BUY Bandhan Bank

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Path to full recovery still a little further away

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Despite slower growth and surge in NPAs due to recognition of stress from the ECLGS pool, as guided by the RBI, Bandhan Bank reported a strong beat on our PAT estimates, coming in at Rs7.2bn (Emkay: Rs4.5bn), due to steady margins and lower provisions (as the bank need not make provisions on the ECLGS guaranteed stress pool). Bank expects the recovery to improve, led by ARC sale and CGFMU recovery, while it sees credit cost at ~2% for FY24.

We cut our FY24-26E earnings by 4%-9%, factoring-in the slower growth and higher opex. However, we expect improvement in RoA to 2.2-2.5% and in RoE to 17-21% over FY24-26E, from the low of 1.5/12% in FY23, as the stress pool moderates from its Covid peak. We retain our BUY rating, with revised TP of Rs285/share, based on 1.7x Jun-25E ABV (vs Rs300/share earlier, based on 1.8x Mar-25E ABV/share).

Bandhan Bank: Financial Snapshot (Standalone)									
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E				
Net profit	1,273	21,962	36,916	48,000	61,672				
Loan growth (%)	15.1	11.5	17.9	21.7	24.4				
NII growth (%)	15.2	6.3	8.8	19.8	21.0				
NIM (%)	7.2	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.5				
PPOP growth (%)	18.4	(11.5)	3.2	20.5	23.1				
Adj. EPS (Rs)	0.8	13.6	22.9	29.8	38.3				
Adj. EPS growth (%)	(94.2)	1,625.4	68.1	30.0	28.5				
Adj. BV (INR)	100.6	115.9	136.5	163.5	198.1				
Adj. BVPS growth (%)	6.2	15.1	17.8	19.8	21.1				
RoA (%)	0.1	1.5	2.2	2.4	2.5				
RoE (%)	0.7	11.9	17.4	19.2	20.6				
P/E (x)	280.5	16.3	9.7	7.4	5.8				
P/ABV (x)	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.1				

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Growth remains sub-par in 1Q, but Management guides for acceleration in 2H

Bandhan Bank posted AUM growth of 7% YoY/was down 5% QoQ in a seasonally weak 1Q, as the MFI book declined 12% YoY/10% QoQ as well as due to repayment of loan (of Rs22bn) from one large account. Retail Housing growth, too, came in lower at 10% YoY/1.4% QoQ. However, Bank guides for healthy credit growth at 20% YoY, driven by the secured retail portfolio. Despite the CASA ratio decline of 3% QoQ to 36% leading to higher CoF, NIM remained stable at 7.3%, supported by healthy improvement in yields. Bank expects maintaining NIM at $\sim 7\%$, owing to healthy yields and contained CoF.

Recognition of ECLGS NPA leads to spike in GNPA ratio

GNPA ratio witnessed a spike (190bps) QoQ to 6.8% due to recognition of the ECLGS stress pool of up to Rs5.8bn, as mandated by the recent RBI circular. Excluding ECLGS too, slippages stood higher, at Rs13bn/6% of loans, due to continued elevated stress flow from the MFI book (Rs9.2bn) and the Housing book (Rs2.2bn), on the back of system upgrade. The overall stress pool continues to be higher at Rs62bn, against which the bank has coverage of 69% (103%, including guarantees). Bank expects healthy recovery from the sale to ARC in Q2, as also in 2H, while CGFMU recovery should also lead to higher 'other income'. Bank expects credit cost to clock at $\sim 2\%$ in FY24.

Outlook and Valuations

We cut our FY24-26E earnings by 4%-9%, factoring-in the slower growth and higher opex. However, we expect improvement in RoA to 2.2-2.5% and in RoE to 17-21% over FY24-26E, from a low of 1.5% and 12%, respectively, in FY23. We retain BUY, with revised TP of Rs285/sh, based on 1.7x Jun-25E ABV (vs Rs300/sh, based on 1.8x Mar-25E ABV), as the stress pool moderates from its Covid peak. **Key risks:** Micro-economic risk leading to recovery in growth/asset-quality and Senior Management attrition.

TARGET PRICE (Rs): 285

Target Price – 12M	Jun-24
Change in TP (%)	(5.0)
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Upside/(Downside) (%)	28.6
CMP (14-Jul-23) (Rs)	221.6

Stock Data	Ticker
52-week High (Rs)	315
52-week Low (Rs)	182
Shares outstanding (mn)	1,610.9
Market-cap (Rs bn)	357
Market-cap (USD mn)	4,344
Net-debt, FY24E (Rs mn)	NA
ADTV-3M (mn shares)	9
ADTV-3M (Rs mn)	2,085.3
ADTV-3M (USD mn)	25.4
Free float (%)	47.0
Nifty-50	19,565
INR/USD	82.2
Shareholding, Mar-23	
Promoters (%)	40.0
FPIs/MFs (%)	31.9/13.2

Price Performance									
(%)	1M	3M	12M						
Absolute	(12.3)	8.1	(19.5)						
Rel. to Nifty	(15.9)	(1.5)	(34.4)						



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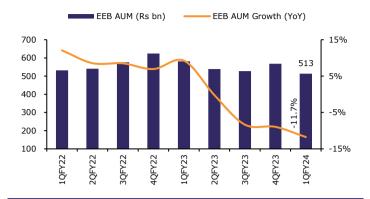
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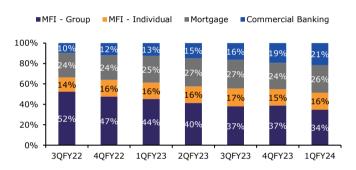
Story in Charts

Exhibit 1: Growth trips, mainly due to the MFI drag and one large account-related loan repayment



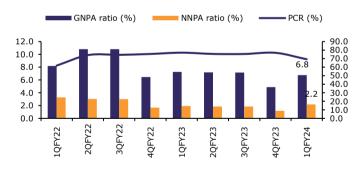
Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 3: The bank continues to diversify away from the Group MFI **business**



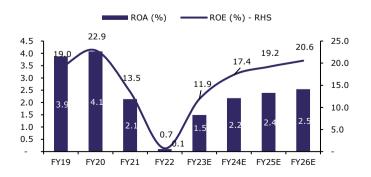
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Exhibit 5: Higher slippages include recognition of the stress pool from the ECLGS book, as mandated by the RBI



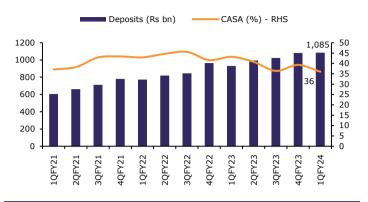
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Exhibit 7: We expect return ratios to increase by FY25E



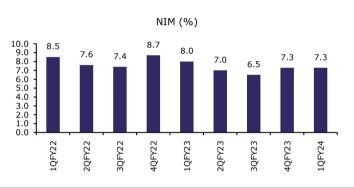
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Exhibit 2: Deposit, CASA growth too moderates



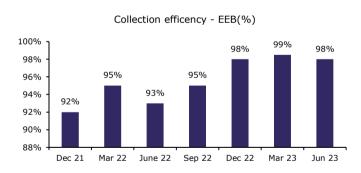
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Exhibit 4: Bank reports a steady NIM at 7.3%



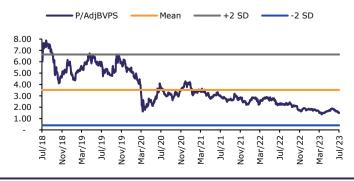
Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 6: Collection efficiency marginally declines in 1Q, but should improve ahead



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 8: The stock currently trades at 1.5x one-year forward ABV



Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 9: Actuals vs. Estimates (Q1FY24)

(Rs mn)	Actuals	Esti	imates	Vai	riation	Comments
(KS IIIII)	Actuals	Emkay	Consensus	Emkay	Consensus	
Net income	28,757	29,451	29,592	-2%	-3%	Better margins, partly offset by lower other income, led to the miss
PPOP	15,623	16,582	18,559	-6%	-16%	Lower net income, along with higher opex, led to the miss
PAT	7,211	4,446	7,112	62%	1%	Lower provisions led to a strong PAT beat

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 10: Quarterly Summary

(Rs mn)	1QFY23	2QFY23	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	FY23	FY24E	YoY (%)
Interest Earned	40,554	37,735	38,076	42,683	45,229	12	6	159,047	187,867	18
Interest Exp	15,409	15,805	17,272	17,965	20,323	32	13	66,451	87,149	31
Net Interest Income	25,144	21,930	20,804	24,718	24,906	-1	1	92,596	100,718	9
Global NIMs (reported)	8.00	7.00	6.50	7.30	7.30	-70bps	0bps	6.73	6.55	-18bps
Non-interest Income	3,297	4,764	10,333	6,291	3,851	17	-39	24,686	28,472	15
Operating Expenses	10,235	11,165	11,916	13,053	13,134	28	1	46,368	55,975	21
Pre Provisioning Profit	18,206	15,529	19,222	17,957	15,623	-14	-13	70,913	73,215	3
Provision & Contingencies	6,424	12,797	15,415	7,348	6,021	-6	-18	41,968	23,861	-43
PBT	11,782	2,732	3,807	10,609	9,602	-19	-9	28,946	49,354	71
Income Tax Expense (Gain)	2,917	640	901	2,526	2,392	-18	-5	6,983	12,437	78
Net Profit/(Loss)	8,865	2,093	2,906	8,083	7,211	-19	-11	21,962	36,916	68
Gross NPA (%)	7.25	7.19	7.15	4.87	6.76	-49bps	189bps	4.87	3.71	-116bps
Net NPA (%)	1.92	1.86	1.86	1.17	2.18	26bps	101bps	1.17	0.95	-22bps
Deposits (Rs bn)	931	994	1,023	1,081	1,085	17	0	1,081	1,271	18
Net Advances (Rs bn)	909	902	921	1,048	982	8	-6	1,048	1,235	18

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 11: Revision in Estimates

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24E			FY25E			FY26E		
	Earlier	Revised	Change	Earlier	Revised	Change	Earlier	Revised	Change
Net income	128,628	129,189	0.4%	155,782	153,164	-1.7%	189,548	183,521	-3.2%
PPOP	74,157	73,215	-1.3%	92,888	88,244	-5.0%	117,215	108,628	-7.3%
PAT	38,361	36,916	-3.8%	50,800	48,000	-5.5%	67,650	61,672	-8.8%
EPS (Rs)	23.8	22.9	-3.8%	31.5	29.8	-5.5%	42.0	38.3	-8.8%
BV (Rs)	142.9	142.0	-0.6%	171.4	168.8	-1.5%	209.9	203.6	-3.0%

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 12: Key assumptions

	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Loan Growth (%)	9.8	20.0	21.0	24.0
Deposit Growth (%)	12.2	17.6	23.5	26.5
NIM (%)	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.6
GNPA (%)	4.9	3.7	2.9	2.5
Credit Cost (%)	4.0	2.1	1.7	1.5

Source: Emkay Research

Exhibit 13: Key ratios and trends

	1QFY22	2QFY22	3QFY22	4QFY22	1QFY23	2QFY23	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24
Loans (Rs mn)	803,569	816,600	880,000	993,400	966,500	958,300	977,900	1,091,200	1,031,690
growth YoY (%)	8.1	6.6	9.7	14.1	20.3	17.4	11.1	9.8	6.7
Loans QoQ (%)	(7.7)	1.6	7.8	12.9	(2.7)	(0.8)	2.0	11.6	(5.5)
Loan Composition (%)									
Micro- Banking assets	66.2	66.2	65.4	62.8	60.1	56.3	54.0	52.1	49.7
Non - Micro banking assets	33.8	33.8	34.6	37.2	39.9	43.7	46.0	47.9	50.3
Liability Profile									
Deposits (Rs mn)	773,336	818,983	844,998	963,306	930,570	993,658	1,022,830	1,080,693	1,084,800
growth YoY (%)	27.6	23.8	18.7	23.5	20.3	21.3	21.0	12.2	16.6
growth QoQ (%)	(0.8)	5.9	3.2	14.0	(3.4)	6.8	2.9	5.7	0.4
CASA (%)	42.9	44.6	45.6	41.6	43.2	40.8	36.4	39.3	36.0
CA (%)	4.5	4.4	4.6	5.7	4.7	5.1	4.6	5.9	4.8
SA (%)	38.4	40.3	41.0	35.9	38.5	35.7	31.7	33.3	31.2
Asset Quality (Rs mn)									
Gross NPA	64,404	87,636	94,416	63,800	69,675	68,539	69,648	52,986	69,604
GNPA (%)	8.18	10.82	10.81	6.46	7.25	7.19	7.15	4.87	6.76
NPA	24,579	22,658	24,131	15,642	17,491	16,782	17,113	12,283	21,407
NNPA (%)	3.29	3.04	3.01	1.66	1.92	1.86	1.86	1.17	2.18
PCR - Specific (%)	61.8	74.1	74.4	75.5	74.9	75.5	75.4	76.8	69.2
Capital Adequacy									
CAR (%)	24.8	20.4	20.0	20.1	19.4	19.4	19.1	19.8	19.8
Tier I (%)	23.8	19.4	19.0	18.9	18.3	18.4	18.1	18.7	18.8
ROA (%)	1.3	(2.6)	2.8	6.0	2.5	0.6	0.8	2.2	1.9
ROE (%)	8.5	(17.3)	22.2	46.5	19.7	4.5	6.2	17.0	14.4

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Bandhan Bank: Standalone Financials and Valuations

Profit & Loss					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Interest Income	138,716	159,047	187,867	219,620	262,969
Interest Expense	51,571	66,451	87,149	98,933	116,926
Net interest income	87,145	92,596	100,718	120,687	146,042
NII growth (%)	15.2	6.3	8.8	19.8	21.0
Other income	28,239	24,686	28,472	32,477	37,479
Total Income	115,383	117,282	129,189	153,164	183,521
Operating expenses	35,234	46,368	55,975	64,920	74,893
PPOP	80,149	70,913	73,215	88,244	108,628
PPOP growth (%)	18.4	(11.5)	3.2	20.5	23.1
Core PPOP	77,828	63,951	64,860	79,053	98,518
Provisions & contingencies	78,848	41,968	23,861	24,072	26,178
PBT	1,301	28,946	49,354	64,172	82,450
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Tax expense	28	6,983	12,437	16,171	20,777
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0
Income from JV/Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Reported PAT	1,273	21,962	36,916	48,000	61,672
PAT growth (%)	(94.2)	1,625.6	68.1	30.0	28.5
Adjusted PAT	1,273	21,962	36,916	48,000	61,672
Diluted EPS (Rs)	0.8	13.6	22.9	29.8	38.3
Diluted EPS growth (%)	(94.3)	1,647.6	68.1	30.0	28.5
DPS (Rs)	0.0	1.5	2.5	3.0	3.5
Dividend payout (%)	0.0	11.0	10.9	10.1	9.1
Effective tax rate (%)	2.2	24.1	25.2	25.2	25.2
Net interest margins (%)	7.2	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.5
Cost-income ratio (%)	30.5	39.5	43.3	42.4	40.8
Shares outstanding (mn)	1,610.8	1,611.0	1,611.0	1,611.0	1,611.0

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Asset quality and oth	er metrics	;			
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Asset quality					
Gross NPLs	63,800.0	52,985.6	47,093.1	45,112.6	47,077.3
Net NPLs	15,642.3	12,282.6	11,773.3	11,278.2	11,769.3
GNPA ratio (%)	6.5	4.9	3.7	2.9	2.5
NNPA ratio (%)	1.7	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.6
Provision coverage (%)	75.5	76.8	75.0	75.0	75.0
Gross slippages	94,302.7	94,620.0	58,924.8	39,610.6	39,293.7
Gross slippage ratio (%)	8.6	7.2	4.5	2.5	2.0
LLP ratio (%)	8.6	4.0	2.1	1.7	1.5
NNPA to networth (%)	7.5	5.3	4.4	3.6	3.2
Capital adequacy					
Total CAR (%)	20.1	19.7	19.3	19.2	18.8
Tier-1 (%)	18.9	18.7	18.4	18.4	18.2
CET-1 (%)	18.9	18.7	18.4	18.4	18.2
RWA-to-Total Assets (%)	65.3	66.5	67.0	67.0	67.0
Miscellaneous					
Total income growth (%)	14.8	10.0	17.7	16.5	19.2
Opex growth (%)	25.1	31.6	20.7	16.0	15.4
Core PPOP growth (%)	20.5	(17.8)	1.4	21.9	24.6
PPOP margin (%)	48.0	38.6	33.8	35.0	36.2
PAT/PPOP (%)	1.6	31.0	50.4	54.4	56.8
LLP-to-Core PPOP (%)	101.3	65.6	36.8	30.5	26.6
Yield on advances (%)	14.2	14.1	14.6	14.1	13.7
Cost of funds (%)	4.9	5.3	6.1	5.9	5.8

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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Balance Sheet					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Share capital	16,108	16,110	16,110	16,110	16,110
Reserves & surplus	157,704	179,733	212,622	255,790	311,823
Net worth	173,812	195,843	228,732	271,900	327,933
Deposits	963,306	1,080,693	1,271,325	1,569,492	1,984,750
Borrowings	199,212	247,108	260,049	248,979	238,655
Interest bearing liab.	1,162,518	1,327,801	1,531,374	1,818,471	2,223,405
Other liabilities & prov.	53,622	34,055	74,734	94,409	119,035
Total liabilities & equity	1,389,952	1,557,700	1,834,840	2,184,780	2,670,374
Net advances	939,749	1,047,568	1,234,837	1,503,055	1,870,435
Investments	290,787	323,659	367,492	422,015	502,719
Cash, other balances	93,214	82,497	99,539	109,108	122,287
Interest earning assets	1,323,750	1,453,724	1,701,868	2,034,179	2,495,442
Fixed assets	5,879	8,546	6,422	7,219	7,820
Other assets	60,323	95,430	126,550	143,382	167,113
Total assets	1,389,952	1,557,700	1,834,840	2,184,780	2,670,374
BVPS (Rs)	107.9	121.6	142.0	168.8	203.6
Adj. BVPS (INR)	100.6	115.9	136.5	163.5	198.1
Gross advances	987,907	1,088,271	1,270,157	1,536,890	1,905,743
Credit to deposit (%)	97.6	96.9	97.1	95.8	94.2
CASA ratio (%)	41.6	39.3	35.0	32.6	31.8
Cost of deposits (%)	5.0	5.6	6.5	6.2	6.0
Loans-to-Assets (%)	67.6	67.3	67.3	68.8	70.0
Net advances growth (%)	15.1	11.5	17.9	21.7	24.4
Deposit growth (%)	23.5	12.2	17.6	23.5	26.5
Book value growth (%)	(0.2)	12.7	16.8	18.9	20.6

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Valuations and key Ratios							
Y/E Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E		
P/E (x)	280.5	16.3	9.7	7.4	5.8		
P/B (x)	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.1		
P/ABV (x)	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.1		
P/PPOP (x)	4.5	5.0	4.9	4.0	3.3		
Dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.7	1.1	1.4	1.6		
DuPont-RoE split (%)							
NII/avg assets	6.9	6.3	5.9	6.0	6.0		
Other income	2.2	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5		
Fee income	2.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1		
Opex	2.8	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.1		
PPOP	6.3	4.8	4.3	4.4	4.5		
Core PPOP	6.1	4.3	3.8	3.9	4.1		
Provisions	6.2	2.8	1.4	1.2	1.1		
Tax expense	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9		
RoA (%)	0.1	1.5	2.2	2.4	2.5		
Leverage ratio (x)	7.3	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.1		
RoE (%)	0.7	11.9	17.4	19.2	20.6		
Quarterly data							
Rs mn, Y/E Mar	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24		
NII	25,144	21,930	20,804	24,718	24,906		
NIM (%)	8.0	7.0	6.5	7.3	7.3		
PPOP	18,206	15,529	19,222	17,957	15,623		
PAT	8,865	2,093	2,906	8,083	7,211		
EPS (Rs)	5.50	1.30	1.80	5.02	4.48		

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

Date	CMP (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
01-Jul-23	242	300	Buy	Anand Dama
20-May-23	238	300	Buy	Anand Dama
09-Mar-23	227	300	Buy	Anand Dama
21-Jan-23	237	300	Buy	Anand Dama
02-Dec-22	240	300	Buy	Anand Dama
28-Oct-22	265	330	Buy	Anand Dama
15-Sep-22	305	340	Hold	Anand Dama
23-Jul-22	286	325	Hold	Anand Dama
15-May-22	317	325	Hold	Anand Dama
23-Jan-22	296	250	Sell	Anand Dama
31-Oct-21	291	250	Sell	Anand Dama
31-Jul-21	291	410	Buy	Anand Dama
16-Jul-21	309	390	Buy	Anand Dama
09-May-21	297	390	Buy	Anand Dama
13-Apr-21	332	500	Buy	Anand Dama
22-Jan-21	314	500	Buy	Anand Dama
20-Jan-21	360	500	Buy	Anand Dama
06-Jan-21	396	425	Buy	Anand Dama
03-Nov-20	308	425	Buy	Anand Dama
07-Oct-20	315	390	Buy	Anand Dama
26-Sep-20	265	390	Buy	Anand Dama
16-Jul-20	343	390	Hold	Anand Dama

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



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