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Poonawalla Fincorp

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Operating profit growth fueled by NIM expansion

- Result highlights: Poonawalla Fincorp Limited (PFL) reported Q3FY23 standalone PAT of ~Rs1.5bn (+15.6% QoQ/+87.5% YoY), driven by margin expansion as PFL continues to pass on rate hikes to its customers and introduce high-yield products to expand its digital offerings. During the quarter, PFL launched new products covering consumption finance, transaction credit, and consumer finance. In a seasonally strong quarter, PFL posted the highest-ever customer acquisition and disbursements of Rs33.7bn (+8.3% QoQ/+157.2% YoY), entirely via the organic route. Direct digital partnership (DDP) contribution to disbursements increased to 66% (Q2: 54%). As a result, AUM grew by 5.8% QoQ/27.6% YoY to Rs139.3bn. Operating expenses declined 3% QoQ, as the firm continued to rationalize its branch network and personnel resource pool. Asset-quality pressures eased with GS3 at 1.69% (Q2: 1.77%) and NS3 at 0.89% (0.94%), with continued provision reversal resulting in quarterly RoA of 4% and RoE of ~9.8%.
- PFL, in its board meeting held on December 14, 2022, approved the sale of its housing finance subsidiary Poonawalla Housing Finance Limited (PHFL) to TPG for a consideration of Rs39bn. As per our analysis, we expect a post-tax gain of ~Rs23.3bn, resulting in a net worth accretion of ~Rs31.5bn in Q1FY24 (Exhibit 4). To account for the sale of PHFL, we change our valuation to be based on the standalone entity and roll over our estimates to Mar-24E. We retain our HOLD rating, valuing the company at a Mar'24E TP of Rs300 (earlier Rs270), using the excess return on equity (ERE) method. Our TP implies Mar-25E P/BVPS of 2.1x for FY25E RoA of ~4.1% and RoE of ~10.4%.
- Margin expansion and reversal of provisions fuel earnings growth: A 39bps QoQ NIM expansion drove NII growth of 10% QoQ/23.6% YoY. Calculated yields rose 63bps QoQ, with PFL passing on the rate hikes of 150-200bps to its customers across all product lines since the beginning of the rate hike cycle. Calculated CoF rose 38bps sequentially. Operating expenses declined 3% QoQ, as PFL has initiated employee rationalization to address the excess bandwidth. Cost-to-income ratio stood at 56.7% (Q2: 60.4%). As a result, PPOP came in at ~Rs1.56bn (+23.9% QoQ/+35.6% YoY). Asset quality witnessed sequential improvement, with GS3 at 1.69% (Q2: 1.77%) and NS3 at 0.89% (Q2: 0.94%). PCR on stage-3 assets stood at 47.8% (Q2: 47.3%). Credit costs came in at -1.34%, as PFL continues to write-back provisions on the legacy book. Management expects this to continue for the next two quarters. The restructured book stood at ~Rs1.72bn (1.2% of AUM) vs. Rs2.46bn (1.9% of AUM) as of Q2FY23. The restructured book in the zero bucket stood at Rs0.78bn (~45% of the book).
- Management guidance: Management has laid out the following targets going ahead 1) AUM growth of 35-40% over the next three years, 2) Constant RoAs of 4-4.5%, 3) Gross NPAs of 1.3-1.8% and net NPAs of 0.5-0.9%, and 4) Profit growth of 30-35%. Management also expects the AUM mix to be 70%::30% between unsecured and secured products.

Financial Snapshot (Standalone)

(Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Net income	10,022	10,579	13,958	19,551	27,520
Net profit	(5,784)	2,933	5,738	7,350	10,961
EPS (Rs)	(21.5)	3.8	7.5	9.6	14.3
BV (Rs)	72.0	74.7	81.4	131.2	143.4
RoA (%)	(5.0)	2.5	3.9	3.7	4.1
RoE (%)	(26.0)	7.7	9.6	9.0	10.4
PE (x)	(13.6)	75.9	38.8	30.3	20.3
P/BV	4.0	3.9	3.6	2.2	2.0
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СМР	Target Price
Rs 291 as of (January 24, 2023)	Rs 300 (▲) 12 months
Rating	Upside
HOLD (∎)	3.2 %

Change in Estimates

EPS Chg FY2			%)					
Target Price of		,0)	11.1					
Target Period			12					
Previous Rec	-	,		HOLD				
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EPS Estimates								
		F	Y23E	FY24E				
Emkay			7.5	9.6				
Consensus			7.7	9.6				
Mean Conser	isus T	P (12	M)	Rs 380				
Stock Details	5							
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Face Value (F	Rs)			2				
Shares outsta	anding	(mn)		765				
52 Week H/L			:	344 / 209				
M Cap (Rs br	n/USD	bn)	22	22 / 2.73				
Daily Avg Vol	ume (I	nos.)	3	1,58,112				
Daily Avg Tur	nover	(US\$	mn)	11.7				
Shareholding	g Patt	ern De	ec '22					
Promoters				62.1%				
FIIs				7.3%				
DIIs				4.5%				
Public and Ot	hers			26.2%				
Price Perform	nance)						
(%)	1M	3M	6M	12M				
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Our forecasts

- On a standalone basis, we have built in a disbursement CAGR of ~43% over FY23-25E, translating into AUM growth of ~40% over the forecast period to ~Rs289bn. While the continued run-down of the legacy, Magma Fincorp book (~Rs11bn in Q2FY23, expected to run-down by Q1FY24), and the DA acquired book (~Rs22bn in Q3FY23, expected to run-down by Q1FY25), are expected to weigh-down on growth, the introduction of new products such as the credit card and EMI card should augur well for AUM growth.
- We estimate a sharp reduction in operating expenses, with opex-to-AUM declining by 150bps in FY24E and ~103bps in FY25E from ~6.27% in FY23E on account of two factors:
 1) Employee and branch rationalization, as PFL aims to maintain a branch-light model, with a presence in 100 branches across 22 states and UTs. The branches are expected primarily to aid in collection efforts, with sourcing and origination to be conducted digitally.
 2) Reduction in ESOP expenses by ~Rs1bn in FY24E and ~Rs0.3bn in FY25E from ~Rs1.6bn in FY23E.
- We expect recoveries of 45%/~Rs6bn from the legacy written-off pool over FY23-25E. As the effect of the write-back diminishes, we expect credit costs of 64bps in FY24E and 138bps in FY25E. As a result, we expect FY25E RoA of ~4.1%, translating into RoE of ~10.4% due to lower leverage on account of excess capital of ~Rs31.5bn accreted to the net-worth after the expected sale of PHFL in Q1FY24.
- Valuation and risks: To account for the sale of PHFL, we change our valuation to be based on the standalone entity (earlier based on the consolidated lending entity) and roll-over our estimates to Mar-24E. We retain our HOLD rating, valuing the company at a Mar'24E TP of Rs300 (earlier Rs270), using the ERE method. Our TP implies a Mar-25E P/BVPS of 2.1x for FY25E RoA of ~4.1% and RoE of ~10.4%. We believe the underlying opportunity in consumer/MSME lending in India provides ample opportunity for the firm to leverage much more and result in superior RoEs. Upside risk: Utilization of the proceeds from the sale of PHFL for inorganic expansion will result in leverage ratios improving earlier, aiding in RoE expansion. Downside risk: Considering the dominant composition of unsecured loans with the portfolio, credit costs could be impacted in the event of any extraneous shocks or operational lapses.

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Exhibit 1: Quarterly Financials (Standalone)

Particulars (Rs mn)	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	QoQ%	YoY%	FY23E	FY24E	YoY%
Interest Income	3,675	3,602	3,857	4,179	4,605	10.2%	25.3%	17,549	25,523	45.4%
Interest Expenses	1,239	1,104	1,187	1,441	1,593	10.6%	28.6%	5,961	8,440	41.6%
Net Interest Income	2,437	2,498	2,670	2,738	3,012	10.0%	23.6%	11,588	17,083	47.4%
Other Income	267	381	434	627	588	-6.1%	120.4%	2,370	2,468	4.1%
Net Operating Income	2,704	2,879	3,103	3,365	3,600	7.0%	33.2%	13,958	19,551	40.1%
Operating Expenses	1,555	1,727	1,926	2,107	2,043	-3.1%	31.4%	8,198	8,513	3.8%
PPOP	1,149	1,152	1,178	1,257	1,558	23.9%	35.6%	5,761	11,037	91.6%
Provisions	81	(14)	(164)	(482)	(452)	-6.2%	-659.3%	(1,614)	1,145	-170.9%
Credit costs (%)	0.3%	0.0%	-0.5%	-1.5%			-100.0%	-1.2%	0.6%	
Extraordinary items	-	-	209	-	-			209	-	
Profit Before Tax	1,068	1,165	1,550	1,740	2,010	15.6%	88.2%	7,584	9,893	30.4%
Тах	266	274	313	438	506	15.6%	90.2%	1,846	2,542	37.8%
Tax rate (%)	24.9%	23.5%	20.2%	25.2%	25.2%			24.3%	25.7%	
PAT	802	891	1,237	1,302	1,504	15.6%	87.5%	5,738	7,350	28.1%
GS3 (%)	4.0%	3.3%	2.7%	1.8%	1.7%			1.6%	1.5%	
NS3 (%)	2.0%	1.3%	1.1%	0.9%	0.9%			0.9%	0.8%	
PCR (%)	52.4%	61.2%	59.2%	47.3%	47.8%			45.0%	45.0%	
AUM	1,09,140	1,17,650	1,26,060	1,31,610	1,39,290	5.8%	27.6%	1,46,302	2,10,723	44.0%
Disbursement	13,100	25,390	29,010	31,100	33,690	8.3%	157.2%	1,30,800	2,10,540	61.0%

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: Key assumptions for Poonawalla Fincorp (Standalone)

	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
AUM Growth	-16.4%	12.4%	27.0%	44.0%	37.0%
Disbursement growth	-52.3%	209.7%	73.9%	61.0%	27.2%
NIM as a % of AUM	7.8%	8.7%	8.9%	9.6%	9.7%
Opex-to-AUM	4.1%	5.6%	6.3%	4.8%	3.7%
Credit Costs	11.7%	0.6%	-1.2%	0.6%	1.4%
GS3	4.6%	3.3%	1.6%	1.5%	1.6%
NS3	0.9%	1.4%	0.9%	0.8%	0.9%
PCR	83.6%	61.3%	45.0%	45.0%	45.0%
RoA	-5.0%	2.5%	3.9%	3.7%	4.1%
RoE	-26.0%	7.7%	9.6%	9.0%	10.4%

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 3: RoE decomposition for Poonawalla Fincorp (standalone)

	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Interest Income	15.1%	12.6%	11.9%	12.9%	13.6%
Interest Expense	7.5%	4.4%	4.0%	4.3%	4.6%
Net Interest income	7.6%	8.2%	7.9%	8.7%	9.0%
Fee Based Income + Other Income	1.0%	0.9%	1.6%	1.3%	1.2%
Operating expenses	3.9%	5.2%	5.6%	4.3%	3.5%
Pre-Provisioning Profit	4.7%	3.9%	3.9%	5.6%	6.7%
Provisions	11.3%	0.6%	-1.1%	0.6%	1.3%
РВТ	-6.6%	3.3%	5.1%	5.0%	5.5%
(1-t)	25.1%	23.8%	24.3%	25.7%	25.7%
RoA	-5.0%	2.5%	3.9%	3.7%	4.1%
Financial Leverage (Avg. Asset/Avg, Equity)	5.2	3.0	2.5	2.4	2.6
RoE	-26.0%	7.7%	9.6%	9.0%	10.4%

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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Exhibit 4: We expect net worth accretion of ~Rs31.5bn in Q1FY24					
Computation of net worth accretion from the sale of PHFL (Rs mn)					
Amount realized on the sale of HFC	38,180				
Book value of investment	8,200				
Pre-tax gain from the sale of HFC	29,980				
Indexed value of the asset sold	9,780				
Gain for tax consideration	28,400				
Tax realized	6,700				
Post-tax capital gain from the sale of HFC	23,280				
Net worth accretion	31,480				

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Con-Call highlights

- PFL has already started branch and employee rationalization and expects it to be completed in the next two quarters.
- PFL expects to launch card-based loan products in the next 2-3 quarters. It also expects 20-25% AUM from short-term loans.
- PFL will have a branch network of 100-110 branches in 22 states/UT used mainly for collections.
- PFL will come with a full-stack app with not only origination and onboarding but also servicing in the next few quarters.
- PFL expects the headcount to remain flat despite business growth and should be positive for opex.
- AUM Mix: Pre-owned Car Rs.2.45bn; Unsecured auto leasing Rs.3.26bn; USL (comprising PL, BL, consumer loan, and LTP) Rs. 6.03bn; Supply chain Rs.1bn; LAP 15.88bn and machinery loan Rs.0.6bn. DA business book is around Rs22bn and discontinued book is around Rs.12bn (Rs.8bn on book and Rs.4bn off book)
- Disbursement Mix: Pre-owned car Rs.5bn; Unsecured auto leasing Rs.1bn; USL (including PL, LTP, BL, and consumption loan) Rs.23bn; LAP Rs.4.15bn; and machinery loan Rs.0.3bn.
- Since the beginning of the rate hike cycle, yield on products have increased by 1.25-1.5%. Cross-sell and fee-based income have also increased, resulting in average yield of ~15%.
- Post-sale, considering the current opportunity on the consumer finance side, on PAN India level, and 18-month experience in this field, management does not want to do wholesale and mid-corporate loans for at least five years. Management believes there is no need for any inorganic opportunity going ahead. The entire capital will be utilized for growth.
- Sustainable margins: Above 10-10.5% despite the rising interest rate scenario. The company has enough buffer to do more short-term capital borrowing (capital market) and will do this in the next couple of quarters. It has launched higher-yielding, short-term consumer products. Management does not see the impact on margin for the next 3-4 years.
- Performance from DDP pool: 30+ dpd for the entire new originated book is 0.62%; for new disbursements in partnership ecosystem, it is 1.39% and 90+ dpd for the same is is 0.04%.
- Write-backs will be seen for 1-2 quarters more, but then they should be streamlined.
- Total opex reduction of Rs0.5bn per quarter from Q2FY24 (Rs0.1bn legacy book employees not required + Rs0.4bn ESOP reduction). The company does not need more manpower for 4-5 years.
- PFL has strong collection infra in all 22 states. 55-60% of employees are in collection. 400-500 are proposed as the collection team, which is more than enough for the next 3-4 years.
- DA-acquired book is now Rs22bn, which has run down by 50% over the past 4-5 quarters and will take 1.5 years to entirely run down.

- Active customers: 1mn+, served to date is ~2mn. It will cross 10mn customer base in the next three years.
- Average IRR will be maintained above 15%. PFL will focus more on small businesses, consumer, small PL, pre-owned car, and LAP. It will maintain 70% unsecured and 30% secured (LAP + machinery and equipment loan + pre-owned car).
- IRR of the unsecured business loan is 18.5% and credit cost is 1.5% with 25% recovery. IRR of a small business loan is 21% and credit cost of 2.0-2.25% with 25% recovery IRR of digital consumption and small personal loan is 18-19% and credit cost of 1.25% IRR of pre-owned car is 15.5% and credit cost is 1%. Overall customers' average credit costs will not cross 1.2%.
- Of monthly disbursements, 20% is from partnerships and 80% is from direct/digital.
- Professional loans: Crossed more than 3% of chartered accountants in India. 30+ is less than 0.2%, on a large seasoned book. The BT in is 30-40% for this product.

Key Financials (Standalone)

Income Statement					
Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Net interest income	8,824	9,493	11,588	17,083	24,178
Other income	1,199	1,086	2,370	2,468	3,343
Net income	10,022	10,579	13,958	19,551	27,520
Operating expenses	4,563	6,046	8,198	8,513	9,332
Pre provision profit	5,460	4,532	5,761	11,037	18,188
PPP excl treasury	5,460	4,532	5,761	11,037	18,188
Provisions	13,186	686	(1,614)	1,145	3,437
Profit before tax & El	(7,727)	3,846	7,584	9,893	14,752
Тах	(1,943)	914	1,846	2,542	3,791
Tax rate	25%	24%	25%	26%	26%
Profit after tax	(5,784)	2,933	5,738	7,350	10,961

Balance Sheet

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Equity	539	1,530	1,530	1,530	1,530
Reserves	18,881	55,615	60,779	98,875	1,08,191
Net worth	19,421	57,145	62,310	1,00,405	1,09,721
Other liabilities and provisions	4,851	3,693	5,000	6,000	7,200
Borrowings	79,148	67,258	99,486	1,21,166	1,95,435
Total liabilities	1,03,420	1,28,097	1,66,795	2,27,570	3,12,356
Cash and bank	6,124	5,372	8,858	10,732	16,624
Investments	4,289	8,197	8,197	0	0
Loans	85,653	1,06,784	1,40,656	2,06,393	2,83,720
Others	7,353	7,774	9,084	10,446	12,013
Total assets	1,03,420	1,28,097	1,66,795	2,27,570	3,12,356

Key Ratios (%)

Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
NIM	7.8	8.7	8.9	9.6	9.7
RoA	(5.0)	2.5	3.9	3.7	4.1
RoAE	(26.0)	7.7	9.6	9.0	10.4
GNPA (%)	4.6	3.3	1.6	1.5	1.6
NNPA (%)	0.9	1.4	0.9	0.8	0.9
Per Share Data (Rs)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Per Share Data (Rs) EPS	FY21 (21.5)	FY22 3.8	FY23E 7.5	FY24E 9.6	FY25E 14.3
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EPS	(21.5)	3.8	7.5	9.6	14.3
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Dividend Yield (%) Source: Company, Emkay Research

P/BV

Growth (%) FY21 FY22 FY23E FY24E FY25E NII (1.8) 7.6 22.1 47.4 41.5 PPOP 9.6 (17.0) 27.1 91.6 64.8 PAT NA NA 95.7 28.1 49.1 Loans (23.4) 24.7 31.7 46.7 37.5

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Quarterly (Rs mn)	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23
NII	2,437	2,498	2,670	2,738	3,102
NIM (%)	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.5	8.9
PPOP	1,149	1,152	1,178	1,257	1,558
PAT	802	891	1,237	1,302	1,504
EPS (Rs)	1.05	1.17	1.62	1.70	1.97
Source: Company, Emkay Research					
Shareholding Pattern (%)	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22	Dec-22
Promoters	68.3	61.5	61.5	61.5	62.1
FIIs	5.8	6.6	7.4	7.5	7.3
DIIs	6.6	6.2	5.7	5.2	4.5
Public and Others	19.4	25.7	25.4	25.9	26.2

Source: Capitaline

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Date	Closing Price	TP	Period (months)	Rating	Analyst
14-Dec-22	302	270	12m	Hold	Manjith Nair
02-Dec-22	308	270	12m	Hold	Manjith Nair
24-Oct-22	319	270	12m	Hold	Manjith Nair
29-Jul-22	267	270	12m	Hold	Manjith Nair
14-May-22	248	250	12m	Hold	Manjith Nair
03-Apr-22	280	240	12m	Hold	Manjith Nair
29-Oct-21	166	205	12m	Buy	Manjith Nair

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY CHART



Source: Bloomberg, Company, Emkay Research

Emkay Rating Distribution

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