Buy



LIC Housing Finance

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Bloomberg	LICHF IN
Equity Shares (m)	505
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	206.8 / 2.5
52-Week Range (INR)	444 / 292
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12M Avg Val (INR M)	1100

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

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Y/E March	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
NII	59.6	67.2	74.9
PPP	51.2	57.4	63.8
PAT	25.1	34.9	39.6
EPS (INR)	45.6	63.4	71.9
EPS Gr. (%)	9.7	39.1	13.4
BV/Sh (INR)	477	523	576
Ratios			
NIM (%)	2.3	2.3	2.4
C/I ratio (%)	17.1	17.3	17.4
RoAA (%)	0.9	1.2	1.2
RoE (%)	9.9	12.7	13.1
Payout (%)	18.7	14.2	13.9
Valuations			
P/E (x)	8.2	5.9	5.2
P/BV (x)	0.8	0.7	0.7
Div. Yield (%)	2.3	2.4	2.7

Shareholding pattern (%)

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As On	Dec-22	Sep-22	Dec-21
Promoter	45.2	45.2	45.2
DII	22.9	20.9	14.9
FII	19.1	20.8	23.5
Others	12.7	13.1	16.4

FII Includes depository receipts

CMP: INR376 TP: INR440 (+17%) Earnings miss led by elevated credit costs...

...even as, margins expand after a one-off in the previous quarter

- LIC Housing Finance (LICHF) posted 3QFY23 PAT of INR4.8b, which declined 37% YoY (but grew 57% QoQ), due to elevated annualized credit costs of ~115bp (PY: ~60bp).
- NII at INR16b grew 10% YoY/38% QoQ, while PPoP at INR13.6b was flat YoY (but grew 44% QoQ). The 9MFY23 PAT stood at ~INR17b and grew 46% YoY; disbursements were at ~INR481b and grew ~13% YoY in 9MFY23.
- NIM (reported) at ~2.4% expanded ~60bp QoQ, driven by a ~110bp improvement in yields to ~9.7%. The CoF increased ~30bp QoQ to ~7.4%.
 This was along expected lines after a one-off in margins in the last quarter.
- We have cut our FY23E EPS by ~11% to factor in the 9MFY23 performance resulting in higher opex and credit costs for this fiscal year. We remain wary of slippages from restructured loans, which can keep credit costs elevated and also result in interest income reversals in FY24E.
- In our view, higher interest rates have started dampening the demand for mortgages. We model an advances/PAT CAGR of 11%/26% over FY23-25 for an RoA/RoE of 1.2%/13% in FY25, respectively. Reiterate BUY with a TP of INR440 (premised on 0.8x Sep'24E P/BV).

Disbursements sluggish; loan growth slightly below estimates

- Disbursements in individual home loans declined ~11% YoY, while non-housing disbursements declined 4% YoY. Builder loan disbursements grew 46% YoY. Total disbursements declined ~9% YoY to INR161b in 3QFY23.
- Total loan book grew ~10% YoY/2.3% QoQ to ~INR2.68t. Home loans grew 14% YoY/3% QoQ, while the developer loan book continued to consolidate. LAP showed signs of improvement and grew 3% YoY/2% QoQ.

Asset quality improved but credit costs elevated due to higher PCR

- Asset quality improved, with GS3/NS3 improving ~15bp/43bp sequentially to 4.8%/2.4%, respectively.
- Credit costs in 3QFY23 were elevated because LICHF effected a ~7pp QoQ increase in Stage 3 PCR to ~51%. Management indicated that PCR was raised to strengthen the balance sheet and to keep the PCR levels in line with the industry and peers. Once the desired PCR is achieved, LICHF expects credit costs to stabilize at around ~40-45bp.
- Covid-related provisions declined to INR4.76b (~18bp of loan book; PQ: INR5.4b). There were no write-offs during the quarter.
- Outstanding OTR pool, which is still under moratorium, stood at INR14.2b (0.5% of loans). Loans in this pool will resume repayments and exit moratorium over the next three quarters (refer to Exhibit 1).
- Corporate OTR pool stood at INR2.5b and Retail OTR was at INR11.6b. ~15% of the restructured pool has slipped into Stage 3 while residual restructured pool is classified under Stage 1.

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Highlights from the management commentary

- A ~35bp interest rate hike was effected by LICHF in Dec'22, to be effective from 1st Jan'23. The impact on interest income is expected in 4QFY23.
- Management guided that credit costs will normalize going ahead and LICHF will endeavor to keep the PCR stable at current levels.
- The total number of accounts in project loans segment stood at 300 and LICHF does not expect any new incremental slippages in this segment. Around 80 project accounts are in Stage 3 and 100-110 accounts in 60+dpd.

Valuation and View

- LICHF has strong moats in retail mortgages and on the liability side. It has demonstrated its ability to transmit higher cost of borrowings to its customers. However, potential slippages in the restructured pool along with execution on the guided credit costs of 40-45bp in FY24 will be the key monitorables.
- We have cut our loan growth estimates for FY24 slightly to factor in the impact of higher interest rates, which could potentially dampen mortgage demand.
- The stock's valuation, at 0.7x FY24E P/BV, reflects the volatility in LICHF's reported earnings and the asset quality stress, particularly in its developer book. We expect an RoA/RoE of 1.2%/13% in FY25 and reiterate our **BUY** rating on the stock with a TP of INR440 (based on 0.8x Sep'24E BVPS).
- Key downside risks: a) Slippages from restructured pool leading to higher credit costs; b) higher interest rates that can result in a moderation in mortgage demand and c) further rise in CoF, which can adversely impact the NIM.

Quarterly Performance												(INR m)
Y/E March		FY					23E		FY22	FY23E	3QFY23E	Act. v/s
								4QFY23E				est. (%)
Interest Income	48,253	46,734	50,006			50,493	58,387		1,96,885			1
Interest Expenses	35,500	35,060	35,460	35,518		38,864	42,328		1,41,537	1,63,280		0
Net Interest Income	12,753	11,674	14,546		16,102	11,629	16,059	15,778	55,348	59,568	15,595	3
YoY Growth (%)	4.5	-5.7	13.6	8.8	26.3	-0.4	10.4	-3.6	5.5	7.6		
Fees and other income	338	416	698	1,193	407	427	374	973	2,646	2,182	716	-48
Net Income	13,091	12,090	15,244			12,056	16,432	16,751	57,994	61,749	16,311	1
YoY Growth (%)	7.9	-5.7	14.7	11.8	26.1	-0.3	7.8	-4.7	7.5	6.5		
Operating Expenses	2,815	2,609	2,070	2,500	2,029	2,610	2,876	3,072	9,994	10,586	2,505	15
Operating Profit	10,276	9,481	13,174		14,481	9,447	13,557	13,679	48,000	51,163	13,806	-2
YoY Growth (%)	-4.5	-15.4	13.5	12.7	40.9	-0.4	2.9	-9.2	2.3	6.6	4.8	
Provisions and Cont.	8,346	6,392	3,556	1,925	3,077	5,658	7,627	3,820	20,218	20,182	4,100	86
Profit before Tax	1,929	3,090	9,619	13,144	11,404	3,789	5,930	9,858	27,782	30,980	9,706	-39
Tax Provisions	395	611	1,945	1,958	2,149	739	1,127	1,872	4,909	5,886	1,844	-39
Net Profit	1,534	2,479	7,673	11,186	9,255	3,050	4,803	7,987	22,873	25,094	7,862	-39
YoY Growth (%)	-81.2	-68.7	5.5	180.4	503.2	23.0	-37.4	-28.6	-16.3	9.7	2.5	
Key Operating Parameters (%	%)											
Yield on loans (Cal)	8.31	7.95	8.32	8.39	8.29	7.80	8.80		8.32	8.6		
Cost of funds (Cal)	6.86	6.75	6.68	6.46	6.47	6.78	7.15		6.56	6.9		
Spreads (Cal)	1.45	1.20	1.64	1.93	1.81	1.02	1.65		1.76	1.7		
Margins (Cal)	2.20	1.99	2.42	2.65	2.54	1.80	2.42		2.28	2.2		
Credit Cost (Cal)	1.44	1.09	0.59	0.31	0.49	0.87	1.15		0.85	0.8		
Cost to Income Ratio	21.5	21.6	13.6	14.2	12.3	21.6	17.5		17.2	17.1		
Tax Rate	20.5	19.8	20.2	14.9	18.8	19.5	19.0		17.7	19.0		
Balance Sheet Parameters												
Loans (INR B)	2,325	2,377	2,434	2,511	2,557	2,623	2,684		2,453	2722		
Change YoY (%)	10.8	11.4	10.5	8.2	10.0	10.4	10.3		7.5	11.0		
Indiv. Disb. (INR B)	84	158	175	189	149	164	157		605	663		
Change YoY (%)	147.4	35.4	9.2	-10.8	77.0	3.9	-10.3		15.9	9.6		
Borrowings (INR B)	2,064	2,091	2,158	2,238	2,260	2,329	2,404		2,237	2482		
Change YoY (%)	9.6	9.9	10.3	7.8	9.5	11.4	11.4		7.6	11.0		
Loans/Borrowings (%)	112.7	113.7	112.8	112.2	113.2	112.6	111.7		109.7	109.6		
Asset Quality Parameters												
GS 3 (INR B)	137.9	122.2	122.7	116.5	126.8	128.5	127.5		116.5	119.2		
Gross Stage 3 (% on Assets)	5.9	5.1	5.0	4.6	5.0	4.9	4.8		4.7	4.3		
NS 3 (INR B)	91.8	69.2	73.9			72.3	62.6		66.3	62.7		
Net Stage 3 (% on Assets)	4.0	3.0	3.1			2.8	2.4		2.7	2.3		
PCR (%)	33.5	43.3	39.7		40.4	43.7	50.9		43.1	47.4		
ECL (%)	2.03	2.25	2.35			2.49	2.71		2.03	2.25		
Loan Mix (%)												
Home loans	78.3	79.3	80.5	81.3	82.0	82.6	83.1		78.3	79.3		
LAP	15.0	14.3	13.7			12.9	12.9		15.0	14.3		
Non-Individual loans	6.7	6.5	5.8			4.5	4.0		6.7	6.5		
Borrowing Mix (%)												
Banks	26.0	27.0	27.4	30.0	33.0	34.0	33.9		26.0	27.0		
NCD	55.0	54.0	54.3			52.0	51.9		55.0	54.0		
Sub Debt	1.0	1.0	0.8			1.0	0.8		1.0	1.0		
Deposits	9.0	8.0	8.4			7.0	5.9		9.0	8.0		
NHB	5.0	5.0	4.2			4.0	3.6		5.0	5.0		
CP	4.0	5.0				2.0	3.9		4.0	5.0		
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E: MOFSL Estimates

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Highlights from the management commentary

Asset quality and credit costs

- There were no write-offs during the quarter. There has been no change in the PD/LGD expectations. Stage 1 and 2 PCR is also adequate.
- Higher credit costs were because of the increase in PCR by ~7pp QoQ to ~51%. It is in line with the company's objective of increasing the strength of the balance sheet and to be in line with the provisioning coverage in the industry.
- Total number of accounts in project loans stood at 300. There will be no further slippages. LICHF is witnessing some resolutions but they are not significant. Around 80 project accounts were in Stage 3 and another 100-110 accounts were in 60+dpd.
- Three cases are in NCLT for resolution; received three orders for implementation from NCLT. Realizable amount stood at INR1.2-1.5b.

Restructured book

- Around 15% of the restructured book slipped into Stage 3. Rest of the residual restructured book was classified under Stage 1.
- Total restructured (OTR) pool stood at ~INR14.2b. This was split into Corporate which stood at INR2.5b and Retail at INR11.6b.
- Timeline for restructured pool to exit moratorium 4QFY23: INR6b; 1QFY24: INR6b; 2QFY23: INR2.2b.

Guidance

- Once LICHF has achieved a stable level of PCR, the credit costs will be in the range of ~40-45bp.
- Management guided that credit costs will normalize going ahead and LICHF will endeavor to keep the PCR stable at current levels.

Transmission of Repo rates

■ The RBI has increased the repo rates by 225bp and compared to that LICHF has increased its retail PLR by ~210bp in FY23-YTD.

Yields, Spreads and Margins

- NIM has expanded from 1.8% to 2.42% (and it is now back to 3QFY22 levels). A ~35bp interest rate hike was effected by LICHF in Dec'22, to be effective from 1st Jan'23.
- Incremental CoF stood at 7.61% for 3QFY23. Incremental yields were slightly higher than 9%. Incremental spreads on home loans stood at 120-125bp.

Others

- BT-OUTs have come down significantly and expect the same to continue.
- Across all regions, it expects a lot of momentum in mortgages in 4QFY23.
 Expects 12-14% YoY disbursement growth in 4QFY23.

Exhibit 1: Status check on OTR pool

OTR (INR b)	Comments
52.6	❖ Exited moratorium
7.5	❖ Repaid and closed
14.2	Still in OTR and will exit over 4QFY23 - 2QFY24
74.3	❖ Total pool, which was restructured under OTR1.0 and 2.0

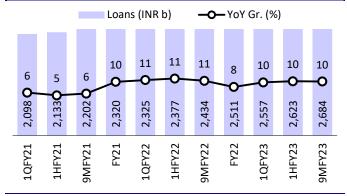
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 2: Product-wise split of Stage 3

Stage 3 (%)	4QFY21	1QFY22	2QFY22	3QFY22	4QFY22	1QFY23	2QFY23	3QFY23
Individual home loans (IHL)	1.9%	2.6%	2.3%	2.1%	1.7%	1.9%	1.7%	1.6%
Non-housing commercial (NHC)	18.9%	14.8%	15.9%	18.0%		22.4%	22.5%
Non-housing individual (NHI)	5.8%	11.0%	9.8%	9.0%	8.1%	11.5%	6.9%	6.7%
Project loans	18.0%	24.4%	23.9%	27.0%	31.8%	35%	42.2%	45.6%

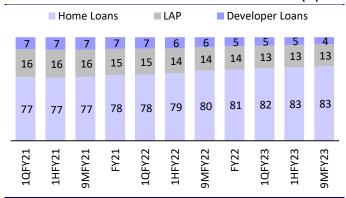
Story in charts

Exhibit 3: Loan book grew 10% YoY and ~2% QoQ



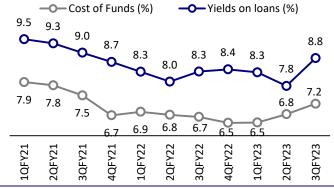
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Exhibit 4: Share of home loans continued to increase (%)



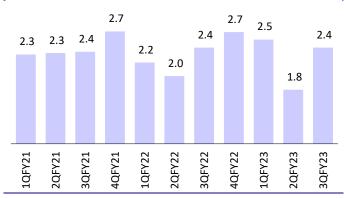
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Exhibit 5: Calculated spreads expanded ~60bp QoQ



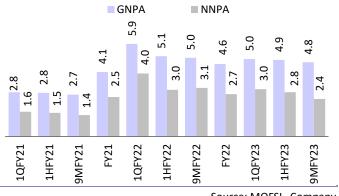
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Exhibit 6: NIMs improved ~60bp QoQ (%)



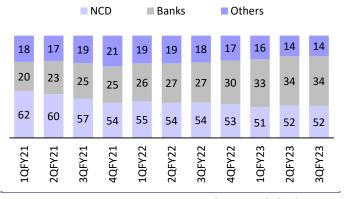
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 7: GS3 improved sequentially (%)



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 8: Borrowing mix largely stable QoQ (%)



Source: MOFSL, Company

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Exhibit 9: Cut our FY23 EPS by ~11% to factor in the 9MFY23 performance resulting in higher opex and credit costs in FY23

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IND D	Old Est.			New	/ Est.		% Change		
INR B	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY23	FY24	FY25
NII	58.7	64.9	73.7	59.6	67.2	74.9	1.5	3.5	1.6
Other Income	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3			
Net Income	61.0	67.1	75.8	61.7	69.5	77.2	1.3	3.4	1.9
Operating Expenses	9.8	10.5	11.2	10.6	12.0	13.5	8.3	15.0	20.1
Operating Profits	51.2	56.7	64.6	51.2	57.4	63.8	0.0	1.3	-1.3
Provisions	16.3	12.9	12.8	20.2	14.3	14.3	24.0	10.9	11.7
PBT	34.9	43.8	51.8	31.0	43.1	49.5	-11.2	-1.5	-4.6
Tax	6.6	8.3	10.4	5.9	8.2	9.9			
PAT	28.3	35.4	41.5	25.1	34.9	39.6	-11.2	-1.5	-4.6
Loans	2,714	3,026	3,377	2,722	3,005	3,355	0.3	-0.7	-0.6
Borrowings	2,470	2,753	3,056	2,482	2,734	3,036	0.5	-0.7	-0.6
Spreads (%)	1.65	1.59	1.61	1.69	1.69	1.67			
RoAA (%)	1.1	1.2	1.3	0.9	1.2	1.2			
RoAE (%)	11.0	12.7	13.5	9.9	12.7	13.1			

Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 10: One-year forward P/E

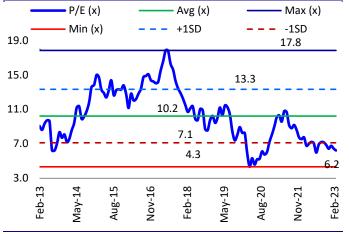
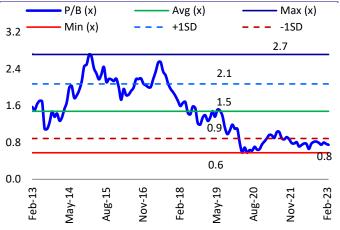


Exhibit 11: One-year forward P/B



Source: MOFSL, Company Source: MOFSL, Company

Financials and valuations

Income Statement									(INR m)
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Interest Income	1,38,767	1,46,662	1,71,628	1,96,054	1,96,971	1,96,885	2,22,848	2,58,894	2,89,874
Interest Expense	1,02,315	1,11,439	1,28,915	1,47,839	1,44,526	1,41,537	1,63,280	1,91,716	2,14,955
Net Interest Income	36,452	35,223	42,713	48,215	52,445	55,348	59,568	67,178	74,919
Change (%)	23.8	-3.4	21.3	12.9	8.8	5.5	7.6	12.8	11.5
Fee Income	1,102	356	348	394	788	982	1,100	1,300	1,450
Other Income	934	1,388	1,669	250	718	1,664	1,082	973	876
Net Income	38,489	36,968	44,730	48,859	53,951	57,994	61,749	69,451	77,245
Change (%)	21.1	-4.0	21.0	9.2	10.4	7.5	6.5	12.5	11.2
Operating Expenses	6,118	4,396	4,754	6,167	7,015	9,994	10,586	12,038	13,472
Operating Profits	32,371	32,572	39,976	42,692	46,936	48,000	51,163	57,413	63,773
Change (%)	19.4	0.6	22.7	6.8	9.9	2.3	6.6	12.2	11.1
Provisions/write offs	2,813	4,917	6,181	10,002	13,450	20,218	20,182	14,317	14,309
PBT	29,558	27,655	33,796	32,690	33,486	27,782	30,980	43,096	49,464
Tax	10,247	7,630	9,486	8,672	6,142	4,909	5,886	8,188	9,893
Tax Rate (%)	34.7	27.6	28.1	26.5	18.3	17.7	19.0	19.0	20.0
PAT	19,311	20,025	24,310	24,018	27,343	22,873	25,094	34,908	39,571
Change (%)	16.3	3.7	21.4	-1.2	13.8	-16.3	9.7	39.1	13.4
Adjusted PAT	19,311	20,025	24,310	24,018	27,343	22,873	25,094	34,908	39,571
Change (%)	16.3	3.7	21.4	-1.2	13.8	-16.3	9.7	39.1	13.4
Proposed Dividend	3,759	3,998	4,471	4,040	4,292	4,678	4,693	4,957	5,500
Balance Sheet									(INR m)
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Capital	1,010	1,010	1,010	1,010	1,010	1,101	1,101	1,101	1,101
Reserves & Surplus	1,25,110	1,41,402	1,61,583	1,80,921	2,04,203	2,45,618	2,61,341	2,86,599	3,15,713
Net Worth	1,26,120	1,42,412	1,62,593	1,81,931	2,05,213	2,46,718	2,62,442	2,87,700	3,16,814
Borrowings	12,63,170	14,53,099	17,06,670	19,13,317	20,78,615	22,36,582	24,82,495	27,34,265	30,36,328
Change (%)	13.9	15.0	17.5	12.1	8.6	7.6	11.0	10.1	11.0
Other liabilities	1,15,526	1,15,387	1,36,572	72,808	72,505	62,375	68,612	75,473	83,021
Total Liabilities	15,04,816	17,10,898	20,05,835	21,68,056	23,56,333	25,45,675	28,13,549	30,97,439	34,36,163
Investments	33,694	19,722	35,951	54,964	46,357	61,986	55,787	50,209	45,188
Change (%)	1,117.1	-41.5	82.3	52.9	-15.7	33.7	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0
Loans	14,47,167	16,61,623	19,29,927	20,79,880	22,81,143	24,52,963	27,22,034	30,04,687	33,55,059
Change (%)	15.6	14.8	16.1	7.8	9.7	7.5	11.0	10.4	11.7
Net Fixed Assets	965	971	1,359	2,544	2,470	2,876	3,308	3,804	4,374
Other assets	22,990	28,582	38,598	30,669	26,364	27,849	32,420	38,739	31,542

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E: MOFSL Estimates

Total Assets

Financials and valuations

Ratios									(%)
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Spreads Analysis (%)									
Yield on loans	10.3	9.4	9.6	9.8	9.0	8.3	8.6	9.0	9.1
Cost of funds	8.6	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.2	6.6	6.9	7.4	7.5
Spreads Analysis (%)	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.76	1.69	1.69	1.67
Margins	2.7	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.34	2.30	2.35	2.36
Profitability Ratios (%)									
Adj RoAE	17.8	14.9	15.9	13.9	14.1	10.1	9.9	12.7	13.1
Adj RoAA	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.2
Int. Expended/Int. Earned	73.7	76.0	75.1	75.4	73.4	71.9	73.3	74.1	74.2
Other Inc./Net Income	2.4	3.8	3.7	0.5	1.3	2.9	1.8	1.4	1.1
Efficiency Ratios (%)									
Fees/Operating income	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Op. Exps./Net Income	15.9	11.9	10.6	12.6	13.0	17.2	17.1	17.3	17.4
Empl. Cost/Op. Exps.	40.2	50.8	52.1	48.5	41.8	56.4	43.4	43.5	43.5
Asset-Liability Profile (%)									
Loans/Borrowings Ratio	114.6	114.4	113.1	108.7	109.7	109.7	109.6	109.9	110.5
Debt/Equity (x)	10.0	10.2	10.5	10.5	10.1	9.1	9.5	9.5	9.6
Gross NPAs (INR m)	6,271	13,036	30,754	59,594	95,585	1,16,520	1,19,242	1,20,744	1,22,422
Gross NPAs to Adv.	0.4	0.8	1.6	2.8	4.1	4.7	4.3	3.9	3.6
Net NPAs (INR m)	2,053	7,117	15,514	33,474	57,414	66,314	62,672	62,758	51,117
Net NPAs to Adv.	0.1	0.4	0.8	1.6	2.5	2.7	2.3	2.1	1.5
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Valuation	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Book Value (INR)	250	282	322	360	406	448	477	523	576
Growth (%)	37.9	12.9	14.2	11.9	12.8	10.3	6.4	9.6	10.1
Price-BV (x)	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
EPS (INR)	38.2	39.7	48.1	47.6	54.2	41.6	45.6	63.4	71.9
Growth (%)	16.3	3.7	21.4	-1.2	13.8	-23.3	9.7	39.1	13.4
Price-Earnings (x)	9.8	9.5	7.8	7.9	6.9	9.0	8.2	5.9	5.2
Adj. EPS (INR)	38.2	39.7	48.1	47.6	54.2	41.6	45.6	63.4	71.9
Growth (%)	16.3	3.7	21.4	-1.2	13.8	-23.3	9.7	39.1	13.4
Price-Earnings (x)	9.8	9.5	7.8	7.9	6.9	9.0	8.2	5.9	5.2
Dividend Per Share	6.2	6.8	7.6	8.0	8.5	8.5	8.5	9.0	10.0
Dividend Yield (%)	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.7

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