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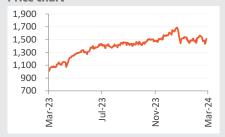
# **Company details**

Market cap:	Rs. 1,18,225 cr
52-week high/low:	Rs. 1,694/1,004
NSE volume: (No of shares)	35.5 lakh
BSE code:	532187
NSE code:	INDUSINDBK
Free float: (No of shares)	66.2 cr

# Shareholding (%)

Promoters	16.5
FII	42.5
DII	26.7
Others	14.4

# **Price chart**



# **Price performance**

(%)	1m	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	2.0	-2.8	4.5	47.3
Relative to Sensex	3.0	-4.7	-5.2	22.8
Sharekhan Research, Bloomberg				

# **IndusInd Bank**

# Stable outlook, attractive valuation

Bank			Sharekhan code: INDUSINDBK				
Reco/View: Buy		$\leftrightarrow$	CI	MP: <b>Rs. 1,</b>	519	Price Target: <b>Rs. 1,850</b>	$\leftrightarrow$
	$\uparrow$	Upgrade	$\leftrightarrow$	Maintain	$\downarrow$	Downgrade	

### **Summary**

- We reiterate Buy on IndusInd Bank (IIB) with an unchanged PT of Rs. 1,850. The near-term business outlook remains comfortable except for the elevated cost ratios.
- The ability to manage NIMs in the current environment along with being a key beneficiary in the interest rate reversal cycle would keep the sentiment positive.
- Key focus is on strengthening the liability franchise and delivering sustained healthy growth. Return ratios have reasonable support from lower credit costs at this stage of the cycle.
- The stock trades at 1.6x/1.4x its BV estimates for FY2025E/FY2026E. Valuations are attractive given the RoA trajectory and stable outlook. Key monitorable - Promoters awaiting approval from the RBI to increase their stake.

IndusInd Bank (IIB) has been progressing well on guided lines. There has been continuous improvement in the liability franchise. We are seeing more retail deposit mobilisation - Retail deposits as per the LCR are now at 45% versus 26% in FY2019. About ~87% of incremental deposits in the past three years have come from retail term deposits and retail CASA. LCR/LDR ratios appear to be comfortable. The near-term business outlook remains comfortable except for the elevated cost ratios. Cost ratios (as a % of average assets) have gradually inched up over the past few quarters from ~2.7% to ~3.1%, driven by employee additions, tech spending, and other marketing expenses. Overall, loan growth is expected to be healthy/broad-based with the retail and wholesale mix broadly stable. Net interest margin (NIM) is expected to remain stable at ~4.3% despite a rise in cost of funds in the near term, fully offset by increased yields and improvement in asset mix. Overall asset quality is expected to remain stable as there is no immediate risk evolving. Key monitorable in the near term - Promoters awaiting approval from the RBI to increase their stake.

- Margins trajectory: Despite a sharp rise in cost of funds (up ~54bps in 9MFY2024 from FY2023), the bank has still managed to report stable NIM of ~4.3%, led by better yields and mix. Improvement in higher-yielding asset mix and increased disbursement yield in the fixed rate book would keep margins stable, thereby offsetting the increase in cost of funds, led by deposit repricing. Thus, the bank has guided for stable margins at  $\sim$ 4.3%. The ability to manage NIM in the current environment along with being a key beneficiary in the interest rate reversal cycle would keep the sentiment
- Healthy momentum to sustain: Loan growth is expected to remain healthy/broad-based with the retail and wholesale mix broadly stable at 55:45, respectively. LCR (~122%/LDR, ~89% marginally elevated) ratios appear to be comfortable. It is seeing strong growth momentum across segments. In the vehicle finance segment, there was weakness in the MHCV segment being offset by other segments where demand continues to remain robust. The bank is aiming for higher growth in the small and mid-corporate book. The bank has also invested in new growth engines such as affluent banking, NRI banking, tractor finance, affordable housing, and merchant advances.
- Stable asset quality: Overall, asset-quality trends are expected to remain broadly stable across the portfolio segment as there is no immediate risk evolving. Key focus is on strengthening the liability franchise and delivering sustained healthy growth with lower RWA growth. Return ratios have reasonable support from lower credit costs at this stage of the cycle. The bank has contingent provisions of Rs. 1,300 crore (0.4% of advances). The bank is looking to recoup contingent provision buffers further in the coming quarters.

Valuation - We maintain our BUY rating on the stock with an unchanged TP of Rs. 1,850: At the CMP, IIB trades at 1.6x/1.4x its FY2025E/FY2026E BV estimates. Healthy growth momentum, stable NIM, and lower credit cost are likely to support return ratios and earnings trajectory, and this should keep RoEs at ~15% in the near to medium term. The ability to manage NIMs in the current environment along with being a key beneficiary in the interest rate reversal cycle would keep the sentiment positive. Key monitorable in the near term – Promoters awaiting approval from the RBI to increase their stake.

Economic slowdown that can lead to slower loan growth, higher-than-anticipated credit costs, and slower growth in the retail liability.

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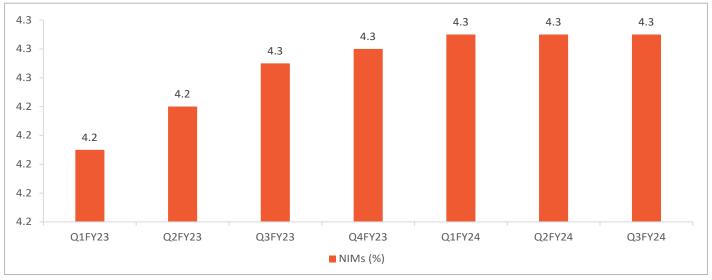
Valuation (Standalone)					Rs cr
Particulars	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Interest Income	15,001	17,592	20,887	24,428	28,974
Net profit	4,611	7,390	9,183	10,336	12,721
EPS (Rs.)	59.5	95.2	118.2	132.7	163.1
P/E (x)	25.5	16.0	12.9	11.5	9.3
P/BV (x)	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.6	1.4
RoE (%)	10.1	14.4	15.5	15.0	15.8
RoA (%)	1.2	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.0

Source: Company: Sharekhan estimates

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# NIMs were stable in the past few quarters despite the sharp rise in cost of funds



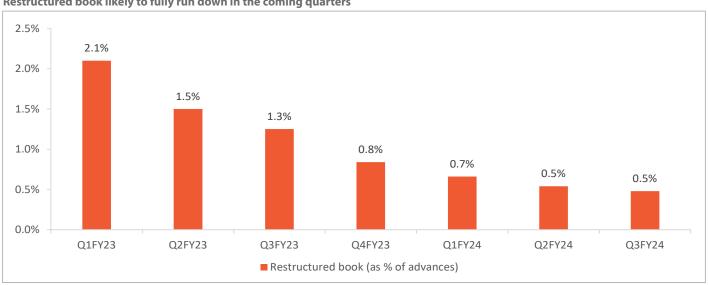
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# Trend in loan growth



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# Restructured book likely to fully run down in the coming quarters



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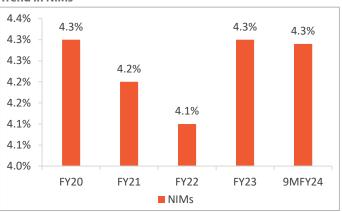
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#### **Trend in Loan Growth**



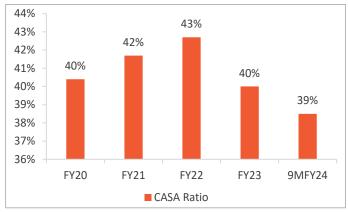
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#### **Trend in NIMs**



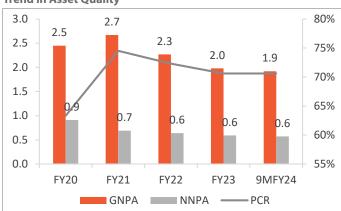
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#### **Trend in CASA**



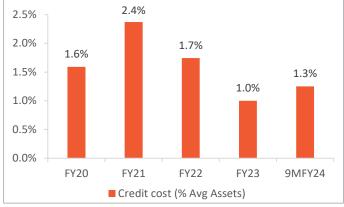
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### **Trend in Asset Quality**



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### **Trend in Credit Cost**



Source: Company, Sharekhan Research

# **Trend in Return Ratios**



Source: Company, Sharekhan Research

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#### **Outlook and Valuation**

# ■ Sector view - Deposit mobilisation to be in focus; banks with a superior liability franchise placed better

System-level credit offtake grew by ~20% y-o-y in the fortnight ending February 23, 2024, indicating loan growth has been sustaining, given distinct signs of an improving economy, revival of investments, and strong demand. On the other hand, deposits rose by ~13% y-o-y. The gap between advances and deposit growth is large. We are seeing strong traction in loan growth and overall deposit growth is challenging and is mainly led by time deposits rather than CASA. Margins are expected to be lower as deposits get repriced at higher costs to fund growth. Overall, asset quality outlook is stable to positive for the sector. We believe that banks with a robust capital base and strong retail deposit franchise are well-placed to capture growth opportunities.

# ■ Company outlook - Sustained earnings progression likely

Focus on granular growth, risk management framework, and its strategy to create counter-cyclical buffers will strengthen the franchise. Asset-quality outlook is expected to be stable in the near term. Near-term business trends look comfortable for the bank and the franchise is looking towards a more predictable performance. Healthy loan growth momentum, stable NIMs, and lower credit cost in the near term augur well for earnings growth.

# ■ Valuation - We maintain our BUY rating on the stock with an unchanged TP of Rs. 1,850

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#### **Peer Comparison**

	СМР	MCAP	P/E	(x)	P/B	(x)	RoE	(%)	RoA	(%)
Companies	(Rs/ Share)	(Rs Cr)	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E
IndusInd Bank	1,519	1,18,225	11.5	9.3	1.6	1.4	15.0	15.8	1.9	2.0
Federal Bank	150	36,475	8.4	7.2	1.1	1.0	14.3	14.5	1.3	1.3

Source: Company; Sharekhan Research

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# **About company**

IIB is the fifth largest private bank promoted by Hinduja Group in India. The bank has a strong pan-India presence with 2,728 branches as of December 2023. The bank is a market leader in most of the product categories in the vehicle finance segment, which forms around 26% of overall loans. Overall, the retail-to-wholesale mix stands at 55:45. The bank is well-placed with adequate capital levels. Capital adequacy ratio (CAR) stands at 17.9%.

#### **Investment theme**

IIB is focusing on broad-based granular growth with a robust risk management framework, and its strategy to create counter-cyclical buffers will strengthen the franchise. Asset-quality outlook is expected to be stable in the near term. Near-term business trends look comfortable for the bank and the franchise is looking towards a more predictable performance. Strong loan growth momentum, stable NIMs, and lower credit cost in the near term augur well for earnings growth.

# **Key Risks**

Economic slowdown that can lead to slower loan growth, higher-than-anticipated credit costs, and slower growth in retail deposits.

#### **Additional Data**

# Key management personnel

Mr. Sumant Kathpalia	CEO and Managing Director
Mr. Arun Khurana	Deputy CEO
Mr. Gobind Jain	Chief Financial Officer

Source: Company

#### Top 10 shareholders

Sr. No.	Holder Name	Holding (%)
1	IndusInd International Holdings Ltd.	11.51
2	AIA Co. Ltd.	8.16
3	IndusInd Ltd.	3.60
4	Route One Offshore Master Fund	3.27
5	SBI FUNDS MANAGEMENT LTD.	3.07
6	DF International Partners	2.77
7	BRIDGE INDIA FUND	2.46
8	HDFC AMC Co. Ltd.	2.23
9	Life Insurance Corporation of India	2.22
10	DRAGSA INDIA EQUITIES III LP	2.03

Source: Bloomberg

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# **Understanding the Sharekhan 3R Matrix**

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Right Sector	
Positive	Strong industry fundamentals (favorable demand-supply scenario, consistent industry growth), increasing investments, higher entry barrier, and favorable government policies
Neutral	Stagnancy in the industry growth due to macro factors and lower incremental investments by Government/private companies
Negative	Unable to recover from low in the stable economic environment, adverse government policies affecting the business fundamentals and global challenges (currency headwinds and unfavorable policies implemented by global industrial institutions) and any significant increase in commodity prices affecting profitability.
<b>Right Quality</b>	
Positive	Sector leader, Strong management bandwidth, Strong financial track-record, Healthy Balance sheet/cash flows, differentiated product/service portfolio and Good corporate governance.
Neutral	Macro slowdown affecting near term growth profile, Untoward events such as natural calamities resulting in near term uncertainty, Company specific events such as factory shutdown, lack of positive triggers/events in near term, raw material price movement turning unfavourable
Negative	Weakening growth trend led by led by external/internal factors, reshuffling of key management personal, questionable corporate governance, high commodity prices/weak realisation environment resulting in margin pressure and detoriating balance sheet
<b>Right Valuation</b>	
Positive	Strong earnings growth expectation and improving return ratios but valuations are trading at discount to industry leaders/historical average multiples, Expansion in valuation multiple due to expected outperformance amongst its peers and Industry up-cycle with conducive business environment.
Neutral	Trading at par to historical valuations and having limited scope of expansion in valuation multiples.
Negative  Source: Sharekhan Bosoarch	Trading at premium valuations but earnings outlook are weak; Emergence of roadblocks such as corporate governance issue, adverse government policies and bleak global macro environment etc warranting for lower than historical valuation multiple.

Source: Sharekhan Research



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