



### India

### ADD (no change)

Consensus ratings\*: Buy 41 Hold 7 Sell 0

Current price: Rs1,666

Target price: Rs2,150

Previous target: Rs2,150

Up/downside: 29.1%

InCred Research / Consensus: 6.3%

Reuters:

Bloomberg: HDFCB IN Market cap: US\$175,480m

Rs12,742,480m

Average daily turnover: US\$434.7m Rs31566.5m

Current shares o/s: 7,586.9m Free float: 100.0%

\*Source: Bloomberg

#### Key changes in this note

Sets the stage for deposit growth, deepening of urban/rural branches to aid margin expansion and improve operating leverage. Long-term story intact.



		Source: Bi	oomberg
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	(6.0)	(2.8)	12.7
Relative (%)	(3.9)	2.0	5.3

Major shareholders	% held
FPI	41.5
ADR	13.5
SBI-ETF Nifty 50	6.0

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# **HDFC Bank**

## Consistency personified

- HDFC Bank posted an in-line 3Q PAT of Rs16.7bn amid healthy operational performance, with a focus on liquidity and no negative surprise on asset quality.
- The gross slippage of ~1.4% (vs. ~2.1% for Axis Bank) & net slippage of ~0.3% (vs. ~1.4% for Axis Bank) demonstrates the robust legacy of HDFC Bank.
- Retain ADD with TP of Rs2,150 as we are confident on growth outlook & expect margin volatility to adjust against improved operating leverage/low provision.

### Liquidity is the priority; LDR improves sequentially with steady LCR

HDFC Bank has continued its focus on augmenting liquidity, which is visible in its 3QFY25 earnings whereby the period-end deposits grew by ~3% qoq (+16% yoy) to Rs25.6tr. Average time deposits sustained their sequential momentum and grew by ~6% qoq (~22% yoy), while average CASA deposits grew by 1% qoq/~6% yoy resulting in a decline in the average CASA ratio by ~1pp qoq to 33%. However, we continue to believe that the ageing of branches will lead to healthy deposit growth led by sticky and granular rural/urban FD and CASA flows. Management remains firm on growing deposits at a faster pace, compared to the growth in advances, in the near term to achieve a comfortable credit-to-deposit ratio, which has improved to ~98% against ~100% last quarter whereas the overall liquidity coverage remained steady at ~125% as against ~128% in Sep 2024.

### Retail/agri/SME loans to grow at a faster pace versus corporate loans

On the advances front, though HDFC Bank is focusing on retail lending (+2.1% qoq), unsecured loans (personal loans & credit cards) outperformed with ~2.5% qoq growth whereas mortgages grew by ~1.8% qoq. Commercial and rural banking also remained the key growth area, with ~2.7% qoq growth. This will support overall yields in the mid- to long-term. The corporate loan slowdown continues, which we attribute to competitive pricing.

### Margin within guided trajectory; asset quality trend remains upbeat

NIM during the quarter saw ~8bp fall due to interest reversal on agri loans-led slippage, which is cyclical in nature and may see a reversal in 4QFY25F. Our long-term NIM improvement estimate stays intact amid management's continued focus on better-yield assets & gradual liquidity normalization. There was no negative surprise on the asset quality front, barring some surge in agri loan-led slippage, which historically has been seasonal in nature. The gross slippage of ~1.4% (vs. ~2.1% for Axis Bank) & net slippage of ~0.3% (vs. ~1.4% for Axis Bank) shows the robust legacy of HDFC Bank. Around 7bp qoq rise in credit costs to ~50bp (~80bp for Axis Bank) also remains the best among peers.

#### **Outlook & valuation**

HDFC Bank is our high conviction ADD-rated stock with a target price of Rs2,150 as we continue to believe that the transition phase for the bank is on track. We expect HDFC Bank to be a ~2% RoA & ~16% RoE story. We have valued the standalone bank at ~2.6x FY26F BV and its arms at Rs300/share. Downside risks: Slow growth and weak margin.

Financial Summary	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Net Interest Income (Rsm)	868,422	1,085,325	1,228,361	1,408,882	1,666,831
Total Non-Interest Income (Rsm)	312,148	492,410	455,880	513,460	576,526
Operating Revenue (Rsm)	1,180,571	1,577,735	1,684,241	1,922,342	2,243,356
Total Provision Charges (Rsm)	(119,197)	(234,922)	(115,375)	(125,938)	(158,118)
Net Profit (Rsm)	441,087	608,123	674,069	790,311	925,320
Core EPS (Rs)	79.05	80.05	88.73	104.03	121.80
Core EPS Growth	19%	1%	11%	17%	17%
FD Core P/E (x)	21.08	20.81	18.78	16.01	13.68
DPS (Rs)	25.00	19.50	25.00	30.00	35.00
Dividend Yield	1.50%	1.17%	1.50%	1.80%	2.10%
BVPS (Rs)	502.2	579.5	643.0	716.7	803.1
P/BV (x)	3.32	2.87	2.59	2.32	2.07
ROE	17.0%	16.9%	14.5%	15.3%	16.0%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates					
InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x)					

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



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Figure 1: Quarterly res	sults summary								
Particulars (Rs m)	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Net Interest Income	2,35,991	2,73,852	2,84,713	2,90,768	2,98,371	3,01,139	3,06,533	7.7%	1.8%
NIM (% of AUM)	4.4%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	3.8%	3.7%		
Fee-Based Income	92,299	1,07,078	1,11,370	1,81,663	1,06,681	1,14,827	1,14,536	2.8%	-0.3%
Operating Expenses	1,40,569	1,53,992	1,59,611	1,79,688	1,66,206	1,68,909	1,71,064	7.2%	1.3%
Operating Profit	1,87,720	2,26,939	2,36,473	2,92,742	2,38,846	2,47,057	2,50,004	5.7%	1.2%
Provisions	28,600	29,038	42,166	1,35,116	26,021	27,005	31,539	-25.2%	16.8%
Exceptional Items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
PBT	1,59,120	1,97,901	1,94,307	1,57,626	2,12,826	2,20,053	2,18,466	12.4%	-0.7%
Tax	-39,602	-38,139	-30,581	7,493	-51,078	-51,843	-51,111	67.1%	-1.4%
Tax rate (%)	24.9%	19.3%	15.7%	-4.8%	24.0%	23.6%	23.4%		
PAT	1,19,518	1,59,761	1,63,725	1,65,119	1,61,748	1,68,210	1,67,355	2.2%	-0.5%
Advances (Rs bn)	16,157	23,312	24,461	24,849	24,635	24,951	25,182	3.0%	0.9%
Deposits (Rs bn)	19,131	21,729	22,140	23,798	23,791	25,001	25,638	15.8%	2.5%
						SOURCE	: INCRED RESEA	RCH, COMPAN	Y REPORTS

	FY25F			FY26F			FY27F	
Earlier	Revised	% change	Earlier	Revised	% change	Earlier	Revised	% change
12,95,825	12,28,361	-5.2%	15,02,630	14,08,882	-6.2%	17,42,217	16,66,831	-4.3%
4,59,211	4,55,880	-0.7%	5,29,785	5,13,460	-3.1%	6,02,869	5,76,526	-4.4%
10,54,927	10,02,308	-5.0%	12,71,529	11,65,821	-8.3%	14,78,530	13,75,644	-7.0%
7,12,996	6,74,068	-5.5%	8,57,547	7,90,311	-7.8%	9,76,196	9,25,320	-5.2%
93.6	88.2	-5.8%	112.6	103.4	-8.1%	128.1	121.1	-5.5%
640.2	636.3	-0.6%	707.5	709.2	0.2%	770.4	794.8	3.2%
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Particulars	Stake(%)	Value (Rs m)	Rs. per share	Valuation methodology
HDFC Bank - Standalone (A)		1,40,94,555	1,850	ERE - 2.6x FY26F BV
HDB Financial	95%	3,46,792	50	2x FY26F P/BV
HDFC Securities	96%	1,88,243	20	16x FY26F P/E
HDFC Standard Life	50%	15,48,050	205	3x FY26F P/EV
HDFC General Insurance	51%	1,13,756	10	20x FY26F P/E
HDFC AMC	53%	3,03,188	40	34x FY26F P/E
Value of Subsidiaries (B)			330	
Holding Company Discount (C)	20%		30	
Discounted Value			300	
Value of bank (A+B-C)			2,150	
			SOURCE: INCRE	D RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS

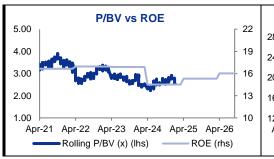
### **Earnings call highlights**

- The excess liquidity on the balance sheet of Rs~500bn yields ~7%.
- HDB Financials' credit costs have gone up from 1.8% to 2.5% as stage-3 assets during the quarter had a higher amount of delinquency, which have been pulled back from the 90dpd basket, but they have not reached 0dpd.
- 18 months after the merger, there are several metrics that have been achieved like HDFC's borrowers opening their accounts with HDFC Bank. Around 95-96% of the borrowers have opened accounts with an average balance of Rs30,000 and there are a significant number of customers who have taken other products as well.
- There are a few things which have not gone as planned during the merger because the macroeconomic environment was not favourable. Like, for example, deposit augmentation has become tough, slowing down the pace of replacement of HDFC's liabilities. The savings made by reducing borrowings inherent during the merger have been knocked off by the fall in the CASA deposit ratio.



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### **BY THE NUMBERS**





Profit & Loss					
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Operating Revenue	1,180,571	1,577,735	1,684,241	1,922,342	2,243,356
Total Non-Interest Expenses	(454,096)	(607,070)	(667,176)	(742,433)	(846,374)
Pre-provision Operating Profit	704,050	943,874	1,002,308	1,165,821	1,375,644
Total Provision Charges	(119,197)	(234,922)	(115,375)	(125,938)	(158,118)
Operating Profit After Provisions	584,853	708,953	886,932	1,039,883	1,217,526
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Operating EBIT (incl Associates)	584,853	708,953	886,932	1,039,883	1,217,526
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)					
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	584,853	708,953	886,932	1,039,883	1,217,526
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	584,853	708,953	886,932	1,039,883	1,217,526
Taxation	(143,766)	(100,830)	(212,864)	(249,572)	(292,206)
Consolidation Adjustments & Others					
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	441,087	608,123	674,069	790,311	925,320
Minority Interests					
Pref. & Special Div					
FX And Other Adj.					
Net Profit	441,087	608,123	674,069	790,311	925,320
Recurring Net Profit					

Balance Sheet Employment					
(Rsm)	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Gross Loans/Cust Deposits					
Avg Loans/Avg Deposits	86.3%	95.8%	101.2%	97.3%	95.8%
Avg Liquid Assets/Avg Assets	94.6%	94.0%	94.3%	94.4%	94.7%
Avg Liquid Assets/Avg IEAs	108.8%	107.8%	107.5%	108.6%	109.6%
Net Cust Loans/Assets					
Net Cust Loans/Broad Deposits					
Equity & Provns/Gross Cust Loans					
Asset Risk Weighting					
Provision Charge/Avg Cust Loans	0.80%	1.15%	0.45%	0.45%	0.50%
Provision Charge/Avg Assets	0.53%	0.77%	0.31%	0.31%	0.34%
Total Write Offs/Average Assets					

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Balance Sheet					
(Rsm)	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Total Gross Loans	16,005,859	24,848,616	26,429,378	29,543,050	33,704,288
Liquid Assets & Invst. (Current)	5,170,015	7,024,150	7,522,774	7,939,260	8,391,504
Other Int. Earning Assets					
Total Gross Int. Earning Assets	21,175,874	31,872,764	33,952,152	37,482,312	42,095,792
Total Provisions/Loan Loss Reserve					
Total Net Interest Earning Assets	21,175,874	31,872,764	33,952,152	37,482,312	42,095,792
Intangible Assets					
Other Non-Interest Earning Assets	1,467,125	1,998,002	2,067,491	2,234,780	2,363,851
Total Non-Interest Earning Assets	1,547,291	2,111,992	2,192,880	2,372,708	2,515,571
Cash And Marketable Securities	1,937,651	2,191,474	2,736,948	3,431,020	4,180,081
Long-term Investments					
Total Assets	24,660,814	36,176,232	38,881,980	43,286,036	48,791,444
Customer Interest-Bearing Liabilities	18,833,944	23,797,862	26,850,978	30,669,010	35,335,872
Bank Deposits					
Interest Bearing Liabilities: Others					
Total Interest-Bearing Liabilities	20,901,600	30,419,394	32,580,332	36,355,856	41,079,064
Banks Liabilities Under Acceptances					
Total Non-Interest Bearing Liabilities	957,223	1,354,379	1,417,043	1,485,572	1,611,142
Total Liabilities	21,858,824	31,773,772	33,997,372	37,841,428	42,690,204
Shareholders Equity	2,801,990	4,402,458	4,884,606	5,444,612	6,101,242
Minority Interests					
Total Equity	2,801,990	4,402,458	4,884,606	5,444,612	6,101,242

Key Ratios					
	Mar-23A	Mar-24A	Mar-25F	Mar-26F	Mar-27F
Total Income Growth	20.6%	25.0%	13.2%	14.7%	18.3%
Operating Profit Growth	10.6%	33.6%	4.8%	16.0%	18.4%
Pretax Profit Growth	19%	21%	25%	17%	17%
Net Interest To Total Income	73.6%	68.8%	72.9%	73.3%	74.3%
Cost Of Funds	3.90%	5.84%	5.61%	5.07%	4.58%
Return On Interest Earning Assets	8.2%	9.7%	9.1%	8.8%	8.6%
Net Interest Spread	4.30%	3.90%	3.49%	3.77%	4.07%
Net Interest Margin (Avg Deposits)	5.05%	5.09%	4.85%	4.90%	5.05%
Net Interest Margin (Avg RWA)					
Provisions to Pre Prov. Operating Profit	17%	25%	12%	11%	11%
Interest Return On Average Assets	3.83%	3.57%	3.27%	3.43%	3.62%
Effective Tax Rate	24.6%	14.2%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	31.7%	24.4%	28.5%	29.1%	29.0%
Return On Average Assets	1.95%	2.00%	1.80%	1.92%	2.01%

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



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