

SHTF IN

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Shriram Transport Finance

Estimate change CMP: INR1,198 TP: INR1,500 (+25%) Buy

Disbursement momentum healthy and asset quality stable

- PAT grew 38% YoY to ~INR10.7b in 2QFY23 (in line), driven by NII growth of 18% YoY and credit costs of ~2% (annualized).
- SHTF's customer and product positions it to operate in a benign competitive landscape, and gives it the pricing power to pass on its higher cost of borrowings to customers in new loans disbursed. While we expect margin to improve in FY23, we estimate a compression of ~40bp in FY24.
- We model an AUM CAGR of 12% over FY22-24, led by 13% CAGR in disbursements over the same period. We raise our FY23 EPS estimate by ~3% to factor in higher loan growth. We estimate ~23% PAT CAGR over FY22-24, resulting in a RoA/RoE of 2.5%/14% in FY24.
- Concern around potential exits by investors (such as PIEL, Apax, TPG, and Sanlam) still remains an overhang on the stock. We like both the standalone businesses, and believe the merged entity will emerge stronger than the respective standalone businesses. We maintain our Buy rating with a TP of INR1,500 (based on 1.2x FY24E BVPS).

Higher ticket sizes and momentum in new CVs aid healthy disbursements

- Operationally, SHTF clocked a healthy 2QFY23, with: a) a 20% YoY and 14%
 QoQ growth in disbursement to INR178b, and b) an AUM growth of 11%
 YoY and 3.5% QoQ to INR1.35t.
- Given that the resale values of used CVs are now higher, customers who had earlier postponed their upgrades are now upgrading to new CVs, which has aided new CV disbursements for SHTF. The proportion of new CVs in the disbursement mix marginally improved to 6% (from 4-5% earlier).
- The company utilized additional COVID-related provisions of ~INR951m in 2QFY23. Aggregate COVID-related provisions stood at INR17.4b (~1.3% of AUM).

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

Rating change

Equity Shares (m)

M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)

52-Week Range (INR)

1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)

12M Avg Val (INR M)

Bloomberg

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Y/E March	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Net Inc.	95.4	108.6	115.7
PPP	74.1	84.0	88.4
PAT	27.1	42.3	42.3
EPS (INR)	100	156	156
EPS Gr. (%)	1.8	56.3	-0.1
BV/Sh (INR)	960	1,090	1,219
Ratios			
NIM (%)	7.9	8.1	7.7
C/I ratio (%)	22.3	22.6	23.6
RoA (%)	2.0	2.8	2.5
RoE (%)	11.5	15.4	13.6
Payout (%)	24.0	20.4	20.8
Valuations			
P/E (x)	12.0	7.7	7.7
P/BV (x)	1.2	1.1	1.0
Div. Yield (%)	1.7	2.2	2.3

Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Jun-22	Mar-22	Jun-21
Promoter	29.3	26.5	25.1
DII	15.2	14.0	11.7
FII	50.0	53.9	57.5
Others	5.5	5.7	5.7

FII Includes depository receipts

Asset quality stable; write-offs at steady run-rate levels

- GS3 fell by ~7bp QoQ to 6.9%. NS3/PCR was stable QoQ at 3.5%/ 52%.
- Credit costs fell 16% QoQ to INR6.7b (2% annualized). SHTF utilized additional COVID-related provisions of ~INR950m in 2QFY23. Aggregate COVID-related provisions stood at INR17.4b (~1.3% of AUM).
- SHTF expects to utilize its management overlay of INR5-6b in 2HFY23 and the remainder of FY24. It doesn't expect write-backs from these provisions since these will be utilized for granting waivers to restructured contracts.
- Write-offs fell to ~INR4.3b (in line with the last six quarters run-rate of INR4-5b, except 4QFY22).

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Spreads contract QoQ, while margin is broadly stable

- Yields fell 20bp QoQ, while CoF grew 5bp, resulting in a contraction in spreads by ~30bp.
- Reported NIM was stable sequentially at 7%.
- C/I ratio increased by 2pp QoQ to 23.5%, including a one-off expense in OPEX of INR650 due to settlement in litigations on the taxation side.

Key highlights from the management commentary

- The management guided at a NIM of 7%, with a 20bp tolerance band on either side. It is currently carrying six months of liquidity, and is looking to gradually reduce the same to three months over time. This will aid margin.
- The borrowing cost will increase by 8-10bp in 3QFY23 since banks have increased lending rates to the extent of their MCLR rate hikes.
- The company has not declared any interim dividend in 2QFY23 because of the merger. The merger will be completed in Nov'22, and dividend can be expected over the next two quarters.
- SHTF does not have any arrangements with third-party collection agencies for collections or repossessions. All such activities are undertaken in-house by its employees.

Valuation and View: NCLT merger approval expected within a week

- SHTF's operational performance has been strong, as evidenced in the healthy growth in disbursements, which translated in a YoY AUM growth of ~11%.
- Asset quality was stable, with GS3 at pre-COVID levels of ~7%. It maintained a healthy (52%) PCR on its Stage 3 loans and delivered a NS3 of sub-4%.
- Technical reasons (of a potential supply overhang after the merger) aside, the merged entity will emerge stronger than the respective standalone businesses.
 We reiterate our Buy rating with a TP of INR1,500 (based on 1.2x FY24E BVPS).

Quarterly performance												(INR m)
Y/E March		FY	22			FY23E FY22			FY23E	FY23F FY23E		
	1Q		3Q		1Q	2Q	3QE	4QE			2QE	(%)
Interest Income										208,945		-1
Interest expenses	24,981	24,352	23,973	24,037	24,579	25,906	27,460	29,622		107,567		0
Net Interest Income		21,432						25,249		101,378		-3
Change YoY (%)	7.9	5.2	5.5	19.3	29.3	17.7	11.8	0.0	10.4	13.8	20.8	
Other Operating Income	1,688	1,194			1,251		1,884	1,512	6,089		1,314	79
Other Income	34	50	45	60	45	37	54	74	191	210	54	-31
Net Income	21,534	22,676	24,351	26,839		27,607		26,835		108,590	27,263	1
Change YoY (%)	14.7	8.6	10.3	21.4	25.0	21.7	11.8	0.0	13.8		20.2	
Operating Expenses	4,791	5,507	5,275	5,725	5,793	6,477	6,072	6,208	21,298	24,550	5,935	9
Operating Profit	16,743	17,169	19,076	21,114	21,120	21,131	21,162	20,627	74,101	84,040	21,328	-1
Change YoY (%)	12.0	8.9	14.7	27.1	26.1	23.1	10.9	-2.3	15.8	13.4	24.2	
Provisions	14,396	6,762	9,843	7,608	8,052	6,724	6,522	5,707	38,609	27,004	7,488	-10
Profit before Tax	2,347	10,407	9,233	13,506	13,069	14,407	14,640	14,920	35,493	57,036	13,840	4
Tax Provisions	648	2,694	2,427	2,645	3,416	3,738	3,762	3,798	8,413	14,715	3,529	6
Net Profit	1,699	7,712	6,806	10,861	9,653	10,669	10,878	11,122	27,079	42,321	10,310	3
Change YoY (%)	-46.9	12.7	-6.5	43.9	468.0	38.3	59.8	2.4	8.9	56.3	33.7	
Key Operating Parameters (%)												
Yield on loans (Cal.)	16.5	16.6	16.6	17.1	17.0	16.8			16.0	16.3		
Cost of funds (Cal.)	9.4	9.1	8.7	8.5	8.4	8.5			8.8	8.9		
Spreads (Cal.)	7.0	7.5	7.9	8.7	8.6	8.3			7.2	7.4		
NIMs (Reported)	6.4	6.4	6.7	7.0	6.9	7.0			6.7	6.6		
Credit Cost	4.9	2.2	3.2	2.4	2.5	2.0			3.2	2.0		
Cost-to-Income Ratio	22.2	24.3	21.7	21.3	21.5	23.5			22.3	22.6		
Tax Rate	27.6	25.9	26.3	19.6	26.1	25.9			23.7	25.8		
Balance Sheet Parameters												
AUM (INR b)	1,193	1,216	1,246	1,270	1,307	1,352			1,270	1,429		
Change YoY (%)	6.8	5.8	8.4	8.4	9.5	11.2			8.4	12.5		
Loans (INR b)	1,091	1,115	1,136	1,167	1,200	1,241			1,167	1,329		
Change YoY (%)	5.5	5.3	7.3	7.7	10.0	11.4			7.7	13.9		
Disbursements (INR b)	127	149	155	170	167	178			601	715		
Change YoY (%)	1,192.1	17.9	22.9	13.4	30.9	19.5			71.4	19.0		
Borrowings (INR b)	1,053	1,086	1,126	1,145	1,192	1,256			1,145	1,278		
Change YoY (%)	10.6	12.8	17.0	7.8	13.2	15.7			7.8			
Loans/Borrowings (%)	103.6	102.6	100.8	101.9	100.7				101.9			
Debt/Equity ratio (x)	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5			4.4	4.3		
Asset Quality Parameters (%)												
GS 3 (INR b)	96.6			88.9	90.6	92.7			88.9			
Gross Stage 3 (as a percentage of assets)	8.2		8.4	7.1	7.0	6.9			7.1			
NS 3 (INR b)	53.9		51.5	44.5	43.8	44.9			39.1			
Net Stage 3 (as a percentage of assets)	4.7		4.4	3.7	3.5	3.5			3.2			
PCR (%)	44.2		50.3	50.0	51.6	51.6			56.0			
ECL (%)	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.2	7.2	7.2			6.6	6.7		
Return Ratios (%)												
RoAA (Rep.)	0.5			2.9	2.5	2.7			2.0			
RoAE (Rep.)	3.0	12.8	10.9	17.0	14.6	15.6			11.5	15.4		

E: MOFSL estimates



Highlights from the management commentary

Guidance

- Guided for AUM growth of ~12% in FY23 in SHTF and ~15% for the combined entity.
- NIM guidance of 7%, +/-0.2%. The company is currently carrying six months of liquidity and will be looking to gradually reduce it to 3 months over a period of time. This will support margins.
- The management has guided at a credit costs of ~2% in FY23

Demand outlook

New vehicle lending has improved QoQ/YoY. SHTF does not have any partnerships with any OEM or vehicle dealer for financing new CVs. This is predominantly financing of new CV vehicles for the existing customers when they decide to buy a new CV.

Yields/CoB

- New lending rates (on incremental lending) have been increased by 25-50bp depending on products and geographies
- The borrowing cost will increase by 8-10bp in the next quarter since banks have increased the lending rates to the extent of their MCLR rate hikes.

Operating Expenses

- One-time settlement of tax (on litigations prior to the introduction of GST) and now that various amnesty schemes were announced by different states, they did one time settlement which led to one-off expenses of INR650m in 2QFY23.
- In 1QFY23, annual incentives were paid out for certain employees this was not there in 2QFY23 which led to the sequential decline in the employee expenses.

Liabilities

- In Aug'22, the company undertook a buyback of its offshore bonds worth USD256m maturing in Oct'22 and in CY25. It has announced another USD250m buyback for the offshore bonds maturing in Jul'23. The company was carrying excess liquidity and wanted to support offshore debt investors.
- Whenever the interest rates are conductive, it will continue to tap the offshore markets in the future.
- The NBFC increased FD rates by 25bp in the short-tenor and by 5bp in the 3-5 year duration.
- Securitization is normally higher in 3Q/4Q and it expects to do more securitization transactions in 2HFY23 (v/s 1HFY23). The company will try to maintain debt market borrowings at ~20% and securitization will increase to 17% by Mar'23 (v/s 15% now).

Update on Merger

Received approval from all the regulators. The final order of the NCLT was heard on 19th October and the final order is awaited in a week's time. The merger will be seamless and it should be able to scale up cross-selling across all the branches.

- Growth outlook maintained at 15% for the combined entity
- The stamp duty cost will be much lower than ~INR2b envisaged earlier. Wages normalization will not happen immediately in 3QFY23 but will instead happen over the course of next 2-3 quarters.
- JT-MDs have been running both the businesses of SHTF and SCUF. Pilots were done to understand the challenges in cross-selling and any upskilling, which was required was completed during this period.
- Pilots were scaled up to 1,200 branches across both the companies. Postmerger, all the branches will be cross-selling. High-ticket business like CVs and SME will be done centrally. Small-ticket products like personal loans, gold loan and two-wheelers will be done across all the branches.

Asset Quality

- Guided for Stage 2 between 10%-12%
- SHTF expects that the management overlay of ~INR17b will get utilized over a period of time. It is likely to utilize INR5-6b in 2HFY23 and the remaining will be utilized in FY24. It does not expect write-backs from the COVID-related management overlay since it will be utilized for waivers.
- LGD stood at 44.75% (v/s 43.73% in 1QFY23)

	EAD (%)	PCR (%)	PD (%)
Stage 1	83.3%	3.3%	7.35%
Stage 2	9.8%	8.8%	21.62%
Stage 3	6.9%	51.6%	

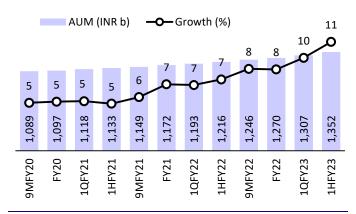
Others

- The company has not declared any interim dividend in 2QFY23 because of the merger. The merger will be completed in Nov'22 and dividend can be expected over the next two quarters.
- SHTF has no intention of participating in the bidding of IDBI.
- The field team consists of 16,000 employees, with another 4,000 employees at the supervisory level (branch manager and collections managers).
- SHTF does not have any arrangements with third-party collection agencies for collections or repossessions. All these activities are done in-house by its own employees.
- Weighted average interest rate differential between used and new CV is ~300bp

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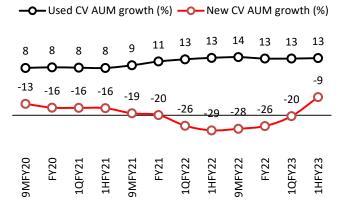
Key exhibits

Exhibit 1: AUM grew 11% YoY



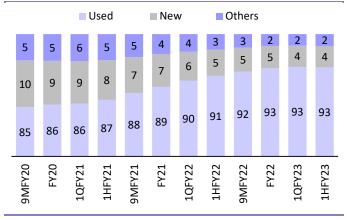
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Exhibit 2: New CV AUM grew 5% QoQ on a small base



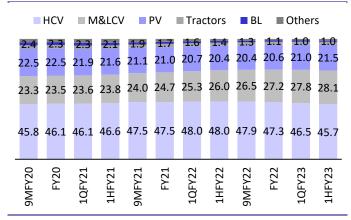
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Exhibit 3: Sequentially stable AUM mix (%)



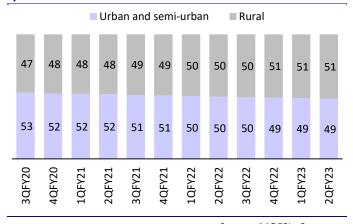
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Exhibit 4: Vehicle category-wise AUM mix (%)



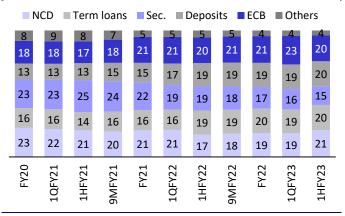
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Exhibit 5: Rural AUM improves by ~3pp in the last eight quarters



Source: MOFSL, Company

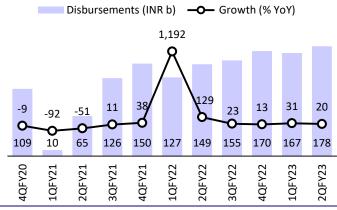
Exhibit 6: Borrowing mix (%)



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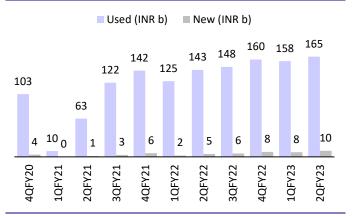
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Exhibit 7: Disbursements grew 20% YoY...



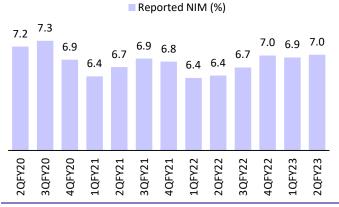
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Exhibit 8: ...driven by healthy Used CV disbursements



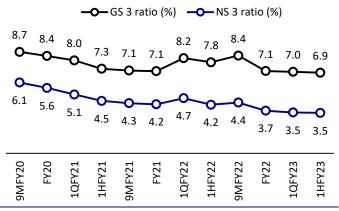
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Exhibit 9: Margin expands by ~10bp QoQ



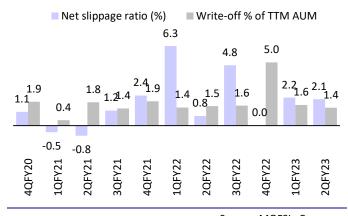
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Exhibit 10: GS3 improves by ~7bp QoQ



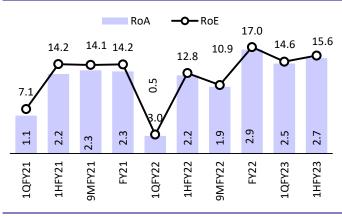
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Exhibit 11: Write-offs moderate in 2QFY23



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 12: RoA and RoE trends (%)



Source: MOFSL, Company, Reported

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Valuation and view

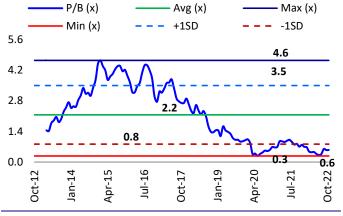
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- Technical reasons (of a potential supply overhang after the merger) aside, the merged entity will emerge stronger than the respective standalone businesses. We reiterate BUY with a target price of INR1,500 (based on 1.2x FY24E BVPS).

Exhibit 13: Raise our FY23/FY24 EPS estimate by ~3% each to factor in higher loan growth and lower credit costs

INR b	Old es	timate	New es	stimate	Change (%)		
	FY23	FY24	FY23	FY24	FY23E	FY24E	
NII (incl. Sec. Inc.)	99.8	107.4	101.4	108.1	1.6	0.7	
Other Income	6.4	6.8	7.2	7.6			
Total Income	106.2	114.2	108.6	115.7	2.2	1.3	
Operating Expenses	24.1	26.4	24.5	27.3	2.0	3.2	
Operating Profit	82.1	87.7	84.0	88.4	2.3	0.7	
Provisions	27.0	32.7	27.0	31.4	0.0	-3.9	
PBT	55.1	55.1	57.0	57.0	3.5	3.4	
Tax	14.1	14.1	14.7	14.7	4.3	4.2	
PAT	41.0	41.0	42.3	42.3	3.2	3.2	
AUM	1,403	1,553	1,429	1,601	1.9	3.1	
Loans	1,304	1,429	1,329	1,473	1.9	3.1	
Borrowings	1,254	1,367	1,278	1,409	1.9	3.1	
NIM (%)	8.1	7.9	8.1	7.7			
Credit Cost (%)	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.1			
RoA	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.8			

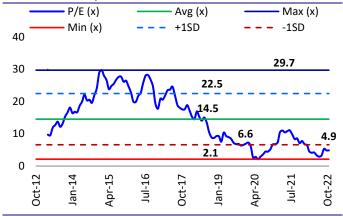
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Exhibit 14: One-year forward P/B ratio



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 15: One-year forward P/E ratio



Source: MOFSL, Company

Financials and valuations

Income Statement									(INR m)
Y/E March	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Interest Income	95,300	98,013	131,935	153,843	162,675	171,281	186,463	208,945	235,713
Interest Expenses	50,744	52,094	63,688	75,113	82,703	90,543	97,343	107,567	127,634
Net Interest Income	44,556	45,919	68,248	78,730	79,972	80,739	89,120	101,378	108,079
Change (%)	32.0	3.1	48.6	15.4	1.6	1.0	10.4	13.8	6.6
Other Operating Income	6,171	9,293	1,051	1,382	2,880	2,923	6,089	7,002	7,353
Other Income	762	758	2,027	233	203	160	191	210	231
Net Income	51,489	55,970	71,326	80,344	83,055	83,821	95,399	108,590	115,663
Change (%)	23.1	8.7	27.4	12.6	3.4	0.9	13.8	13.8	6.5
Operating Expenses	13,089	12,288	16,085	18,739	20,720	19,857	21,298	24,550	27,299
Operating Profit	38,400	43,682	55,241	61,605	62,336	63,964	74,101	84,040	88,364
Change (%)	23.7	13.8	26.5	11.5	1.2	2.6	15.8	13.4	5.1
Provisions and W/offs	20,586	24,443	17,223	23,823	27,949	31,184	38,609	27,004	31,383
РВТ	17,814	19,239	38,018	37,783	34,387	32,780	35,493	57,036	56,981
Tax	6,032	6,666	13,413	12,143	9,368	7,908	8,413	14,715	14,701
Tax Rate (%)	33.9	34.6	35.3	32.1	27.2	24.1	23.7	25.8	25.8
PAT	11,782	12,573	24,605	25,640	25,018	24,873	27,079	42,321	42,280
Change (%)	-4.8	6.7	95.7	4.2	-2.4	-0.6	8.9	56.3	-0.1
Proposed Dividend	2,731	2,995	3,006	3,282	1,134	4,555	5,410	7,195	7,314
Balance Sheet									(INR m)
Y/E March	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Capital	2,269	2,269	2,269	2,269	2,269	2,531	2,705	2,705	2,705
Reserves and Surplus (excl. OCI)	99,272	110,247	131,871	154,228	175,965	212,265	256,957	292,083	327,049
Net Worth	101,541	112,516	134,140	156,497	178,234	214,796	259,662	294,788	329,754
Other Comprehensive Income		-13	-26	-49	-97	-1,027	-2,255	-2,255	-2,255
Net Worth	101,541	112,503	134,114	156,448	178,137	213,769	257,407	292,533	327,499
Change (%)	9.9	10.8	19.2	16.7	13.9	20.0	20.4	13.6	12.0
Borrowings	497,907	687,982	821,308	879,144	943,718	1,061,964	1,144,967	1,277,717	1,409,312
Change (%)	12.5	38.2	19.4	7.0	7.3	12.5	7.8	11.6	10.3
Other Liabilities	80,185	16,627	17,028	17,333	19,432	21,055	18,687	19,060	19,441
Total Liabilities	679,633	817,112	972,450	1,052,925	1,141,286	1,296,789	1,421,061	1,589,310	1,756,252
Investments	13,562	22,587	23,415	39,991	27,985	31,979	68,092	64,687	61,453
Change (%)	-59.2	66.5	3.7	70.8	-30.0	14.3	112.9	-5.0	-5.0
Loans	637,701	740,157	907,456	967,515	1,022,316	1,083,030	1,166,652	1,328,825	1,472,731
Change (%)	25.6	16.1	22.6	6.6	5.7	5.9	7.7	13.9	10.8
Other Assets	28,371	54,369	41,579	45,419	90,985	181,780	186,318	195,798	222,069
Total Assets	679,633	817,112	972,450	1,052,925	1,141,286	1,296,789	1,421,061	1,589,310	1,756,252
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E: MOFSL estimates

Financials and valuations

Ratios									(%)
Y/E March	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Spreads Analysis (%)									
Yield on loans	16.1	13.9	15.7	16.0	15.8	15.8	16.0	16.3	16.5
Cost of funds	10.8	8.8	8.4	8.8	9.1	9.0	8.8	8.9	9.5
Spread on loans	5.3	5.1	7.2	7.2	6.7	6.8	7.2	7.4	7.0
NIM	7.8	6.7	8.3	8.4	8.0	7.7	7.9	8.1	7.7
Profitability Ratios (%)									
Cost/Income ratio	25.4	22.0	22.6	23.3	24.9	23.7	22.3	22.6	23.6
Emp/Operating Exp.	45.0	44.6	44.3	47.1	48.8	45.6	46.8	45.5	46.6
RoE	12.2	11.7	20.0	17.6	15.0	12.7	11.5	15.4	13.6
RoA	1.9	1.7	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.8	2.5
RoA (On AUM)	1.8	1.7	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.2	3.1	2.8
Asset Quality (%)									
GNPA	38,702	88,597	89,345	86,163	91,771	82,928	88,875	97,499	99,256
NNPA	11,437	51,102	53,084	51,148	54,594	42,750	39,144	45,825	44,665
GNPA (%)	5.8	11.1	9.3	8.4	8.5	7.1	7.1	6.8	6.3
NNPA (%)	1.8	6.7	5.7	5.2	5.2	3.8	3.2	3.3	2.9
PCR %	70.4	42.3	40.6	40.6	40.5	48.4	56.0	53.0	55.0
Capitalization (%)									
CAR	20.6	16.6	17.4	20.3	22.0	22.5	23.0	24.9	25.0
Tier I	16.4	14.3	14.5	15.6	18.1	19.9	20.7	23.0	23.4
Tier II	4.1	2.4	2.9	4.7	3.9	2.6	2.3	2.0	1.6
Average Leverage on Assets (x)	6.6	7.0	7.3	7.0	6.6	6.2	5.7	5.4	5.4
Valuations	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Book Value (INR)	448	496	591	690	786	849	960	1,090	1,219
BV Growth (%)	9.9	10.8	19.2	16.7	13.9	8.0	13.1	13.5	11.9
Price-to-BV (x)				1.7	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0
Adjusted BV (INR)	412	338	427	532	617	731	859	971	1,103
Price-to-ABV (x)				2.3	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1
OPS (INR)	169	193	243	272	275	253	274	311	327
Growth (%)	23.7	13.8	26.5	11.5	1.2	-8.0	8.4	13.4	5.1
Price-to-Earnings (x)				4.4	4.4	4.7	4.4	3.9	3.7
EPS (INR)	52	55	108	113	110	98	100	156	156
Growth (%)	-4.8	6.7	95.7	4.2	-2.4	-10.9	1.8	56.3	-0.1
Price-to-Earnings (x)				10.6	10.9	12.2	12.0	7.7	7.7
Dividend	10.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	5.0	18.0	20.0	26.6	27.0
Dividend Yield (%)				1.0	0.4	1.5	1.7	2.2	2.3

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