India

ADD (no change)

Consensus ratings*: Buy 37	Hold 0	Sell 1
Current price:		Rs2,925
Target price:		Rs3,750
Previous target:		Rs2,950
Up/downside:		28.2%
InCred Research / Consensus:		21.4%
Reuters:	S	HMF.NS
Bloomberg:		SHFL IN
Market cap:	US\$	15,143m
	Rs1,0	99,599m
Average daily turnover:	U	S\$57.9m
	Rs	4201.1m
Current shares o/s:		375.9m
Free float:		74.6%
*Source: Bloomberg		

Key changes in this note

Removed SFL from our high-conviction list post recent run-up in the share price as the risk-reward ratio is now favourable.

	Price Close		SENSEX (RHS)	
	178			188.0
	132			142.0
	86			96.0
т IQ	154			
	Jul-24			
			Source: B	loomberg
Pr	ice performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Ab	osolute (%)	(0.9)	17.1	61.5
Re	elative (%)	(3.7)	7.5	31.3

Major shareholders Shriram Group	% held 25.4
Govt of Singapors	6.7
Kotak MF	1.5

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Risk-reward ratio turns favourable

- SFL posted a lower-than-expected 1Q PAT of Rs19.8bn (InCred est: Rs21.2bn) amid lower securitization income, despite healthy operational performance.
- Disbursement across portfolios witnessed ~4% qoq seasonal decline, but the cross-selling of non-vehicle loans to existing vehicle customers to drive AUM.
- Removed SFL from our high-conviction list post recent run-up as the riskreward is now favourable. Retain ADD rating on it with a new TP of Rs3,750.

Seasonal slowdown to ease in 2H aided by rising non-vehicle loans

Shriram Finance (SFL) reported AUM growth of ~3.8% sequentially and ~20.8% yoy to Rs 2.33tr in 1QFY25, despite vehicle as well as non-vehicle loans witnessing a seasonal slowdown in disbursement by ~4%. SFL is selectively rolling out SME (+720 branches in FY24) and gold loans (+1,500 branches) in catchment areas of existing commercial vehicle or CV branches. This will ensure further momentum in the non-vehicle loan book of the company. Management has given AUM growth guidance of ~15% yoy for FY25F led by ~12% yoy growth in the CV segment and ~20% yoy growth in the non-CV segment.

NIM to be volatile in short term

Net interest margin or NIM witnessed a sequential decline of ~23bp to ~8.79% led by softening lending yields amid portfolio movement whereas the cost of funds remained stagnant. Management has a higher focus on profitability (RoE targeted to be 16-18%) than the top-line growth. Though we expect some volatility on the margin front for SFL amid tight liquidity, SFL is better placed with superior yields and consistently improving liability prolife. We expect NIM to remain in the range of ~924-936bp over FY25F-27F, with a diversified AUM growth.

Stable asset quality trajectory continues

Gross stage-3 assets improved further to 5.39%, down ~6bp qoq, led by an overall improvement in underwriting and collection efficiency across segments. There has been a minor surge in provisioning amid a surge in stage-1 assets. We are keeping future credit costs in the range of ~230-240bp for FY25F-26F amid the unique customer base & improved underwriting practices of SFL.

Outlook & valuation

We expect AUM to post a CAGR of ~21% over FY25F-27F led by diversified disbursement growth at ~22% CAGR over the same period. The company is well capitalized, and the sale of its housing subsidiary will further strengthen its CRAR by ~80bp. We have valued the standalone SFL at ~2.2x FY26F BV and added Rs50/share for the housing finance subsidiary. We have removed it from the high-conviction list post recent run-up as the risk-reward is now favourable. Retain ADD rating on it with a new TP of Rs3,750 (Rs2,950 earlier). Downside risks: Slower-than-expected growth and a spike in fresh slippage.

Financial Summary	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Net Interest Income (Rsm)	172,264	201,583	243,110	293,881	357,923
Total Non-Interest Income (Rsm)	307	332	398	478	574
Operating Revenue (Rsm)	172,571	201,915	243,508	294,359	358,497
Total Provision Charges (Rsm)	(41,592)	(45,183)	(57,151)	(71,988)	(90,288)
Net Profit (Rsm)	59,793	71,905	85,651	103,253	127,373
Core EPS (Rs)	159.69	191.34	227.92	274.76	338.95
Core EPS Growth	60%	20%	19%	21%	23%
FD Core P/E (x)	18.32	15.29	12.83	10.65	8.63
DPS (Rs)	15.00	45.00	55.00	70.00	85.00
Dividend Yield	0.51%	1.54%	1.88%	2.39%	2.91%
BVPS (Rs)	1,156.6	1,292.4	1,465.4	1,670.1	1,924.1
P/BV (x)	2.53	2.26	2.00	1.75	1.52
ROE	17.3%	15.7%	16.5%	17.5%	18.9%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates					
InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x)					

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS

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Particulars (Rs m)	1QFY23	2QFY23	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Net Interest Income	38,280	37,775	41,921	42,639	42,004	45,947	49,110	50,874	52,337	24.6%	2.9%
NIM (% of AUM)	9.5%	9.1%	9.7%	9.4%	8.9%	9.3%	9.4%	9.3%	9.1%		
Operating Expenses	10,841	11,999	11,928	14,363	13,908	14,618	15,311	16,024	16,265	16.9%	1.5%
Operating Profit	29,676	29,938	33,016	30,810	31,262	34,808	36,893	39,056	38,541	23.3%	-1.3%
Provisions	11,597	8,976	9,173	11,846	8,786	11,286	12,497	12,615	11,876	35.2%	-5.9%
Credit Costs (% of AUM)	3.2%	2.2%	2.1%	2.6%	1.9%	2.3%	2.4%	2.3%	2.1%		
РВТ	18,079	20,962	23,844	18,964	22,476	23,523	24,396	26,441	26,666	18.6%	0.8%
Тах	4,690	5,411	6,074	5,881	5,722	6,014	6,213	6,983	6,860	19.9%	-1.8%
Tax rate (%)	25.9%	25.8%	25.5%	31.0%	25.5%	25.6%	25.5%	26.4%	25.7%		
PAT	13,390	15,551	17,770	13,083	16,754	17,508	18,183	19,459	19,806	18.2%	1.8%
AUM (Rs m)	16,29,700	16,93,582	17,74,980	18,56,829	19,32,147	20,26,410	21,42,335	22,48,620	23,34,436	20.8%	3.8%
Disbursement (Rs m)	2,51,140	2,64,190	2,92,270	3,10,543	3,04,530	3,46,020	3,77,850	3,93,240	3,77,098	23.8%	-4.1%

Figure 2: Our revised earnings estimates

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		FY25F		FY26F				FY27F		
Y/E Mar (Rs m)	Earlier	Revised	% change	Earlier	Revised	% change	Earlier	Revised	% change	
Net interest income	2,50,045	2,43,110	-2.8%	2,99,959	2,93,881	-2.0%	3,61,868	3,57,923	-1.1%	
PPOP	1,79,054	1,72,118	-3.9%	2,17,265	2,10,583	-3.1%	2,65,949	2,61,259	-1.8%	
PAT	88,967	85,651	-3.7%	1,05,997	1,03,253	-2.6%	1,28,177	1,27,373	-0.6%	
EPS (Rs)	237	228	-3.8%	282	275	-2.6%	341	339	-0.6%	
AUM (Rs bn)	2,721.0	2,721.0	0.0%	3,278.0	3,278.0	0.0%	3,945.0	3,945.0	0.0%	
BV (Rs)	1,504.2	1,465.4	-2.6%	1,651.5	1,670.1	1.1%	1,862.3	1,924.1	3.3%	
						SOURCE	INCRED RES	EARCH. COMP	ANY REPORTS	

1QFY25 earnings conference-call highlights

- Disbursements stood at Rs377bn. There was a broad-based slowdown in disbursements.
- Disbursements in the gold loan portfolio were impacted by revamping of some branches and the Reserve Bank of India's limit on cash disbursal of Rs20,000.
- The average ticket size in gold lending was Rs70,000-75,000, while management indicated an improvement in disbursements in the coming quarters.
- The used vehicle market was slow because of a low supply of old vehicles due to slowdown in the commercial vehicle industry between 2019-2021.
- The CV cycle picked pace in 2022 and consequently, upon completion of one cycle, these vehicles will come up for sale in another one-or-two years, leading to a spurt in used CV sales.
- Used vehicle prices are indicated to rise by 10-12% this year, which is lower than 20-25% growth in the previous year.
- Borrowing mix remained well diversified, with a strong growth in deposits.
- Deposit sourcing was largely internal, with ~1/3 sourced externally.
- Cost of deposits stood at 8.3-8.4%.
- The board of directors has approved the sale of SFL's entire stake in Shriram Housing to an arm of Warburg Pincus (Mago Crest Investments).
- The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and is expected to be completed by 3QFY25F.
- The deal is expected to fetch Rs39bn to SFL and will add ~80bp in its capital adequacy ratio.
- Management indicated about introducing MSME lending at ~250 more existing branches and add gold lending to another ~500 branches in the next two years.

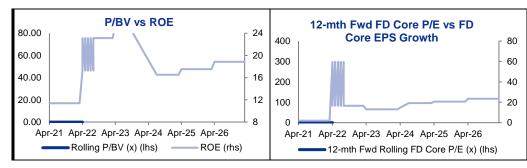
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InCred Equities

	-			P/I	3(x) (at TP)			ROA(%)			ROE(%)	
Banks	Rating	CMP(Rs)	TP(Rs)	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F
SBI **	ADD	863	1,000	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%	16.3%	17.2%	17.6%
HDFC Bank **	ADD	1,618	2,000	3.1	2.8	2.6	1.9%	2.0%	2.0%	15.4%	16.3%	16.9%
ICICI Bank	ADD	1,208	1,300	3.5	3.0	2.6	2.3%	2.2%	2.3%	17.7%	17.3%	17.7%
Axis Bank	HOLD	1,178	1,300	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	16.8%	15.9%	16.3%
IndusInd Bank	HOLD	1,403	1,650	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	14.1%	14.4%	14.8%
NBFCs	Rating	CMP(Rs)	TP(Rs)	P/I	B(x) (at TP)			ROA (%)			ROE (%)	
INDECS	Raung	CIVIF(KS)	IF(KS)	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F
Bajaj Finance	ADD	6,789	9,000	6.0	5.1	4.2	4.2%	4.4%	4.5%	21.0%	23.5%	25.4%
Cholamandalam Finance	ADD	1,411	1,400	5.0	4.1	3.4	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	21.0%	21.8%	22.5%
MMFS **	ADD	294	370	2.4	2.2	2.0	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	12.3%	14.0%	15.7%
Shriram Finance	ADD	2,925	3,750	2.6	2.2	1.9	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%	16.5%	17.5%	18.9%
SBI Cards **	REDUCE	720	500	3.5	3.0	2.6	3.9%	3.6%	3.6%	18.7%	17.8%	17.5%
Aavas Financiers	ADD	1,745	2,000	3.6	3.0	2.6	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	14.1%	14.7%	15.8%
Home First Finance	ADD	1,057	1,350	4.9	4.2	3.7	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%	16.9%	18.3%	19.4%
Spandana Spoorthy	ADD	702	1,300	2.1	1.8	1.5	4.4%	4.6%	4.6%	16.7%	17.9%	18.2%
Fusion Micro Finance	HOLD	438	580	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	19.4%	19.6%	19.7%
AMCs	Rating	CMP(Rs)	TP(Rs)	P/I	E(x) (at TP)		R	DAUM (%	5)		ROE (%)	
AMCS	Raung	CIVIF(KS)	IF(KS)	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F
Nippon AMC	ADD	652	800	35.7	29.5	23.7	0.28%	0.26%	0.25%	35.2%	41.8%	50.7%
HDFC AMC	HOLD	4,100	4,250	33.5	29.9	25.3	0.37%	0.35%	0.35%	32.8%	34.2%	37.3%
UTI AMC	ADD	1,051	1,200	16.8	13.8	11.8	0.30%	0.30%	0.29%	19.5%	21.1%	22.0%
ABSL AMC**	ADD	703	950	26.9	22.0	18.2	0.27%	0.27%	0.27%	29.9%	32.0%	33.9%
Insurance	Rating	CMP(Rs)	TP(Rs)	P/E	V (x) (at TP)		Retu	rn on EV	(%)		ROE (%)	
	•			FY25F	FY26F	FY27F	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F
SBI Life Insurance	HOLD	1,751	1,750	2.5	2.2	1.8	18.9%	18.5%	18.1%	15.4%	16.6%	16.2%
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Total Non-Interest Income	307	332	398	478	574
Operating Revenue	172,571	201,915	243,508	294,359	358,497
Total Non-Interest Expenses	(43,889)	(54,207)	(65,019)	(76,641)	(89,318)
Pre-provision Operating Profit	123,441	142,020	172,118	210,583	261,259
Total Provision Charges	(41,592)	(45,183)	(57,151)	(71,988)	(90,288)
Operating Profit After Provisions	81,849	96,836	114,967	138,595	170,971
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Operating EBIT (incl Associates)	81,849	96,836	114,967	138,595	170,971
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)					
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	81,849	96,836	114,967	138,595	170,971
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	81,849	96,836	114,967	138,595	170,971
Taxation	(22,056)	(24,932)	(29,317)	(35,342)	(43,598)
Consolidation Adjustments & Others					
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	59,793	71,905	85,651	103,253	127,373
Minority Interests					
Pref. & Special Div					
FX And Other Adj.					
Net Profit	59,793	71,905	85,651	103,253	127,373
Recurring Net Profit					

(Rsm)	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Gross Loans/Cust Deposits					
Avg Loans/Avg Deposits					
Avg Liquid Assets/Avg Assets	91.9%	90.8%	91.4%	92.6%	93.5%
Avg Liquid Assets/Avg IEAs	111.1%	107.0%	103.9%	102.1%	101.1%
Net Cust Loans/Assets					
Net Cust Loans/Broad Deposits					
Equity & Provns/Gross Cust Loans					
Asset Risk Weighting					
Provision Charge/Avg Cust Loans					
Provision Charge/Avg Assets					
Total Write Offs/Average Assets					

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS

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(Rsm)	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Total Gross Loans	1,719,846	2,072,941	2,521,959	3,038,178	3,656,429
Liquid Assets & Invst. (Current)					
Other Int. Earning Assets					
Total Gross Int. Earning Assets	1,719,846	2,072,941	2,521,959	3,038,178	3,656,429
Total Provisions/Loan Loss Reserve					
Total Net Interest Earning Assets	1,719,846	2,072,941	2,521,959	3,038,178	3,656,429
Intangible Assets					
Other Non-Interest Earning Assets	76,771	81,336	77,910	74,655	71,563
Total Non-Interest Earning Assets	101,894	118,643	116,064	113,741	111,673
Cash And Marketable Securities	158,174	108,126	70,098	48,874	22,727
Long-term Investments	85,651	106,566	109,705	117,577	124,319
Total Assets	2,065,565	2,406,277	2,817,827	3,318,370	3,915,148
Customer Interest-Bearing Liabilities					
Bank Deposits	1,579,063	1,858,411	2,194,104	2,612,833	3,107,965
Interest Bearing Liabilities: Others					
Total Interest-Bearing Liabilities	1,579,063	1,858,411	2,194,104	2,612,833	3,107,965
Banks Liabilities Under Acceptances					
Total Non-Interest Bearing Liabilities	24,509	28,665	34,102	40,596	48,357
Total Liabilities	1,603,572	1,887,076	2,228,206	2,653,429	3,156,321
Shareholders Equity	433,066	485,684	550,666	627,614	723,045
Minority Interests					
Total Equity	433,066	485,684	550,666	627,614	723,045
Key Ratios					
	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Total Income Growth	80.9%	17.0%	20.6%	20.9%	21.8%
Operating Profit Growth	70.5%	14.8%	20.8%	22.0%	23.6%
Pretax Profit Growth	131%	18%	19%	21%	23%
Net Interest To Total Income	99.8%	99.8%	99.8%	99.8%	99.8%
Cost Of Funds	9.21%	8.61%	8.50%	8.20%	7.80%
Return On Interest Earning Assets	19.8%	17.7%	17.5%	17.1%	16.8%
Net Interest Spread	10.61%	9.10%	8.99%	8.88%	8.97%
Net Interest Margin (Avg Deposits)					
Net Interest Margin (Avg RWA)					
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Net Interest Margin (Avg Deposits)					
Net Interest Margin (Avg RWA)					
Provisions to Pre Prov. Operating Profit	34%	32%	33%	34%	35%
Interest Return On Average Assets	9.87%	9.02%	9.31%	9.58%	9.90%
Effective Tax Rate	26.9%	25.7%	25.5%	25.5%	25.5%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	9.4%	23.5%	24.1%	25.5%	25.1%
Return On Average Assets	3.43%	3.22%	3.28%	3.37%	3.52%

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