



ADD (no change)

Buy 31 Hold 4 Sell 2 Consensus ratings*: Current price: Rs1,266 Rs1,650 Target price: Previous target: Rs1,000 Up/downside: 30.3% EIP Research / Consensus: 10.6% SRTR.BO Reuters: Bloomberg: SHTF IN US\$4,373m Market cap: Rs3,20,338m US\$61.6m Average daily turnover: Rs4512.1m Current shares o/s: 226.9m Free float: 74.0%

Key changes in this note

*Source: Bloomberg

- ➤ Raise FY22F/23F PPOP by 1.9%/1.6%
- Raise FY22F/23F PAT by 14.6%/8.7%



		Source:	Bloomberg
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	(10.8)	18.7	17.5
Relative (%)	(9.2)	7.3	(12.4)
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Major shareholders	% held
Shriram Capital Itd	26.5
Fidelity Investment Trust	4.9
Sanlam Life Insurance Ltd	3.0

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Sharp fall in credit cost to drive earnings

- We upgrade our TP for SHTF to Rs 1,650, from Rs1,000, on the back of 14.6% /8.7% PAT upgrades for FY22/23F. It remains one of our preferred NBFC picks.
- With 39.7% PCR, credit costs likely will fall sharply through FY23F (210/200bp) as delinquencies normalise. Uptick in growth is yet another earnings lever.
- We expect average ROA/RoE of 2.6/14% through FY23F and ascribe a 1.5x FY23F BV translating into a TP of Rs1,650. We maintain our Add rating.

Sharp fall in delinquencies driving confidence in earnings

We believe SHTF's asset quality has held up well contrary to our earlier expectations of high delinquencies. SHTF has made provisions of Rs23.9bn over the last three quarters. With overall collection efficiencies at 104% for Dec 2020, we think asset quality pain seems to have stabilised. Loan to value (LTV) ratios at 60-70% for old vehicles remain comfortable and we note that the economics for used commercial vehicles (CVs) vis-à-vis new remain favourable in the current environment;

Current PCR at ~40% implies sharp fall in credit costs at the margin

SHTF's current provisioning coverage ratio (PCR) is 39.7% on Stage 3 NPLs on a reported basis. But assuming a standard provisioning of 40bp on standard assets, we estimate SHTF to be carrying +85% provisioning account of high provisions made over the last three quarters. We note that the actual loss given defaults (LGDs) over the long term have been below 40%. As a result, once overall delinquencies normalise, we expect credit costs to fall sharply and build in 210/200bp credit costs for FY22/23F (~260bp for 9MFY21). This is likely to be the key driver of earnings going forward – a sharp increase in diesel prices is a risk but we note that freight prices have been rising consistently over the last few months (Figure 1).

Growth gradually looking up - funding environment benign for now

While the growth rates are likely to be ~5-6% in FY21F, we expect double-digit growth rate for FY22F/23F driven by a sharp bounce back in GDP. The funding environment remains benign, in our view, as reflected in the incremental rate of borrowings at 8-8.5% across various instruments. Yields on advances should look up from here on largely due to lower interest reversals. Liquidity on balance sheet (~Rs130bn) remains a drag on net interest margins (NIMs) for now but will gradually come off aiding NIMs. We expect moderate NIM expansion here on. We expect NIMs at ~7.2% (having bottomed out at 6.4% in 1QFY21F).

14% RoE for FY23F; raise TP to Rs1,650; our preferred NBFC pick

Increased visibility around credit costs and growth leads us to raise our FY22/23F PAT for SHTF by 14.6%/8.7% largely on credit costs falling to 2.1%/2% for FY22/23F. As a result, we expect RoA/RoE to improve to 2.6/14% by FY23F. With current tier-I capital at 20.5%, we do not expect any meaningful dilution in the near term. We expect SHTF to trade at 1.5x FY23F BV, translating to a raised target price of Rs1,650. A sustained slowdown leading to higher delinquencies/credit costs remains a key risk to our call. Maintain Add.

Financial Summary	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Net Interest Income (Rsm)	78,730	79,168	83,644	90,290	99,555
Total Non-Interest Income (Rsm)	1,614	2,847	2,913	3,220	3,563
Operating Revenue (Rsm)	80,344	82,015	86,557	93,510	1,03,118
Total Provision Charges (Rsm)	(23,823)	(27,949)	(32,069)	(26,831)	(28,293)
Net Profit (Rsm)	25,640	25,019	25,288	32,682	36,691
Core EPS (Rs)	113.00	110.27	99.93	129.15	144.99
Core EPS Growth	4%	(2%)	(9%)	29%	12%
FD Core P/E (x)	11.20	11.48	12.67	9.80	8.73
DPS (Rs)	12.00	12.00	13.00	12.00	12.00
Dividend Yield	0.95%	0.95%	1.03%	0.95%	0.95%
BVPS (Rs)	697.9	793.6	855.2	970.3	1,101.2
P/BV (x)	1.81	1.60	1.48	1.30	1.15
ROE	17.4%	14.8%	12.8%	14.1%	14.0%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates			30.9%	14.6%	8.7%
EIP Research/Consensus EPS (x)			1.03	1.02	0.97

SOURCES: EIP RESEARCH ESTIMATES, COMPANY REPORTS. PRICED AS AT 8 MAR 2021

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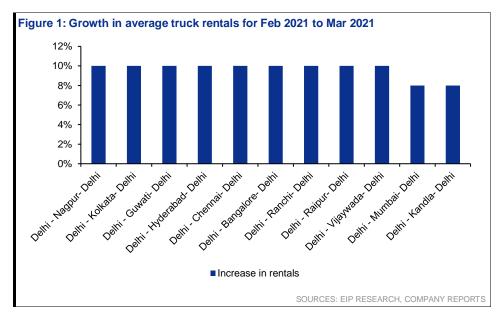
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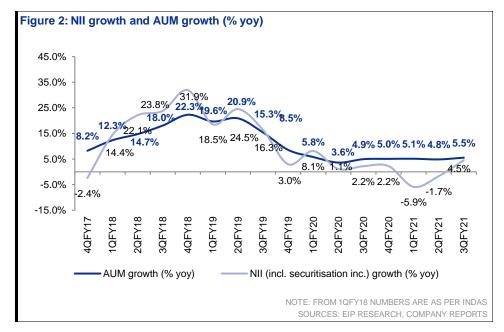




Over the last couple of months freight costs spiked offsetting rising diesel prices, which were passed on to customers. Last month diesel prices rose only 4-5%, whereas freight tariffs increased 8-10%.

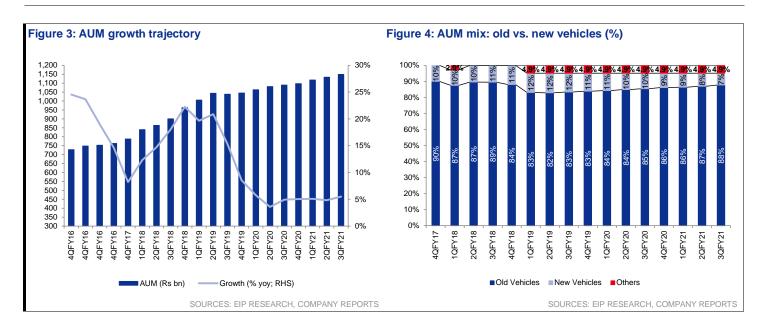
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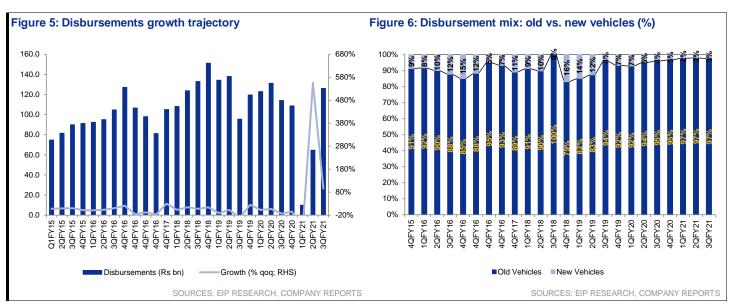


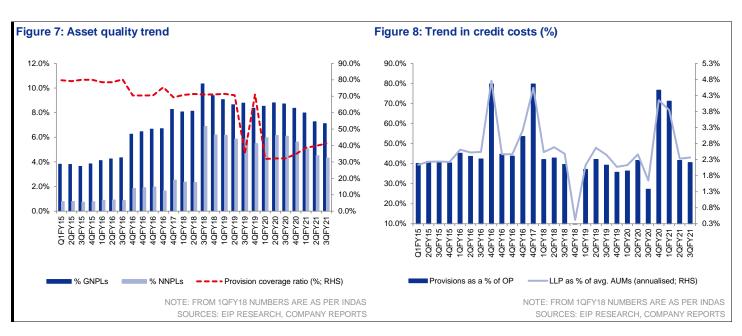








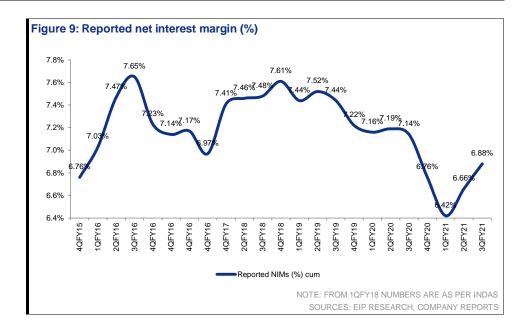








Liquidity on balance sheet remains a drag on NIMs for now, but will gradually come off aiding NIMs. We expect moderate NIM expansion here on. Yields on advances should look up going forward largely due to lower interest reversals.



Particulars	FY19A	FY20A	FY21F	FY22F	FY23F
Net Interest Income / Avg. Assets	7.8%	7.2%	7.1%	7.1%	7.0%
Securitisation income / Avg. Assets	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Income / Avg. Assets	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
Income Yield / Avg. Assets	7.9%	7.5%	7.4%	7.3%	7.2%
Op. Cost (Staff cost) / Avg Assets	0.9%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
Op. Cost (Other costs) / Avg Assets	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%
Operating profit / Avg Assets	6.1%	5.7%	5.6%	5.5%	5.4%
Total provisions / Avg. assets	2.4%	2.5%	2.7%	2.1%	2.0%
Pre-Tax ROA	3.7%	3.1%	2.9%	3.4%	3.4%
Tax Retention Rate	67.9%	72.8%	74.8%	74.8%	74.8%
Post Tax ROA	2.5%	2.3%	2.2%	2.6%	2.6%
Leverage = Avg. Assets / Avg. Equity	6.9	6.5	5.9	5.5	5.5
ROE (Leverage * ROA)	17.4%	14.8%	12.8%	14.1%	14.0%

Figure 11: Changes in estimates									
Particulars	0	ld estimat	tes	Ne	w estimat	es	C	hange (%	6)
Rs m	FY21F	FY22F	FY23F	FY21F	FY22F	FY23F	FY21F	FY22F	FY23F
NII (incl. securitisation income)	78,230	89,163	98,981	83,644	90,290	99,555	6.9%	1.3%	0.6%
PPoP	60,734	69,192	76,098	65,863	70,507	77,325	8.4%	1.9%	1.6%
PAT	19,314	28,519	33,761	25,288	32,682	36,691	30.9%	14.6%	8.7%
EPS (Rs.)	76.3	112.7	133.4	99.9	129.1	145.0	30.9%	14.6%	8.7%
RoE	9.9%	12.8%	13.5%	12.8%	14.1%	14.0%	2.9%	1.4%	0.5%
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Profit & Loss					
(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Net Interest Income	78,730	79,168	83,644	90,290	99,555
Total Non-Interest Income	1,614	2,847	2,913	3,220	3,563
Operating Revenue	80,344	82,015	86,557	93,510	1,03,118
Total Non-Interest Expenses	(18,739)	(19,679)	(20,694)	(23,003)	(25,793)
Pre-provision Operating Profit	61,605	62,336	65,863	70,507	77,325
Total Provision Charges	(23,823)	(27,949)	(32,069)	(26,831)	(28,293)
Operating Profit After Provisions	37,783	34,387	33,794	43,676	49,032
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Operating EBIT (incl Associates)	37,783	34,387	33,794	43,676	49,032
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)					
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	37,783	34,387	33,794	43,676	49,032
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	37,783	34,387	33,794	43,676	49,032
Taxation	(12,143)	(9,368)	(8,506)	(10,993)	(12,341)
Consolidation Adjustments & Others					
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	25,640	25,019	25,288	32,682	36,691
Minority Interests					
Pref. & Special Div					
FX And Other Adj.					
Net Profit	25,640	25,019	25,288	32,682	36,691
Recurring Net Profit					

Balance Sheet Employment					
(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Gross Loans/Cust Deposits					
Avg Loans/Avg Deposits					_
Avg Liquid Assets/Avg Assets	6.9%	8.2%	8.9%	8.9%	8.9%
Avg Liquid Assets/Avg IEAs	7.2%	8.8%	9.6%	9.6%	9.6%
Net Cust Loans/Assets	91.9%	89.6%	89.3%	89.2%	89.1%
Net Cust Loans/Broad Deposits	260.2%	240.7%	246.6%	246.6%	246.6%
Equity & Provns/Gross Cust Loans	19.6%	20.9%	24.8%	25.5%	26.1%
Asset Risk Weighting	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Provision Charge/Avg Cust Loans	2.54%	2.81%	3.06%	2.36%	2.22%
Provision Charge/Avg Assets	2.35%	2.55%	2.74%	2.11%	1.98%
Total Write Offs/Average Assets					

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Balance Sheet					
(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Total Gross Loans	9,67,515	10,22,316	10,73,432	12,02,244	13,46,513
Liquid Assets & Invst. (Current)	39,857	27,985	40,621	45,495	50,955
Other Int. Earning Assets					
Total Gross Int. Earning Assets	10,07,372	10,50,301	11,14,053	12,47,739	13,97,468
Total Provisions/Loan Loss Reserve					
Total Net Interest Earning Assets	10,07,372	10,50,301	11,14,053	12,47,739	13,97,468
Intangible Assets					
Other Non-Interest Earning Assets	3,392	15,712	18,854	22,625	27,150
Total Non-Interest Earning Assets	5,738	17,836	21,278	25,409	30,365
Cash And Marketable Securities	39,815	73,149	66,229	74,090	83,040
Long-term Investments					
Total Assets	10,52,925	11,41,286	12,01,560	13,47,238	15,10,873
Customer Interest-Bearing Liabilities					
Bank Deposits	3,71,893	4,24,746	4,35,298	4,87,534	5,46,038
Interest Bearing Liabilities: Others	4,45,232	4,62,271	4,75,164	5,38,987	6,10,470
Total Interest-Bearing Liabilities	8,79,144	9,43,718	9,67,162	10,83,222	12,13,208
Banks Liabilities Under Acceptances					
Total Non-Interest Bearing Liabilities	15,418	17,517	17,985	18,473	18,984
Total Liabilities	8,94,562	9,61,235	9,85,147	11,01,695	12,32,193
Shareholders Equity	1,58,363	1,80,052	2,16,413	2,45,543	2,78,680
Minority Interests					
Total Equity	1,58,363	1,80,052	2,16,413	2,45,543	2,78,680

Key Ratios					
	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Total Income Growth	15.4%	0.6%	5.7%	7.9%	10.3%
Operating Profit Growth	11.5%	1.2%	5.7%	7.1%	9.7%
Pretax Profit Growth	(1%)	(9%)	(2%)	29%	12%
Net Interest To Total Income	98.0%	96.5%	96.6%	96.6%	96.5%
Cost Of Funds	8.83%	9.18%	8.78%	8.76%	8.75%
Return On Interest Earning Assets	15.9%	15.8%	15.5%	15.3%	15.1%
Net Interest Spread	7.04%	6.65%	6.70%	6.49%	6.37%
Net Interest Margin (Avg Deposits)					
Net Interest Margin (Avg RWA)	7.77%	7.22%	7.14%	7.08%	6.97%
Provisions to Pre Prov. Operating Profit	39%	45%	49%	38%	37%
Interest Return On Average Assets	7.77%	7.22%	7.14%	7.08%	6.97%
Effective Tax Rate	32.1%	27.2%	25.2%	25.2%	25.2%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	12.4%	12.7%	15.2%	10.9%	9.7%
Return On Average Assets	2.53%	2.28%	2.16%	2.56%	2.57%

Key Drivers					
	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Loan Growth (%)	6.6%	5.7%	5.0%	12.0%	12.0%
Net Interest Margin (%)	8.1%	7.7%	7.7%	7.6%	7.5%
Non Interest Income Growth (%)	(47.6%)	76.4%	2.3%	10.5%	10.7%
Cost-income Ratio (%)	23.3%	24.0%	23.9%	24.6%	25.0%
Net NPL Ratio (%)	1.1%	1.4%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%
Loan Loss Reserve (%)	36.8%	37.0%	47.1%	50.6%	54.7%
GP Ratio (%)	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Total CAR (%)	25.1%	24.0%	25.7%	24.9%	24.2%

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Neutral A Neutral rating means stocks in the sector have, on a market cap-weighted basis, a neutral absolute recommendation.

Underweight An Underweight rating means stocks in the sector have, on a market cap-weighted basis, a negative absolute recommendation.

Country Ratings Definition:

Overweight An Overweight rating means investors should be positioned with an above-market weight in this country relative to benchmark.

Neutral A Neutral rating means investors should be positioned with a neutral weight in this country relative to benchmark.

Underweight An Underweight rating means investors should be positioned with a below-market weight in this country relative to benchmark.