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# **Spandana Spoorthy Financial**

Financial services

# Improving trajectory in earnings sustained with RoA expanding to industry-leading 5.9%

Since the new management took charge in Mar'22, Spandana Spoorthy (Spandana) has embarked on a transformation journey to build a sustainable long-term microfinance lending model. In all 5 quarters since then, earnings trajectory kept on improving and in Q1FY24 its RoA expanded to 5.9% vs 5.1% in Q4FY23, 3.7% in Q3FY23, 2.9% in Q2FY23 and net loss in Q1FY23. Earnings in Q1FY24 were driven mainly by strong top-line growth (adjusted for assignment income) and credit cost normalisation. Total provisions fell to INR 286mn translating into credit cost moderating to 1.4% vs  $\sim 7\%$  in FY23. With management highlighting further yield expansion in Q2/Q3FY24 and credit cost at 1.6% in FY24, we increase our earnings estimate by 23% each year in FY24E/FY25E. Maintain **BUY** with a revised target price of INR 1,100, valuing at 2x Sep-24 BVPS vs 1.5x earlier.

# AUM growth stood at 4% QoQ, even in a seasonally weak quarter

After spending the initial phase of FY23 towards the redefining process and strengthening the mid/top management teams, the company in H2FY23 shifted its focus towards growth. AUM growth momentum sustained in Q1FY24 as reflected in 4% QoQ growth even in a seasonally weak quarter, that too on a much higher base (AUM grew 47% in H2FY23). Notably, the average outstanding per borrower fell 3% QoQ as Spandana continued to pursue 'customer-led growth' journey. Disbursements stood at INR 16bn vs INR 30.5bn in Q4FY23. Further, management sounded confident of scaling up AUM to INR 117bn-120bn by FY24, translating into 35-40% YoY growth.

### PAT at INR 1.2bn (up 13% QoQ); NIM expanded 30bps QoQ

Spandana sustained its improving trajectory in financial performance for the 5th consecutive quarter as reflected in the 13% QoQ growth in PAT at INR 1.2bn, translating into >5% RoA, during Q1FY24. Earnings were largely driven by: 1) strong core NII growth at 9% QoQ led by 4% QoQ AUM growth and 30bps NIM expansion, and 2) credit cost moderating to normalised level of 1.4% in Q1FY24. Higher opex (up 13% QoQ) and lower DA income at Rs128mn (Rs657mn in Q4FY23) partially offset the strong core operating performance. Asset quality continued to improve as seen in GNPL falling to 1.5% (2.1% QoQ) and PAR 1-90 DPD moderating to 1.36% (1.54% QoQ).

## **Financial summary**

Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Net Interest Income (NII) (INR Mn)	7,964	8,196	12,703	16,800
PAT (INR mn)	698	124	5,154	7,242
EPS (INR)	10.1	1.7	72.6	102.0
% Chg YoY	(55.3)	(82.7)	4,054.8	40.5
P/E (x)	79.2	458.2	11.0	7.8
P/BV (x)	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.3
Gross Stage - 3 (%)	12.6	1.9	1.8	1.8
Dividend Yield (%)	-	-	-	-
RoAA (%)	0.9	0.2	4.7	5.1
RoAE (%)	2.4	0.4	15.4	18.2

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#### **Market Data**

Market Cap (INR)	57bn
Market Cap (USD)	695mn
Bloomberg Code	SPANDANA IN
Reuters Code	SPAD BO
52-week Range (INR)	813 /399
Free Float (%)	24.0
ADTV-3M (mn) (USD)	1

# Price Performance (%) 3m 6m 12m Absolute 37.1 39.2 85.2 Relative to Sensex 11.3 9.8 19.9

ESG Disclosure	2021	2022	Change
ESG score	-	-	-
Environment	-	-	-
Social	-	-	-
Governance	-	-	-

**Note** - Score ranges from 0 - 100 with a higher score indicating higher ESG disclosures.

Source: Bloomberg, I-sec research

Earnings Revisions (%)	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	10%	9%
EPS	23%	23%
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#### **Previous Reports**

25-05-2023: <u>Company update</u> 03-05-2023: <u>Q4FY23 results review</u>



# **Key risks**

Stress unfolding higher than anticipated, and operational instability caused by outside interference

Exhibit 1: Q1FY24 result review

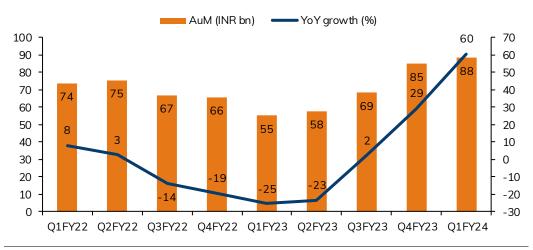
(INR mn)	Q1FY24	Q1FY23	% change YoY	Q4FY23	% change QoQ
Interest Income	5,116	2,503	104.4	4,981	2.7
Interest Expended	1,995	968	106.2	1,490	33.9
Net interest income (NII)	3,121	1,535	103.3	3,491	(10.6)
Other income	157	86	82.5	349	(55.1)
Total income	3,277	1,621	102.2	3,840	(14.7)
Operating expenses	1,386	1,114	24.4	1,232	12.5
-Staff expenses	1,031	796	29.5	855	20.6
-Other expenses	356	319	11.6	378	(5.8)
Operating profit	1,891	507	273.4	2,608	(27.5)
Total provisions	286	3,517	(91.9)	1,222	(76.6)
Profit before tax	1,605	(3,011)	(153.3)	1,386	15.9
Tax	411	(814)	(150.5)	330	24.4
Profit after tax	1,195	(2,197)	(154.4)	1,055	13.2

Key statistic (INR mn)			% change YoY		% change QoQ
AuM	88,480	55,130	60.5	85,110	4.0
Borrowers (in Mn)	2.4	2.1	13.1	2.3	6.6
Calc. Avg ticket-size	36,714	25,883	41.8	37,659	(2.5)

Ratios (%)			bp change YoY		bp change QoQ
Profitability ratios					
Portfolio Yields	24.0	19.0	500	22.8	120
Cost of Funds	12.5	11.8	70	12.4	10
NIM	14.2	12.4	180	13.9	30
RoAum	6.0	(12.0)	1,800	5.1	82
Asset Quality					
Gross NPL ratio	1.5	6.5	(502)	2.1	(58)
Business & Other Ratios					
Cost-income ratio	42.3	68.7	(2,645)	32.1	1,021
CAR	39.1	47.9	(880)	39.1	-

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

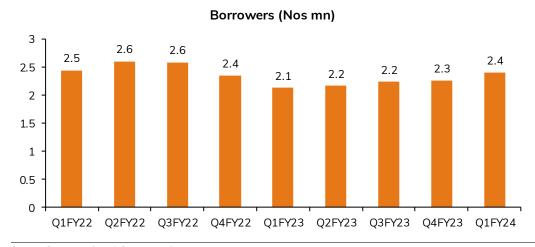
Exhibit 2: AUM growth on YoY basis at 60%; sequentially, it grew 4% QoQ



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

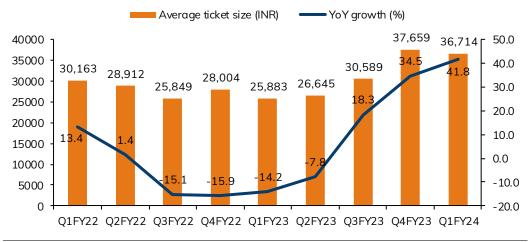


Exhibit 3: New customers added in Q1FY24 increased by 144% YoY; total borrower base continues to remain flat due to write-offs



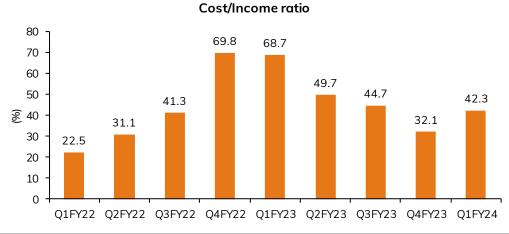
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Exhibit 4: Average ticket-size increased to INR 36,714, but remained lower than the industry average



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

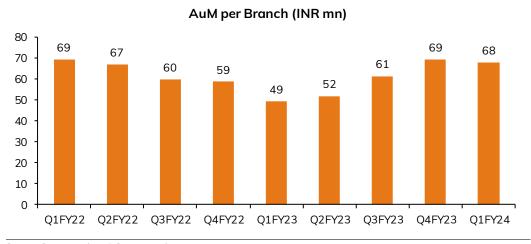
Exhibit 5: Cost-to-income increased to 42.3% in Q1FY24 (32.1 in Q4FY23) largely due to high employee cost resulting from annual increment cycle



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

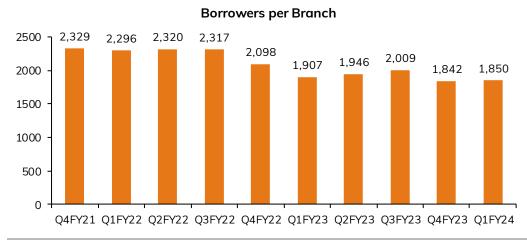


Exhibit 6: AUM per branch improved with higher disbursements



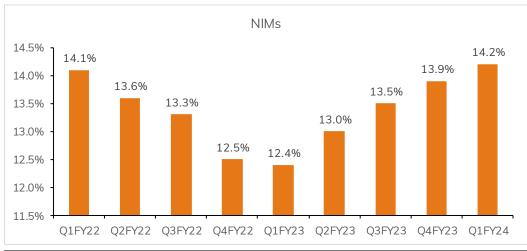
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Exhibit 7: Borrowers per branch fell due to higher branch addition over past one year



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

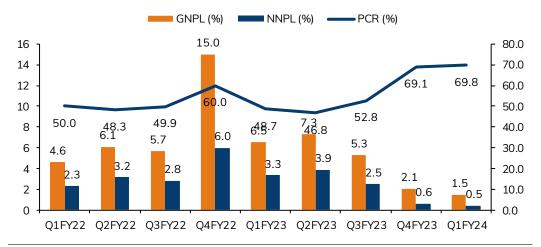
Exhibit 8: NIMs increased by 30bps backed by yield increase and reduction in cost of borrowings



Source: Company data, I-Sec research



Exhibit 9: Asset quality continued to improve as reflected in GNPL falling to 1.5%



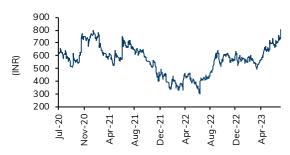
Source: Company data, I-Sec research

**Exhibit 10: Shareholding pattern** 

%	Dec'22	Mar'23	Jun'23
Promoters	63.0	63.0	62.4
Institutional investors	28.7	28.7	29.7
MFs and other	0.6	0.6	0.6
Banks/ Fls	0.5	0.3	0.3
Insurance Cos.	4.3	4.1	4.1
FIIs	23.3	23.7	24.6
Others	8.3	8.3	7.9

Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research

**Exhibit 11: Price chart** 



Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research



# **Financial Summary**

# **Exhibit 12: Profit & Loss**

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Interest Income	13,365	12,775	20,775	27,663
Net gain on fair value	_	_	_	_
changes	_	_		
Interest Expenses	(5,401)	(4,579)	(8,072)	(10,863)
Net Interest Income (NII)	7,964	8,196	12,703	16,800
Other Income	1,435	1,995	1,798	2,079
Total Income (net of interest expenses)	9,399	10,192	14,502	18,879
Employee benefit expenses	(2,284)	(3,057)	(3,730)	(4,550)
Depreciation and amortization	(92)	(109)	(110)	(120)
Fee and commission expenses	-	-	-	-
Other operating expenses	(1,249)	(1,404)	(1,657)	(1,988)
Total Operating Expense	(3,625)	(4,570)	(5,497)	(6,659)
Pre Provisioning Profits (PPoP)	5,774	5,622	9,005	12,221
Provisions and write offs	(4,806)	(5,443)	(2,118)	(2,543)
Profit before tax (PBT)	969	178	6,887	9,678
Total tax expenses	(270)	(54)	(1,733)	(2,436)
Profit after tax (PAT)	698	124	5,154	7,242

Source Company data, I-Sec research

# Exhibit 13: Balance sheet

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Share capital	691	710	710	710
Reserves & surplus	30,209	30,283	35,436	42,678
Shareholders' funds	30,899	30,992	36,146	43,388
Borrowings	37,721	60,743	86,016	1,11,501
Provisions	1,861	2,051	2,051	2,051
Deferred tax liabilities (net)	282	40	40	40
Current Liabilities and short-				
term provisions	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	1,861	2,051	2,051	2,051
Total Liabilities and	70,763	03 836	1,24,253	1,56,979
Stakeholder's Equity	70,703	33,020	1,24,233	1,50,575
Fixed assets	68	249	249	249
Loans	55,184	77,598	1,07,070	1,36,124
Investments	24	1,894	750	750
Deferred tax assets (net)	2,030	2,364	2,364	2,364
Current Assets including	12,022	10,045	11,778	14,974
cash and bank	12,022	10,045	11,//0	14,974
Other Assets	1,434	1,677	2,043	2,519
Total Assets	70,763	93,826	1,24,253	1,56,979

Source Company data, I-Sec research



# **Exhibit 14: Key ratios**

(Year ending March)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
AUM and Disbursements				
(INR mn)				
AUM	65,810	85,110	1,17,659	1,49,587
On-book Loans	65,810	85,110	1,17,659	1,49,587
Off-book Loans	-	-	-	-
Disbursements	33,730	81,250	95,904	1,12,475
Sanctions	40.400	- 61.0E0	- 63,355	- 00 E 47
Repayments Growth (%):	49,490	61,950	63,355	80,547
Total AUM (%)	(19.3)	29.3	38.2	27.1
Disbursements (%)	(47.5)	140.9	18.0	17.3
Sanctions (%)	-		-	-
Repayments (%)	(2.9)	25.2	2.3	27.1
Loan book (on balance		20.2	20.2	27.1
sheet) (%)	(19.3)	29.3	38.2	27.1
Total Assets (%)	(17.5)	32.6	32.4	26.3
Net Interest Income (NII) (%)	(15.2)	2.9	55.0	32.2
Non-interest income (%)	0.5	39.1	(9.9)	15.6
Total Income (net of interest	(13.2)	8.4	42.3	30.2
expenses) (%)				
Operating Expenses (%)	53.0	26.1	20.3	21.1
Employee Cost (%)	33.1	33.9	22.0	22.0
Non-Employee Cost (%)	116.5	12.4	18.0	20.0
Pre provisioning operating profits (PPoP) (%)	(31.7)	(2.6)	60.2	35.7
Provisions (%)	(25.5)	13.3	(61.1)	20.1
PBT (%)	(51.7)	(81.6)	3,760.9	40.5
PAT (%)	(52.0)	(82.2)	4,054.8	40.5
EPS (%)	(55.3)	(82.7)	4,054.8	40.5
Yields, interest costs and	(00.0)	(02.7)	.,000	
spreads (%)				
NIM on loan assets (%)	14.4	10.6	11.9	12.3
NIM on IEA (%)	9.2	9.5	11.3	11.4
NIM on AUM (%)	10.8	10.9	12.5	12.6
Yield on loan assets (%)	24.2	16.5	19.4	20.3
Yield on IEA (%)	15.4	14.8	18.5	18.8
Yield on AUM (%)	18.1	16.9	20.5	20.7
Cost of borrowings (%)	11.8	9.3	11.0	11.0
Interest Spreads (%)	9.7	9.9	11.5	11.8
Operating efficiencies				
Non interest income as % of	9.7	13.5	8.0	7.0
total income	38.6	44.8	27.0	
Cost to income ratio Op.costs/avg assets (%)	4.6	5.6	37.9 5.0	35.3 4.7
Op.costs/avg AUM (%)	4.0	6.1	5.4	5.0
No of employees (estimate)			5.4	5.0
(x)	8,763	10,016	-	-
No of branches (x)	1,120	1,227	1,337	1,462
Salaries as % of non-interest	•			•
costs (%)	63.0	66.9	67.9	68.3
NII /employee (INR mn)	0.9	0.8	_	-
AUM/employee(INR mn)	7.5	8.5	-	-
AUM/ branch (INR mn)	58.8	69.4	88.0	102.3
Capital Structure				
Average gearing ratio (x)	1.2	2.0	2.4	2.6
Leverage (x)	2.3	3.0	3.4	3.6
CAR (%)	50.0	36.3	34.2	32.5
Tier 1 CAR (%)	49.0	35.3	33.2	31.5
Tier 2 CAR (%)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
RWA (estimate) - INR mn	56,610	79,752	1,05,615	1,33,432
RWA as a % of loan assets	102.6	102.8	98.6	98.0

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Asset quality and				
provisioning				
GNPA (%)	15.0	2.1	2.0	2.0
NNPA (%)	6.0	0.6	0.5	0.5
GNPA (INR mn)	8,278	1,606	2,141	2,722
NNPA (INR mn)	971	3,311	497	535
Coverage ratio (%)	60.0	69.1	75.0	75.0
Credit Costs as a % of avg AUM (bps)	652	721	209	190
Credit Costs as a % of avg on book loans (bps)	652	721	209	190
Return ratios				
RoAA (%)	0.9	0.2	4.7	5.1
RoAE (%)	2.4	0.4	15.4	18.2
ROAAUM (%)	0.9	0.2	5.1	5.4
Dividend Payout ratio (%)	-	_	-	-
Valuation Ratios				
No. of shares	69	71	71	71
No. of shares (fully diluted)	69	71	71	71
ESOP Outstanding	-	-	-	-
EPS (INR)	10.1	1.7	72.6	102.0
EPS fully diluted (INR)	10.1	1.7	72.6	102.0
Price to Earnings (x)	79.2	458.2	11.0	7.8
Price to Earnings (fully diluted) (x)	79.2	458.2	11.0	7.8
Book Value (fully diluted)	447	437	509	611
Adjusted book value	437	402	504	606
Price to Book	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.3
Price to Adjusted Book	1.8	2.0	1.6	1.3
DPS (INR)	_	_	_	-
Dividend yield (%)	-	-	-	-

Source Company data, I-Sec research

# **Exhibit 15: Key metrics**

(Year ending March)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
DuPont Analysis				
Average Assets (INR mn)	78,266	82,294	1,09,039	1,40,616
Average Loans (INR mn)	62,257	66,391	92,334	1,21,597
Average Equity (INR mn)	29,195	30,946	33,569	39,767
Interest earned (%)	17.1	15.5	19.1	19.7
Net gain on fair value				
changes (%)	-	-	-	-
Interest expended (%)	6.9	5.6	7.4	7.7
Gross Interest Spread (%)	10.2	10.0	11.7	11.9
Credit cost (%)	6.1	6.6	1.9	1.8
Net Interest Spread (%)	4.0	3.3	9.7	10.1
Operating cost (%)	4.6	5.6	5.0	4.7
Lending spread (%)	(0.6)	(2.2)	4.7	5.4
Non interest income (%)	1.8	2.4	1.6	1.5
Operating Spread (%)	1.2	0.2	6.3	6.9
Tax rate (%)	27.9	30.5	25.2	25.2
RoAA (%)	0.9	0.2	4.7	5.1
Effective leverage (AA/ AE)	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.5
RoAE (%)	2.4	0.4	15.4	18.2

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