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CMP Rs 220 as of (November 3, 2022) **Target Price** Rs 220 (A)

Rating HOLD (■)

Upside

Earnings beat on improved assetquality metrics

- MMFS reported Q2FY23 earnings of ~Rs4.5bn, around 29% above our estimates due to lower-than-expected credit costs. Reversals in stages 2 & 3 provisions resulted in credit cost of ~1.1% vs our estimate of ~2.8%. Disbursements grew 24.8% QoQ/82.6% YoY, driven by the auto/UV (+32% QoQ), pre-owned vehicle (+25% QoQ) and SME/others (+81% QoQ) segments. The strong momentum sustained in Oct-22, with disbursement at Rs52.5bn vs Rs40.8bn in Sep-22. AUM grew 9.7% QoQ/13.8% YoY. Calculated yields declined 47bps QoQ, due to changes in asset-mix resulting in decline in share of higher-yielding products, introduction of better-quality albeit low-yielding customers to the portfolio for cash-flow stability, and lag in transmission of ~50bps rate hikes in some vehicle-finance products. CoFs rose 27bps QoQ, in line with our estimates. These factors, combined with high liquidity maintained by MMFS (~4-month buffer) on its books (25-30bps impact), resulted in calculated NIM decline of 68bps QoQ. Management believes yields will improve going ahead, once preowned vehicle availability improves and tractor sales pickup, for which the favorable season is around the corner. Opex remained elevated going into the festive period, with cost-toincome at 43.9% (Q1: 39.6%) due to higher business volumes and continued investments in technology. As a result, PPOP stood at Rs8.6bn (-8.7% QoQ/-15% YoY).
- Headline asset-quality numbers significantly improved, with GS3 and NS3 declining 133bps and 62bps to 6.7% and 2.91%, respectively. PCR on stage-3 assets was sequentially flat at 58.2%. The restructured book stood at ~Rs30bn (4.1% of business assets) vs. Rs36bn (5.3% of business assets) in Q1. In its Oct-22 update, MMFS reported that its GNPA under the revised IRACP norms was ~Rs9bn higher than GS3 as per Ind-AS. Quelling investor concerns, MMFS also stated that it does not foresee the need to make any additional provisions on account of the migration to IRACP.
- As regards the repossession ban passed by the RBI, MMFS believes that there has not been any breach of process, with the unfortunate event being an accident. The agency used for repossession was not exclusive and provides services to the entire industry. Management is confident that post the outcome of the investigation, re-engagement with the RBI based on the findings will result in a reversal of the ban, within 1-2 quarters. Nevertheless, to mitigate the impact of the ban, MMFS has migrated ~6,000 employees from manpower staffing agencies on its rolls under a fixed-term contract. This action is expected to be cost-neutral, with expenses being reclassified from 'other expenses' to 'employee benefit expenses' in its
- MD Mr. Ramesh Iyer's term ends in April/June 2024. For now, there is no certainty regarding the succession plan (i.e. hiring within the Mahindra group, within MMFS, or from outside). The nomination and remuneration committee (NRC) will deliberate on the matter and the succession plan would be made known to the shareholders well in advance.
- We retain our HOLD rating on the stock with Sep-23E TP of Rs220/share (earlier Rs200), valuing the firm at 1.4x Sep-24E BVPS, using the excess return on equity for Sep-24E RoE of ~14%. Any downturn in rural demand presents a downside risk to our valuation. Upside risks include faster-than-expected pick-up in growth.

Please see our sector model portfolio (Emkay Alpha Portfolio): BFSI-NBFCs (Page 9)

Financial Snapshot (Standalone)

(Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Net income	57,836	57,986	63,871	76,820	89,430
Net profit	3,352	9,888	17,174	23,502	28,493
EPS (Rs)	3.0	8.0	13.9	19.0	23.1
BV (Rs)	132.7	126.5	136.2	149.5	165.7
RoA (%)	0.4	1.3	2.0	2.3	2.4
RoE (%)	2.6	6.5	10.6	13.3	14.6
P/E (x)	72.7	27.5	15.8	11.6	9.5
P/BV	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.3

Change in Estimates	
EPS Chg FY23E/FY24E (%)	-/
Target Price change (%)	10.0
Target Period (Months)	12
Previous Reco	HOLD

Emkay vs Consensus EPS Estimates

	FY23E	FY24E
Emkay	13.9	19.0
Consensus	13.4	16.9
Mean Consensus TP	Rs 215	

Stock Dotails

Stock Details	
Bloomberg Code	MMFS IN
Face Value (Rs)	2
Shares outstanding (mn)	1,236
52 Week H/L	235 / 128
M Cap (Rs bn/USD bn)	272 / 3.28
Daily Avg Volume (nos.)	56,77,247
Daily Avg Turnover (USD mn)	13.8

Shareholding Pattern Sep '22

Promoters	52.2%
FIIs	16.9%
DIIs	22.1%
Public and Others	8.8%

Price Performance

(%)	1M	3M	6M	12M
Absolute	22	16	21	12
Rel. to Nifty	14	11	14	11

Relative price trend



Source: Bloomberg

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- What we liked: 1) Significant improvement in asset quality and confirmation by Management that additional provisions on account of migration to IRACP norms are not required. 2) Sustained business momentum and positive management commentary regarding demand augur well for growth prospects in H2FY23. 3) Taking on board ~6,000 employees to focus on re-possession and collections in a cost-neutral manner reduces risk of loss on repossession of vehicles. What we did not like: Persistently high operating expenses weighing on profitability.
- Management guidance: While margins will be impacted in near term due to holding cost of excess liquidity, management does not expect NIMs to go below 7.25% in near term. Opex-to-AUM is expected to reduce to ~3% and thereafter to 2.75%, over the next 3-4 quarters. Management believes that maintaining a quarterly disbursement runrate of Rs100bn should not be a challenge. Double-digit AUM growth is expected to sustain for FY23.
- Changes in estimates: The earnings revision needs to be seen in context of our last publication on MMFS (Click here). Post the ban imposed by the RBI on the usage of third-party agencies for repossession of vehicles by MMFS, we had increased our operating-expense & credit-cost assumptions, to factor-in the impact due to likely increase in operating costs from insourcing of activities and higher slippages along with higher realization loss due to delay in repossession activities. Considering the cost-neutral impact of the hiring of ~6,000 employees from man-power agencies, we reverse the punitive impact of our opex assumptions and bring it closer to the guided Vision 2025 objective articulated by the firm. While we retain the impact of the ~236mn per quarter due to delay in repossession of vehicles for the next six months, we reverse the credit cost assumptions to reflect the improved asset-quality numbers and management guidance of nil additional provisions required for the IRACP migration.

We incorporate the current strong trend in disbursements and account for a seasonally-strong H2FY23. Consequently, we revise upwards our AUM growth forecasts; we account for the impact of lower-yielding assets within the portfolio and a higher holding of liquid assets with negative carry in the balance. Consequently, we revise downward our NIM for FY23E/24E/25E, from 7.8%/7.7%/7.6% to 7.6%/7.6%/7.5%. We factor-in the management guidance on reduction of operating expenses from FY24 into our estimates and now forecast FY25 Opex-to-Assets at 2.6% vs 2.8% earlier, with management guidance at ~2.5%. Considering the sharp improvement in asset-quality numbers and reduced prospects of additional provisions to aid in the migration to the IRACP regime from Q3FY23, we trim our FY23E/24E credit cost, from 3%/2.4% to 2%/1.9%.

Exhibit 1: Quarterly Financials

(Rs mn)	2QFY22	3QFY22	4QFY22	1QFY23	2QFY23	YoY	QoQ	FY22	FY23E	YoY
Interest Income	24,577	24,867	23,917	24,372	25,163	2.4%	3.2%	94,756	1,03,041	8.7%
Interest Expenses	10,151	9,514	9,357	9,320	10,688	5.3%	14.7%	39,202	42,288	7.9%
Net Interest Income	14,426	15,353	14,560	15,052	14,475	0.3%	-3.8%	55,554	60,754	9.4%
Other Income	647	563	747	614	930	43.7%	51.6%	2,432	3,117	28.2%
Total Income	15,073	15,916	15,306	15,666	15,405	2.2%	-1.7%	57,986	63,871	10.1%
Operating Expenses	4,910	5,294	6,327	6,208	6,768	37.8%	9.0%	20,734	26,336	27.0%
Operating Profit	10,163	10,622	8,979	9,458	8,637	-15.0%	-8.7%	37,252	37,535	0.8%
Provisions	-3,668	-1,474	639	6,453	1,985	-154.1%	-69.2%	23,683	14,420	-39.1%
Credit-cost of avg. Business Assets	-2.3%	-0.9%	0.4%	3.9%	1.1%			3.7%	2.0%	
PBT	13,831	12,096	8,341	3,005	6,652	-51.9%	121.4%	13,569	23,115	70.3%
Tax	3,602	3,158	2,333	776	1,624	-54.9%	109.3%	3,682	5,941	61.4%
Tax rate	26.0%	26.1%	28.0%	25.8%	24.4%			27.1%	25.7%	
Reported PAT	10,229	8,938	6,008	2,229	4,483	-56.2%	101.1%	9,888	17,174	73.7%
AUM	7,96,260	8,12,300	7,97,967	8,25,945	9,06,246	13.8%	9.7%	7,30,500	8,84,590	21.1%
Disbursements	64,750	80,320	92,020	94,720	1,18,240	82.6%	24.8%	2,75,810	4,49,019	62.8%
GS3 (%)	12.7	11.3	7.7	8.0	6.7			7.7	6.0	
NS3 (%)	6.4	5.6	3.4	3.5	2.9			3.5	3.0	
PCR (%)	79.4	78.4	58.1	58.1	58.2			58.1	53.0	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: Actuals vs. Estimates (Q2FY23)

(Rs mn)	Actual	Estimates	Variation	Comments			
Disbursements	1,18,240	1,17,320	0.8%				
AUM	9,06,246	8,84,881	2.4%	Lower-than-expected repayment rates			
NII	14,475	15,540	-6.9%	Higher-than-expected yield compression			
PPOP	8,637	9,589	-9.9%				
PAT	4,483	3,466	29.3%	Lower-than-expected net credit costs			

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 3: Revision in earnings estimates

V/a May (Da m)		FY23E			FY24E			FY25E	
Y/e Mar (Rs m)	Earlier	Revised	Change	Earlier	Revised	Change	Earlier	Revised	Change
AUM	8,72,818	8,84,590	1.3%	10,32,709	10,53,519	2.0%	12,15,953	12,44,520	2.3%
Net Interest Income	60,663	60,754	0.1%	70,301	73,295	4.3%	81,232	85,439	5.2%
PPOP	37,771	37,535	-0.6%	44,865	48,328	7.7%	54,189	57,814	6.7%
PAT	12,025	17,174	42.8%	18,391	23,502	27.8%	26,710	28,493	6.7%
EPS (Rs)	9.7	13.9	42.8%	14.9	19.0	27.8%	21.6	23.1	6.7%
BV (Rs)	133	136	2.2%	144	150	4.0%	159	166	4.3%
NIM	7.8%	7.6%	-18bps	7.7%	7.6%	-9bps	7.6%	7.5%	-16bps
Cost-to-income	40.9%	41.2%	38bps	39.3%	37.1%	-218bps	36.4%	35.4%	-107bps
Opex-to-Assets	3.2%	3.1%	-4bps	3.0%	2.8%	-20bps	2.8%	2.6%	-14bps
Disbursement growth	58.5%	62.8%	427bps	17.2%	17.2%	0bps	17.2%	17.2%	0bps
AUM growth	19.5%	21.1%	161bps	18.3%	19.1%	78bps	17.7%	18.1%	39bps
Credit costs	3.0%	2.0%	-102bps	2.4%	1.9%	-43bps	1.8%	1.9%	8bps

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Concall highlights

- MMFS is gaining market share in its core products, be it UVs, tractors or cars.
- Company continues to be plagued by non-availability of certain products, which, if available, would lead to even better disbursements.
- Causes of NIM pressure: 1) Attempt to gain high-quality customers in VF; while such customers do not entail a large portion of the disbursement and book, they provide the necessary stability in terms of cash flows. Yield from such clients will be lower, as will the operating costs and delinquencies; hence this will lead to margin pressure. 2) Product mix: Improvement in NIM is seen with higher disbursements of products like tractors or preowned vehicle. When disbursement is higher for cars, CVs or SMEs, the yield will be lower and so will the NIM. 3) Costs increasing: The company has started with the rate increase now after opting not to carry out rate hikes during the festive season. It has hiked its lending rate by ~50bps in some auto products; it will consider hikes in other products too, based on requirement ahead. With a lag effect, NIM will improve in the next few quarters. Company hiked rates by 40bps a couple of months ago. 4) Holds a high cash bank-balance to stay sufficiently liquid, and is willing to bear the resultant 25-30bps opportunity cost.
- At present, new vehicle availability is low; hence, exchange of used vehicles is also fairly low. In fact, stock of all vehicles is low as banks and NBFCs are faring well on recovery. Mgmt believes that the pre-owned segment will grow and, as a result, overall yields will improve.
- While margins will be impacted in near term due to holding cost of excess liquidity, management does not expect NIMs to go below 7.25% in near term.
- Company has introduced some variable cost components for employees, with the aim to reward them for business activity as well as due to cuts/nil growth in compensation during the Covid spell. Mgmt. expects this to get better handled as productivity improves.
- Opex-to-AUM will come down to 3% and further to 2.75%, over the next 3-4 quarters; the 3-year target of 2.5% is likely to be met. The ratio will shrink as the balance sheet grows.
- No breach of process: MD Mr. Iyer personally took stock of the situation in Hazaribagh during his visit there, and COO Mr. Raul has also visited the place. The involved agents provide services across the industry and were not exclusive agents; Once the investigation is complete, the Management believes that the RBI order would be reversed. Company usually logs 4,000 repossessions a month, and expects a setback of 2,000-3,000 due to the ban. Typically, such repossessions would be released back to the customer post settlement; this is now getting impacted. However, given the strong trend in collections and good customer earnings, Management believes the impact will be minimal. Company has also launched a parallel program for settlement, rather than repossession, although it has not yet been tested.
- 5-6% GS3 is a comfortable level and so is the 58% PCR. Additional provisions under IRACP stand at Rs9bn, and Mgmt believes that even If this increases to Rs15bn, P&L provisions would not be needed. This Rs9bn is not expected to increase much in November/December. NS3 is ~3% at present, hence there is considerable headroom for keeping NNPA below 6% under IRAC.
- 'SME & Others' includes loans given: 1) to the auto engineering and agri industries (Mahindra suppliers) for their cashflow needs; 2) to smaller peer NBFCs that cover the same segments; 3) as **trade advance** to dealers before the festive season. Only SME is 5%. Barring trade advance, nothing else is passed on to existing customers. All SME loans are secured, either by underlying working capital or by fixed assets financed by such loans.
- Mgmt believes that the retail tractor business will now see growth, as the favorable season is around the corner.
- While collection efficiency for Oct-22 was 91%, there were reversals in Stage 3 and Stage 2; hence, collections were good in Stage 2 and Stage 3. This 91% also reflects the impact of the festive season such as low-activity levels and holidays for the public and employees. This, however, gets recouped in the very next month, and is not unusual or new. There is no impact of third-party recovery ban on collections.
- Moving employees from 'off roll' to 'on roll' would lead to reclassification, from 'other expenses' to 'employee benefit expenses'.

- The Rs10.6bn COVID management overlay that existed as of Jun-22 has been brought into the ECL formula, with no reversal done so far.
- If MMFS adds settlements to the collection efficiency, then the CE moves above 100%; this explains how the GS3 and GNPA gap was bridged. Also, stages 2 & 3 have significantly come down since Dec-21 which too has contributed to narrowing the gap.
- MD Mr. Ramesh Iyer's term ends in April/June 2024. For now, there is no certainty regarding the succession plan (i.e. hiring within the Mahindra group, within MMFS, or from outside). The nomination and remuneration committee (NRC) will deliberate on the matter and the succession plan would be made known to the shareholders well in advance.
- In the funding mix, bank borrowings have been on the rise and deposits have been decreasing for a couple of quarters now. During Covid, there was a flight to safety towards FDs. As of now, there is not much difference between the 'all-in' cost for banks and FDs. The 5-year FD rate for MMFS is 7.25% at present which may increase, depending on future RBI rate actions. Bank borrowings have gone up because market borrowings like NCDs have become considerably volatile. For bank borrowings, there has been a move from external benchmark to MCLR.
- H2 has historically been better for the rural segment, and MMFS does not expect to see a change in this trend given the good monsoon, support prices and infrastructure opening up.

Key Financials (Standalone)

Income Statement

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Net interest income	55,338	55,554	60,754	73,295	85,439
Other income	2,499	2,432	3,117	3,525	3,991
Net income	57,836	57,986	63,871	76,820	89,430
Operating expenses	16,325	20,734	26,336	28,492	31,615
Pre provision profit	41,512	37,252	37,535	48,328	57,814
PPP excl treasury	41,512	37,252	37,535	48,328	57,814
Provisions	37,348	23,683	14,420	16,697	19,466
Profit before tax	4,163	13,569	23,115	31,632	38,348
Тах	873	3,682	5,941	8,129	9,856
Tax rate	21%	27%	26%	26%	26%
Profit after tax & EI	3,352	9,888	17,174	23,502	28,493

Balance Sheet

Y/E Year End (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Equity	2,464	2,466	2,466	2,466	2,466
Reserves	1,44,651	1,53,815	1,65,848	1,82,315	2,02,278
Net worth	1,47,115	1,56,281	1,68,314	1,84,781	2,04,744
Other liabilities and provisions	37,483	38,467	38,852	40,794	42,834
Borrowings	5,85,767	5,58,139	7,23,307	8,70,883	10,55,625
Total liabilities	7,70,365	7,52,887	9,30,473	10,96,458	13,03,203
Cash and bank	32,696	41,507	89,131	1,14,919	1,60,021
Investments	1,16,073	84,403	61,374	44,628	32,452
Loans	5,99,474	6,04,446	7,49,541	9,02,469	10,71,700
Others	22,121	22,531	30,427	34,442	39,030
Total assets	7,70,365	7,52,887	9,30,473	10,96,458	13,03,203

Key Ratios (%)

Y/E Year End	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
NIM	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.5
RoA	0.4	1.3	2.0	2.3	2.4
RoAE	2.6	6.5	10.6	13.3	14.6
GNPA (%)	9.0	7.7	6.0	6.0	5.9
NNPA (%)	4.1	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.7

Per Share Data (Rs)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EPS	3.0	8.0	13.9	19.0	23.1
BVPS	132.7	126.5	136.2	149.5	165.7
DPS	0.8	3.6	4.2	5.7	6.9

Valuations (x)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
PER	72.7	27.5	15.8	11.6	9.5
P/BV	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.3
Dividend Yield (%)	0.4	1.6	1.9	2.6	3.1

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Growth (%)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
NII	8.2	0.4	9.4	20.6	16.6
PPOP	22.2	(10.3)	0.8	28.8	19.6
PAT	(63.7)	200.5	73.7	36.8	21.2
Loans	(7.8)	0.8	24.0	20.4	18.8

Quarterly (Rs mn)	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23
NII	14,426	15,353	14,560	15,052	14,475
NIM (%)	8.3	8.6	8.1	8.2	7.5
PPOP	10,163	10,622	8,979	9,458	8,637
PAT	10,229	8,938	6,008	2,229	4,483
EPS (Rs)	8.30	7.24	4.52	1.81	3.64

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Shareholding Pattern (%)	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22
Promoters	52.2	52.2	52.2	52.2	52.2
FIIs	19.0	19.2	17.9	17.6	16.9
DIIs	15.8	15.4	16.2	18.0	22.1
Public and Others	13.1	13.2	13.8	12.3	8.8

Source: Capitaline

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY (Rs/share)

Date	Closing Price	TP	Period	Rating	Analyst
29-Sep-22	182	200	12m	Hold	Manjith Nair
29-Jul-22	187	210	12m	Hold	Manjith Nair
04-May-22	180	205	12m	Hold	Manjith Nair
03-Feb-22	160	190	12m	Hold	Manjith Nair
29-Oct-21	180	200	12m	Hold	Manjith Nair

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY (Rs/share)



Source: Bloomberg, Company, Emkay Research



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Sector

Non-bank financial companies (NBFC)

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Emkay Alpha Portfolio - BFSI-NBFCs

EAP sector portfolio

Company Name	BSE200 Weight	EAP Weight	OW/UW (%)	OW/UW (bps)	EAP Weight based on Current NAV	published EAP
BFSI-NBFCs	6.79	6.79	0%	0	100.00	
Bajaj Finance*	1.77	1.77	0%	0	26.07	0
Cholamandalam Investment	0.27	0.27	0%	0	4.02	0
Edelweiss Financial Services*	0.00	0.00	NA	0	0.00	0
HDFC	4.23	4.24	0%	1	62.41	0
L&T Finance Holdings	0.05	0.06	7%	0	0.86	0
LIC Housing Finance	0.10	0.10	0%	0	1.52	0
Mahindra Finance	0.11	0.00	-100%	-11	0.00	0
Nippon Life India Asset Management*	0.04	0.04	-8%	0	0.55	0
Ponawalla Finco*	0.00	0.06	NA	6	0.85	0
Shriram City Union Finance	0.00	0.03	NA	3	0.40	0
Shriram Transport Finance	0.22	0.23	5%	1	3.32	0
Cash	0.00	0.00	NA	0	0.00	0

Source: Emkay Research

■ High Conviction/Strong Over Weight ■ High Conviction/Strong Under Weight

Sector portfolio NAV

	Base					Latest
	1-Apr-19	2-Nov-21	2-May-22	2-Aug-22	30-Sep-22	2-Nov-22
EAP - BFSI-NBFCs	100.0	164.3	135.9	143.5	140.4	147.4
BSE200 Neutral Weighted Portfolio (ETF)	100.0	154.4	127.4	134.7	131.8	138.4

^{*}Performance measurement base date 1st April 2019

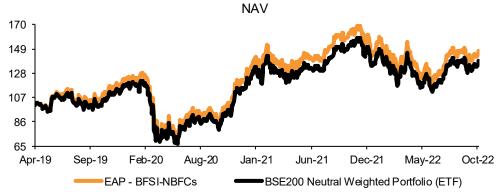
Source: Emkay Research

Price Performance (%)

	1m	3m	6m	12m
EAP - BFSI-NBFCs	5.0%	2.7%	8.5%	-10.3%
BSE200 Neutral Weighted Portfolio (ETF)	5.1%	2.8%	8.6%	-10.3%

Source: Emkay Research

NAV chart



Source: Emkay Research

Please see our model portfolio (Emkay Alpha Portfolio): Nifty

Please see our model portfolio (Emkay Alpha Portfolio): SMID

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Emkay Rating Distribution

Ratings	Expected Return within the next 12-18 months.
BUY	Over 15%
HOLD	Between -5% to 15%
SELL	Below -5%

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