

BANKING Q1FY26 Review 22 August 2025

Credit growth moderation and higher CC impacted profitability

- Credit growth remains moderate; likely to be supported by retail and MSME segments
- Asset quality moderated; MFI stress likely to improve by H2FY26.
 Expect Pvt/PSU banks to report PAT CAGR of 16%/11% in FY25-FY28E
- Top picks: ICICIBC, HDFCB, KMB, and SBIN in large caps, while FB and IDFCBK in midcaps

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Credit offtake remains moderate: Credit growth was moderate for our coverage banks (+10.2% YoY; +1.1% QoQ) in Q1FY26 but was marginally above the system growth (+9.5% YoY). Loan growth was largely led by retail and MSME segments, while corporate credit demand remains muted, along with calibrated growth in the unsecured segment given the stress in MFI, PL and the CC space. Further, deposit accretion remains a challenge for coverage banks with growth of 12.4% YoY and 1.2% QoQ. IIB was the only bank under coverage to witness degrowth in both advances and deposits as of Jun'25. Deposit growth was also aided by higher CDs outstanding of Rs 5.2trn (+26% YoY) as of Jun'25. As a result, LDR ratio for most banks declined on a YoY basis. System liquidity eased, driven by RBI infusion of ~Rs. 8.2trn of liquidity since December'24. We expect credit offtake to stay moderate at 11-12% YoY in FY26, largely supported by the retail and MSME segments.

Asset quality moderated; MFI stress likely to improve by H2FY26: AQ moderated with GNPA ratio increasing across most of the banks under coverage on a sequential basis. This was mainly driven by higher slippage across most of the banks due to agri seasonality and stress witness by few banks in MFI, small ticket LAP and retail CV segments. AQ was largely stable in corporate advances. Credit costs (CC) for PSU banks were lower at 0.5%-0.9% vs private banks (0.5%-6.8%) in our coverage. Slippage and credit costs for the sector are expected to improve from H2FY26, given the signs of improvement in SMA portfolio. Further, the implementation of MFIN guardrails will likely reduce stress in MFI book, particularly in newer vintages.

NIMs pressure, elevated credit cost weighed on profitability: NIMs declined sequentially across our coverage universe, driven by decline in yield on advances on account of bank's transmission policy in terms of periodicity, share of fixed vs. floating loans, and falling share of MFI advances. Although banks reduced their savings and term deposit rates, the deposit repricing happens with lag. Profitability was supported by higher treasury profits and contained cost-to-income ratio, partially offset by high CCs. We expect NIMs to remain under pressure and CCs to be elevated till H1FY26 and improve gradually thereafter.





Our view: We expect advance growth to stay moderate at 11-12% YoY in FY26, mainly driven by retail and MSME segments. Credit growth is expected to be supported by a probable credit demand from the festive period in 2H of the fiscal year, coupled with benign interest rates. Margins are likely to remain under pressure in FY26 but will be cushioned by CRR cut of 100bps (from Sep'25) and deposit repricing. Asset quality stress in unsecured segments is expected to improve in 2HFY26, which will result in lower CCs. We estimate private / PSU banks to report PAT CAGR of 16%/ 11% during FY25-FY28E. Our top picks in the large-cap space: ICICIBC (BUY, TP Rs 1,683), HDFCB (BUY, TP Rs 2,298), KMB (BUY, TP Rs 2,550), and SBIN (BUY, TP Rs 1,013). In midcaps, our top picks are FB (BUY, TP Rs 242), and IDFCBK (BUY, TP Rs 83).

ICICIBC: ICICIBC is well on track for a robust performance, driven by healthy credit growth, stable credit costs and a sustainable business model. RoA is likely to be ~2.3% and RoE of 16.5-17.1% in FY26-FY28E. We value the bank at Rs 1,683 set at 2.8x Jun'27E ABV, which includes Rs 253/share for subsidiaries.

HDFCB: We believe HDFCB has managed to outperform major private peers previously, by effectively navigating business cycles, delivering stronger profitability and margins, coupled with better asset quality. Return ratios to stay healthy with ROA of 1.7-2.0% and ROE of 13.4-15.7% in FY26-FY28E. We have SOTP-based TP of Rs 2,298 set at 2.5x Jun'27E ABV, which includes a value of Rs 256/sh for the bank's subsidiaries

KMB: With the removal of RBl's embargo, KMB's business growth is expected to improve. KMB is well capitalised with CAR at 23% (CET1 at 21.8% - Jun'25) to fund future business growth. We estimate the bank to deliver higher return ratios with RoA/RoE at 2.1-2.2%/12.6-13.4% over FY26E- FY28E. We have an SOTP-based TP of Rs 2,550 set at 2.4x Jun'27E ABV, which includes value of Rs 702/sh for the bank's subsidiaries.

SBIN: Healthy business growth, despite SBIN's size, along with steady return profile and asset quality augured well. We expect NIM at ~2.9% and ROA/ROE of 1.1%/15.2% by FY27E. Considering SBIN's healthy performance, we have a TP of Rs 1,013 assigning P/ABV of 1.3x Jun'27E ABV, which includes Rs 239/share for its subsidiaries.

FB: We expect FB's strategic initiatives' fruition to take time and would be watchful. We model advances growth of 15% CAGR over FY25-28E with RoA/RoE of 1.3%/14.1% in FY28E. We value the bank at 1.4x Jun'27E ABV and maintain BUY with TP of Rs 242.

IDFCBK: We expect credit growth at a CAGR of ~19% in FY25-FY28E, supported by expected capital infusion. Focus on operating efficiencies and early signs of AQ improvement would be the key to improving RoA to 0.7-1.2% in FY26- FY28E. We maintain BUY with TP of Rs 83, set at 1.4x Jun'27E ABV vs 5Y average of 1.4x.



Fig 1 – BOBCAPS Banking universe

Commons	Company CMP		P/ABV (x)		ROA (%)			ROE (%)			
Company	CIVIP	(Rs bn)	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
HDFCB	1,991	15,286	2.8	2.5	2.2	1.7	1.9	2.0	13.4	14.6	15.7
ICICIBC	1,446	10,319	3.1	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	16.5	16.8	17.1
AXSB	1,079	3,347	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.7	12.9	14.1	14.6
KMB	2,018	4,012	3.1	2.7	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.2	12.6	13.3	13.4
IIB	767	598	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.4	9.8	10.8	11.3
FB	199	490	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	11.6	13.2	14.1
RBK	254	155	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.0	7.3	9.9	11.4
DCBB	122	38	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.9	1.0	11.6	12.7	15.2
BANDHAN	177	285	1.1	1.0	0.8	1.5	1.6	1.7	12.3	13.7	14.6
IDFCBK	70	514	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.7	1.0	1.2	6.1	9.1	11.4
SBIN	826	7,622	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	15.1	15.1	15.4
СВК	111	1,007	1.0	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	16.3	16.3	16.4
EQUITASB	44	85	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.3	1.1	1.3	2.8	11.7	14.3
AUBANK	55	63	1.1	1.0	0.8	1.5	1.8	1.9	14.3	17.4	18.9
UJJIVANS	752	561	3.0	2.5	2.1	1.5	1.7	1.8	12.2	14.5	15.5

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 2 - BOBCAPS Banking universe: Q1FY26

Banks	NII (Rs mn.)	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	PPOP (Rs mn.)	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	PAT (Rs mn.)	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
HDFCB	3,14,380	5.4	(2.0)	3,57,340	49.6	34.7	1,81,552	12.2	3.1
ICICIBC	2,16,345	10.6	2.1	1,87,458	17.0	6.1	1,27,682	15.5	1.1
AXSB	1,35,598	0.8	(1.8)	1,15,152	13.9	7.1	58,061	(3.8)	(18.4)
KMB	72,593	6.1	(0.3)	55,637	5.9	1.7	32,817	20.2	(7.6)
IIB	46,398	(14.2)	52.2	25,673	(35.0)	(623.0)	6,041	(72.2)	(125.9)
FB	23,368	2.0	(1.7)	15,563	3.7	6.2	8,618	(14.6)	(16.4)
RBK	14,807	(12.9)	(5.3)	7,030	(18.2)	(18.4)	2,003	(46.1)	191.6
DCBB	5,804	16.9	4.0	3,269	59.2	7.0	1,573	19.7	(11.2)
BANDHAN	27,572	(8.2)	0.0	16,684	(14.0)	6.2	3,720	(65.0)	17.0
IDFCBK	49,331	5.1	0.5	22,394	19.0	23.6	4,626	(32.0)	52.1
SBIN	4,10,725	(0.1)	(4.0)	3,05,445	15.5	(2.4)	1,91,604	12.5	2.8
CBK	90,088	(1.7)	(4.6)	85,536	12.3	3.3	47,520	21.7	(5.0)
EQUITASB	7,857	(2.0)	(5.3)	3,148	(7.5)	1.1	(2,238)	(968.7)	(631.4)
AUBANK	20,447	6.5	(2.4)	13,122	32.8	1.5	5,809	15.6	15.3
UJJIVANS	8,560	(9.1)	(1.0)	3,605	(29.3)	0.2	1,032	(65.7)	23.8



Fig 3 - Slowdown in credit offtake

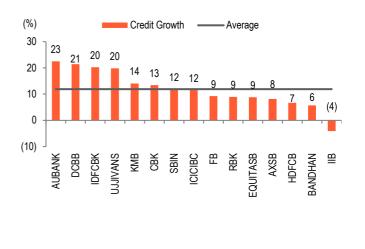
Advances (YoY%)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26
AUBANK	42.6	47.8	49.2	46.4	22.5
DCBB	18.9	19.3	22.7	24.7	21.4
IDFCBK	21.0	23.0	20.3	19.8	20.3
UJJIVANS	22.3	20.0	15.6	16.8	19.9
KMB	18.7	14.7	15.1	13.5	14.1
CBK	10.7	10.3	11.2	12.6	13.4
SBIN	15.9	15.3	13.8	12.4	11.9
ICICIBC	15.7	15.0	13.9	13.3	11.5
FB	20.3	19.4	15.7	12.1	9.2
RBK	18.6	15.1	13.1	10.3	8.9
EQUITASB	16.0	18.1	21.1	16.9	8.8
AXSB	14.2	11.4	8.8	7.8	8.1
HDFCB	52.5	7.0	3.0	5.4	6.7
BANDHAN	23.8	23.6	15.6	9.0	5.7
IIB	15.5	13.2	12.2	0.5	(4.1)

Fig 5 – Deposits mobilisation remained challenging; aided by CDs issuance

Deposits (YoY %)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26
AUBANK	40.4	44.8	40.1	42.5	31.3
IDFCBK	35.8	30.6	29.8	25.7	26.4
DCBB	20.2	19.9	20.3	21.6	20.0
UJJIVANS	22.0	16.9	16.3	19.6	18.8
EQUITASB	35.4	29.2	25.8	19.3	18.3
HDFCB	24.4	15.1	15.8	14.1	16.2
BANDHAN	22.8	27.2	20.1	11.8	16.1
KMB	15.8	15.1	15.9	11.2	14.6
ICICIBC	15.1	15.7	14.1	14.0	12.8
SBIN	8.2	9.1	9.8	9.5	11.7
RBK	18.4	20.2	15.1	7.2	11.2
CBK	12.0	9.3	8.4	11.0	9.9
AXSB	12.8	13.7	9.1	9.8	9.3
FB	19.6	15.6	11.2	12.3	8.0
IIB	14.8	14.7	11.0	6.8	(0.3)

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research. Note: HDFCB includes merger

Fig 4 - Credit growth moderated for most banks QoQ



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 6 – Deposits accretion weak on QoQ basis for most banks

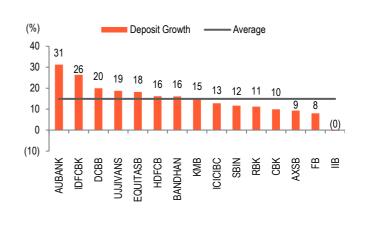




Fig 7 - C-D ratio largely declined on a sequential basis

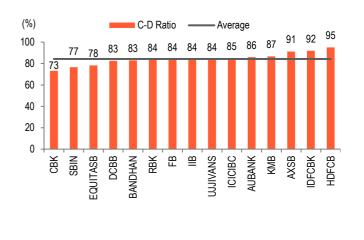
C-D Ratio (%)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26
HDFCB	103.5	99.8	98.2	96.5	95.1
IDFCBK	96.6	96.2	94.2	92.5	92.0
AXSB	92.2	92.0	92.6	88.7	91.2
KMB	87.2	86.6	87.4	85.5	86.7
AUBANK	92.1	86.5	88.7	86.2	86.0
ICICIBC	85.8	85.3	86.5	83.3	84.8
UJJIVANS	83.4	85.6	85.9	83.4	84.2
IIB	87.3	86.6	89.6	84.0	84.0
FB	83.0	85.6	86.5	82.8	83.9
RBK	85.5	81.4	84.7	83.5	83.8
BANDHAN	91.3	88.5	90.3	87.3	83.1
DCBB	81.6	81.5	84.3	85.0	82.6
EQUITASB	85.1	85.2	86.9	84.0	78.3
SBIN	76.5	75.4	76.6	77.4	76.7
CBK	70.9	73.0	74.8	72.0	73.1

Fig 9 - CASA ratio moderates for most banks

CASA Ratio (%)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26
IDFCBK	46.6	48.9	47.7	46.9	48.0
ICICIBC	40.9	40.6	40.5	41.8	41.2
KMB	43.4	43.6	42.3	43.0	40.9
AXSB	41.8	40.6	39.5	40.8	40.3
SBIN	39.1	38.4	37.6	38.4	37.8
HDFCB	36.3	35.3	34.0	34.8	33.9
RBK	32.6	33.6	32.8	34.1	32.5
IIB	36.7	35.9	34.9	32.8	31.5
FB	29.3	30.1	30.2	30.2	30.3
EQUITASB	31.2	30.6	28.6	28.8	29.4
AUBANK	32.9	32.4	30.6	29.2	29.1
BANDHAN	33.4	33.2	31.7	31.4	27.1
CBK	28.6	28.7	27.5	28.5	27.0
UJJIVANS	25.6	25.9	25.1	25.5	24.3
DCBB	25.4	25.6	25.1	24.5	23.3

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research. Note: HDFCB includes merger

Fig 8 – C-D ratio declined moderately, due to muted advances growth in Q1FY26



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 10 - IDFC maintained its CASA position in Q1FY26

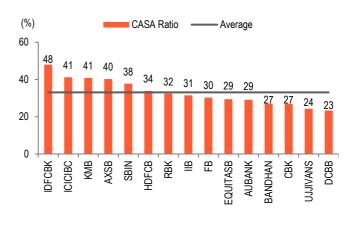




Fig 11 – NII growth moderated, mainly driven by slowdown in credit growth

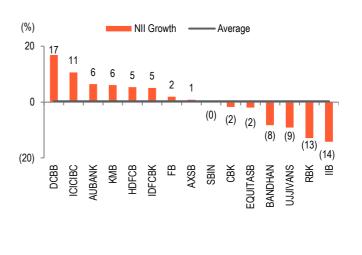
NII Growth (YoY %)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26
DCBB	5.5	7.0	14.5	9.9	16.9
ICICIBC	7.3	9.5	9.1	11.0	10.6
AUBANK	54.1	58.1	52.7	56.6	6.5
KMB	9.8	11.5	9.8	5.4	6.1
HDFCB	26.4	10.0	7.7	10.3	5.4
IDFCBK	25.4	21.2	14.4	9.8	5.1
FB	19.5	15.1	14.5	8.3	2.0
AXSB	12.5	9.5	8.6	5.5	0.8
SBIN	5.7	5.4	4.1	2.7	(0.1)
CBK	5.8	4.6	(2.9)	(1.4)	(1.7)
EQUITASB	7.9	4.8	4.2	5.5	(2.0)
BANDHAN	20.7	20.7	12.1	(3.9)	(8.2)
UJJIVANS	18.8	14.6	3.1	(7.4)	(9.1)
RBK	19.5	9.5	2.5	(2.3)	(12.9)
IIB	11.1	5.3	(1.3)	(43.3)	(14.2)

Fig 13 – NIMs expected to stay under pressure till H1FY26, as deposits lag the advances in repricing

NIM (%)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26
UJJIVANS	9.4	9.1	8.2	7.7	7.3
EQUITASB	7.3	7.0	6.9	6.6	6.1
BANDHAN	7.3	7.1	6.7	6.2	6.1
IDFCBK	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.0	5.9
AUBANK	6.7	6.1	5.9	5.7	5.3
KMB	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.3
RBK	5.4	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.3
ICICIBC	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
IIB	4.4	4.2	4.1	2.4	3.6
AXSB	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.5
HDFCB	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4
DCBB	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1
FB	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.8
SBIN	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.6
CBK	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.2

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research. Note: HDFCB includes merger

Fig 12 - NII witnessed degrowth largely for PSU and SFBs



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 14 - NIMs declined on a sequential basis in Q1FY26

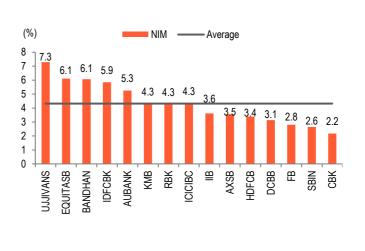




Fig 15 – C/I ratios largely remained contained with a slowdown in business growth

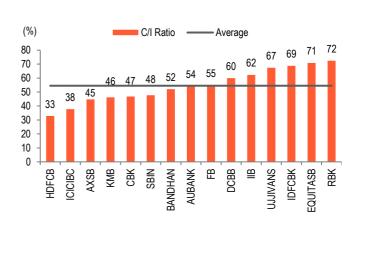
CIR (%)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26
HDFCB	41.0	40.6	40.6	39.8	32.8
ICICIBC	39.7	38.6	38.5	37.9	37.8
AXSB	47.5	47.0	46.2	47.8	44.7
KMB	46.2	47.5	47.2	47.7	46.2
CBK	47.4	46.5	47.6	47.5	46.8
SBIN	49.4	48.5	55.1	53.3	47.7
BANDHAN	45.1	47.6	48.5	54.5	52.1
AUBANK	59.9	56.7	54.4	54.7	54.0
FB	53.2	53.0	53.1	56.7	54.9
DCBB	67.9	64.3	62.7	60.7	60.0
IIB	49.7	52.2	52.5	113.1	62.2
UJJIVANS	55.2	60.0	66.1	68.3	67.4
IDFCBK	70.2	69.9	73.7	73.4	68.7
EQUITASB	66.3	66.4	68.5	70.5	70.8
RBK	65.7	64.2	62.5	66.4	72.4

Fig 17 – Credit costs increased mainly driven by stress in unsecured portfolio

Credit Cost (%)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26
SBIN	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.5
ICICIBC	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5
FB	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.7
СВК	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.9
DCBB	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.9
KMB	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.1
AXSB	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.5	1.5
RBK	1.7	2.8	5.3	3.4	1.9
AUBANK	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.4	1.9
IIB	1.2	2.1	1.9	2.8	2.1
HDFCB	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	2.2
IDFCBK	2.0	3.3	2.4	2.5	2.8
UJJIVANS	1.6	2.2	3.1	3.6	2.9
BANDHAN	1.7	2.0	4.3	3.9	3.5
EQUITASB	3.9	4.1	2.9	2.9	6.8

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research. Note: HDFCB includes merger

Fig 16 - C/I ratio remains elevated



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 18 – Credit costs remained elevated; EQUITASB reported higher one-off provisions

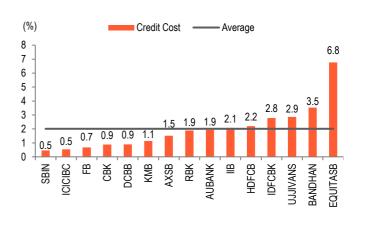
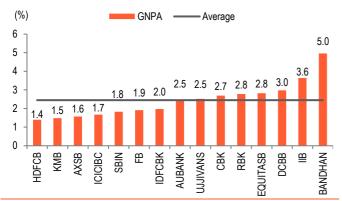


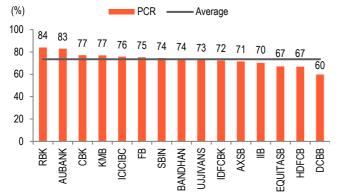


Fig 19 – GNPA ratios increased mainly on higher slippages



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 21 – PCR remains in the range of 60-84% across banks



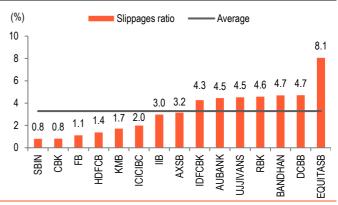
Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 23 - RoA largely remained stable on QoQ

ROA (%)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26
ICICIBC	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
KMB	4.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.9
HDFCB	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
AUBANK	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.5
AXSB	1.6	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.4
SBIN	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1
CBK	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.1
FB	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.0
UJJIVANS	2.9	2.2	1.0	0.7	0.9
DCBB	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8
BANDHAN	2.4	2.1	0.9	0.7	0.8
RBK	1.1	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.5
IDFCBK	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
IIB	1.7	1.0	1.0	(1.7)	0.4
EQUITASB	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	(1.7)

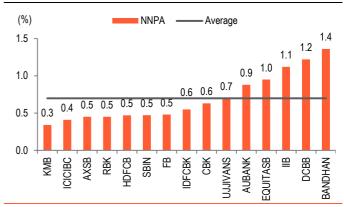
Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research. Note: HDFCB includes merger

Fig 20 – EQUITASB's slippages largely from MFI book while AXSB saw technical impact on asset recognition



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 22 - NNPA ratios largely deteriorated QoQ



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 24 – RoA remains superior for ICICIBC, KMB and HDFCB

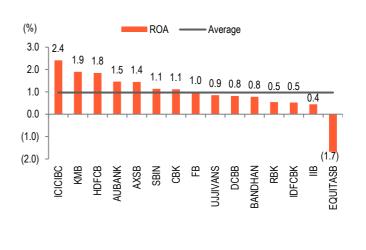
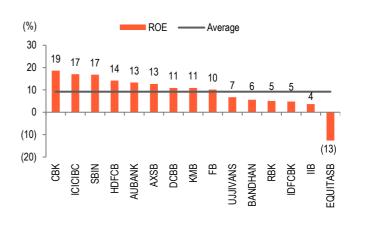




Fig 25 - RoE moderated mainly due to higher credit cost

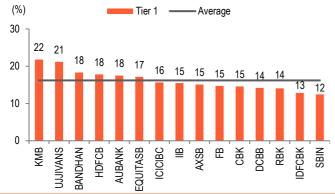
ROE (%)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26
CBK	17.4	16.9	16.8	20.2	18.6
ICICIBC	18.0	18.3	17.8	17.9	17.1
SBIN	17.6	18.0	15.8	17.0	16.8
HDFCB	14.4	14.6	14.1	14.3	14.2
AUBANK	14.3	14.5	13.0	11.9	13.3
AXSB	15.6	17.1	14.9	16.2	12.7
DCBB	10.2	11.8	11.2	12.7	10.9
KMB	24.6	12.3	11.7	12.2	10.9
FB	13.5	13.6	12.0	12.5	10.2
UJJIVANS	20.9	15.8	7.3	5.5	6.7
BANDHAN	17.8	15.0	6.7	4.9	5.6
RBK	9.9	5.8	0.8	1.8	5.1
IDFCBK	8.3	2.3	3.6	3.2	4.8
IIB	13.3	8.0	8.3	(14.0)	3.7
EQUITASB	1.7	0.8	3.7	2.3	(12.6)

Fig 26 - PSBs and ICICIBC top the chart, in terms of RoE



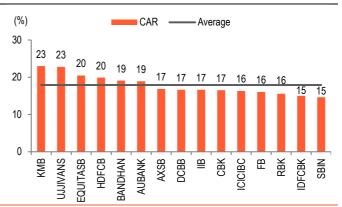
Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 27 - Tier 1 capital remained adequate



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 28 - CAR remained adequate to support growth



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Glossary

Glossary of Abbreviations			
CASA	Current Account and Savings Account	NIM	Net Interest Margin
CAR	Capital Adequacy Ratio	NNPA	Net Non-Performing Assets
CET1	Common Equity Tier 1	PCR	Provision Coverage Ratio
C-D	Credit-Deposit Ratio	PSB	Public Sector Banks
C/I	Cost-Income Ratio	RBI	Reserve Bank of India
GNPA	Gross Non-Performing Assets	RWA	Risk-weighted Assets
LCR	Liquidity Coverage Ratio	SLR	Statutory Liquidity Ratio
MFI	Microfinance Institution	SMA	Special Mention Account
NII	Net Interest Income	SME	Small and Medium-sized Enterprises



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