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## **City Union Bank**

Decent guarter, earnings to be sturdy; maintaining a Buy

Stable margins and strong fees led to City Union Bank's steady operating performance. Overall profitability was strong, with RoA coming at 1.53%. Ahead, we expect net slippages to be negative since most of the stress has been recognised. The focus now shifts to business growth. We expect loan growth to be in mid-teens and strong earnings to continue. We retain a Buy at a 12-mth TP of Rs218, 1.4x P/ABV on its FY27e book.

Asset quality continues to improve. GNPA/NNPA fell 27bps/17bps q/q on higher recoveries and write-offs. Slippages were Rs2.6bn (~2.1% of loans), higher than the quarter prior, but within the guided-to range. Net slippages were negligible. The standard restructured book was Rs6.9bn, constituting 1.3% of loans. With a lower stress build-up and an improving business environment, near-term net slippages are expected to be negative.

**Loan growth to pick up**. The loan book was Rs521bn (up  $\sim$ 14.4% y/y). The pick-up in growth was driven by strong growth in the MSME segment. With economic activity picking up in TN, we expect credit growth to increase. We, thus, model  $\sim$ 15% credit growth for FY26/27.

**RoA sustainable near current levels.** With credit growth likely to increase (midteens) and a modest slippage run-rate, medium-term credit costs are expected to be favourable. A pick-up in credit growth, 3.5%+ margins and favourable credit costs would lead to strong profitability in the medium term. We estimate a ~1.5% RoA and ~13% RoE through FY26/27.

**Valuation.** Our TP of Rs218 is based on the two-stage DDM model. This implies a ~1.4x P/ABV on its FY27e book. **Risks:** Higher slippages, less-than-anticipated loan growth.

Key financials (YE Mar)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e
Net interest income (Rs m)	21,628	21,235	23,157	26,591	30,910
Pre-provisioning profit (Rs m)	18,180	15,167	16,786	19,814	23,018
Provisions (Rs m)	6,405	2,860	2,620	3,639	4,507
PAT (Rs m)	9,375	10,157	11,236	12,617	14,438
EPS (Rs)	12.7	13.7	15.2	17.0	19.5
NIM (%)	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.6
Cost-income (%)	38.9	47.1	47.8	46.2	45.9
RoE (%)	13.4	12.8	12.6	12.6	12.9
RoA (%)	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Advances growth (%)	6.7	5.7	14.4	15.0	15.0
GNPA (%)	4.4	4.0	3.0	2.9	2.8
CAR (%)	22.3	23.7	23.8	23.9	23.5
P / E (x)	13.7	12.7	11.5	10.2	8.9
P / BV (x)	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.1
P / ABV (x)	1.9	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.1

Rating: **Buy**Target Price (12-mth): Rs.218
Share Price: Rs.174

Key data	CUBK IN / CTBK.BO
52-week high / low	Rs188 / 130
Sensex / Nifty	80475 / 24333
3-m average volume	\$5.3m
Market cap	Rs.129bn / \$1520.6m
Shares outstanding	741m

Shareholding pattern (%)	Mar'25	Dec'24	Sep'24
Promoters	-	-	-
- of which, Pledged	-	-	-
Free float	100.0	100.0	100.0
- Foreign institutions	28.0	27.4	26.0
- Domestic institutions	33.1	33.6	33.6
- Public	38.9	39.0	40.4

Estimates revision (%)	FY26e	FY27e
NII	0.7	2.7
PPoP	2.1	2.4
PAT	2.7	1.0



Source: Bloomberg

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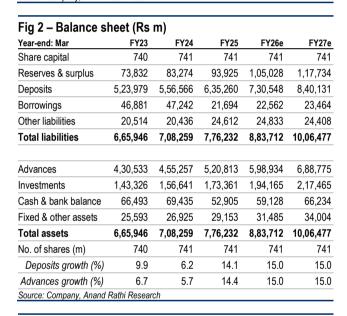
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## **Quick Glance – Financials and Valuations**

Fig 1 – Income statement (Rs m)								
Year-end: Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e			
Net interest income	21,628	21,235	23,157	26,591	30,910			
NII growth (%)	12.9	-1.8	9.1	14.8	16.2			
Non-interest income	8,104	7,417	8,981	10,238	11,671			
Income	29,732	28,651	32,138	36,829	42,581			
Income growth (%)	11.1	-3.6	12.2	14.6	15.6			
Operating expenses	11,552	13,484	15,351	17,014	19,563			
PPoP	18,180	15,167	16,786	19,814	23,018			
PPoP growth (%)	14.0	-16.6	10.7	18.0	16.2			
Provisions	6,405	2,860	2,620	3,639	4,507			
PBT	11,775	12,307	14,166	16,175	18,511			
Tax	2,400	2,150	2,930	3,559	4,072			
PAT	9,375	10,157	11,236	12,617	14,438			
PAT growth (%)	23.3	8.3	10.6	12.3	14.4			
FDEPS (Rs)	12.7	13.7	15.2	17.0	19.5			
DPS (Rs)	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.3			
Source: Company, Anand Rath	ni Research							



Year-end: Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e
NIM	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.6
Other inc. / total inc.	27.3	25.9	27.9	27.8	27.4
Cost-income	38.9	47.1	47.8	46.2	45.9
Provision coverage	47.0	51.5	60.1	60.0	60.0
Dividend payout	7.9	10.9	13.2	12.0	12.0
Credit-deposit	82.2	81.8	82.0	82.0	82.0
Investment-deposit	27.4	28.1	27.3	26.6	25.9
Gross NPA	4.4	4.0	3.0	2.9	2.8
Net NPA	2.4	2.0	1.3	1.2	1.1
BV (Rs)	100.7	113.4	127.8	142.7	159.9
Adj. BV (Rs)	91.1	104.9	121.6	136.1	152.7
CAR	22.3	23.7	23.8	23.9	23.5
- Tier 1	21.3	22.7	22.7	23.1	22.8
RoE	13.4	12.8	12.6	12.6	12.9
RoA	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5

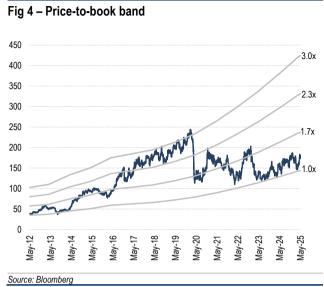
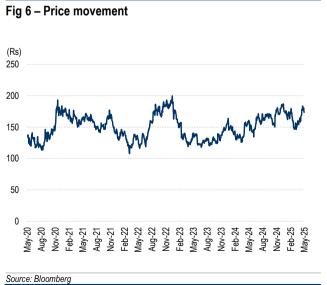




Fig 5 - One-year-forward price-to-book-value



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Source: Bloomberg

# Key highlights

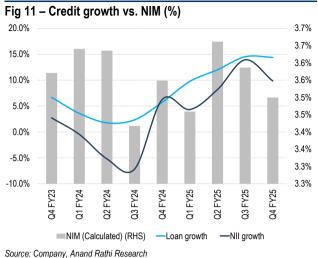
GNPA (Rs m)	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25	Q2 FY25	Q3 FY25	Q4 FY25
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Opening balance	20,346	19,681	18,544	18,064	17,255	16,930
Slippages	1,872	2,194	1,783	1,760	2,011	2,595
Recovery	2,237	2,332	1,922	2,011	2,031	2,380
Write-offs	300	999	340	559	305	763
Closing balance	19,681	18,544	18,064	17,255	16,930	16,382
GNPA (%)	4.5	4.0	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.1
Gross slippage (%)	1.8	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.7	2.1

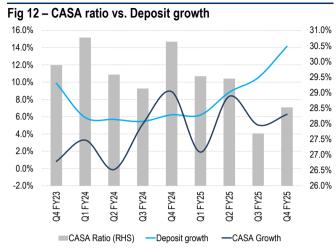
Fig 8 - Break-up of advances (%	)					
	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25	Q2 FY25	Q3 FY25	Q4 FY25
Agriculture	15.9	18.0	18.4	18.7	17.9	16.6
MSME	40.8	38.0	37.5	37.7	39.3	40.8
Large industries	1.7	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.9
Retail traders	2.1	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.2
Wholesale traders	3.3	2.4	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.7
Commercial real estate	5.8	5.9	5.8	6.0	6.3	6.9
JL non agriculture	11.0	10.5	10.8	11.0	11.5	12.5
Housing loans	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.7
Other Personal loans	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.3
Loans collateralized by Deposits	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.7
Infrastructure	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
NBFC	2.5	2.6	3.0	3.5	3.1	2.7
Others (educational loans, staff loans)	7.1	10.3	9.6	8.6	8.3	7.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research						

### **Quarterly snapshot**

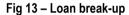
Fig 9 - Income stateme	ent					
(Rs m)	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25	Q2 FY25	Q3 FY25	Q4 FY25
Interest income	13,262	13,741	13,886	14,339	14,787	15,327
Interest expense	8,103	8,275	8,435	8,515	8,910	9,324
NII	5,159	5,465	5,452	5,825	5,877	6,003
Y/Y growth	-7.2	6.3	4.3	8.2	13.9	9.8
Non-interest income	1,929	1,752	1,921	2,263	2,284	2,512
Total income	7,088	7,218	7,373	8,088	8,161	8,515
Y/Y growth	-9.1	1.8	3.3	12.3	15.1	18.0
Operating expenses	1,556	1,678	1,744	1,835	1,785	1,965
of which, staff cost	1,891	2,022	1,894	1,971	2,016	2,140
PPoP	3,640	3,518	3,735	4,282	4,360	4,410
Y/Y growth	-26.8	-15.6	-9.8	10.8	19.8	25.4
Total provisions	460	320	390	700	750	780
PBT	3,180	3,198	3,345	3,582	3,610	3,630
Tax	650	650	700	730	750	750
PAT	2,530	2,548	2,645	2,852	2,860	2,880
Y/Y growth	16.2	16.9	16.4	1.6	13.0	13.0
Source: Company, Anand Rathi Re	esearch					

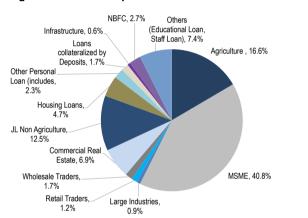
Fig 10 - Balance sheet						
(Rs m)	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25	Q2 FY25	Q3 FY25	Q4 FY25
Equity Capital	740	741	740	741	741	741
Reserves & Surplus	80,700	83,274	85,919	88,058	90,918	93,925
Deposits	5,27,264	5,56,566	5,48,569	5,73,691	5,82,713	6,35,260
Borrowings	-	47,242	-	25,466	-	21,694
Other Liabilities	-	20,436	-	25,704	-	24,612
Total Liabilities	-	7,08,259	-	7,13,660	-	7,76,232
Deposits y/y growth	5.5	6.2	6.2	8.8	10.5	14.1
Deposits q/q growth	0.0	5.6	-1.4	-1.5	1.6	9.0
Cash and cash balances	-	69,435	-	38,719	-	52,905
Advances	4,40,173	4,55,257	4,65,479	4,77,715	5,04,093	5,20,813
Investments	1,56,801	1,56,641	1,60,152	1,64,532	1,59,855	1,73,361
Other Assets	-	26,925	-	32,695	-	29,153
Total Assets	-	7,08,259	-	7,13,660	-	7,76,232
Advances y/y growth	2.3	5.7	9.8	12.0	14.5	14.4
Advances q/q growth	3.2	3.4	2.2	-5.2	5.5	3.3
Source: Company, Anand Rathi Rese	arch					

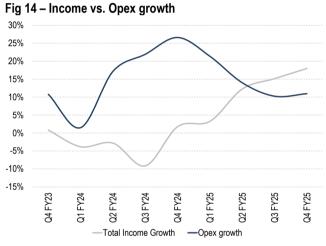




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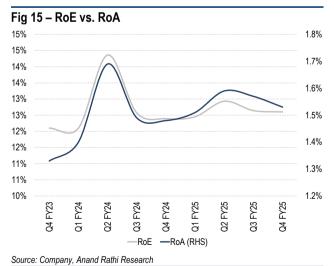


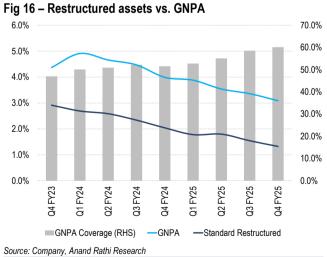




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## Valuation

Our TP of Rs218 is based on the two-stage DDM model. This implies a  $\sim$ 1.4x P/ABV on its FY27e book.

Fig 17 – Change in estimation	ates						
(Rs m)		FY26e			FY27e		
	New	Old	Chg %	New	Old	Chg %	
Net interest income	26,591	26,408	0.7	30,910	30,106	2.7	
Pre-provisioning profit)	19,814	19,413	2.1	23,018	22,475	2.4	
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#### Risks

Source: Anand Rathi Research

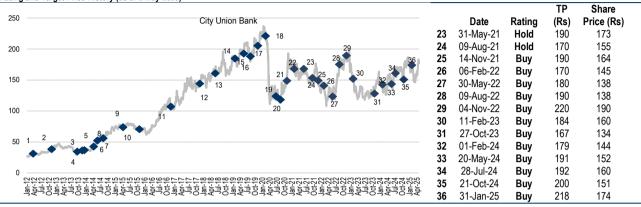
- Higher-than-expected slippages could put our estimates at risk.
- Less-than-anticipated loan growth could upset our estimates.

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