022	844,075	953,497	1,616,432	2,679,602
Total liabilities incl. Equity	17,468,705	20,685,351	24,262,779	39,211,490	46,908,854

Source: Company, YES Sec – Research

Exhibit 15: Income statement

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Interest income	1,208,582	1,277,531	1,542,956	2,230,003	3,083,325
Interest expense	(559,787)	(557,435)	(713,495)	(1,077,126)	(1,519,022)
Net interest income	648,796	720,096	829,461	1,152,877	1,564,302
Non-interest income	252,049	295,099	309,150	454,387	607,104
Total income	900,845	1,015,195	1,138,611	1,607,264	2,171,406
Operating expenses	(327,226)	(374,422)	(482,689)	(652,127)	(871,378)
PPoP	573,618	640,773	655,921	955,137	1,300,028
Provisions	(157,029)	(150,618)	(167,783)	(258,995)	(318,215)
Profit before tax	416,590	490,155	488,138	696,142	981,813
Taxes	(105,425)	(120,541)	(122,034)	(174,035)	(245,453)
Net profit	311,165	369,614	366,103	522,106	736,360

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research



Exhibit 16: Du Pont Analysis (RoA tree)

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Interest income	7.4	6.7	6.9	7.0	7.2
Interest expense	-3.4	-2.9	-3.2	-3.4	-3.5
Net interest income	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.6
Non-interest income	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Total income	5.5	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.0
Operating expenses	-2.0	-2.0	-2.1	-2.1	-2.0
PPoP	3.5	3.4	2.9	3.0	3.0
Provisions	-1.0	-0.8	-0.7	-0.8	-0.7
Profit before tax	2.5	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.3
Taxes	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-0.6
Net profit	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.7

Source: Company, YES Sec – Research

Exhibit 17: Sum of the Parts (SOTP) - Subsidiaries

Subsidiary	/ Market Cap Assigned value (Rs mn)	Valuation metric	Metric value (Rs mn)	Trailing multiple (Implied / Assigned)	Stake (%)	Stake value (Rs mn)	Per share (Rs)
HDB Financial Services	392,944	BV	98236	4.0x	95.0%	373,140	67.3
HDFC Securities	49,341	BV	16,447	3.0x	96.3%	47,535	8.6
HDFC AMC	404,620	Mcap	404,570	1.0x	52.6%	212,790	38.4
HDFC Life	1,123,980	MCap	1,265,620	1.0x	47.8%	537,150	96.9
HDFC ERGO	150,039	PE	5,001	30.0x	50.6%	75,920	13.7
Bandhan Bank	427,590	MCap	525,030	1.0x	5.0%	21,166	3.8
Value of Subsidiaries						420,675	228.6

Source: Company, YES Sec – Research

Exhibit 18: Change in Annual Estimates

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs. mn)	Revised Estimate		Earlier Estimate			% Revision			
1/e 31 Mar (KS. 1111)	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Net Interest Income	829,461	1,152,877	1,564,302	829,461	1,152,877	1,564,302	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pre-Prov. Operating Profit	655,921	955,137	1,300,028	646,463	945,111	1,289,400	1.5	1.1	0.8
Profit after tax	366,103	522,106	736,360	359,010	514,587	728,389	2.0	1.5	1.1

Source: Company, YES Sec – Research



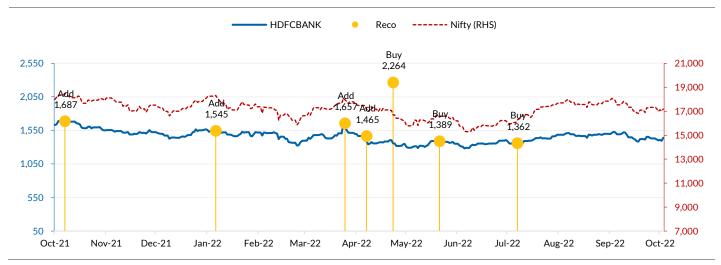
Exhibit 19: Ratio analysis

Y/e 31 Mar	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Growth matrix (%)					
Net interest income	15.5	11.0	15.2	39.0	35.7
PPoP	17.7	11.7	2.4	45.6	36.1
Net profit	18.5	18.8	-0.9	42.6	41.0
Loans	14.0	20.8	19.0	65.6	20.0
Deposits	16.3	16.8	18.3	60.8	18.2
Profitability Ratios (%)					
Net interest margin	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.8
Return on Average Equity	16.6	16.7	14.4	14.5	15.4
Return on Average Assets	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.7
Per share figures (Rs)					
EPS	56.4	66.7	66.0	70.3	99.1
BVPS	370	433	486	604	684
ABVPS	361	425	475	596	677
Valuation multiples					
P/E	21	18.2	18.3	17.2	12.2
P/BV	3.3	2.8	2.5	2.0	1.8
P/ABV	3.4	2.8	2.5	2.0	1.8
NIM internals (%)					
Yield on loans	8.9	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.3
Cost of deposits	4.0	3.4	3.7	3.9	4.1
Loan-deposit ratio	84.9	87.8	88.3	90.9	92.3
CASA ratio	46.1	48.2	46.6	37.0	37.0
Opex control (%)					
Cost/Income ratio	36.3	36.9	42.4	40.6	40.1
Cost to average assets	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0
Capital adequacy (%)					
Tier 1 capital ratio	17.6	17.9	16.9	17.0	16.0
Asset quality (%)					
Slippage ratio	1.5	2.1	1.4	1.2	1.2
Gross NPL ratio	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.3	1.5
Credit cost	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0
Net NPL ratio	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2

Source: Company, YES Sec - Research; Valuations are the implied valuation of standalone entity net of subsidiaries



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