

# YES Bank (YES)

Banks

All about a table. The annual report takeaways could be centered around a single table that revealed the high divergence on NPLs reported by the bank against RBI's recommendations. Adjusted NPLs could have been sharply higher at 5% of loans for FY2016. We maintain our SELL rating as we value the bank similar to a corporate bank. Slower-than-expected transition to retail and chunky corporate exposure prone to large slippages, limit the upside we feel comfortable to assign to this bank.

# Company data and valuation summary

Stock data				2017	2018E	2019E
52-week range (Rs) (high, low) 1,652-944			EPS (Rs)	73.0	74.2	78.9
Market Cap. (Rs bn) 677.6			EPS grow th (%)	20.8	1.8	6.3
%)			P/E (X)	20.3	20.0	18.8
21.8			NII (Rs bn)	59.1	71.6	78.8
		42.0	Net profits (Rs bn)	33.3	33.9	36.0
		11.1	BVPS	467.4	530.0	590.6
1M	3M	12M	P/B (X)	3.2	2.8	2.5
(9.0)	5.0	55.4	ROE (%)	18.6	14.5	13.7
(10.7)	(1.4)	32.7	Div. Yield (%)	0.7	0.8	0.9
	<b>1M</b> (9.0)	1M 3M (9.0) 5.0	677.6 %) 21.8 42.0 11.1 1M 3M 12M (9.0) 5.0 55.4	677.6         EPS grow th (%)           %)         P/E (X)           21.8         NII (Rs bn)           42.0         Net profits (Rs bn)           11.1         BVPS           1M         3M         12M           (9.0)         5.0         55.4	P/E (X)     P/E (X)     73.0       677.6     EPS (Rs)     73.0       677.6     EPS grow th (%)     20.8       %)     P/E (X)     20.3       21.8     NII (Rs bn)     59.1       42.0     Net profits (Rs bn)     33.3       11.1     BV PS     467.4       1M     3M     12M       (9.0)     5.0     55.4	n,low)       1,652-944       EPS (Rs)       73.0       74.2         677.6       EPS grow th (%)       20.8       1.8         %)       P/E (X)       20.3       20.0         V1       21.8       NII (Rs bn)       59.1       71.6         42.0       Net profits (Rs bn)       33.3       33.9         11.1       BV PS       467.4       530.0         1M       3M       12M       P/B (X)       3.2       2.8         (9.0)       5.0       55.4       ROE (%)       18.6       14.5

# Surprising? No. Early disclosures could have helped

Following RBI's recent guidelines, Yes Bank reported a table discussing the divergence in NPLs between RBI's opinion and bank's reporting for FY2016. The divergence is quite high (see exhibit 1) which could have resulted in gross NPLs for FY2016 increasing to 5% from 0.8% as reported by the bank. Note that the RBI gives its opinion on the next financial year and hence, the bank may not be privy to the expected outcome of its inspection.

With limited data in hand on this table across banks, we do believe it is a bit premature to differentiate banks based on it. The quantum does not come as a big surprise given the nature of the loan portfolio though we are disappointed that the bank chose to report this only in its annual report and not during the call or immediately post the quarter where the divergence was highlighted. It would have been a critical assessing parameter for investors in a year where the bank had raised capital.

# Other highlights from the annual report

(1) Commercial real estate exposure continues to remain relatively high at ~8% of loans but it represents a steep decline over FY2016. The bulk of the exposure continues to be towards

**residential assets**. (2) The bank's unsecured loan continues to remain unchanged at ~25% of loans. However, only 11% of loans are at risk as the balance has some form of cover in FY2016. (3) ESOP issuances have declined as a share of the overall equity. Outstanding ESOPs granted but yet to be converted to equity is ~5% of loans. (4) Capital consumption, especially on credit risk weighted assets (RWA) was the highest at ~40% yoy as compared to loan growth of ~35% yoy. There were no major changes in loan composition but off balance sheet items slowed down.

# Maintain SELL: concerns remain and valuations are not exciting

We continue to maintain our SELL rating on the bank and value it at ₹1,400 from ₹1,450 earlier. At our TP, we value the bank at 2.3X book and 18X FY2019 EPS for RoEs in the range of 15% levels and strong earnings growth. This high divergence will continue to dominate discussions over the next few weeks. We do believe that the performance brings forth some of the previous issues of the bank especially on underwriting of corporate loans despite such strong RoEs.

# SELL

MAY 15, 2017 UPDATE Coverage view: Attractive Price (₹): 1,484 Target price (₹): 1,400 BSE-30: 30,188

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### High divergence reported from RBI's assessment

Yes Bank reported relatively high divergence over the assessment made by RBI for FY2016 NPLs. RBI estimates that the NPLs could have been closer to 5% (see exhibit 1) as compared 0.8% reported by the bank. As of FY2017, the bank has indicated it has fully accounted for the divergence in FY2017 with several accounts seeing improvement, reduction/exits in exposure or it has been classified as impaired in FY2017. ~50% of the current NPL is on account of divergence. There is one single account which dominates the exposure.

#### Exhibit 1: The divergence is quite high for Yes Bank at ~5% of loans Divergence in asset classification, March fiscal year-ends, 2016

	Bank	RBI	Divergence
Gross NPL			
Amount (Rs mn)	7,490	49,257	41,767
Ratio (%, KIE estimates)	0.8	5.0	4.2
Net NPL			
Amount	2,845	36,031	33,187
Ratio (%, KIE estimates)	0.3	3.7	<mark>3.4</mark>
Provision coverage ratio (%)			
Reported by the bank			62.0
Assessed by the RBI (KIE estimates, accounting for provision)			53.7
Net profit			25,394
Net profit post accounting for provisions for divergence			19,784
Return on equity pre-annoucement of divergence (%)			19.9
Return on equity post annoucement of divergence (%)			15.5

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities

The bank has sold a few accounts to asset reconstruction companies in ARCs. The following exhibit shows loans which are classified as standard under various windows available to banks and given by RBI.

### Exhibit : Loan classified under different formats allowed by RBI March fiscal year-ends, 2017

Туре	Amount	(% of loans)
Gross NPL	20,184	1.5
Restructured loans	5,710	0.4
SDR	2,995	0.2
S4A	189	0.0
Security receipts	9,771	0.7
Flexible restructuring	1,255	0.1

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities

### Fretting over the past?

Yes Bank has come out on the wrong side of history this time. The divergence is high enough not to ignore and consider as an event of the past. It should clearly weigh in the future till asset quality issues are fully sorted out at the sector level or we see lower convergence on reported NPLs over the next few years.

It highlights an issue that we have been consistently focusing on, the composition of the loan portfolio that makes NPLs quite chunky, harder to project and surprise investors negatively when it occurs. Hence, it is not too surprising to see this level of NPLs for the bank.

We do acknowledge that other banks are yet to present their annual reports and hence, it would be too early to understand the performance of Yes Bank on a standalone basis. Also, we are not aware of the regular divergence in previous years making it challenging to understand this reporting. However, it would have been useful if the assessment made by RBI in its annual financial inspection is reported to investors annually and preferably

immediately, especially when the quantum of divergence is as high as reported in the current financial year.

### Loan book is still less diversified; large corporate exposure dominates

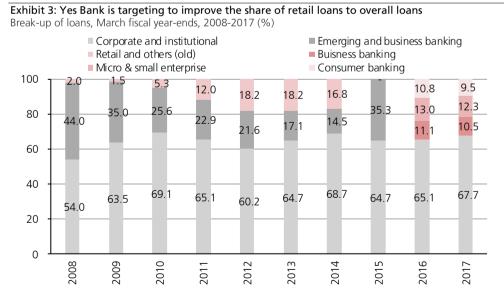
One of the challenges we continue to face on Yes Bank is the composition of loan portfolio which continues to be dominated by the corporate segment. The bank has been attempting to diversify in the past few years, but the relatively higher cost of funds inhibits easy access to low risk retail products. Also, the ability to cross products is still not closer to those of frontline banks as they have relatively low level of customers but importantly, we do believe that there is a preference to remain in the corporate sector as the bank probably believes that strong structuring can protect the risk of the portfolio from any kind of deterioration. The instances of writing large exposures only increased in FY2017 as we see in the exhibits below.

Exhibit 2: FY2017 saw the highest number of large companies getting approval from Yes Bank Approval taken on single and group borrower limit

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Single borrow er limit						
Tata Steel		12				
Hindalco		5				
Sesa Sterlite			17			
Nirma Limited						0
Reliance Ports and Terminals						5
Group borrow er limit						
Tata group			41			18
Reliance						21

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities

The bank's exposure to low ticket lending has a lot of room for improvement. It has indicated in its presentation that its disbursements have increased in recent quarters. However, as a share of overall loans, it remains quite low at below 10% levels.



#### Notes:

(A) Proportion reported in FY2013 includes credit substitutes. The bank has combined retail and SME from 2QFY15

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Electricity	2.3	4.8	8.3	8.7	11.3
Commercial real estate	-	0.0	0.0	6.8	5.8
Other real estate	-	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.8
Tech, ITES, Media	3.4	3.4	2.9	1.4	1.2
Food processing	4.6	4.4	3.2	2.7	2.4
Iron & Steel	5.7	3.5	3.3	2.2	1.8
Social & Commercial Infra	2.1	1.8	2.7	2.4	2.7
Vehicles & equipments	2.4	2.8	3.1	2.5	2.4
Construction/ EPC	3.1	2.9	3.1	6.0	7.3
Metals & mining	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.4	2.5
Telecom	2.4	3.1	2.2	4.5	4.9
Power	2.1	1.6	1.7	NA	0.0
Textiles	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.9	1.4
Aviation	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.6	1.0
Other industries	29.7	68.4	66.8	58.0	54.5

Exhibit 4: Yes Bank has seen a gog rise in exposure to electricity, EPC metals Break-up of customer assets. March fiscal year-ends. 2013-2017 (%)

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities

Exhibit 5: Exposure to commercial real estate is uncomfortably high despite a slower growth Exposure in commercial real estate, March fiscal year-ends, 2012-17 (₹ mn)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Commercial real estate (a)	24,585	57,520	66,015	98,552	132,352	166,117
Of which residential (b)			52,659	83,735	112,461	125,810
Reported in loans (c)	14,864	33,593	38,395	65,036	100,252	109,287
Loans (d)	379,886	469,996	556,330	755,498	982,099	1,322,627
(% of loans) (c/d)	3.9	7.1	6.9	8.6	10.2	8.3

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities

Exhibit 6: 25% of loans is unsecured in nature of which ~11% is clean unsecured loans Unsecured loans to total loans, March fiscal year-ends, 2012-17

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Loans (Rs bn)	380	470	556	755	982	1,323
Unsecured (%)	27.1	32.4	31.8	31.2	25.4	25.8
covered by intangibles	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	-
documentation in process	7.9	7.4	14.8	19.1	13.4	14.7
unsecured	19.0	24.9	16.9	12.1	12.1	11.1

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities

### ESOP issuances on a sharp decline; composition of employees changing

Similar to most of frontline banks, outstanding ESOP issuances have been gradually declining. Fresh ESOP granted is less than 1% for FY2016-17 (see exhibit 7). The nature of employee addition is undergoing a change which probably requires lower levels of non-cash compensation structures. FY2017 saw a very high growth in employee addition at ~35% yoy (see exhibit 9) and the bank has been able to maintain its cost structure and average cost/employee (see exhibit 10)

Exhibit 7: ESOP granted to employees have has fallen sharply when compared to outstanding shares

Movement of ESOP as a share of outstanding shares of year-end, March fiscal year-ends, 2010-17 (%)									
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Granted	4.5	3.0	2.0	1.8	1.3	1.2	0.7	0.9	
Less	2.1	2.1	3.1	2.4	2.2	1.0	1.0	0.8	
Forfeited / lapsed	1.7	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	
Exercised	0.4	1.4	2.2	1.7	1.6	0.6	0.9	0.7	
Closing balance	8.9	9.1	7.2	6.5	5.5	5.7	4.5	4.6	

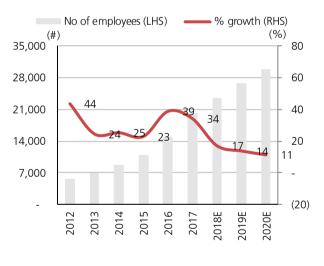
#### Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities

Exhibit 8: Yes Bank has the highest percentage of employee cost to total cost among private banks Employee cost as a percentage of overall costs, March fiscal year ends, 2012-20E

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018E	2019E	2020E
Axis Bank	34.6	34.4	32.9	33.4	33.4	32.9	31.1	30.0	28.5
HDFC Bank	36.6	35.3	34.7	34.0	33.6	34.2	35.7	36.3	34.7
ICICI Bank	44.8	43.2	40.9	41.3	39.4	39.1	39.0	39.2	38.6
IndusInd Bank	36.1	37.7	37.0	34.2	33.7	31.8	31.2	29.6	29.0
Yes Bank	51.0	49.1	44.8	43.6	43.6	43.8	45.2	42.5	41.1

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities

Exhibit 9: Number of employees grew 34% yoy Employee strength and growth, March fiscal year-ends, 2012-20



Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities

Exhibit 10: Cost/employee has been stable over the past five years

Employee cost and growth, March fiscal year-ends, 2012-20



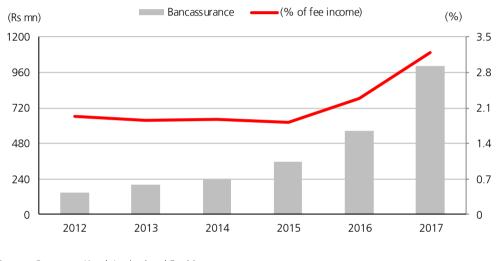
# Bancassurance business picks up well in fee income business

Overall non-interest income continues to be dominated by corporate banking. However, we are happy to note the increasing share of bancassurance business. Though the contribution is quite small, it nevertheless is good outcome of its growing retail business.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Corporate trade and cash management	28	26	25	24	17	11
Retail banking	9	11	12	20	23	22
orex, debt capital markets and securities	11	6	22	13	10	17
Corporate banking fees	38	39	32	37	39	35
Freasury trading and others	14	18	9	6	12	15

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities

# Exhibit 12:Strong performance in bancassurance business in retail Bancassurance business, March fiscal year-ends, 2012-17



Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities

# Capital consumption has been on the higher side as compared to loans

In FY2017, we note that the overall RWA of the bank grew 40% yoy as compared to the overall loan growth of 35% yoy. Of this, we note that the credit RWA saw a higher increase despite relatively slower growth in loans at 35% yoy. We note that off balance sheet exposures, especially the key ones, have grown at a slower pace.

Exhibit 13: Capital consumption has been a bit fast in FY2017
Break-up of RWA across metrics, March fiscal year-ends, 2012-17 (₹ mn)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	(YoY %)
Credit RWA	441	553	643	907	1,151	1,625	41
Market RWA	56	88	80	70	95	132	39
Operational RWA	22	31	43	57	83	106	28
Total RWA	520	672	766	1,034	1,329	1,863	40
Assets	736	991	1,090	1,362	1,653	2,151	30
(Assets/RWA, %)	71	68	70	76	80	87	
Loans	380	470	556	755	982	1,323	35
(Loans/credi RWA, %)	116	118	116	120	117	123	

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities

Exhibit 14: Key metrics in the off balance sheet exposure (OBS) OBS to balance sheet metrics, March fiscal year-ends, 2012-17 (₹ mn)

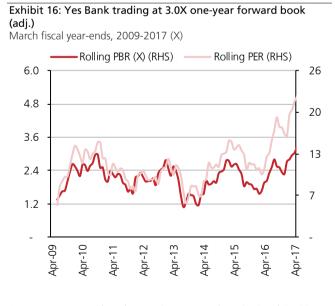
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	(YoY %)
Guarantee (A)	104,494	152,629	164,442	225,394	257,501	319,204	24
Acceptances etc (B)	799,971	1,500,302	1,104,666	2,116,096	1,765,910	1,633,441	(8)
Total (C )	939,984	1,261,149	1,346,204	1,804,162	2,128,436	2,744,370	29
Total assets (D)	736,257	991,041	1,090,158	1,361,704	1,652,634	2,150,599	30
(A+B)/C, (%)	96	131	94	130	95	71	
Total assets (C/D, %)	128	127	123	132	129	128	

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities

#### Exhibit 15: Yes bank-- estimate changes March fiscal year-ends 2018-2019F (₹ mn)

March liscal year-ends, 2018-20						
	New estimates		Old estimates		% change	
	2018E	2019E	2018E	2019E	2018E	2019E
Net interest income	71,635	78,847	68,432	79,436	4.7	(0.7)
NIM (%)	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.1		
Customer assets	1,745,220	2,036,753	1,774,767	2,066,300	(1.7)	(1.4)
Loan loss provisions	10,351	11,573	10,351	11,573	(0.0)	(0.0)
Other income	40,811	47,473	43,725	50,193	(6.7)	(5.4)
Fee income	35,237	40,880	40,581	46,738	(13.2)	(12.5)
Treasury income	2,600	2,800	2,600	2,800	-	-
Operating expenses	50,023	59,808	51,593	60,187	(3.0)	(0.6)
Employee expenses	22,601	25,439	22,601	25,439	0.0	0.0
PBT	51,172	54,238	49,313	57,168	3.8	(5.1)
Тах	17,286	18,213	15,717	18,107	10.0	0.6
Net profit	33,886	36,024	33,595	39,061	0.9	(7.8)
PBT-treasury+provisions	59,823	63,711	57,964	66,641	3.2	(4.4)

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities estimates



Source: Company, Bloomberg estimates, Kotak Institutional Equities

Exhibit 17: Yes bank trading premium has increased recently Yes bank trading premium to peers, 2009-2017 (X)



Exhibit 18: Yes bank - key financial ratios and growth rates March fiscal year-ends, 2015-2020E (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018E	2019E	2020E
Growth rates (%)						
Net loan	35.8	30.0	34.7	23.6	17.8	15.4
Net fixed assets	8.7	47.6	45.2	15.5	2.5	1.9
Cash and bank balance	28.3	8.8	137.9	(30.1)	(28.8)	(55.0)
Total Asset	24.9	21.4	30.1	18.1	16.4	15.0
Deposits	22.9	22.5	27.9	23.6	20.2	17.7
Current	21.1	28.5	74.7	25.9	24.6	21.9
Savings	34.9	62.3	60.6	29.0	27.7	24.7
Net interest income	28.4	30.9	29.4	21.2	10.1	15.3
Loan loss provisions	41.8	43.3	48.0	30.5	11.8	16.5
Total other income	18.9	32.5	50.8	(0.2)	16.3	16.7
Net fee income	56.7	24.4	27.7	12.2	16.0	17.2
Operating expenses	30.6	30.3	38.3	21.5	19.6	14.0
Employ ee expenses	24.9	32.4	39.2	25.2	12.6	10.2
Key ratios (%)						
Yield on average earning assets	10.1	9.6	9.3	8.8	8.4	8.2
Yield on average loans	12.2	11.2	10.7	9.6	9.1	8.7
Yield on average investments	8.0	7.6	7.7	7.5	7.3	7.1
Average cost of funds	7.6	6.9	6.5	6.0	5.8	5.5
Interest on deposits	7.9	7.1	6.4	5.9	5.7	5.4
Difference	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7
Net interest income/earning assets	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.1
New provisions/average net loans	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Interest income/total income	63.0	62.7	59.1	63.7	62.4	62.1
Other income / total income	37.0	37.3	40.9	36.3	37.6	37.9
Fee income to total income	35.7	33.8	31.4	31.3	32.4	32.8
Operating expenses/total income	41.3	40.9	41.2	44.5	47.3	46.6
Tax rate	31.1	32.6	34.0	33.8	33.6	33.4
Dividend payout ratio	18.7	16.6	13.7	16.6	16.6	16.6
Share of deposits						
Current	9.3	9.8	13.4	13.6	14.1	14.6
Savings	13.8	18.3	22.9	23.9	25.4	26.9
Loans-to-deposit ratio	82.9	87.9	92.6	92.6	90.8	89.0
Equity/assets (EoY)	8.6	8.3	10.3	9.8	9.4	9.2
Dupont analysis (%)						
Net interest income	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.9
Loan loss provisions	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Net other income	1.7	1.8	2.2	1.7	1.7	1.7
Operating expenses	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Invt. depreciation						
(1- tax rate)	68.9	67.4	66.0	66.2	66.4	66.6
ROA	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.3	1.3
Average assets/average equity	13.0	11.8	10.6	10.0	10.5	10.8
ROE	21.3	19.9	18.6	14.5	13.7	14.5
	21.5		10.0	17.5	13.7	14.5

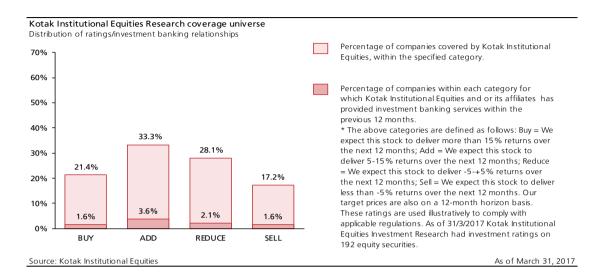
Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities estimates

#### Exhibit 19: Yes bank - income statement and balance sheet March fiscal year-ends 2014-2019E (₹ mn)

-	2015	2016	2017	2018E	2019E	2020E
Income statement (Rs mn)						
Total interest income	115,720	135,334	165,374	192,330	215,976	243,502
Loans	80,161	97,115	123,225	141,997	161,355	179,952
Investments	33,557	35,082	37,968	41,484	49,254	58,437
Cash and deposits	2,002	3,138	4,180	8,848	5,367	5,113
Total interest expense	80,842	89,667	106,273	120,694	137,130	152,626
Deposits from customers	65,368	71,784	82,040	94,339	110,382	125,397
Net interest income	34,878	45,667	59,100	71,635	78,847	90,876
Loan loss provisions	3,740	5,361	7,934	10,351	11,573	13,487
Net interest income (after prov.)	31,138	40,307	51,166	61,284	67,273	77,389
Other income	20,465	27,121	40,907	40,811	47,473	55,394
Net fee income	19,765	24,592	31,400	35,237	40,880	47,904
Net capital gains	1,421	2,606	7,113	2,600	2,800	2,800
Net exchange gains	(670)	(176)	1,019	1,274	1,592	1,990
Operating expenses	22,847	29,764	41,164	50,023	59,808	68,177
Employee expenses	9,797	12,968	18,050	22,601	25,439	28,030
Depreciation on investments	(584)	25—	522—			
Other Provisions	239	(23)	(54)	900	700	700
Pretax income	29,101	37,662	50,441	51,172	54,238	63,906
Tax provisions	9,047	12,268	17,140	17,286	18,213	21,332
Net Profit	20,054	25,394	33,301	33,886	36,024	42,574
% grow th	24.0	26.6	31.1	1.8	6.3	18.2
Operating profit	31,075	40,419	51,731	59,823	63,711	75,293
% growth	28	27	24	12	6	19
Balance sheet (Rsmn)						
Cash and bank balance	75,572	82,184	195,494	136,727	97,385	43,817
Cash	3,646	4,124	5,705	(37,384)	(90,721)	(159,067
Balance with RBI	48,761	53,638	63,815	77,155	91,151	105,929
Balance with banks	258	556	615	615	615	615
Net value of investments	432,285	488,385	500,318	610,388	744,673	908,501
Govt. and other securities	300,012	351,863	354,805	443,624	550,460	681,509
Shares	601	628	2,369	2,369	2,369	2,369
Debentures and bonds	94,667	95,154	110,453	132,544	159,052	190,863
Net loans and advances	755,498	982,099	1,322,627	1,634,767	1,926,300	2,223,501
Fixed assets	3,190	4,707	6,835	7,898	8,098	8,254
Other assets	95,160	95,259	125,325	150,390	180,467	216,561
Total assets	1,361,704	1,652,634	2,150,599	2,540,168	2,956,924	3,400,634
Deposits	911,758	1,117,195	1,428,739	1,765,921	2,122,048	2,497,954
Borrowings and bills payable	265,612	319,759	391,992	411,592	436,288	462,465
Other liabilities	67,533	77,814	109,328	114,794	121,682	128,983
Total liabilities	1,244,904	1,514,768	1,930,059	2,292,307	2,680,017	3,089,401
Paid-up capital	4,177	4,205	4,565	4,565	4,565	4,565
Reserves & surplus	112,622	133,661	215,976	243,297	272,342	306,668
		137,866				

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities estimates

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