

Muthoot Finance



Estimate change TP change Rating change



Bloomberg	MUTH IN
Equity Shares (m)	401
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	542 / 6.5
52-Week Range (INR)	1380 / 911
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	6/24/5
12M Avg Val (INR M)	760

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

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Y/E March	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
NII	66.7	80.0	90.3
PPP	47.3	58.3	66.0
PAT	34.7	42.9	48.7
EPS (INR)	86.5	106.8	121.4
EPS Gr. (%)	-12.2	23.4	13.7
BV/Sh.(INR)	525	607	704
Ratios			
NIM (%)	11.0	11.7	11.8
C/I ratio (%)	30.9	29.3	28.7
RoA (%)	4.9	5.5	5.7
RoE (%)	17.6	18.9	18.5
Payout (%)	23.0	22.5	20.6
Valuations			
P/E (x)	15.6	12.6	11.1
P/BV (x)	2.6	2.2	1.9
Div. Yld. (%)	1.6	1.8	1.9

Shareholding pattern (%)

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As On	Jun-23	Mar-23	Jun-22			
Promoter	73.4	73.4	73.4			
DII	13.7	12.7	10.5			
FII	8.7	9.4	11.0			
Others	4.2	4.6	5.2			

FII Includes depository receipts

CMP: INR1,350 TP: INR1,290 (-4%) Neutral

Healthy gold loan growth but NIM compression leads to earnings miss

- Muthoot Finance (MUTH)'s 1QFY24 performance was characterized by: 1) healthy gold loan growth at ~7% QoQ to reach ~INR660b, 2) ~70bp QoQ contraction in NIM; 3) higher ECL provisioning due to rise in Stage 2 and Stage 3; and 4) a moderation in cost-to-income ratio to ~29% (PY: ~35%) primarily owing to higher NII and lower advertisement & publicity expenses.
- Standalone PAT grew ~22% YoY to ~INR9.75b (5% miss). Net total income grew 25% YoY to ~INR19.6b while PPoP rose 37% YoY to INR14b (in line).
- Healthy gold loan growth was supported by: a) higher gold prices allowing an increase in LTV to ~68% (PQ: ~63%), b) gold tonnage growth of ~1% QoQ and increase in customer base of ~2% QoQ.
- MUTH reported a ~55bp QoQ decline in yields and ~40bp increase in CoB resulting in a ~1pp decline in spreads. Management guided that it would endeavor to maintain spreads at current levels of ~10%.
- We model ~16% growth in standalone AUM in FY24. We estimate a standalone AUM CAGR of ~13% over FY23-FY25 and model RoA/RoE of 5.7%/ 18.5% in FY25. Higher gold prices have aided sectoral gold loan growth and even MUTH has benefitted from the same. We are still not sure, though, if MUTH is over the hump of a trade-off between gold loan growth and margin.
- With limited upside catalysts for the stock, we maintain our Neutral rating with a TP of INR1,290 (based on 1.8x Mar'25E P/BV).

Highlights from the management commentary

- Management guided for NIM of ~11% and spreads of 10%. MUTH admitted that spreads of ~12% achieved in the past are not sustainable.
- Management guided that Housing Finance AUM would grow to INR18-19b and Belstar MFI AUM would grow to ~INR90b by Mar'24.

Belstar MFI: Healthy AUM growth of 49% YoY with better asset quality

- MUTH's MFI subsidiary (Belstar) posted ~49% YoY AUM growth to ~INR70b.
 Reported PAT surged 275% YoY (albeit on a lower base) to INR517m.
- Belstar is expanding beyond Tamil Nadu (the company's home state), in alignment with its long-term strategy to reduce concentration to ~35% (from current levels of ~49%) by FY26.
- Asset quality improved sequentially with GS3 declining ~80bp QoQ to 1.6% and collection efficiency on regular accounts being at ~99.4%.
- CAR stood at ~22% and Belstar is evaluating various fund raising options.

Sustenance of strong gold loan growth uncertain; reiterate Neutral

- MUTH reported a healthy sequential growth in gold loans but this growth was accompanied by a corresponding trade-off between spreads and margins. Striking an appropriate balance between loan growth and margin will still remain an important deliverable in FY24.
- With limited upside catalysts, a not so benign competitive landscape and clouded outlook on the margin trajectory, we maintain our Neutral rating with a TP of INR1,290 (based on 1.8x Mar'25E BVPS).

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Quarterly Performance												(INR m)
Y/E March		FY	23			FY2	24E		FY23	FY23 FY24E		Act v/s
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q			FY24E	Est. %
Income from operations	24,816		26,184	27,940	29,577				1,03,686	1,25,880	30,175	-2
Other operating income	223	231	414	594	410	430	473	266	1,462	1,579	327	25
Total Operating income	25,039		26,598				32,523	33,464	1,05,148	1,27,460		-2
YoY Growth (%)	-7.7	-11.8	-7.3	6.9	19.8	26.1	22.3	17.3	-5.1	21.2	21.8	
Other income	54	58	73	104	276	249	199	76	289	800	83	233
Total Income	25,093								1,05,437	1,28,260		-1
YoY Growth (%)	-7.6	-11.6	-7.1	6.9	20.6	26.8	22.7	17.1	-5.0	21.6	21.9	
Interest Expenses	9,416	9,027	9,141				11,783		36,991		10,489	1
Net Income				19,231				21,390	68,446		20,096	-2
Operating Expenses	5,435	4,522	4,905	6,314		5,901	6,137	6,471	21,177	24,129	5,998	-6
Operating Profit		11,487					14,802		47,270		14,098	-1
YoY Growth (%)	-23.2	-18.8	-13.9	5.7	36.8	26.7	17.2	15.5	-13.0	23.3	37.7	
Provisions	-577	-127	557	753	860	90	81	-325	605	707	200	
Profit before Tax	•		•	•	•	•	14,721	•	46,664	•	13,898	-5
Tax Provisions	2,798	2,942	3,051	3,138	3,394	3,718	3,783	3,823	11,929	14,719	3,600	-6
Net Profit	8,020	8,672	9,017	9,027			10,937		34,735		10,298	-5
YoY Growth (%)	-17.4	-12.8	-12.4	-6.0	21.6	24.0	21.3	26.5	-12.2	23.4	28.4	
Key Operating Parameters (%)						_						
Yield on loans (Cal)	17.5	17.5	18.5	18.9	18.3	18.4	18.4	18.5				
Cos <mark>t of funds (Cal)</mark>	7.9	7.8	8.0	8.0	8.4	8.6	8.7	8.8				
Spreads (Cal)	9.6	9.7	10.5	10.9	9.9	9.7	9.7	9.7				
NIMs (Cal)	10.9	11.2	12.2	12.7	12.0	11.9	11.9	11.8				
Credit Cost	-0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.0	-0.2				
Cost to Income Ratio	34.7	28.2	28.0	32.8	28.6	28.8	29.3	30.3				
Tax Rate	25.9	25.3	25.3	25.8	25.9	25.7	25.7	25.1				
Balance Sheet Parameters												
AUM (INR b)	567	572	577	632	676	696	717	732				
Change YoY (%)	7.7	3.8	5.6	8.9	19.3	21.6	24.2	15.8				
Gold loans (INR b)	562	565	568	619	660	679	697	710				
Change YoY (%)	7.9	3.3	4.8	7.6	17.6	20.2	22.6	14.8				
Gold Stock Holding (In tonnes)	178	177	175	180	182							
Avg gold loans per branch (INR m)	122	122	122	131	139							
Borrowings (INR b)	454	468	443	498	513	535	547	561				
Change YoY (%)	-5.0	-4.1	-6.0	-0.2	12.8	14.4	23.5	12.8				
Borrowings Mix (%)												
Listed secured NCDs	27.0	24.2	25.2	27.5	24.8							
Term loans	51.4	55.9	62.3	59.5	59.8							
Commercial Paper	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	7.7							
Others	4.2	2.5	2.3	1.6	2.6							
Debt/Equity (x)	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.3							
Asset Quality Parameters (%)												
GS 3 (INR m)	12,078	9,558	14,896	23,986	28,789							
Gross Stage 3 (% on Assets)	2.1	1.7	2.6	3.8	4.3							
Total Provisions (INR m)	9,548	9,380		10,612								
Return Ratios (%)	3,0 10	2,500	2,507		,							
RoAUM (Rep)	5.6	6.1	6.3	6.0	6.0							
RoE (Rep)	17.5	18.5	18.3	17.5	18.5							
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E: MOFSL estimates

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Strong gold loan growth at 7% QoQ driven by record-high disbursements

- Gold loan AUM grew ~7% QoQ and ~18% YoY to ~INR660b while consolidated AUM stood at ~INR768b (+ ~19% YoY) as of Jun'23.
- Gold tonnage grew ~1% QoQ to 182 tonne, suggesting that the gold loan growth was a combination of both LTV increase as well as increase in customer base.
- Gold loan LTV rose to ~68% (PQ: 63%) while number of loan accounts increased to 8.34m (PQ: 8.15m).
- Average monthly gold disbursements in 1QFY24 rose to INR179b (PQ: INR173b), with an increase in the ticket size to ~INR79K (PQ: ~INR76K). MUTH reported gold loan disbursements of ~INR536b in 1QFY24.

Decline in yields and rise in CoB lead to margin compression

- Reported yields declined ~40bp QoQ and the reported CoF increased ~40bp
 QoQ, leading to ~80bp contraction in spreads.
- We expect NIM to improve ~70bp YoY to 11.7% in FY24. In our view, MUTH will now pivot to a lower (than historical) margin business model that will aid stronger and stable gold loan growth. With an opex-to-average assets ratio of ~3%, MUTH can still make the choice of generating a lower RoA but can build higher leverage to deliver a healthy RoE.

Asset quality deterioration unlikely to translate into a higher write-off

- GS3 increased ~50bp QoQ to ~4.3%, while GS2 rose ~80bp to 2.1%. 30+dpd rose ~120bp QoQ to 6.3%.
- Management shared that customers who have slipped into Stage 3 have made partial interest payments and the company has given them additional time to redeem their gold jewelry. MUTH shared that, given higher gold prices it does not expect any loss of principal or accrued interest on these NPAs.



Highlights from the management commentary

Business update

- Consolidated AUM stood at INR768b and grew 21% YoY. Consolidated PAT stood at INR10.45b for 1QFY24 and grew 27% YoY.
- Standalone PAT stood at INR9.75b and grew 22% YoY
- Gold Loan AUM grew 18% YoY and 7% QoQ
- Received permission from the RBI in Jul'23 to open ~140 new branches

Guidance

- Continued to guide for Gold AUM growth of ~15% and there could be upside risks to this guidance.
- Guided for NIM of ~11% and Spreads of 10%; Spreads of ~12% achieved in the past are not sustainable.
- Guided for Housing Finance to grow to INR18b-19b and Belstar MFI to ~INR90b by Mar'24.

Gold loans

- Gold loan auctions stood at ~INR1.1b and Interest accrued stood at INR18.7b;
- The company has been adding various celebrity endorsements. It further started doing more local marketing initiatives;
- There is a high churn in gold loans Endeavor is to get the inactive customers to take gold loans again or get new customers to take gold loans

Gold loan split by ticket size

<INR100K: 35%</p>

INR100K-300K: 38%

> >INR300K: 27%

Spreads and margins

- CoB for the quarter stood at 8.4% (PQ: ~8.0%). Gradually the CoB should move towards the MCLR of the banks which is at 8.6-8.65%
- Yields stood at 18.08% (PQ: 18.48%) Company will increase its lending rates to maintain its spreads/margins.
- Yields will be a function of the borrowing costs lending rates will increase in line with the increase in the CoB. The endeavor will be to maintain the spreads/ margins.

Asset quality

- The company has been quite supportive of the customers and has been collecting part interest only from many of the Stage 3 customers;
- Customers who have slipped into Stage 3 have also paid part interest MUTH is supporting customers who request their gold jewelry not to be auctioned.

Competitive landscape

 MUTH has been able to demonstrate healthy gold loan growth despite competition from banks

Belstar Microfinance

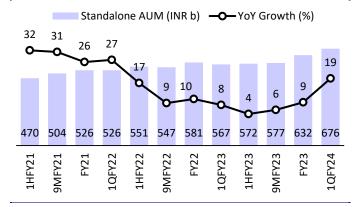
- Improvement in the disbursements MoM to ~INR7b per month
- Gross loan AUM surpassed ~INR70b. Collection Efficiency on regular accounts stood at 99.4%
- GNPA/NNPA at ~1.6%/0.2%
- Expansion in Non-Tamil Nadu states initiated to reduce concentration in Tamil Nadu (Home State). This is in line with its long-term strategy to reduce concentration to ~ 35% (from current ~49%) by FY26
- Yields stood between 24% and 25%; CoB stood at 10%
- CRAR at ~20%; it is evaluating various fund-raising options in Belstar MFI
- Belstar is on the SHG model. Asset quality in the SHG group is better than JLG groups. Unlike JLG model, in SHG model, the customers come and deposit the money.

Muthoot Money

- The company has approved equity infusion of INR4b in Muthoot Money Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary.
- Continuous decline in NPA through physical collections witnessed consistently throughout the quarter. NPA declined to ~2.5% from 3.7%.
- Gross loan assets increased to INR5b from INR3.9b QoQ
- Branch network increased to 185 (PQ: 149)
- Yields in 2Ws 22-23% | Cost of Borrowings would be 8.3-8.5%
- Focusing purely on the retail customers with products like 2W and Used Cars.
 Discontinued CV and CE around two years back.

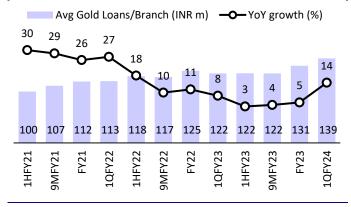
Key exhibits

Exhibit 1: Standalone AUM grew 7% YoY



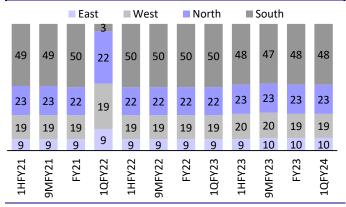
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 2: Trend in productivity



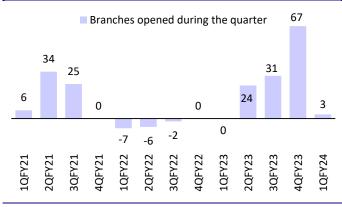
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Exhibit 3: Regional mix of gold loans largely stable



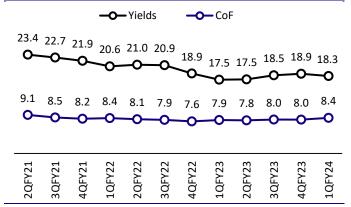
Source: MOFSL, Company, Gold loan portfolio mix

Exhibit 4: MUTH opened 3 new gold loan branches in 1QFY24



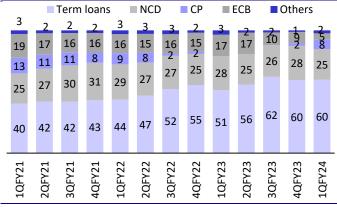
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 5: Spreads (calc.) contracted ~100bp QoQ (%)



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 6: Borrowing mix (%)



Source: MOFSL, Company, Borrowing mix%

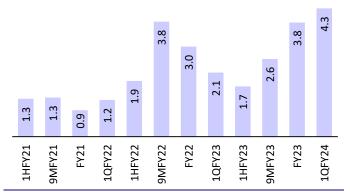
Exhibit 7: OPEX/AUM declined ~80bp QoQ

Opex. To AUM (%) 4.1 3.6 3.0 3.8 3.8 3.2 3.4 3.4 3.4



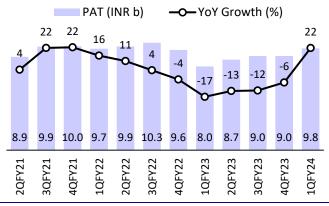
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Exhibit 8: GNPA increased ~50bp QoQ (%)



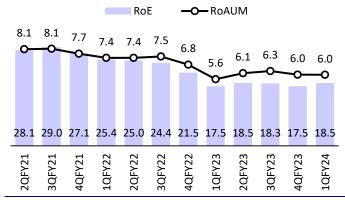
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 9: PAT grew 22% YoY



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 10: RoE improved ~100bp QoQ



Source: MOFSL, Company

Valuation and view

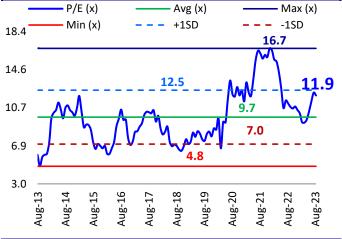
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Exhibit 11: Increase our FY25 EPS estimate by ~2% to factor in slightly higher loan growth

IND D	Old	Old Est		v Est	% Change		
INR B	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	
NII	80.1	89.0	80.0	90.3	-0.1	1.4	
Other Income	1.8	1.9	2.4	2.2			
Net Income	82.0	90.9	82.4	92.5	0.6	1.7	
Operating Expenses	23.9	26.3	24.1	26.5	0.9	0.9	
Operating Profits	58.0	64.7	58.3	66.0	0.4	2.0	
Provisions	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5	36.5	1.3	
PBT	57.5	64.1	57.6	65.5	0.1	2.1	
Tax	14.7	16.4	14.7	16.7	0.1	2.1	
PAT	42.8	47.7	42.9	48.7	0.1	2.1	
Loans	733	806	747	814	1.9	1.0	
Borrowings	564	620	561	594			
Spread (%)	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.3			
RoA (%)	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.7			
RoE (%)	18.9	18.2	18.9	18.5			

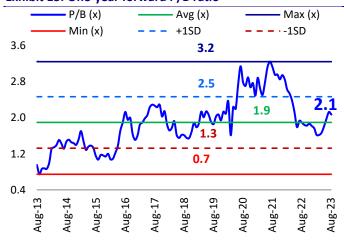
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 12: One-year forward P/E ratio



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 13: One-year forward P/B ratio



Source: MOFSL, Company

Financials and valuations

Income statement									(INR m)
Y/E MARCH	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Interest Income	56,369	62,021	67,570	85,644	103,285	109,560	103,686	1,25,880	1,41,246
Interest Expense	22,938	19,314	22,368	27,909	36,924	38,358	36,991	45,847	50,962
Net Interest Income	33,431	42,707	45,202	57,735	66,361	71,203	66,695	80,034	90,283
Change (%)	31.5	27.7	5.8	27.7	14.9	7.3	-6.3	20.0	12.8
Other income	1,098	1,310	1,236	1,584	2,458	1,424	1,751	2,379	2,211
Net Income	34,529	44,017	46,438	59,319	68,819	72,626	68,446	82,413	92,494
Change (%)	31.9	27.5	5.5	27.7	16.0	5.5	-5.8	20.4	12.2
Operating Expenses	12,503	13,174	15,394	17,787	17,804	18,262	21,177	24,129	26,501
Pre Provision Profits	22,026	30,843	31,044	41,531	51,015	54,364	47,270	58,284	65,993
Change (%)	48.9	40.0	0.6	33.8	22.8	6.6	-13.0	23.3	13.2
Provisions	2,816	2,397	275	957	950	1,270	605	707	530
PBT	19,210	28,447	30,768	40,574	50,065	53,094	46,664	57,578	65,463
Tax	7,411	10,671	11,047	10,391	12,843	13,551	11,929	14,719	16,734
Tax Rate (%)	38.6	37.5	35.9	25.6	25.7	25.5	25.6	25.6	25.6
PAT	11,799	17,776	19,721	30,183	37,222	39,543	34,735	42,859	48,728
Change (%)	45.7	50.7	10.9	53.0	23.3	6.2	-12.2	23.4	13.7
Proposed Dividend	2,397	4,014	4,817	6,022	8,029	8,029	7,989	9,643	10,038
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BALANCE SHEET	=>44=	E144.0	E1440	E)/20	E)/04	F1/22	E1/22	E) (0.45	(INR m)
Y/E MARCH	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Equity Share Capital	3,995	4,000	4,007	4,010	4,012	4,012	4,014	4,014	4,014
Reserves & Surplus	61,170	74,120	88,151	1,11,708	1,48,377	1,79,432	2,06,605	2,39,821	2,78,511
Equity Networth	65,164	78,120	92,158	1,15,718	1,52,389	1,83,444	2,10,619	2,43,835	2,82,525
Networth	65,164	78,120	92,158	1,15,718	1,52,389	1,83,444	2,10,619	2,43,835	2,82,525
	2,09,855	2,11,670	2,68,332	3,71,300	4,59,463	4,98,113	4,97,343	5,61,472	5,94,136
Borrowings Change (%)	13.0	0.9	26.8	38.4	23.7	8.4	-0.2	12.9	5.8
Other liabilities	32,112	18,132	20,198	17,578	22,798	23,990	18,236	20,059	22,065
Change (%)	12.2	-43.5	11.4	-13.0	29.7	5.2	-24.0	10.0	10.0
Total Liabilities	3,07,131	3,07,923	3,80,687	5,04,597	6,34,649	7,05,547	7,26,198	8,25,366	8,98,726
Loans	2,74,242	2,95,068	3,49,329	4,26,042	5,40,634	5,93,842	6,42,649	7,46,758	8,13,966
Change (%)	11.8	7.6	18.4	22.0	26.9	9.8	8.2	16.2	9.0
Investments	2,091	3,954	9,826	14,383	15,903	13,205	13,169	14,485	15,934
Net Fixed Assets	2,182	1,922	1,867	2,227	2,416	2,637	2,682	2,950	3,245
Other assets	28,615	6,978	19,666	61,944	75,697	95,863	67,699	61,173	65,581
Total Assets	3,07,131	3,07,923	3,80,687	5,04,597	6,34,649	7,05,547	7,26,198	8,25,366	8,98,726
Total Addets	3,07,131	3,07,323	3,00,007	5,04,551	0,04,043	.,00,047	.,20,130	3,23,300	0,50,720

E: MOFSL Estimates

Financials and valuations

Ratios									(%)
Y/E MARCH	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Spreads Analysis (%)									
Avg Yield on loans	21.8	21.8	21.0	22.1	21.4	19.3	16.8	18.1	18.1
Avg Cost of funds	11.6	9.2	9.3	8.7	8.9	8.0	7.4	8.7	8.8
Spreads on loans	10.2	12.7	11.7	13.4	12.5	11.3	9.3	9.5	9.3
NIMs on AUM	12.9	15.1	14.3	15.2	14.1	12.9	11.0	11.7	11.8
Profitability Ratios (%)									
RoE	19.4	24.8	23.2	29.0	27.8	23.5	17.6	18.9	18.5
RoA	4.1	5.8	5.7	6.8	6.5	5.9	4.9	5.5	5.7
RoA on AUM	4.6	6.3	6.2	8.0	7.9	7.1	5.7	6.3	6.4
Cost to Income	36.2	29.9	33.2	30.0	25.9	25.1	30.9	29.3	28.7
Empl. Cost/Op. Exps.	61.1	59.4	58.3	57.8	56.5	56.4	56.6	57.2	58.3
Asset-Liability Profile (%)									
GNPL ratio (%)	2.8	4.4	2.7	2.2	0.9	3.0	3.8	3.1	2.7
Debt/Equity (x)	3.2	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.1
Average leverage	3.3	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.2
Valuations	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Book Value (INR)	163	195	230	289	380	457	525	607	704
Price-BV (x)			5.9	4.7	3.6	3.0	2.6	2.2	1.9
EPS (INR)	29.5	44.4	49.2	75.3	92.8	98.6	86.5	106.8	121.4
EPS Growth (%)	45.6	50.4	10.8	52.9	23.3	6.2	-12.2	23.4	13.7
Price-Earnings (x)			27.4	17.9	14.6	13.7	15.6	12.6	11.1
Dividend	6.0	10.0	12.0	15.0	20.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	25.0
Dividend Yield (%)				1.1	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.9

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