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| Equity Shares (m)     | 260         |
| M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)   | 207 / 2.5   |
| 52-Week Range (INR)   | 833 / 383   |
| 1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%) | -4/16/43    |
| 12M Avg Val (INR M)   | 458         |
| Free float (%)        | 71.9        |

Financials Snapshot (INR b)

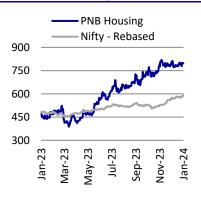
| Y/E March      | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                |       |       |       |
| Total Income   | 26.3  | 31.0  | 37.3  |
| PPP            | 22.6  | 27.5  | 34.0  |
| PAT            | 15.4  | 19.2  | 23.9  |
| EPS (INR)      | 59.2  | 74.1  | 92.1  |
| EPS Gr. (%)    | -4    | 25    | 24    |
| BV (INR)       | 580   | 644   | 723   |
| Ratios         |       |       |       |
| NIM (%)        | 4.3   | 4.4   | 4.4   |
| C/I ratio (%)  | 22.6  | 21.8  | 21.0  |
| RoAA (%)       | 2.2   | 2.4   | 2.5   |
| RoE (%)        | 11.8  | 12.1  | 13.5  |
| Valuations     |       |       |       |
| P/E (x)        | 13.5  | 10.8  | 8.7   |
| P/BV (x)       | 1.4   | 1.2   | 1.1   |
| Div. Yield (%) | 1.3   | 1.6   | 2.0   |
|                |       |       |       |

### Shareholding pattern (%)

| As On    | Sep-23 | Jun-23 | Sep-22 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Promoter | 28.1   | 28.2   | 32.6   |
| DII      | 7.7    | 7.6    | 3.3    |
| FII      | 24.8   | 24.8   | 23.2   |
| Others   | 39.5   | 39.5   | 40.9   |

FII Includes depository receipts

#### Stock Performance (1-year)



CMP: INR799 TP: INR1,025 (+28%)

## Tide has turned, smooth ride ahead

#### Set to deliver PAT CAGR of 25% over FY24E-FY26E and RoA/RoE of 2.5%/~14% in FY26

- Over the past two years, PNBHF has successfully transformed its business model into retail (both prime and affordable verticals) and has reduced its corporate loan book to ~4% of the AUM mix. In Apr'23, PNBHF completed its rights issue of ~INR25b, which has brought in confidence capital and has strengthened its case for a credit rating upgrade from credit rating agencies (CRAs). India Ratings recently upgraded PNBHF to AA+.
- PNBHF has set up an affordable housing (AH) vertical with exclusive sales, underwriting and collections. It has already crossed 100 AH branches in Nov'23 and plans to scale up to ~160 AH branches by Mar'24. In Dec'23, the AH vertical's loan book surpassed ~INR10b, and we expect it to rise to ~INR70b and form ~8% of retail loans by Mar'26.
- With prime, affordable housing and the corporate segment resuming their growth trajectories, we estimate PNBHF to deliver a CAGR of ~18% in loans over FY24-FY26.
- The NIM expansion is expected to be driven by improvements in yields (through better product mix) and a potential decline in borrowing costs. In FY24, it has received a sanction from the NHB, which lends to HFCs at a rate that is at least 200-220bp lower than that of other borrowing instruments.
- As of Sep'23, retail/corporate GNPA fell to 1.7%/2.9% (vs. 3.4%/30% last year), with total GS3 at 1.8%. With asset quality stress in retail (due to Covid) and corporate (post the IL&FS default) now behind, we expect asset quality to continue to improve and credit costs to remain benign at ~40bp in FY25-FY26
- PNBHF is our top pick, considering a) visibility of an ~18% CAGR in loans from FY25 onward, b) potential NIM expansion, c) expansion in RoA aided by moderation in credit costs, and d) improvement in RoE as the leverage improves on the balance sheet. We expect PNBHF to deliver a PAT CAGR of ~25% over FY24-26 and RoA/RoE of 2.5%/14% in FY26. We have a BUY rating and a TP of INR1,025 (based on 1.4x FY26E P/BV).

#### Healthy loan growth to return in Retail while Corporate will be an enabler

- The company has now turned over a new leaf under the leadership of Mr. Girish Kousgi who joined PNBHF in Oct'22. The senior/middle leadership has been also strengthened over the last one year under the new leadership.
- PNBHF was in consolidation mode over FY20-FY23, with its AUM declining or remaining flat every successive year. The retail segment also declined because of the company's inability to compete with peers.
- The retail vertical has been strengthened now with the launch of affordable housing and the expected resumption of loan growth in the corporate segment from FY25. We expect PNBHF to report an AUM CAGR of ~18% over FY24-26E.

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### Wide distribution network would drive retail loan growth

- For a long time and until 18 months ago, PNBHF was stagnant, with a total branch count of ~100 and predominant focus on prime housing finance. Over the last one year, PNBHF has scaled up to 200 branches (as of Sep'23) and expects to increase its branch network to ~300 (including ~160 Roshni branches) by Mar'24.
- We believe that branch additions and improvements in productivity of new branches will drive healthy growth in retail loans. We expect a CAGR of ~17% in retail loans over FY24-FY26.
- The company's wider physical distribution network and new growth engine of affordable housing will increase its opex structure. We expect the opex-to-average assets ratio to increase to 1.0% by FY26 (FY23/FY24E: 0.8%/0.9%). This will be offset by levers on expansion in NIM and non-interest income.

## Improvement in yields and lower CoF to boost NIM

- The affordable housing vertical will contribute ~~8% to the retail loan mix by Mar'26. In addition to the improvement in retail product mix, PNBHF is also working on improving its yield in prime housing by identifying some niche segments, in which the competitive intensity is lower than usual.
- India Ratings recently upgraded PNBHF's credit rating to AA+ (Stable). We expect rating upgrades from other CRAs like CRISIL and CARE in 3-6 months. We expect the company's borrowing costs to decline by ~15-20bp from the credit rating upgrade. Moreover, PNBHF has again started receiving sanctions from NHB in FY24, which will further aid CoB.
- With a decline in borrowing costs and a minor expansion in yields, we expect NIM to expand by ~20bp over the next two years to ~4.4% in FY26E (as % of avg. loans) vs. ~4.3% in FY24E.

#### Asset quality improvement to continue; aspires to be best-in-class

- After Covid, PNBHF went through asset quality stress in its retail and corporate segments, which made the company ineligible for NHB borrowings. However, through recoveries, ARC sales and write-offs, the company has consistently improved its asset quality, with GS3 at 1.8% as of Sep'23 vs. the peak of 8.2% in Dec'21.
- In 2QFY23, PNBHF resolved a large corporate NPA (~INR7.8b) through an ARC sale and recovered the entire outstanding in cash. The resultant provision write-backs of ~INR2b were largely utilized for effecting write-offs on the stressed portion of the retail book. Corporate GS3 declined to 2.9% (vs. peak of ~37%) and retail GS3 declined to 1.7% (vs. peak of ~4.9%) as of Sep'23.
- PNBHF could take additional write-offs in retail in 2HFY24 to further improve retail asset quality and start FY25 on a clean slate. We expect improvements in GS3 to sustain and model credit costs of ~40bp each in FY25E/FY26E.

#### Valuation and view: Turning over a new leaf for strong execution

■ PNBHF has pivoted from consolidation to growth mode, and we expect it to deliver a healthy CAGR of 18% in AUM and ~25% in PAT over FY24-26, with RoA/RoE of 2.5%/13.5% by FY26.





- The company trades at 1.1x FY26E P/BV, and we believe that risk-reward is favorable for a further re-rating in the valuation multiple as investors gain more confidence in the company's sustained execution in retail (both prime and affordable). PNBHF is our top pick in our NBFC/HFC coverage with a TP of INR1,025 (based on 1.4x FY26E P/BV).
- Key risks: a) inability to drive NIM expansion amid aggressive competitive in mortgages, b) slowdown in economy leading to lower demand for housing and moderation in loan growth, and c) subsequent seasoning in the affordable loan book leading to asset quality deterioration.

**Exhibit 1: Valuation snapshot for MOFSL NBFC Coverage Universe** 

| Val               | Rating  | CMP   | MCap   | EPS   | (INR) | BV (  | INR)  | RoA   | (%)   | RoE   | (%)   | P/E   | (x)   | P/B   | V (x) |
|-------------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| summary           |         | (INR) | (INRb) | FY25E | FY26E |
| Housing Finance   |         |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| PNB HF            | Buy     | 799   | 208    | 74.1  | 92.1  | 644   | 723   | 2.4   | 2.5   | 12.1  | 13.5  | 10.8  | 8.7   | 1.2   | 1.1   |
| LIC HF            | Buy     | 579   | 316    | 84.1  | 92.2  | 623   | 695   | 1.5   | 1.5   | 14.3  | 14.0  | 6.9   | 6.3   | 0.9   | 0.8   |
| Aavas             | Neutral | 1,612 | 124    | 76.4  | 95.9  | 553   | 649   | 3.4   | 3.5   | 14.8  | 16.0  | 21.1  | 16.8  | 2.9   | 2.5   |
| HomeFirst         | Buy     | 965   | 86     | 41.6  | 53.5  | 275   | 325   | 3.6   | 3.7   | 16.3  | 17.9  | 23.2  | 18.0  | 3.5   | 3.0   |
| CanFin            | Neutral | 763   | 102    | 62.3  | 73.9  | 384   | 453   | 2.1   | 2.1   | 17.6  | 17.7  | 12.2  | 10.3  | 2.0   | 1.7   |
| Repco             | Neutral | 421   | 27     | 64.8  | 71.4  | 522   | 590   | 2.8   | 2.8   | 13.2  | 12.8  | 6.5   | 5.9   | 0.8   | 0.7   |
| Diversified       |         |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| IIFL Finance      | Buy     | 658   | 251    | 65.6  | 81.9  | 341   | 418   | 4.0   | 4.1   | 21.1  | 21.6  | 10.0  | 8.0   | 1.9   | 1.6   |
| BAF               | Buy     | 7,477 | 4,627  | 306.3 | 389.4 | 1,510 | 1,846 | 4.6   | 4.7   | 22.4  | 23.2  | 24.4  | 19.2  | 5.0   | 4.0   |
| Poonawalla        | Buy     | 501   | 381    | 18.8  | 26.2  | 124   | 145   | 5.1   | 5.1   | 16.2  | 19.5  | 26.7  | 19.1  | 4.0   | 3.5   |
| ABCL              | Buy     | 179   | 465    | 13.9  | 17.5  | 110   | 125   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 13.5  | 14.9  | 12.9  | 10.3  | 1.6   | 1.4   |
| LTFH              | Buy     | 170   | 413    | 11.7  | 15.5  | 101   | 111   | 2.5   | 2.7   | 11.9  | 14.6  | 14.5  | 11.0  | 1.7   | 1.5   |
| PIEL              | Buy     | 933   | 222    | 78.0  | 106.3 | 1,376 | 1,450 | 1.9   | 2.1   | 5.8   | 7.5   | 12.0  | 8.8   | 0.7   | 0.6   |
| MAS Financial     | Buy     | 947   | 48     | 58.2  | 71.3  | 362   | 429   | 2.9   | 3.0   | 17.3  | 18.0  | 16.3  | 13.3  | 2.6   | 2.2   |
| Vehicle Finance   |         |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Cholamandalam     | Buy     | 1,278 | 1,023  | 55.4  | 68.8  | 286   | 370   | 2.7   | 2.8   | 21.4  | 21.2  | 23.0  | 18.6  | 4.5   | 3.5   |
| MMFS              | Buy     | 283   | 346    | 22.2  | 27.8  | 156   | 174   | 2.2   | 2.4   | 14.9  | 16.8  | 12.7  | 10.2  | 1.8   | 1.6   |
| Shriram Finance   | Buy     | 2,319 | 861    | 222.8 | 268.5 | 1,493 | 1,714 | 3.2   | 3.3   | 15.9  | 16.7  | 10.4  | 8.6   | 1.6   | 1.4   |
| Indostar          | Buy     | 204   | 25     | 17.6  | 29.1  | 255   | 284   | 1.8   | 2.4   | 7.1   | 10.8  | 11.6  | 7.0   | 0.8   | 0.7   |
| Gold Finance      |         |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Muthoot           | Neutral | 1,454 | 592    | 115.0 | 130.9 | 695   | 801   | 5.2   | 5.4   | 17.7  | 17.5  | 12.6  | 11.1  | 2.1   | 1.8   |
| Manappuram        | Buy     | 171   | 146    | 30.1  | 35.9  | 163   | 194   | 4.9   | 4.9   | 20.1  | 20.1  | 5.7   | 4.8   | 1.1   | 0.9   |
| Microfinance      |         |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| CreditAccess      | Buy     | 1,673 | 271    | 113.3 | 135.6 | 527   | 663   | 5.6   | 5.5   | 24.1  | 22.8  | 14.8  | 12.3  | 3.2   | 2.5   |
| Fusion Micro      | Buy     | 655   | 64     | 72.1  | 88.7  | 358   | 446   | 5.6   | 5.7   | 22.4  | 22.1  | 9.1   | 7.4   | 1.8   | 1.5   |
| Spandana Sphoorty | Buy     | 1,201 | 86     | 92.6  | 110.9 | 603   | 714   | 4.7   | 4.4   | 16.6  | 16.9  | 13.0  | 10.8  | 2.0   | 1.7   |

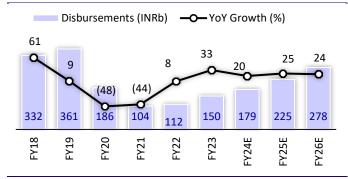
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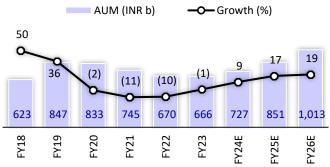
## Story in charts

#### Exhibit 1: Disbursement CAGR of ~25% over FY24-26E...



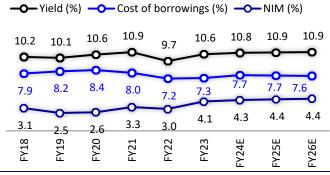
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 2: ...leading to AUM CAGR of ~18% over this period



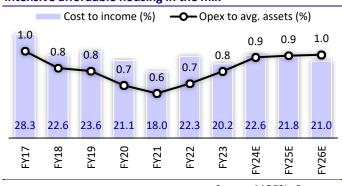
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Exhibit 3: Expansion in NIM over FY25-26E



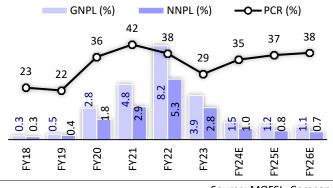
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Exhibit 4: Opex to Assets to increase because of opexintensive affordable housing in the mix



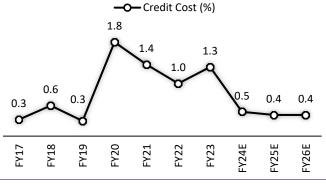
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**Exhibit 5: Asset quality would continue to improve** 



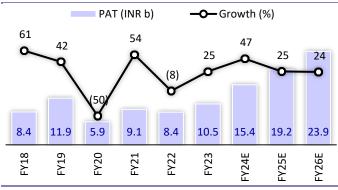
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Exhibit 6: Estimate credit costs of ~40bp in FY25-FY26



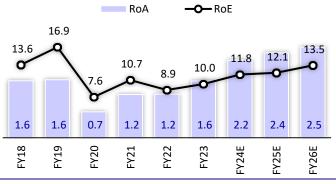
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 7: PAT CAGR of ~25% over FY24E-26E



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 8: Primed to deliver RoA/RoE of ~2.5%/~14% in FY26E



Source: MOFSL, Company





## Macro favorable for sustainable growth in mortgages

Over the last 15 years, housing affordability has improved significantly in India, with the affordability index improving to 3.3x in 2023 from 3.7x in 2018. As per the ICRA India Mortgage Finance Market Report, as India's population grows, incomes rise, and household sizes shrink, the Indian housing market could see a demand for 26-27m houses between 2022-2031. Further, the ongoing supply shortage of homes has boosted demand for upgrades and resales. The affordable housing segment is another growth engine that banks and large HFCs can leverage to drive sustainable growth in their loan books.

Exhibit 9: Affordability continues to improve due to rising annual income



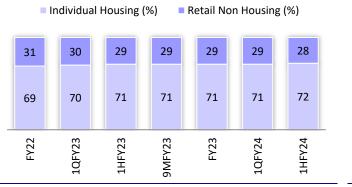
Source: MOFSL, HDFC Ltd Investor Presentation

## Multiple pivots to aid retail loan growth

PNBHF caters to salaried (~60% of customer mix) and self-employed customers. It offers individual home loans (72% of retail loans) and other non-housing loans (~28% of retail loans) like loans against property (LAP) and non-residential property loans (NRPL).

Exhibit 10: Gradual improvement in Housing Loans in the Retail Mix

Exhibit 11: Improving proportion of Salaried customers in the mix





Source: MOFSL, Company Source: MOFSL, Company

PNBHF has restructured its business model and prioritized the retail segment by reducing corporate loans in the overall loan mix from ~21% in FY20 to ~4% in 1HFY24 through down-selling, recoveries, and ARC sales.

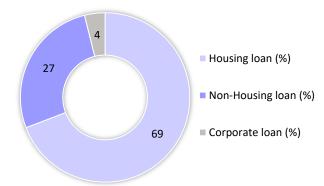




Exhibit 12: PNBHF has rundown the corporate book



Exhibit 13: Corporate accounts for ~4% of PNBHF's AUM mix

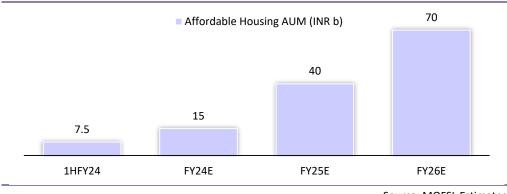


Source: MOFSL, Company; Note: Data as on Sep'23

PNBHF has also built a dedicated affordable housing finance vertical with a separate business head for this segment. This vertical will have its own *Roshni* branches with separate teams for sourcing, underwriting, and collections. In 2QFY24, the affordable segment contributed ~9% of the total retail disbursements and the affordable housing AUM stood at ~INR7.5b as of Sep'23. The affordable Housing segment's AUM has crossed ~INR10b and we expect PNBHF to scale up this segment to ~INR15b by Mar'24 and ~INR70b (~8% of retail loans) by Mar'26.

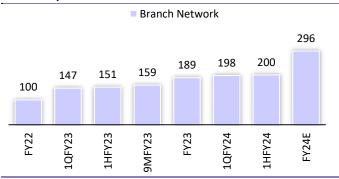
Over the last one year, PNBHF has scaled up to 200 branches (as of Sep'23) and expects to increase its branch network to ~300 (including ~160 affordable housing branches) by Mar'24. Branch additions and gradual improvements in productivity in new branches will drive retail loan growth.

Exhibit 14: Affordable Housing to contribute ~8% of retail loans by FY26E



Source: MOFSL Estimates

Exhibit 15: PNBHF aims to scale up its total branch network to  $\sim$ 300 by Mar'24



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 16: Accelerated expansion of PNBHF Roshni branches



Source: MOFSL, Company

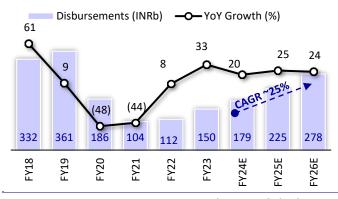


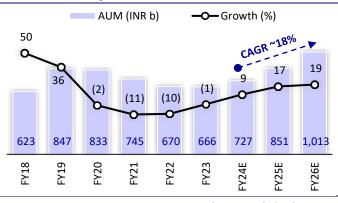


Due to an accelerated run-down in the corporate book and the company's inability to effectively compete in retail lending, the overall loan book of PNBHF remained in consolidation mode over the prior four years. However, with the resumption of growth in prime and affordable housing and the Corporate segment, we expect PNBHF to deliver an AUM CAGR of ~18% over FY24-26.

Exhibit 17: Disbursement CAGR of ~25% over FY24E-26E

Exhibit 18: Healthy AUM CAGR of ~18% over FY24E-FY26E





Source: MOFSL, Company

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Disbursements in the corporate business will restart in the next few quarters with a focus on select locations/projects. The company will focus on Construction Finance with ticket sizes of ~INR1.5b-2.0b and the contribution of Corporate loans in the AUM mix will be <10%.

Exhibit 19: PNBHF has guided for Corporate Mix of <10% at any point of time



Source: MOFSL, Company

## Levers on margin expansion to offset the rise in operating cost ratios

PNBHF's affordable housing vertical will contribute ~8% to the retail loan mix by Mar'26E. In addition to the improvement in the retail product mix, PNBHF is also working toward improving its yield in prime housing by identifying some niche factors where the competitive intensity is lower than usual.





Exhibit 20: Spreads expected to expand further

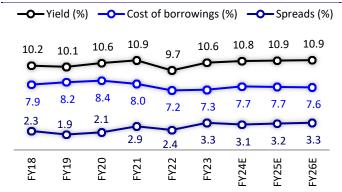
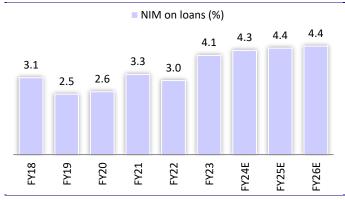


Exhibit 21: NIM expansion over FY25E-FY26E to be aided by improvement in yields and decline in CoB



- Source: MOFSL, Company
- India Ratings recently upgraded PNBHF's credit rating to AA+ (Stable). We expect other credit rating agencies like CRISIL and CARE to also upgrade PNBHF's credit rating in 3-6 months. A credit rating upgrade will significantly improve the company's access to debt capital markets and lead to favorable negotiations on bank term loan spreads. We expect the credit rating upgrade should reduce the company's borrowing costs by ~15-20bp.
- Moreover, PNBHF has again started receiving sanctions from NHB in FY24, which will further aid CoB.

Exhibit 22: INDIA Ratings upgraded PNBHF's credit rating to 'AA+', CRISIL & ICRA have revised the credit rating outlook from 'Stable' to 'Positive'

| Rating Agency | Instruments     | FY20         | FY21        | FY22        | FY23      | Current     |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| CDICII        | Bank Facilities | AA/Stable    | AA/Negative | AA/Negative | AA/Stable | AA/Positive |
| CRISIL        | NCD             | AA/Stable    | AA/Negative | AA/Negative | AA/Stable | AA/Positive |
| CARE          | Bank Facilities | AA+/Negative | AA/Negative | AA/Negative | AA/Stable | AA/Positive |
| CARE          | NCD             | AA+/Negative | AA/Negative | AA/Negative | AA/Stable | AA/Positive |
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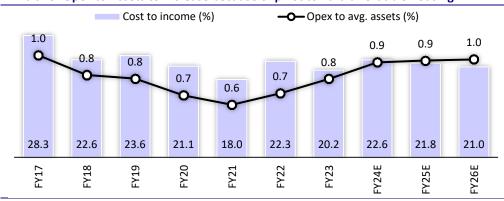
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- With a decline in borrowing costs and a minor expansion in yields, we expect NIM expansion of ~20bp over the next two years to result in NIM (as % of avg. loans) of ~4.4% in FY26E (FY24E: ~4.3%).
- The RBI's move to increase risk weights (RWA) on unsecured consumer credit and term loans from banks to NBFCs will not impact the company's capital adequacy or its weighted average cost of borrowings (CoB). This is because housing loans and bank loans to HFCs have been exempted under this circular.





Exhibit 23: Opex to Assets to increase because of pivot toward affordable housing



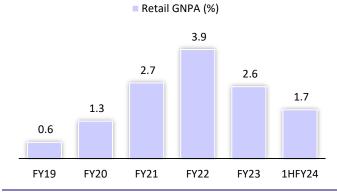
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### Asset quality stress now behind; expect improvement momentum to sustain

- After Covid, PNBHF went through asset quality stress in its retail and corporate segments, which had made it ineligible for NHB borrowings. However, through recoveries, ARC sales and write-offs, it has improved its asset quality, with GS3 at 1.8% as of Sep'23 vs. the peak of 8.2% in Dec'21.
- PNBHF has made notable enhancements to its collection framework, including the introduction of digital channels to streamline the collection process. PNBHF now has a tiered collection framework, with dedicated teams for X-bucket, pre-NPA, NPA, Recovery and SARFAESI.
- In 2QFY23, PNBHF resolved a large corporate NPA (~INR7.8b) through an ARC sale and recovered the entire outstanding in cash. The resultant provision write-backs of ~INR2b were largely utilized for effecting write-offs on the stressed portion of the retail book. Corporate GS3 declined to 2.9% (vs. peak of ~37%) and Retail GS3 declined to 1.7% (vs. peak of ~4.9%) as of Sep'23.

Exhibit 24: PNBHF used recoveries from Corporate segment to affect write-offs in Retail and improve Retail GNPA (%)

Exhibit 25: Corporate GNPA improved aided by recovery from a large corporate NPA in 2QFY23 (%)



Corporate GNPA (%)

37.1

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Source: MOFSL, Company Source: MOFSL, Company





Exhibit 26: Quarterly trend in Retail GNPA (%)

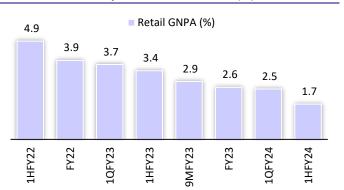
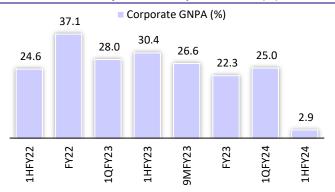


Exhibit 27: Quarterly trend in Corporate GNPA (%)



Source: MOFSL, Company Source: MOFSL, Company

■ In the past, PNBHF had taken technical write-offs in its Corporate book. Though difficult to quantify, we expect some recoveries from the written-off pool of loans over FY25-26. Improvements in GS3 should sustain and we model credit costs of ~40bp each in FY25E/FY26E.

Exhibit 28: Asset quality would continue to improve

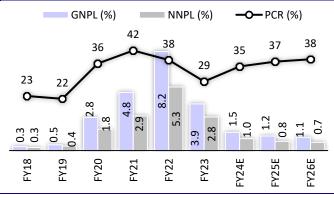
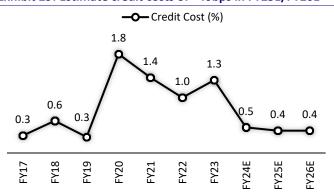


Exhibit 29: Estimate credit costs of ~40bps in FY25E/FY26E



Source: MOFSL, Company Source: MOFSL, Company



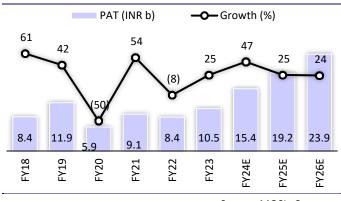


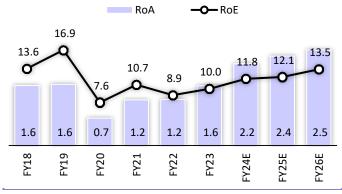
## Valuation and view: Turning over a new leaf for sustained execution

■ PNBHF has pivoted from consolidation to growth mode and we expect it to deliver a healthy CAGR of 18% in AUM and ~25% in PAT over FY24E-FY26E with RoA/RoE of ~2.5%/~13.5% by FY26E.

Exhibit 30: PAT CAGR of ~25% over FY24E-26E

Exhibit 31: Healthy RoA/RoE of ~2.5%/~13.5% by FY26





Source: MOSL, Company

Source: MOSL, Company

- Under the leadership of the new MD & CEO, Mr. Girish Kousgi, PNBHF has effected few important pivots, which will help the company turn over a new leaf. Notable ones are 1) creating a dedicated affordable housing vertical with its exclusive branch network and a separate hierarchy reporting to CEO, 2) improvement in retail and corporate asset quality, which has again made it eligible for NHB borrowings; and 3) equity raise through a rights issue. These efforts have made a strong case for a credit rating upgrade.
- Moreover, PNBHF has been at the forefront of leveraging technology to improve the customer journey, bring in operating efficiency and bring down the service TAT. PNBHF is upgrading its loan origination system and loan management system. It is also working to automate and digitize the end-to-end journey for customers. The company aims to implement business rule engines (which has proven its efficacy for salaried segment customers) for underwriting selfemployed customers. All these factors will reduce TAT and manpower, and improve the bandwidth of employees.
- The company trades at 1.1x FY26E P/BV and we believe that risk-reward is favorable for a further re-rating as investors get more confidence in the company's consistent delivery in retail (both prime and affordable). PNBHF is our top pick in our NBFC/HFC coverage with a TP of INR1,025 (based on 1.4x FY26E P/BV).
- Key risks: a) inability to drive NIM expansion because of an aggressive competitive landscape in mortgages; b) slowdown in economy leading to lower demand for housing and moderation in loan growth; and c) subsequent seasoning in the affordable loan book leading to asset quality deterioration.





Exhibit 32: Raise our FY25/26 EPS by 5%/6% to factor in higher loan growth and non-interest income, minor expansion in NIM and lower credit costs

| INR b              | Old Est. New Est. |       |       | :-    |       |       | Change (%) |       |       |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|
|                    | FY24E             | FY25E | FY26E | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E | FY24E      | FY25E | FY26E |
| NII                | 26.2              | 29.8  | 35.0  | 26.3  | 31.0  | 37.3  | 0.2        | 3.8   | 6.4   |
| Other Income       | 2.9               | 3.9   | 4.8   | 2.9   | 4.2   | 5.7   | 0.2        | 8.5   | 19.2  |
| Total Income       | 29.1              | 33.7  | 39.8  | 29.2  | 35.2  | 43.0  | 0.2        | 4.4   | 8.0   |
| Operating Expenses | 6.6               | 7.2   | 7.8   | 6.6   | 7.7   | 9.0   | 0.0        | 7.3   | 16.1  |
| Operating Profits  | 22.5              | 26.5  | 32.1  | 22.6  | 27.5  | 34.0  | 0.3        | 3.6   | 6.0   |
| Provisions         | 3.0               | 3.0   | 3.3   | 2.8   | 2.8   | 3.4   | -4.2       | -6.0  | 2.2   |
| PBT                | 19.6              | 23.5  | 28.8  | 19.8  | 24.7  | 30.6  | 1.0        | 4.8   | 6.4   |
| Tax                | 4.3               | 5.2   | 6.3   | 4.4   | 5.4   | 6.7   | 2.4        | 4.8   | 6.4   |
| PAT                | 15.3              | 18.3  | 22.5  | 15.4  | 19.2  | 23.9  | 0.6        | 4.8   | 6.4   |
| Loan book          | 655               | 757   | 885   | 654   | 766   | 911   | -0.1       | 1.2   | 3.0   |
| NIM (%)            | 4.3               | 4.2   | 4.3   | 4.3   | 4.4   | 4.4   |            |       |       |
| Spreads (%)        | 3.1               | 3.1   | 3.1   | 3.1   | 3.2   | 3.3   |            |       |       |
| ROAA (%)           | 2.2               | 2.3   | 2.4   | 2.2   | 2.4   | 2.5   |            |       |       |
| RoAE (%)           | 11.7              | 11.6  | 12.8  | 11.8  | 12.1  | 13.5  |            |       |       |

Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 33: One-year forward P/B

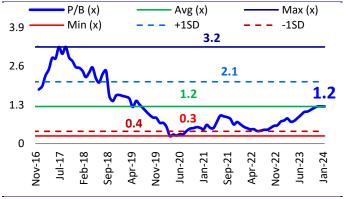
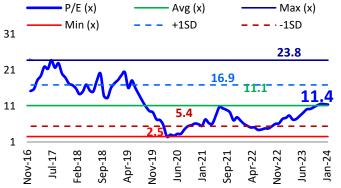


Exhibit 34: One-year forward P/E – P/E (x)



Source: MOFSL, Company Source: MOFSL, Company

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## **Financials and valuations**

| Income statement       |          |           |          |          |          |          |          | (INR M)   |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Y/E March              | FY19     | FY20      | FY21     | FY22     | FY23     | FY24E    | FY25E    | FY26E     |
| Interest Income        | 67,929   | 76,882    | 71,898   | 58,220   | 61,991   | 69,559   | 79,452   | 93,995    |
| Interest Expended      | 51,664   | 58,750    | 50,998   | 40,645   | 38,985   | 43,252   | 48,485   | 56,730    |
| Net Interest Income    | 16,265   | 18,133    | 20,901   | 17,575   | 23,006   | 26,306   | 30,967   | 37,265    |
| Change (%)             | 7.7      | 11.5      | 15.3     | -15.9    | 30.9     | 14.3     | 17.7     | 20.3      |
| Other Operating Income | 8,904    | 8,013     | 4,343    | 3,787    | 3,306    | 2,906    | 4,210    | 5,750     |
| Net Income             | 25,169   | 26,146    | 25,243   | 21,363   | 26,311   | 29,213   | 35,177   | 43,015    |
| Change (%)             | 28.9     | 3.9       | -3.5     | -15.4    | 23.2     | 11.0     | 20.4     | 22.3      |
| Operating Expenses     | 5,935    | 5,522     | 4,554    | 4,760    | 5,313    | 6,607    | 7,683    | 9,014     |
| Operating Income       | 19,234   | 20,624    | 20,689   | 16,603   | 20,998   | 22,605   | 27,494   | 34,001    |
| Change (%)             | 27.3     | 7.2       | 0.3      | -19.7    | 26.5     | 7.7      | 21.6     | 23.7      |
| Provisions/write offs  | 1,890    | 12,514    | 8,619    | 5,764    | 7,389    | 2,836    | 2,841    | 3,355     |
| PBT                    | 17,344   | 8,110     | 12,070   | 10,840   | 13,609   | 19,770   | 24,653   | 30,646    |
| Extraordinary Items    | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         |
| Reported PBT           | 17,344   | 8,110     | 12,070   | 10,840   | 13,609   | 19,770   | 24,653   | 30,646    |
| Tax                    | 5,429    | 2,201     | 2,978    | 2,475    | 3,149    | 4,409    | 5,424    | 6,742     |
| Tax Rate (%)           | 31.3     | 27.1      | 24.7     | 22.8     | 23.1     | 22.3     | 22.0     | 22.0      |
| DTL on Special Reserve |          |           |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| Reported PAT           | 11,915   | 5,909     | 9,092    | 8,365    | 10,460   | 15,361   | 19,229   | 23,904    |
| Change (%)             | 41.7     | -50.4     | 53.9     | -8.0     | 25.0     | 46.9     | 25.2     | 24.3      |
| PAT adjusted for EO    | 11,915   | 5,909     | 9,092    | 8,365    | 10,460   | 15,361   | 19,229   | 23,904    |
| Change (%)             | 41.7     | -50.4     | 53.9     | -8.0     | 25.0     | 46.9     | 25.2     | 24.3      |
| Proposed Dividend      | 1,809    | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2,596    | 3,384    | 4,183     |
|                        | -        |           |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| Balance sheet          |          |           |          |          |          |          |          | (INR M)   |
| Y/E March              | FY19     | FY20      | FY21     | FY22     | FY23     | FY24E    | FY25E    | FY26E     |
| Capital                | 1,675    | 1,682     | 1,683    | 1,686    | 1,689    | 2,595    | 2,595    | 2,595     |
| Reserves & Surplus     | 73,764   | 78,296    | 87,548   | 97,030   | 1,08,448 | 1,47,840 | 1,64,473 | 1,84,993  |
| Net Worth              | 75,439   | 79,978    | 89,230   | 98,716   | 1,10,137 | 1,50,435 | 1,67,069 | 1,87,588  |
| Borrowings             | 7,18,589 | 6,77,351  | 5,93,925 | 5,30,050 | 5,36,211 | 5,85,768 | 6,81,817 | 8,11,071  |
| Change (%)             | 33.6     | -5.7      | -12.3    | -10.8    | 1.2      | 9.2      | 16.4     | 19.0      |
| Other liabilities      | 44,662   | 31,969    | 30,767   | 28,530   | 15,795   | 17,375   | 18,244   | 19,156    |
| Total Liabilities      | 8,38,690 | 7,89,297  | 7,13,922 | 6,57,296 | 6,62,143 | 7,53,578 | 8,67,129 | 10,17,815 |
| Loans                  | 7,42,879 | 6,66,280  | 6,06,447 | 5,53,359 | 5,78,398 | 6,54,489 | 7,66,086 | 9,11,316  |
| Change (%)             | 30.0     | -10.3     | -9.0     | -8.8     | 4.5      | 13.2     | 17.1     | 19.0      |
| Investments            | 45,607   | 20,757    | 20,448   | 34,827   | 31,963   | 35,159   | 38,675   | 42,543    |
| Change (%)             | 89.0     | -54.5     | -1.5     | 70.3     | -8.2     | 10.0     | 10.0     | 10.0      |
| Net Fixed Assets       | 1,083    | 1,353     | 1,056    | 935      | 839      | 881      | 925      | 971       |
| Other assets           | 49,122   | 1,00,906  | 85,971   | 68,175   | 50,943   | 63,049   | 61,443   | 62,986    |
| Total Assets           | 8,38,690 | 7,89,297  | 7,13,922 | 6,57,296 | 6,62,143 | 7,53,578 | 8,67,129 | 10,17,815 |
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E: MOFSL Estimates



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## **Financials and valuations**

| Ratios                   | FY19  | EV20   | FY21   | FY22   | EV22   | EV24E | EVALE | (%)    |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| Y/E March                | F119  | FY20   | FYZI   | FTZZ   | FY23   | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E  |
| Spreads Analysis (%)     | 10.1  | 10.0   | 10.0   | 0.7    | 10.6   | 10.0  | 10.0  | 10.0   |
| Avg yield on loans       | 10.1  | 10.6   | 10.9   | 9.7    | 10.6   | 10.8  | 10.9  | 10.9   |
| Avg. cost of funds       | 8.2   | 8.4    | 8.0    | 7.2    | 7.3    | 7.7   | 7.7   | 7.6    |
| Interest Spread          | 1.9   | 2.1    | 2.9    | 2.4    | 3.0    | 3.0   | 3.0   | 3.1    |
| NIM on loans             | 2.5   | 2.6    | 3.3    | 3.0    | 4.1    | 4.3   | 4.4   | 4.4    |
| Profitability Ratios (%) | 16.0  | 7.0    | 40.7   | 0.0    | 100    | 44.0  | 42.4  | 42.5   |
| RoE                      | 16.9  | 7.6    | 10.7   | 8.9    | 10.0   | 11.8  | 12.1  | 13.5   |
| RoA                      | 1.6   | 0.7    | 1.2    | 1.2    | 1.6    | 2.2   | 2.4   | 2.5    |
| Int. Expended/Int.Earned | 76.1  | 76.4   | 70.9   | 69.8   | 62.9   | 62.2  | 61.0  | 60.4   |
| Other Inc./Net Income    | 35.4  | 30.6   | 17.2   | 17.7   | 12.6   | 9.9   | 12.0  | 13.4   |
| Asset Quality (INR m)    |       |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |
| Gross NPA                | 3,549 | 18,562 | 29,990 | 47,062 | 22,714 | 9,989 | 9,334 | 10,100 |
| GNPA ratio               | 0.5   | 2.8    | 4.8    | 8.2    | 3.9    | 1.5   | 1.2   | 1.1    |
| Net NPA                  | 2,784 | 11,838 | 17,500 | 29,312 | 16,184 | 6,493 | 5,881 | 6,262  |
| NNPA ratio               | 0.4   | 1.8    | 2.9    | 5.3    | 2.8    | 1.0   | 0.8   | 0.7    |
| CAR                      | 20.0  | 20.0   | 20.0   | 20.0   | 20.0   | 20.0  | 20.0  | 20.0   |
|                          |       |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |
| VALUATION                | FY19  | FY20   | FY21   | FY22   | FY23   | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E  |
| Book Value (INR)         | 450   | 476    | 530    | 586    | 652    | 580   | 644   | 723    |
| BVPS Growth YoY          | 14.3  | 5.6    | 11.5   | 10.4   | 11.4   | -11.1 | 11.1  | 12.3   |
| Price-BV (x)             |       |        | 1.5    | 1.4    | 1.2    | 1.4   | 1.2   | 1.1    |
| EPS (INR)                | 71.1  | 35.1   | 54.0   | 49.6   | 61.9   | 59.2  | 74.1  | 92.1   |
| EPS Growth YoY           | 40.9  | -50.6  | 53.8   | -8.2   | 24.9   | -4.5  | 25.2  | 24.3   |
| Price-Earnings (x)       |       | 22.7   | 14.8   | 16.1   | 12.9   | 13.5  | 10.8  | 8.7    |
| Dividend per share (INR) | 9.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 10.0  | 13.0  | 16.1   |
| Dividend yield (%)       |       |        | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 1.3   | 1.6   | 2.0    |
| E: MOFSL Estimates       |       |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |
| DuPont Analysis          |       |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |
| DuPont Analysis          | FY19  | FY20   | FY21   | FY22   | FY23   | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E  |
| Interest Income          | 9.2   | 9.4    | 9.6    | 8.5    | 9.4    | 9.8   | 9.8   | 10.0   |
| Interest Expended        | 7.0   | 7.2    | 6.8    | 5.9    | 5.9    | 6.1   | 6.0   | 6.0    |
| Net Interest Income      | 2.2   | 2.2    | 2.8    | 2.6    | 3.5    | 3.7   | 3.8   | 4.0    |
| Other Income             | 1.2   | 1.0    | 0.6    | 0.6    | 0.5    | 0.4   | 0.5   | 0.6    |
| Fees                     | 0.6   | 0.4    | 0.2    | 0.4    | 0.4    | 0.3   | 0.4   | 0.5    |
| Trading gains and MM     | 0.6   | 0.6    | 0.3    | 0.2    | 0.1    | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.2    |
| Net Income               | 3.4   | 3.2    | 3.4    | 3.1    | 4.0    | 4.1   | 4.3   | 4.6    |
| Operating Expenses       | 0.8   | 0.7    | 0.6    | 0.7    | 0.8    | 0.9   | 0.9   | 1.0    |
| Cost to Income Ratio (%) | 23.6  | 21.1   | 18.0   | 22.3   | 20.2   | 22.6  | 21.8  | 21.0   |
| Employee Expenses        | 0.4   | 0.3    | 0.3    | 0.3    | 0.4    | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5    |
| Other Expenses           | 0.4   | 0.4    | 0.3    | 0.4    | 0.4    | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.4    |
| Operating Profit         | 2.6   | 2.5    | 2.8    | 2.4    | 3.2    | 3.2   | 3.4   | 3.6    |
| Provisions/write offs    | 0.3   | 1.5    | 1.1    | 0.8    | 1.1    | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.4    |
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