

RESEARCH**INDRAPRASTHA GAS | TARGET: Rs 600 | +11% | HOLD**

Getting back on track but needs time; downgrade to HOLD

MAHANAGAR GAS | TARGET: Rs 1,875 | +2% | HOLD

Recent run-up raises bar on growth, downgrade to HOLD

AMBER ENTERPRISES | TARGET: Rs 4,200 | -4% | HOLD

Strong quarter; margin expansion sustainable

ICICI BANK | TARGET: Rs 1,352 | +12% | HOLD

Modest business; other income increases aid PAT

AXIS BANK | TARGET: Rs 1,222 | +4% | HOLD

Moderate business growth; higher provision dragged PAT

INDUSIND BANK | TARGET: Rs 1,844 | +31% | BUY

Stable performance

ASHOK LEYLAND | TARGET: Rs 283 | +15% | BUY

Good show in a challenging quarter; retain BUY

FEDERAL BANK | TARGET: Rs 242 | +22% | BUY

Higher other income supports PAT growth

MPHASIS | NOT RATED

Weak quarter but bullish commentary

SUMMARY**INDRAPRASTHA GAS**

- IGL's Q1 recovery was ahead of our forecasts with a sharper reduction in gas purchase costs partly due to opportune use of cheaper spot gas
- We note continuous improvement in focus on targeting volume growth and more commitment to expanding growth avenues
- We raise DCF-based TP to Rs 600 (from Rs 525), factoring in possibility to regain growth trajectory. Downgrade to HOLD given 11% upside

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MAHANAGAR GAS

- MAHGL breaks out of modest growth history, clocking 12% YoY volume growth over past six months
- We push up growth trajectory to 7.5% CAGR over FY24-27E and 6% over FY24-33E as well as factor in margin advantage for MAHGL
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AMBER ENTERPRISES

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- Extreme summer fuels 45% surge in consumer durables and 46% rise in electronics through strong RAC demand
- We raise FY25/FY26 EPS estimates by 6%/5%. We roll over valuation to Jun'26E and raise TP to Rs 4,200. Upgrade to HOLD

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ICICI BANK

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AXIS BANK

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- Moderation in business growth with stable asset quality. We maintain HOLD on the stock with revised TP of Rs 1,222; 1.6x FY26E (Jun'26)

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INDUSIND BANK

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- Reported NIM flat 4.25% on growth slowing in MFI and CC book; expect improved performance on operational efficiency and stable asset quality
- Lower GGM-based TP to Rs 1,844, valued at 1.8x FY26E P/ABV, as we tweak growth estimates. Maintain BUY

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ASHOK LEYLAND

- Q1FY25 revenue grew 5% YoY to Rs 85.9bn, despite a challenging quarter, aided by 6% volume growth
- EBITDA margin grew by only 46bps YoY to 10.6% despite healthy gross margin, owing to higher other expenses
- We raise our earnings for FY25E/FY26E by 2%/3% and retain our BUY rating for a revised 1-year forward SOTP-based TP of Rs 283

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FEDERAL BANK

- Continued strong (20% YoY) business growth momentum; NII/PAT grew 20%/18% YoY on higher other income and lower opex
- NIM came in at 3.2% (-9bps QoQ); credit cost normalised at 27bps and FB guided for 30-35bps in FY25. Asset quality remained stable
- We raise FY26 PAT estimates by 3% for a new TP of Rs 242 (from Rs 207), set at 1.5x FY26E (Jun'26) ABV (1.4x earlier); retain BUY

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MPHASIS

- Weak quarter despite talk of BFSI bottoming out. Significant TCV uptick QoQ from a very weak base. Much discussion on expanded pipelines
- MPHL hints at industry leading growth for FY25 – implies ~2% CQGR for next three quarters driven by BFSI and top accounts
- CEO hints at likely market share shifts in industry in next 12-24 months depending on who brings in AI/Gen AI infused solutions to market

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HOLD
 TP: Rs 600 | ▲ 11%

INDRAPRASTHA GAS

| Oil & Gas

| 27 July 2024

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Q1 ahead: Q1 EBITDA at Rs 5.8bn was 7% above Bloomberg consensus and 16% above our forecast with a sharp Rs 0.8/scm recovery in EBITDA margin to Rs 7.4/scm. IGL was able to clock higher sequential savings of Rs 0.6/scm in gas purchase costs compared to MAHGL with the use of spot cargoes and cost-saving measures. Loss of DTC bus volume kept growth subdued at 5.3% YoY for IGL and 4.7% YoY for CNG. Excluding DTC volumes, CNG growth appears to be at 7% YoY. IGL guided for a pick-up in Q2 with higher CNG growth and EBITDA margin.

Improving growth focus: This is visible in improving granularity of volume growth tracking to offset decline/slowdown in Delhi. For the first time, the company shared its state-wise mix and growth. IGL is also allocating higher proportion of capex on GAs outside Delhi to support growth delivery.

Expanding growth avenues: IGL has firmed up plans for 5-6 LNG stations in FY25 and considering 100 stations pan-India including 7-8 LNG stations within its GAs. With each station’s potential at 10k-20k kg/day (>6k average for CNG station in Delhi), 100 stations could contribute ~20% of current CNG volumes. It continues to engage with stakeholders to develop CNG usage in commercial vehicles, dumpers, long-haul state buses with type-4 cylinders. Recent launches of CNG 2-wheelers could open up a new segment over the next decade.

Push up growth over FY27-33E: While we maintain our FY25/FY26 forecasts, we again pencil in volume growth CAGR of 7.5% (from 6.8% CAGR) over FY24-33. With a well-established footprint and the right focus on expanding growth avenues, we now see a possibility of IGL regaining its growth trajectory.

Downgrade to HOLD: Factoring in higher volume growth and rolling forward to Sep’25, we raise DCF-based TP to Rs 600 (from Rs 525). Our TP implies an FY26 target multiple of 18.8x, higher than 5Y mean 1Y-fwd P/E of 18.1x. This is higher than the target multiple for MAHGL at 15.5x due to use of higher terminal growth rate of 4% (vs 2.5% for MAHGL) reflecting a larger footprint. With a 35% run-up since Mar and current 11% upside below our hurdle rate, downgrade to HOLD.

Key changes

Target	Rating
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Ticker/Price	IGL IN/Rs 541
Market cap	US\$ 4.5bn
Free float	55%
3M ADV	US\$ 22.3mn
52wk high/low	Rs 553/Rs 376
Promoter/FPI/DII	45%/16%/25%

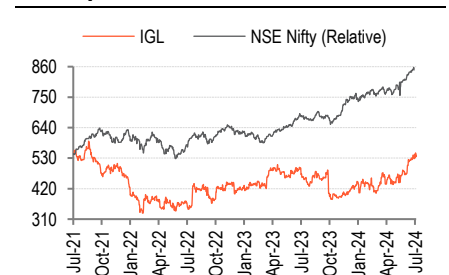
Source: NSE | Price as of 26 Jul 2024

Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	1,40,000	1,46,974	1,60,276
EBITDA (Rs mn)	23,637	25,577	27,905
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	19,834	20,736	22,345
Adj. EPS (Rs)	28.3	29.6	31.9
Consensus EPS (Rs)	28.3	29.3	31.1
Adj. ROAE (%)	22.6	20.0	18.8
Adj. P/E (x)	19.1	18.2	16.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	15.3	14.0	12.7
Adj. EPS growth (%)	21.0	4.5	7.8

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research | P – Provisional

Stock performance



Source: NSE



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MAHANAGAR GAS

| Oil & Gas

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Momentum continues: Q1FY25 EBITDA at Rs 4.2bn was 10% ahead of Bloomberg consensus and 13% ahead of ours. MAHGL delivered 13% YoY volume growth and Rs 0.5/scm sequential improvement in EBITDA margin to Rs 11.9/scm.

Pushing the growth envelope: MAHGL breached its historical modest growth trend of 4% over FY19-24 by clocking 12.6% YoY volume growth over the past six months, driving all three segments above 10% growth. As a result, we raise the volume growth trajectory to 8.9% (from 7.7%) for FY25E, 7.5% CAGR over FY24-27E, both above company guidance. With new avenues emerging like commercial vehicles, LNG for long-haul transport and two-wheelers, we raise growth over the next decade (FY24-33) to ~6% (from 5.3%) for the core operations at the upper end of guidance and 7.7% (7.4%) including UEPL over FY24-33E.

Building margin advantage: We factor in margin at the upper half of the company’s guidance of Rs 10-12/scm, well above Rs 9.5/scm over FY19-23. This is supported by (i) favourable policy (allocation of HPHT gas, lower APM gas price and lower sales tax), (ii) lower gas costs (transportation, flexibility in contracts) and (iii) higher taxes on competing fuels within the state. Refer for comparison with IGL.

Raise estimates: On pick-up in momentum, we raise our FY25/FY26 EBITDA forecasts by 5% each. However, on normalisation of margin from high levels in FY24, we estimate flat EBITDA growth (-0.6% CAGR) over FY24-27.

Downgrade to HOLD: We raise our DCF-based TP to Rs 1,875 (from Rs 1,545) as MAHGL breaches its historical growth trend, and roll forward valuation to Sep’25 (from May’25). Our TP implies FY26E P/E of 15.5x after consolidating UEPL, above the 1Y fwd mean P/E of 11.7x/12.2x over the past 5Y/10Y. Our target multiple is still lower than IGL’s (FY26E PE of 18.8x) due to lower terminal growth of 2.5% (vs 4% for IGL) reflecting smaller footprint. Given 2% returns, we downgrade to HOLD.

Catalysts: Traction in emerging segments and waiver of excise duty are upside catalysts. Withdrawal of exclusivity, acceleration in EVs/ hybrids are downside risks.

Key changes

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Ticker/Price	MAHGL IN/Rs 1,846
Market cap	US\$ 2.2bn
Free float	58%
3M ADV	US\$ 14.7mn
52wk high/low	Rs 1,858/Rs 971
Promoter/FPI/DII	33%/31%/17%

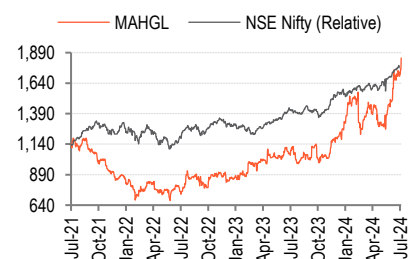
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Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	62,445	66,420	72,774
EBITDA (Rs mn)	18,426	16,473	17,408
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	12,891	11,097	11,658
Adj. EPS (Rs)	130.5	112.3	118.0
Consensus EPS (Rs)	130.5	113.2	118.1
Adj. ROAE (%)	27.8	20.2	18.8
Adj. P/E (x)	14.1	16.4	15.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.8	10.9	10.2
Adj. EPS growth (%)	63.2	(13.9)	5.1

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research | P – Provisional

Stock performance



Source: NSE



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AMBER ENTERPRISES

Consumer Durables

27 July 2024

Strong quarter; margin expansion sustainable

- Q1 sees 41% YoY topline growth and 140bps EBITDA margin expansion from improved product mix
- Extreme summer fuels 45% surge in consumer durables and 46% rise in electronics through strong RAC demand
- We raise FY25/FY26 EPS estimates by 6%/5%. We roll over valuation to Jun'26E and raise TP to Rs 4,200. Upgrade to HOLD

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Strong quarter: AMBER's topline grew by 41% YoY to Rs 24bn in Q1FY25, driven by the nationwide heatwave and strong performance in the Consumer Durables segment. EBITDA surged to Rs 2.2bn, with margins expanding by 140bps due to a shift towards more margin-accretive products. Operating margin improved by 170bps to 6.9%, likely as a result of a favourable change in the product mix and increased contributions from components. APAT stood at Rs 747mn.

Strong growth in Consumer Durables and Electronics; mobility declines: AMBER's business segments showcased strong performance across the board. Consumer Durables segment did well, driven by a notable increase in room air conditioner (RAC) components, which benefited from the heatwave across the country, resulting in 46% YoY growth and revenues of Rs 19.4bn. The Electronics division's revenue grew 45% YoY to Rs 3.8bn, supported by robust growth in PCBA and PCB segments. However, Mobility division faced challenges, falling 9% to Rs 950mn due to project delays that impacted its performance during the quarter.

JVs and strategic partnerships to boost growth: The joint venture for washing machine Resojet is strengthening the company's position in consumer durables, with mass production set to begin in the second half of the year. Four customers have been onboarded, and trials are underway, with full production expected by Q3. The Electronics division also gained credibility through the acquisition of Ascent Circuits and an MoU with Courier Circuits, enhancing its capability to produce various PCBs and substrates. AMBER increased its stake in ILJIN from 70% to 90.2% this quarter.

Upgrade to HOLD: Following AMBER's strong Q1 performance and management's optimistic outlook on a robust order book and improved EBITDA margin, we raise our EPS estimates for FY25/FY26 by 6%/5%. Valuing the stock at a P/E of 31x (from 29x), a 20% discount to its 5Y average, we roll forward valuations to Jun'26 and raise our TP to Rs 4,200 from Rs 3,500. Upgrade to HOLD.

Key changes

Target	Rating
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Ticker/Price	AMBER IN/Rs 4,380
Market cap	US\$ 1.8bn
Free float	60%
3M ADV	US\$ 8.7mn
52wk high/low	Rs 4,888/Rs 2,337
Promoter/FPI/DII	40%/24%/14%

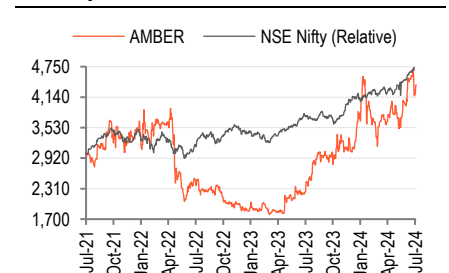
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Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	67,293	87,837	122,769
EBITDA (Rs mn)	4,919	6,360	8,900
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	1,329	2,342	4,204
Adj. EPS (Rs)	39.4	69.5	124.8
Consensus EPS (Rs)	39.4	74.0	120.0
Adj. ROAE (%)	6.7	10.8	16.9
Adj. P/E (x)	111.1	63.0	35.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	30.0	23.2	16.6
Adj. EPS growth (%)	(15.5)	76.3	79.5

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research | P – Provisional

Stock performance



Source: NSE



HOLD
 TP: Rs 1,352 | ▲ 12%

ICICI BANK

| Banking

| 29 July 2024

Modest business; other income increases aid PAT

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- Increase estimates; raise TP to Rs 1,352 (from Rs 1,272) and continue to value at 2.7x FY26E (Jun'26) ABV on consistent performance. HOLD

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Broad-based growth: ICICIBC credit growth moderated to 16% YoY (+3% QoQ) due to slowdown in retail book (+2%QoQ). Corporate and SME grew +3%/+4% QoQ; bank witnessed competitive rate and weak retail which led to flat margin. However, Business Banking outpaced others with +9% QoQ growth. Within Retail, PL (25%), CC (31%) and auto (15%) saw traction YoY, while home (14%), CV (14%) and 2-wheeler (-25%) remained subdued. Deposits growth stayed modest at 15% YoY (+1% QoQ), led by TDs, leading to a 125bps drop in CASA ratio to 41%. Slowing deposits led to a 193bps rise in LDR to 86%, indicating better potential.

NIM dipped QoQ: NII grew 2% QoQ (7% YoY) mainly due to slowdown in credit offtake, while NIM declined 4bps QoQ to 4.36% on weak retail and higher interest reversal on KCC (yield decline 8bps QoQ). Management expects margin to improve as seasonality impact is behind it. Other income up 24% QoQ due to higher treasury (gain of Rs 6.1bn vs. loss of Rs 2.8bn in Q4) and dividend gain.

Higher provision and opex dragged PAT: Opex rose 8.5% QoQ due to higher staff cost on account of annual increment led to 44bps rise in C/I ratio of 39.7%. Further, provision normalised with higher stress from KCC and unsecured retail book and hampered PAT (grew 3%/15% QoQ/YoY). Credit costs increased 20bps QoQ to 45bps despite Rs 3.9bn of AIF provision reversal. We expect it to normalise over FY25/FY26 at 52bps/70bps vs. 33bps in FY24.

Asset quality steady: Despite higher slippages on seasonality and lower upgrades and recovery, GNPA/NNPA/PCR remained flat at 2.1%/0.4%/80%. Total provisions stood at 1.9% of loans and the bank sees no major asset quality concerns.

Maintain HOLD: We trimmed loan estimates by 1%/2%, deposits by 2%/4% for FY25/FY26, and raised PAT by 12%/6% mainly on lower provision factoring in ongoing business dynamics. Given ICICIBC's sturdy and improved performance, we raise our SOTP-based TP to Rs 1,352 from Rs 1,272 set at 2.7x FY26E (Jun'26) ABV using the GGM. We value subsidiaries at Rs 233/sh. With the recent price rise, we believe major positives have been priced in and we retain our HOLD rating.

Key changes

Target	Rating
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Ticker/Price	ICICIBC IN/Rs 1,207
Market cap	US\$ 101.5bn
Free float	100%
3M ADV	US\$ 237.9mn
52wk high/low	Rs 1,258/Rs 899
Promoter/FPI/DII	0%/45%/44%

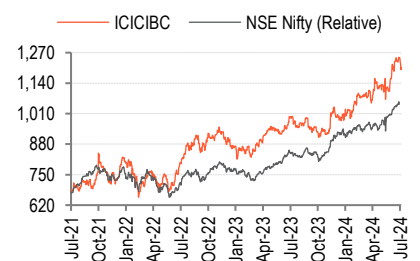
Source: NSE | Price as of 26 Jul 2024

Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
NII (Rs mn)	74,306	83,710	95,339
NII growth (%)	19.6	12.7	13.9
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	40,888	46,751	51,337
EPS (Rs)	58.4	66.5	73.0
Consensus EPS (Rs)	58.4	68.0	74.5
P/E (x)	20.7	18.2	16.5
P/BV (x)	3.6	3.0	2.6
ROA (%)	2.4	2.3	2.2
ROE (%)	18.6	18.0	17.0

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research | P – Provisional

Stock performance



Source: NSE



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 TP: Rs 1,222 | ▲ 4%

AXIS BANK

| Banking

| 26 July 2024

Moderate business growth; higher provision dragged PAT

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Robust business growth: AXSB's advances grew 14% YoY (+2% QoQ) during Q1FY25 supported by wholesale book (5%/7% QoQ/YoY) while focus stayed on Retail (0.3%/18% QoQ/YoY) and SME (-0.7%/19% QoQ/YoY). Retail growth was mainly fuelled by personal loans (+29%), CC (+22%), SBB (+26%) and LAP (+29%), while home and auto loans remained muted. Deposits rose 13% YoY (-0.6% QoQ), driven by TDs leading to CASA decline of 116bps to 41.8%. Considering deposit constraints and competitive intensity, we trim our credit/deposit estimates by 3%/4% for FY25/FY26 and project a credit/deposit CAGR of 14%/15% over the same.

NIM up QoQ, opex rises: Reported NIM at 4.05% was flat, supported by income tax refund offsetting higher interest reversal due to increased slippages. Bank expects stable NIM with suitable product mix in both the asset and liability sides. Other income declined (-14%/14% QoQ/YoY) due to weak DCM and Treasury gain. Opex fell 2% QoQ while C/I ratio rose 51bps QoQ on higher staff cost (+7% QoQ).

Higher stress on seasonality: Q1 being seasonally weak, slippages rose (2.2% vs. 1.6% in Q4) from Agri, CC, PL and wholesale book, while 32% of the same was due to linking accounts where AXSB expected faster recovery in Q2-Q3. Increased slippages, lower upgrades and recovery GNPA/NNPA rose by 11bps/3bps QoQ to 1.54%/0.34%, while PCR stood at 78%. Increased stress led to higher credit cost of 85bps vs. 51bps in Q4. AXSB didn't utilise Covid-related provisions (Rs 50.1bn) and set it aside for the ECL implication. Cumulative Non NPA provision was Rs 117bn, which is 1.2% of Loan.

Adequately capitalised for growth: CET1 stood at 14.1% (CAR at 16.7%), and AXSB is confident of funding credit growth internally. It maintains its guidance of 300-400bps growth in business above industry in the midterm. Despite Q1 being modest, AXSB continues to deliver a healthy performance backed by a sustained focus on growth, healthy portfolio mix, stable asset quality while recent price rise factored in most of the positives. We revise our growth estimates on a competitive environment and expect return performance to stay stable. We roll over valuation at 1.6x FY26E (Jun'26) ABV using the Gordon Growth Model and maintain our SOTP-based TP at Rs 1,222, with Rs 145/sh as value of subsidiaries. We maintain our HOLD rating.

Key changes

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Ticker/Price	AXSB IN/Rs 1,176
Market cap	US\$ 43.4bn
Free float	92%
3M ADV	US\$ 149.6mn
52wk high/low	Rs 1,340/Rs 927
Promoter/FPI/DII	8%/5%/32%

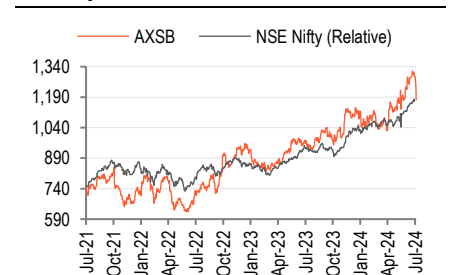
Source: NSE | Price as of 25 Jul 2024

Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
NII (Rs mn)	498,945	562,235	643,672
NII growth (%)	16.2	12.7	14.5
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	248,614	274,242	303,095
EPS (Rs)	80.7	88.8	98.1
Consensus EPS (Rs)	80.7	87.5	101.7
P/E (x)	14.6	13.2	12.0
P/BV (x)	2.4	2.1	1.8
ROA (%)	1.8	1.8	1.7
ROE (%)	18.0	17.0	16.2

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

Stock performance



Source: NSE



BUY
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INDUSIND BANK

| Banking

| 29 July 2024

Stable performance

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- **Lower GGM-based TP to Rs 1,844, valued at 1.8x FY26E P/ABV, as we tweak growth estimates. Maintain BUY**

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Moderate business growth: IIB’s business growth was moderate, with credit rising 15.5% YoY (+1.3% QoQ), while deposits rose 15% YoY (4% QoQ). Loan book was driven by the CFD book (+18% YoY), where IIB witnessed a slowdown in both Vehicle Finance and MFI due to seasonality, election-related issues and the heat wave. CCB growth was muted at 13% YoY, but rose 3% QoQ supported by Mid and Small Corporate (14%/22% YoY). Deposit growth accelerated to 15% YoY vs. 14% in Q4, driven by term deposits (TD) which led to 120bps fall in CASA ratio to 36.7%.

Flat NIM, PPop decline QoQ on weak topline: NIM was flat at 4.25% vs. 4.26% in Q4 as CoF increased 3bps and yield on advances 2bps QoQ. Lower rise in yield was due to growth deceleration on high yielding Vehicle Finance and MFI book related to a strategic decision to avoid stress. IIB continues to guide for NIM of 4.2-4.3% in FY25. Both NII and other income remained subdued with 11% growth on YoY. Opex stayed elevated and grew 20%/2.5% YoY/QoQ leading to a 142bps QoQ rise in C/I ratio to 49.7% on weak topline. Hence, PPop remained muted at +3%/-3% YoY/QoQ.

Asset quality stable: Slippages rose to Rs 15.4bn (45bps) vs. Rs 14.3bn (44bps) in Q4, where corporate slippages were Rs 0.5bn (vs. Rs 1.6bn) and CFD Rs 14.9bn (vs. Rs 12.7bn). Credit cost (calc.) stood at 122bps vs. 113bps in Q4, which is within the guided range of 110-130bps over FY23-FY26. Lower upgrades/recovery led to 10/3bps rise in GNPA/NNPA to 2%/0.6% while PCR was stable at 71%. IIB’s restructured book continued to decline (to 34bps of loan vs. 40bps in Q4FY24), while SMA book was flat at 25bps. Total provisions of 2.2% (106% of GNPA) provide confidence on asset health.

Maintain BUY: Growth deceleration seems temporary as IIB has a cushion in terms of liquidity, and continues to guide for business growth of 18-23% over FY26. It maintained NIM guidance at 4.2%-4.3% with credit cost at 110-130bps, indicating its performance will likely fall in line with guidance. We expect IIB to deliver healthy return ratios (ROA/ROE to 1.9%/16% in FY26 vs. 1.7%/14% in FY23). We retain BUY and lower our TP to Rs 1,844 (from Rs 1,881) as we revise estimates (cut EPS by 7% each for FY25/FY26) and value it at 1.8x FY26E (Jun’26) using GGM Model.

Key changes

Target	Rating
▼	◀ ▶

Ticker/Price	IIB IN/Rs 1,404
Market cap	US\$ 13.1bn
Free float	84%
3M ADV	US\$ 69.9mn
52wk high/low	Rs 1,695/Rs 1,354
Promoter/FPI/DII	16%/38%/30%

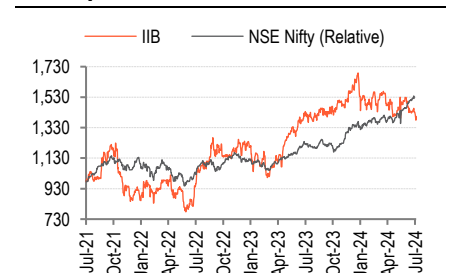
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Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
NII (Rs mn)	206,159	231,392	281,208
NII growth (%)	17.2	12.2	21.5
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	89,770	94,382	121,434
EPS (Rs)	115.5	121.2	155.9
Consensus EPS (Rs)	115.6	125.0	158.0
P/E (x)	12.2	11.6	9.0
P/BV (x)	1.7	1.5	1.4
ROA (%)	1.8	1.7	1.9
ROE (%)	15.2	14.1	16.0

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research | P – Provisional

Stock performance



Source: NSE



BUY
 TP: Rs 283 | ▲ 15%

ASHOK LEYLAND

| Automobiles

| 27 July 2024

Good show in a challenging quarter; retain BUY

- Q1FY25 revenue grew 5% YoY to Rs 85.9bn, despite a challenging quarter, aided by 6% volume growth
- EBITDA margin grew by only 46bps YoY to 10.6% despite healthy gross margin, owing to higher other expenses
- We raise our earnings for FY25E/FY26E by 2%/3% and retain our BUY rating for a revised 1-year forward SOTP-based TP of Rs 283

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Topline shows ~5% growth despite challenging Q1: AL's Q1FY25 revenue increased 5% YoY to Rs 85.9bn as there was an uptick of 6% YoY (-22% QoQ) in volume growth from the domestic and exports sides as realisations stayed muted (-1% YoY). Volume from the bus segment grew 49% YoY to 6.8k units and LCV too showed signs of growth. Other business continued its healthy contribution to revenue.

Lower commodity cost aided margins gain: Raw material cost (adjusted for inventory) improved marginally to 72.4% in Q1FY25, down 140bps YoY (+40bps QoQ) of net sales to Rs 66.2bn, which aided gross margin expansion of 150bps/-30bps YoY/QoQ. However, other expenses grew 18% YoY to ~Rs 9.3bn on account of non-recurring expenses incurred for higher battery pack software charge and EV-related expenses especially in the bus segment. This restricted EBITDA growth to only 10% YoY to Rs 9.1bn and EBITDA margin rose only 46bps YoY. Adj. PAT rose to Rs 5.2bn from Rs 4.1bn in the year-ago quarter.

EV expansion on track: In the Electric segment, AL started delivery of its first eLCV, the LeV4, in Q1FY25 and launched LeV2 in the eLCV space recently. AL's subsidiary Switch Mobility too has a healthy order book. AL's e-Mass subsidiary OHM Global Mobility too has started managing electric bus operations.

Revise estimates: We raise our FY25E/FY26E earnings by 2%/3%, factoring in healthy growth momentum, better product mix and cost efficiencies. We forecast EBITDA/ PAT CAGR of 10%/13% for FY24-FY27 and introduce FY27 estimates of Rs 61.9 bn/Rs38 bn. We believe AL will deliver on new launches, beat industry growth in CVs, maintain its leadership in buses and improve on the MHCV space. LCV recovery and inroads into EVs add comfort and new dimensions to the portfolio.

Valuation outlook: We reiterate our BUY rating for a revised 1-year forward SOTP-based TP of Rs 283 (from Rs 247). We now assign 22x P/E (vs 20x) to the standalone business factoring in strong structural health and value the vehicle finance arm at Rs 12/sh.

Key changes

Target	Rating
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Ticker/Price	AL IN/Rs 246
Market cap	US\$ 8.6bn
Free float	49%
3M ADV	US\$ 47.2mn
52wk high/low	Rs 249/Rs 158
Promoter/FPI/DII	52%/17%/15%

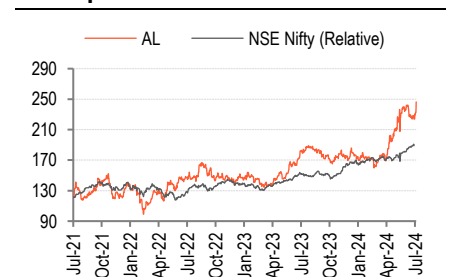
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Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	3,83,670	4,20,141	4,65,981
EBITDA (Rs mn)	46,066	51,638	56,918
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	27,116	30,953	34,645
Adj. EPS (Rs)	8.9	10.5	11.8
Consensus EPS (Rs)	8.9	10.2	11.2
Adj. ROAE (%)	30.8	32.5	32.8
Adj. P/E (x)	27.6	23.4	20.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	16.0	13.5	12.3
Adj. EPS growth (%)	109.3	14.1	11.9

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

Stock performance



Source: NSE



BUY
 TP: Rs 242 | ▲ 22%

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| Banking

| 26 July 2024

Higher other income supports PAT growth

- Continued strong (20% YoY) business growth momentum; NII/PAT grew 20%/18% YoY on higher other income and lower opex
- NIM came in at 3.2% (-9bps QoQ); credit cost normalised at 27bps and FB guided for 30-35bps in FY25. Asset quality remained stable
- We raise FY26 PAT estimates by 3% for a new TP of Rs 242 (from Rs 207), set at 1.5x FY26E (Jun'26) ABV (1.4x earlier); retain BUY

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Strong business growth: FB's business growth held strong in Q1FY25, with credit /deposits growth of 20% each YoY. Strong growth in deposits was supported by TDs while NR deposits recovered (+1% QoQ) from their declining trend since last 1-2 quarters. CASA ratio remained flat at 29%. Loan growth was backed by a healthy rise in retail (+4% QoQ) wherein CV/CE grew 8% QoQ, agri grew +6%, even as MFI witnessed strong growth of 10% off a low base. Management maintained its business growth guidance of 18-20% for FY25 with a target LDR of 80%.

Healthy NII; NIM dips 9bps QoQ: FB posted healthy NII growth of 20% YoY (+4.4% QoQ), whereas other income increased 25% YoY (+21% QoQ) due to higher recovery in written-off accounts. Yield on advances fell 5bps QoQ offsetting the benefit of decline in cost of deposit by 6bps, while change in mix to more secured book led to 9bps decline in NIM to 3.2%. Management maintained NIM guidance at 3.2%-3.3% for FY25. Though operational cost declined QoQ (-7%) while other operating expenditure stayed elevated leading to C/I Ratio of 53.2%. However, FB expects C/I ratio to stabilise at 50% with 100bps declines every 1-2 quarters. Further, management aims to add 100 branches for FY25 (140 in FY24) and indicated no substantial cost reduction towards business volume. Hence, PPOp grew 35%/15% QoQ/YoY.

Slippages up QoQ but asset quality stable: Slippages rose to Rs 4.2bn from Rs 3.7bn in Q4 while upgrades and recovery remained subdued at Rs 2.1bn vs. Rs 4.7bn in Q4 as it is a seasonally weak quarter. GNPA/NNP/PCR were stable at 2.1%/0.6%/72% QoQ. Credit cost normalised to 27bps and management guided for it to stabilise at 30-35bps in FY25. Considering healthy growth with stable asset quality and potential for margin improvement, we increase our FY26 PAT estimate by 3%.

Maintain BUY: FB's conservative approach towards asset quality vs. asset pricing along with risk-adjusted growth over the past year is paying off. We expect strong growth with stable margins and a focus on risk-adjusted returns to raise ROE/ROA to 14%/1.3% by FY26, gradually narrowing the gap with its peers. Alongside estimates revisions, we now value the stock at 1.5x FY26E (Jun'26) ABV (1.4x earlier) based on the GGM, and raise TP to Rs 242 (from Rs 207). BUY.

Key changes

Target	Rating
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Ticker/Price	FB IN/Rs 198
Market cap	US\$ 5.8bn
Free float	100%
3M ADV	US\$ 35.0mn
52wk high/low	Rs 205/Rs 131
Promoter/FPI/DII	0%/29%/45%

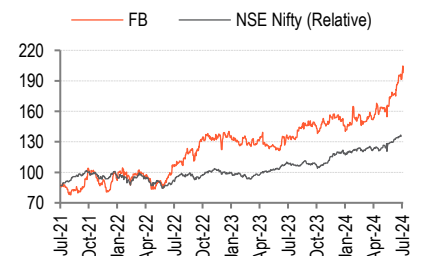
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Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
NII (Rs mn)	82,935	101,340	120,939
NII growth (%)	14.7	22.2	19.3
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	37,206	42,460	50,549
EPS (Rs)	16.3	17.4	20.6
Consensus EPS (Rs)	16.3	17.4	20.1
P/E (x)	12.1	11.4	9.6
P/BV (x)	1.7	1.5	1.3
ROA (%)	1.3	1.3	1.3
ROE (%)	14.7	13.7	14.5

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Stock performance



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| IT Services

| 29 July 2024

Weak quarter but bullish commentary

- **Weak quarter despite talk of BFSI bottoming out. Significant TCV uptick QoQ from a very weak base. Much discussion on expanded pipelines**
- **MPHL hints at industry leading growth for FY25 – implies ~2% CQGR for next three quarters driven by BFSI and top accounts**
- **CEO hints at likely market share shifts in industry in next 12-24 months depending on who brings in AI/Gen AI infused solutions to market**

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2% CQGR required for the next three quarters: MPHL indicated it would lead industry growth in FY25. And it expects industry to grow in the low-mid single digits in FY25. To hit 5% growth in US\$ terms in FY25 it will have to grow 2% CQGR. In the last two quarters since its organic growth moved into the positive territory, growth was 1% CQGR. Recovery in the mortgages business is not part of this view as MPHL says it is not clear about the trajectory of mortgage rates in the US.

EBIT margin in line: 1QFY25 revenue was down on a QoQ basis by 0.1% in constant currency terms compared to our expectation of a 2% increase. The EBIT margin came in at 15% against our expectation of 15.2%. EBIT margin would have been 15.8% had it not been for the amortisation of Silverline acquisition (80bps impact in the quarter). It stuck to the EBIT margin band of 14.6% to 16% for FY25

Pipeline has grown well: MPHL's overall pipeline is up 22% YoY and 17% QoQ. Pipeline pickup is broad-based across sectors, top-10, non-top-10, banking and financial services (BFS), non-BFS, geographies, and large deals (>US\$ 20m accounts). The top-10 pipeline grew by 31% QoQ, non-BFS pipeline by 25%. The BFS pipeline is up 7% QoQ. 78% of the pipeline emerged from proactive deals.

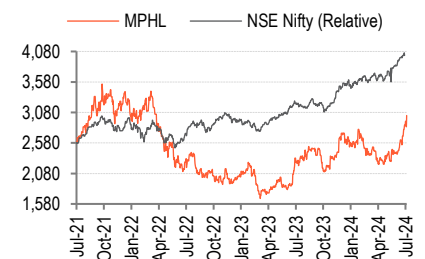
Top clients have grown ahead of company: MPHL's top 10 client accounts grew 1.2% QoQ, and 11 to 30 grew 3.4%. The banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) vertical grew by ~1.6%.

Volume destruction in some services likely: MPHL's CEO Nitin Rakesh indicated that the industry is pivoting to IT services infused by AI/Gen AI and there is significant volume destruction across areas like IT operations, contact centres, etc. Pricing based on number of tickets solved or instances or widgets handled, etc, will be replaced by pricing based on a different outcome like availability or reduction in tickets.

Ticker/Price	MPHL IN/Rs 3,030
Market cap	US\$ 6.8bn
Free float	40%
3M ADV	US\$ 41.5mn
52wk high/low	Rs 3,081/Rs 2,069
Promoter/FPI/DII	52%/29%/14%

Source: NSE | Price as of 26 Jul 2024

Stock performance



Source: NSE



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