

HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd



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HDFC	HDFC Life Insurance Co. Ltd. Business mix improves growth prospects; VNB Margins to remain stable							
СМР	Target	Potential Upside	Market Ca	np (INR Mn)	Recommendation	Sector		

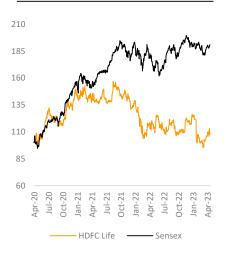
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Result Highlights Q4 FY23:

- The Gross Written Premium (GWP) for Q4FY23 stood at INR 1,96,261 Mn, robust growth of 36.1% YoY/ 34.7% QoQ led by a 46.5% YoY/ 40.4% QoQ growth in the New Business Premium (NBP).
- The value of the new business grew by 68.8% YoY/ 73.7% QoQ to INR 15,110 Mn led by strong growth in APE and margins. The New Business Margin (NBM) expanded by 262 bps YoY while being flat on a sequential basis in Q4FY23.
- PAT for Q4FY23 was INR 3,587 Mn, a growth of 13.8% YoY/ 0.3% QoQ.
- AUM as of March 31, 2023, stood at INR 23,88,000 Mn, a growth of 16.9% YoY (+2.1% QoQ). The embedded value of the merged entity is INR 395.3 Bn as of March 31, 2023, as against INR 329.6 Bn as of March 31, 2022.
- The Solvency ratio was 203% as of March 31, 2023, above the regulatory requirement of 150%.

MARKET DATA	
Shares outs (Mn)	215
Equity Cp (INR Mn)	1,29,868
Mkt Cap (INR Mn)	11,17,149
52 Wk H/L (INR)	621/458
Volume Avg (3m K)	5,050
Face Value (INR)	10
Bloomberg Code	HDFCLIFE: IN

SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE



MARKET INFO

SENSEX	60,649
NIFTY	17,915

KEY FINANCIALS					
Particulars (INR Mn)	FY21	FY22E	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
GWP	3,85,835	4,59,628	5,75,334	6,90,498	8,33,292
PAT	13,601	12,077	13,601	15,227	16,133
EPS (INR)	6.7	5.7	6.4	7.1	7.5
NBP-APE	81,833	96,644	1,31,001	1,53,515	1,89,904
VNB	21,900	26,800	36,740	42,370	53,173
VNB Margin (%)	26.1%	27.1%	27.6%	27.6%	28.0%
EVPS (INR)	131.7	163.4	195.8	230.0	261.8

Source: Company, KRChoksey Research

Robust growth in New Business premium drives overall premium growth; significant improvement in Non-Par mix: The GWP reported robust growth of 36.1% YoY/ 34.7% QoQ at INR 1,96,261 Mn in Q4FY23, led by healthy growth across all the segments. The NBP grew 46.5% YoY%/ 40.4% QoQ at INR 1,03,720, whereas the renewal premium reported a growth of 26.1% YoY/ 28.8% QoQ. The GWP for FY23 grew by 25.2% YoY, driven by strong growth of 30.4% YoY in renewal premiums and 20.4% in NBP. The APE for the quarter was reported at INR 51,620 Mn, an increase of 69.3% YoY (+58.1% QoQ) led by robust growth in the first-year premium segment. The Non-Par savings Individual APE saw a significant spike in its share at 45.0% in FY23 as against 33.0% in FY22, driven by higher demand, and is thus, expected to normalize in FY24E. During the quarter, the retail protection segment reported a strong rebound in growth, with a sequential improvement of 54.5% and 40.0% growth on a YoY basis. HDFCLIFE is positive on the outlook for retail protection in FY24E on the back of the growth trends seen in the last few quarters. The overall protection segment reported growth of 20.0% YoY in FY23, driven by its market leadership in credit life, which delivered 46.0% YoY growth across its 300+ partnerships. The protection segment will continue to grow on a normalised basis, as guided by the company. The annuity segment grew 59.0% YoY on an APE basis in FY23 due to a pickup in its regular premium annuity product during the year. The protection and annuity segments will remain the main growth drivers for the industry. The Banca channel's Individual APE grew by 25.0% YoY led by robust growth across all its partnerships. The agency channel witnessed strong growth, surpassing company-level growth by more than 1.5x in terms of individual APE.

Margin neutrality met ahead of the expected timeline; Persistency ratio improved across cohorts: The VNB margins improved to 29.3% for Q4FY23 from 26.7% for Q3FY23, an expansion of 262 bps QoQ. For FY23, VNB margins stood at 27.6%, which is expected to remain for FY24E. The VNB margin expansion was led by the shift in the product mix. The absolute VNB for the quarter grew by 68.8% YoY/ 73.7% QoQ driven by strong business momentum, especially in APE. On the persistency ratio front, the company has seen improvement almost across the cohorts, except for the 61st month which saw a fall of 200 bps YoY as it was largely impacted due to the merger. The improving trend will continue, leading to healthy growth in the renewal segment.

SHARE HOLDING PATTERN (%)								
Particulars	Mar-23	Dec-22	Sep-22					
Promoters	50.3	50.3	50.3					
FIIs	29.9	30.2	28.8					
DIIs	6.7	6.3	7.1					
Others	13.2	13.3	13.7					
Total	100	100	100					

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APE CAGR between FY23 and FY25E

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VNB CAGR between FY23 and FY25E

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Key Concall highlights:

- HDFCLIFE closed the year with a strong growth of 27.0% in individual WRP and a market share of 16.5% and 10.8% in the private and overall sectors, respectively, clocking expansions of 40 and 70 bps, respectively. The company continues to grow faster than the private sector and is ranked among the top three life insurers across individual and group businesses.
- In terms of individual WRP, it has outpaced the private industry over multiple timeframes, including in the past three, five, and seven years, thereby consistently demonstrating growth leadership.
- Q4 saw budget announcements with respect to changes in tax regulations effective April 1, 2023. Individual WRP growth until February was about 15.0% and did not have any impact from budget changes.
- The new business premium recorded in the month of March 2023 was buoyant on account of the additional demand, especially in the nonpar and high-ticket size segments.
- In March 23, HDFCIFE was able to leverage the opportunity by offering competitive solutions, while managing profitability and adhering to a calibrated risk management approach. In this month, it stood at number #1 across agency, broker, and bancassurance, as well as sales through its website, which quadrupled. As a result, the company registered a growth rate of 56.0% in Q4, more than 2x the growth of the industry, and ranked number one amongst private players.
- The medium- to-long-term growth opportunity in the life insurance sector remains intact.
- The long-term guaranteed savings product proposition is unique, and the returns offered are best-in-class, even after the recent tax changes.
- HDFCLIFE believes that the opportunity has only widened with the tax changes for certain other asset classes. Moreover, protection and
 annuities remain areas that are exclusive to life insurance.
- The company remains confident about being able to grow its APE in FY24E, after adjusting for the additional business that was generated in March-23 and will continue to aspire for higher than industry growth.
- The company's focus will be on broadening its customer base and increasing the number of policies sold and lives covered.
- The building was aided by its diversified network of distribution partnerships and agency distribution, which was boosted by the acquisition
 of Exide Life. These avenues give HDFCLIFE the ability to reach out to multiple customer segments across Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities and deepen
 its reach.
- HDFCLIFE's largest distributor and its parent, HDFC Bank, has embarked upon branch expansion in Tier 2 and Tier 3 locations, which will be complementary to its strategy.
- The new banca partners and other banca partners other than HDFC Bank have seen improvements in their contribution to growth and is expected to further improve.
- Retail protection trends remain encouraging, with sequential growth of over 50.0% and 40.0% YoY in Q4FY23. The company's FY24E outlook for retail protection is positive on the back of the growth trends experienced over the last three quarters across channels.
- HDFCLIFE expects to maintain its VNB margins for FY24E close to FY23 margins.
- The company will increase its investments in technology and distribution, including its proprietary channels, to take advantage of digital
 opportunities as well as achieve its growth objectives. HDFCLIFE anticipates further investments of about INR 1,000 Mn each in FY24E and
 FY25E towards Project Inspire to make the company agile and future-ready, by providing a 360-degree view of its customers, seamless
 integration with new partners, resulting in an improved customer experience and productivity across channels.
- PAT for FY23 saw a robust YoY increase of 13.0%. This was despite the increased new business strain arising from the higher growth in Q4. Strong growth of 27.0% in back-book surplus continues to support the profit emergence.
- The board has recommended a final dividend of INR 1.90 per share, translating to a payout of about 30.0% of its PAT.
- The new EOM regulations will provide greater flexibility for cost management, encourage the development of longer-term products, and improve persistency by offering higher allowances on renewals. These changes will also aid in the revival of the pension segment.

Valuation and view: HDFCLIFE reported robust growth across all its overall operating metrics in Q4FY23. The VNB margins during Q4FY23 stood at 29.3% (on a post-merger basis), led by improved product mix and increasing contribution of all the new partnerships. For FY23, the margins achieved its neutrality target of 27.6% ahead of the company's expected timeline. HDFCLIFE continues to focus on its product differentiation and innovation strategy to expand its customer base. The Annuity and Protection segments remain the key focus areas for growth for the company, and it aspires to grow these segments higher than the industry. The company has been steadily gaining market share in the annuity segment, led by a pick-up in demand in its regular annuity product segment. The company is betting on a higher customer base leading to higher business growth led by the merger with HDFC Bank. The company is banking on the bank's large customer base through cross-selling. The new Banca partners, such as Yes Bank, AU Small Finance Bank, etc., saw strong APE growth and will further strengthen their efforts and contribute significantly towards financially securing many individuals. We revised our VNB Margin expectation to 27.6%, in line with the company's guidance for FY24E. HDFCLIFE will continue to see healthy traction in new products and expect to see improvement in the share of the Non-Par and Annuity segments, leading to a moderation in the ULIP mix. We have factored in 20.5% CAGR growth in net premiums, 20.3% in VNB, and 18.3% in EV over FY23-25E. The overall NBP market share reported stability in FY23 at 21.1%. We remain watchful of the market share trend post the merger and increasing competitive intensity from its peers.

The stock is currently trading at 2.3x/ 2.0% its FY24E/ FY25E EV. Since our last update, the share price has seen a correction of 11.7%. We assign a 3.0x P/EV on FY25E EVPS of INR 261.8, a VNB multiple of 14.3x to HDFC Life and arrive at the weighted average Target Price at INR 650 per share (Earlier INR 735) (50:50 weights on the P/EV and appraisal value methodology), implying a 25.1% upside potential over CMP. We have maintained our 'BUY' rating on HDFC Life Insurance Co. Ltd.

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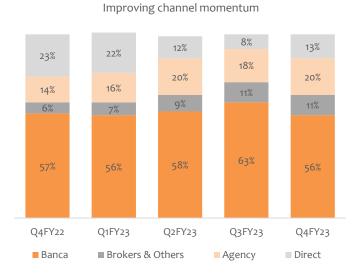
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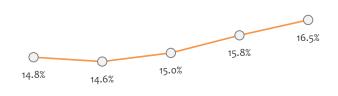
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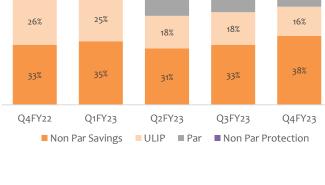
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Channel mix on Individual APE basis (%):

Individual WRP market share(%): Market share continues to show improvement post the merger





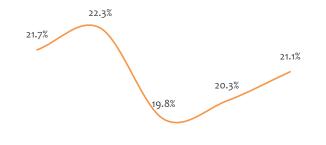
Product mix on Individual APE basis (%):

Increase in Par and Non par savings

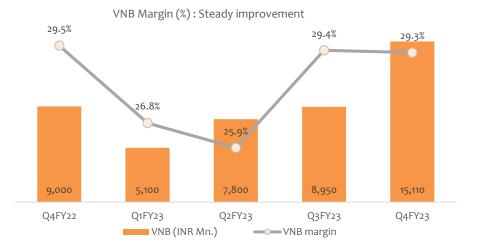
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Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	



Source: Company, KRChoksey Research

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KEY FINANCIALS

Exhibit 1: Revenue Account/Policy Holder's Account

Particulars (INR Mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Gross premiums	3,85,835	4,59,628	5,75,334	6,90,498	8,33,292
Reinsurance ceded	4,612	5,664	7,694	7,595	9,166
Net premiums	3,81,223	4,53,965	5,67,640	6,82,902	8,24,126
Net income from investments	3,31,537	1,99,978	1,39,414	2,36,213	2,69,692
Total income	7,12,760	6,53,943	7,07,055	9,19,116	10,93,817
Commission expenses	17,104	19,403	28,281	31,260	38,548
Operating expenses	45,860	56,125	84,374	77,818	92,936
Service tax on linked charges	2,024	1,520	4,635	5,671	6,671
Operating profit	6,47,773	5,76,894	5,89,765	8,04,367	9,55,662
Benefits paid (net)	2,25,748	3,18,638	3,88,723	4,03,941	4,87,476
Change in reserves	4,08,296	2,46,815	1,85,862	3,83,000	4,50,000
Interim Bonuses Paid	0	0	0	0	0
Surplus / (Deficit) Before tax	13,728	11,442	15,180	17,425	18,186
Provision For Tax & Others	2,744	1,845	1,591	2,614	2,728
Surplus / (Deficit) After tax	10,984	9,597	13,589	14,811	15,458

Source: Company, KRChoksey Research

Exhibit 2: Premium Schedule

Particulars (INR Mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
First year premiums	68,584	80,544	1,13,239	1,33,622	1,67,028
Single premiums	1,32,482	1,61,005	1,77,612	1,98,926	2,28,765
New business premium (NBP)	2,01,066	2,41,548	2,90,852	3,32,548	3,95,792
NBP growth (%)	16.6%	20.1%	20.4%	14.3%	19.0%
Renewal premiums	1,84,769	2,18,080	2,84,483	3,57,950	4,37,499
Renewal premiums growth (%)	19.4%	18.0%	30.4%	25.8%	22.2%
Total premiums	3,85,835	4,59,628	5,75,334	6,90,498	8,33,292
Total premium growth (%)	18.0%	19.1%	25.2%	20.0%	20.7%
NBP - APE	81,833	96,644	1,31,001	1,53,515	1,89,904
NBP - APE growth (%)	14.2%	18.1%	35.5%	17.2%	23.7%

Source: Company, KRChoksey Research

Exhibit 3: Profit & Loss Account/Shareholder's Account

Particulars (INR Mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Transfer from Technical account	9,909	10,093	14,689	15,311	16,958
Income from investments & other income	6,476	7,894	7,829	7,841	7,988
Total income	16,385	17,987	22,518	23,153	24,946
Total expenses	2,850	6,186	9,794	8,651	9,581
РВТ	13,535	11,801	12,724	14,502	15,365
Provision for tax	-66	-276	-877	-725	-768
РАТ	13,601	12,077	13,601	15,227	16,133

Source: Company, KRChoksey Research

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Exhibit 4: Balance Sheet

Particulars (INR Mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Sources of funds					
Share capital	20,209	21,126	21,494	21,494	21,494
Share application money	20	33	32	32	32
Reserves and surplus	64,074	1,32,852	1,08,146	1,20,373	1,33,506
Fair value change account - net	2,074	848	197	197	197
Shareholders' fund	86,377	1,54,859	1,29,868	1,42,095	1,55,228
Liabilities (Policyholder's Funds)	1,710	1,710	1,710	1,710	1,710
Fair value change account - net	25,550	21,697	19,759	23,699	28,424
Policy liabilities	8,55,230	10,43,425	14,32,696	17,18,365	20,60,996
Provision for linked liabilities	5,43,054	5,64,484	5,95,034	7,13,679	8,55,982
Credit/[debit] fair value change account	1,66,581	2,00,706	1,58,802	1,90,466	2,28,444
Discontinued due to non-payment of premium	37,960	41,026	38,179	45,792	54,922
Sub-Total	16,28,375	18,71,337	22,44,469	26,92,001	32,28,768
Funds for future Appropriations	9,906	9,409	12,354	11,854	10,354
Total Sources of Funds	17,24,658	20,35,605	23,86,692	28,45,950	33,94,350
Application of Funds					
Investments					
- Shareholders'	85,421	1,52,379	1,31,319	1,60,209	2,05,068
- Policyholders'	9,05,378	10,83,110	14,64,485	17,57,382	21,08,858
Asset held to cover linked liabilities	7,47,595	8,06,215	7,92,015	9,30,617	10,84,169
Loans	4,241	6,428	15,853	15,853	15,853
Fixed assets - net block	3,402	3,427	3,802	4,002	4,202
Net current assets	-21,378	-15,954	-11,283	-12,614	-14,300
Total Applications of Funds	17,24,658	20,35,605	23,96,192	28,55,450	34,03,850

EV Calculation (INR Mn) FY25E Opening EV 2,06,500 2,66,200 3,29,600 3,95,240 4,64,729 Unwind 23,000 26,200 17,400 31,619 37,178 VNB (or NBAP) 21,900 26,800 36,740 42,370 53,173 Operating variance 1,800 -5,700 400 500 500 **EV Operating Profit (EVOP)** 38,300 44,100 63,340 74,489 90,852 Non-operating variance 20,600 -500 -15,900 -7,500 -5,000 **EV Profit** 58,900 43,600 47,440 66,989 85,852 Net capital injection 800 16,700 27,100 2,500 2,500 **Closing EV** 2,66,200 3,29,600 3,95,240 4,64,729 5,53,081

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Key Financials (INR Mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Total premium	3,85,835	4,59,628	5,75,334	6,90,498	8,33,292
Net premium earned	3,81,223	4,53,965	5,67,640	6,82,902	8,24,126
NBP-APE	81,833	96,644	1,31,001	1,53,515	1,89,904
Combined Ratio	17.0%	17.0%	20.7%	16.8%	16.8%
Surplus/(Deficit)	13,728	11,442	15,180	17,425	18,186
VNB margin (%)	26.1%	27.1%	27.6%	27.6%	28.0%
PAT	13,601	12,077	13,601	15,227	16,133
EPS (Rs.)	6.7	5.7	6.4	7.1	7.5
EVPS (Rs.)	131.7	163.4	195.8	230.0	261.8
RoEV (%)	18.5%	16.6%	19.2%	18.8%	19.5%
RoE (%)	15.7%	7.8%	10.5%	10.7%	10.4%

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HDFC Life Insurance				Rating Legend (Expected over a 12-month period)	
Date	CMP (INR)	TP (INR)	Recommendation	Our Rating	Upside
				Buy	More than 15%
28-Apr-23	520	650	BUY	Accumulate	
23-Jan-23	589	735	BUY		5% – 15%
25-Oct-22	534	706	BUY	Hold	0 - 5%
20-Jul-22	525	706	BUY	Reduce	-5% – 0
24-Apr-22	548	706	BUY		
24-Jan-22	628	790	BUY	Sell	Less than – 5%

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