

Rating: ACCUMULATE | CMP: Rs496 | TP: Rs525

February 2, 2026

Q3FY26 Result Update

☑ Change in Estimates | ☑ Target | ☑ Reco

Change in Estimates

Rating	Current		Previous	
	FY27E	FY28E	FY27E	FY28E
Rating	ACCUMULATE		BUY	
Target Price	525		645	
NII (Rs.)	85,762	84,565	97,254	1,06,326
% Chng.	(11.8)	(20.5)		
PPoP (Rs.)	78,933	78,290	88,726	96,997
% Chng.	(11.0)	(19.3)		
EPS (Rs.)	102.4	100.9	114.9	122.8
% Chng.	(10.8)	(17.8)		

Key Financials - Standalone

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Int.Inc. (Rs m)	81,295	85,469	85,762	84,565
Growth (%)	(6.0)	5.1	0.3	(1.4)
Op. Profit (Rs m)	71,416	77,911	78,933	78,290
PAT (Rs m)	54,290	56,454	56,348	55,482
EPS (Rs.)	98.7	102.6	102.4	100.9
Gr. (%)	13.9	4.0	(0.2)	(1.5)
DPS (Rs.)	10.0	8.3	15.4	15.4
Yield (%)	2.0	1.7	3.1	3.1
Margin (%)	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.4
RoAE (%)	16.0	14.6	13.0	11.5
RoAA (%)	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5
PE (x)	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.9
P/BV (x)	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5
P/ABV (x)	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6

Key Data

	LICH.BO LICHF IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.647 / Rs.484
Sensex / Nifty	81,666 / 25,088
Market Cap	Rs.273bn / \$ 2,983m
Shares Outstanding	550m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.711.68m

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	45.24
Foreign	20.67
Domestic Institution	24.23
Public & Others	9.86
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	-

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	(9.0)	(13.0)	(15.1)
Relative	(4.5)	(14.1)	(19.4)

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Muted growth; NIM to moderate

Quick Pointers:

- Q3 disbursements muted; expect 7% loan growth in FY26 due to intense competition from banks
- Expect NIM to moderate due to BT-out pressure and PLR rate cut

Q3 disbursements were muted (+4% YoY) due to intense competition from banks. Consequently, the loan book grew 5% YoY, and we expect it to remain in a range of 6-7% in FY26/ FY27E. LICHF has taken a PLR cut in Dec-25 to curb BT-out pressure. We expect NIM (calc) to moderate to 2.4% by FY28E due to lower incremental yield. Headline asset quality saw an improvement, and we build in a credit cost of ~20bps over FY26-28E. We cut our FY26/ FY27E estimates factoring in lower growth and margins. We cut our Dec-27E P/ABV to 0.7x (vs. 0.8x earlier), resulting in TP of Rs 525. Downgrade to 'Accumulate'.

- Expect muted growth in FY26/ FY27E:** Q3 disbursements were subdued at Rs161.0bn (+4% YoY, -1.3% QoQ). Consequently, the loan book grew by 5.1% YoY/ 2.4% QoQ to Rs3,142.7bn. Individual HL/Non-housing Individual/NHC-Project Loans/NHC-Other Loans contributed to 85%/ 11%/ 3%/ 1% of the portfolio. The AUM mix in terms of salaried/non-salaried borrowers remained stable at 86:14. While Q3 AUM growth was impacted by intense competition from banks due to rate cuts, LICHF expects to pick up the slack in Q4. It has taken a PLR cut in Dec-25 to curb BT-out pressure and is guiding for a disbursement run-rate of ~Rs 220bn in Q4. While we expect BT-out pressure to subside due to the rate cut, we build in disbursement growth of 6% YoY in Q4, translating into loan growth of 7% for FY26E. We expect loan growth to remain muted at ~6%-7% in FY27E and FY28E due to intense competition from banks.

- NIM to moderate over FY26-28E:** Q3 yield contracted QoQ to 9.07% (vs. 9.13% in Q2), while cost of borrowing improved to 7.41% (vs. 7.51% in Q2). Consequently, reported spreads remained largely stable at 2.69% (vs. 2.62% in Q2). BT-out for the quarter stood at Rs33bn (vs. Rs40bn in Q2) and LICHF has taken a PLR rate cut in Dec-25. It expects to maintain reported NIM in the range of 2.6%-2.8% in FY26E with 5-7 bps reduction in CoF in Q4; we build in the same. However, we expect NIM to moderate to 2.4% by FY28E, factoring in a reduction in PLR. Cost/Income ratio increased to 15.5% vs. 13.9% in 2Q due to the impact of the new labor codes, and the company is planning to onboard an IIM/ a Big 4 partner to overhaul the group structure in Apr/May'26.

- Headline asset quality improves:** Asset quality improved in Q3 with GNPA/NNPA at 2.45%/1.11% vs. 2.51%/1.16% in Q2. Stage 2 assets improved by 30bps QoQ to 3.08%. Commentary indicates delinquencies in retail loans to be in-line with expectations in Q4; however, the company is awaiting ARC sales from some accounts. We build in a credit cost of 21bps/20bps in FY26/ FY27E.

Exhibit 1: Q3FY26 Result Overview (Rs mn)

Y/e March	Q3FY26	Q3FY25	YoY gr. (%)	Q3FY26E	% Var	Q2FY26	QoQ gr. (%)	9MFY26	9MFY25	YoY gr. (%)
NII	21,017	20,001	5.1	22,508	(6.6)	20,385	3.1	62,060	59,631	4.1
<i>Spread (%) (calc)</i>	2.7	2.6	2bps	2.8	-17bps	2.6	7bps	2.7	2.7	-4bps
Other income	1,431	1,057	35.4	1389	3.0	1,362	5.1	3,994	2,287	74.7
Net Revenue	22,448	21,058	6.6	23,897	(6.1)	21,747	3.2	66,054	61,917	6.7
Opex	3,488	3,564	(2.1)	3,346	4.3	3,018	15.6	9,444	9,291	1.7
PPOP	18,961	17,494	8.4	20,552	(7.7)	18,729	1.2	56,610	52,627	7.6
Provisions	1,536	-440	(449.2)	1,191	29.0	1,682	(8.7)	5,146	1,765	191.6
PBT	17,425	17,934	(2.8)	19,361	(10.0)	17,047	2.2	51,464	50,862	1.2
Tax	3,586	3,615	(0.8)	4,259	(15.8)	3,508	2.2	10,486	10,252	2.3
<i>ETR (%)</i>	20.6	20.2		22.0		20.6		20.4	20.2	
PAT	13,839	14,319	(3.4)	15,102	(8.4)	13,539	2.2	40,977	40,610	0.9
Business Metrics										
AUM	3,142,680	2,991,440	5.1	3,174,890	(1.0)	3,067,526	2.4	3,142,680	2,991,440	5.1
Borrowings	2,720,520	2,625,660	3.6	2,834,723	(4.0)	2,614,635	4.0	2,720,520	2,625,660	3.6
Asset Quality Metrics										
GNPA (%)	2.45	2.75	30bps	2.45	0bps	2.51	6bps	2.45	2.75	30bps
NNPA (%)	1.11	1.44	33bps	1.11	0bps	1.16	4bps	1.11	1.44	33bps
PCR (%)	54.0	48.0	600bps	54.5	-50bps	53.0	100bps	54.0	48.0	600bps

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 2: Change in estimates

	Revised Estimates			Earlier Estimates			% Revision		
	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Interest income (Rs mn)	85,469	85,762	84,565	87,603	97,254	106,326	-2.4	-11.8	-20.5
Operating Profit (Rs mn)	77,911	78,933	78,290	80,046	88,726	96,997	-2.7	-11.0	-19.3
Profit after tax (Rs mn)	56,454	56,348	55,482	58,574	63,194	67,527	-3.6	-10.8	-17.8
ABV (Rs)	669	750	829	672	764	862	-0.5	-1.8	-3.8

Source: PL

Conference Call Highlights:

Growth

- Q3 disbursements were lower due to higher competition triggered by the recent rate cut.
- The management noted that ~30% of the business comes in Q4 and aims to increase it to 35–37%.
- The management highlighted its focus on shifting the business from individual HL to other HL. Other HL represents 15% of the portfolio with a target of increasing it to 17–18% in Q4.
- The management expects Q4 disbursements to reach Rs200bn in retail and Rs15–20bn in project financing.
- The company is in the process of onboarding a specialized organization (IIM/Big4) in Apr/May'26 to review and enhance its marketing strategies.
- The management is in discussions with LIC to create synergies with LIC agents, helping market the LICHF loan book.

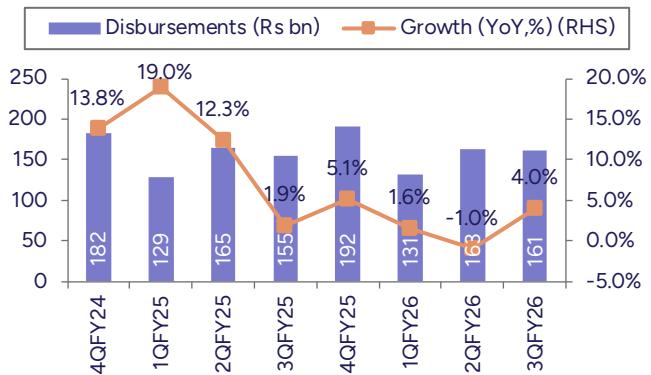
Operating profitability

- The management has reduced the lending rate on individual HL to 7.15% from Dec'25, with traction visible in Jan'26.
- The liability mix is 50:50 between fixed and repo-linked floating rates with fixed rates reducing by 5%; 99% of the loan book is in floating rate.
- The incremental CoF during the quarter was 6.59%
- Cost of funds is expected to reduce by 5–7bps in Q4.
- The management highlighted that reported NIM is expected to be in the 2.6%–2.8% range for FY26.
- 9MFY26 yield on advances stood at 9.33% (vs. 9.73% YoY) while CoF stood at 7.28% (vs. 7.78% YoY)
- Spreads for 9MFY26 saw an improvement of 10bps YoY at 2.05%

Asset quality

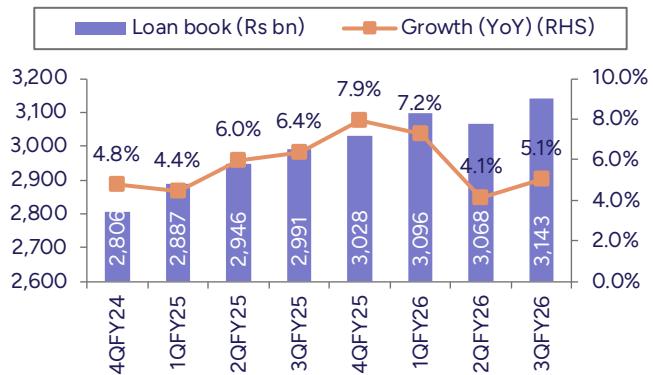
- The company started the rewriting process in Oct'25 and set the rewriting rate at incremental lending rate plus 50bps effective from Dec'25.
- The management expects Q4 BT-out rate to be in the range of Rs22–25bn compared to Rs33bn in Q3.
- Segment-wise Stage 3 loans stand at Rs29.8bn for individual HL, Rs13.1bn for non-home loans and Rs77bn for project and other loans.
- The prepayment rate for 9MFY26 stood at 11.7% compared to 9.4% in FY25

Exhibit 3: Disbursement sees tepid growth of 4%...



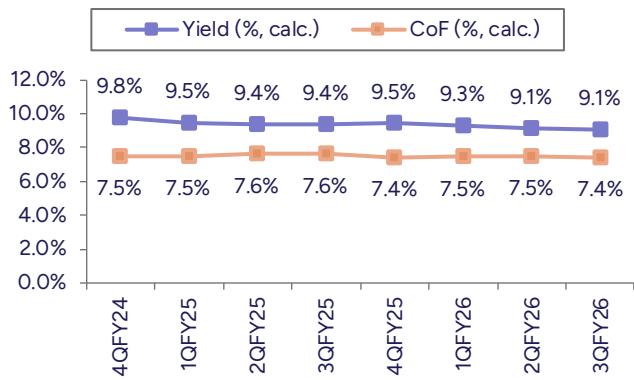
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Exhibit 4: ...while loan portfolio registers growth of 5%



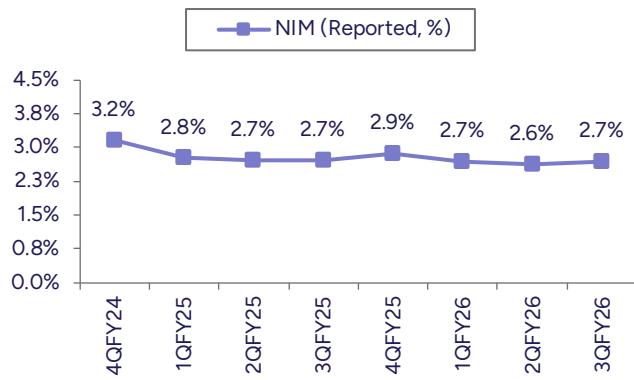
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Exhibit 5: Calc yield and CoF moderate sequentially ~10bps



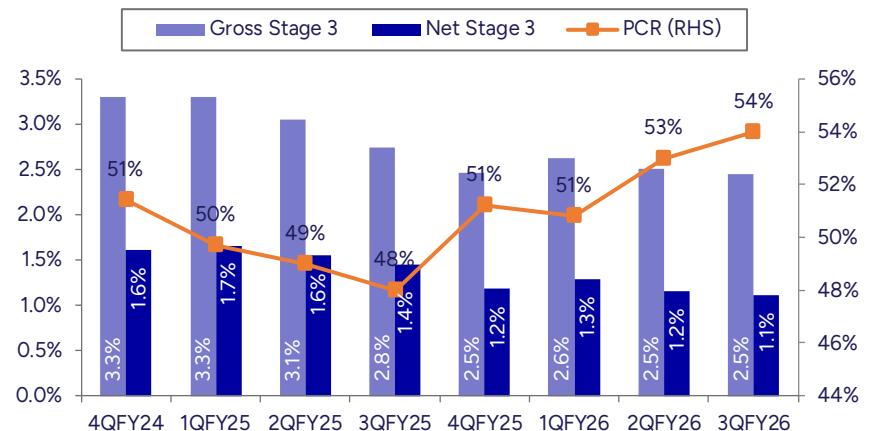
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Exhibit 6: Reported NIM expands by ~7bps



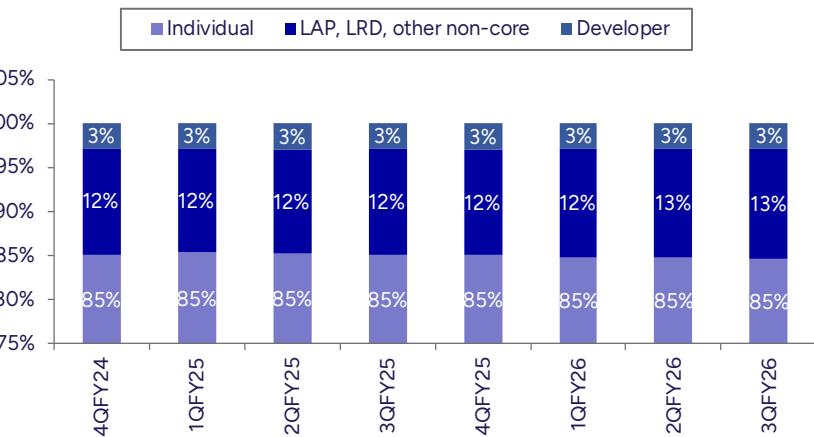
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Exhibit 7: Headline asset quality improves QoQ



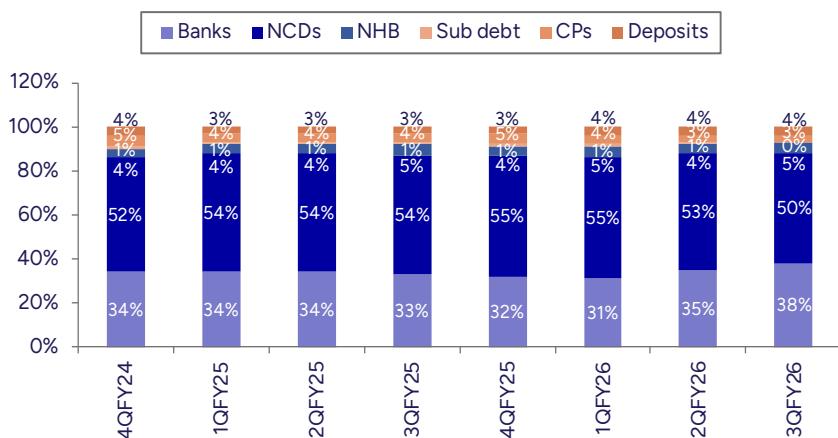
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Exhibit 8: Composition of loan book over the quarters



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 9: Liability mix over the quarters; NCDs dominate the mix



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 10: One-year forward P/ABV of LICHF trades at 0.7x



Source: Company, PL

Income Statement (Rs. m)

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Int. Inc. / Opt. Inc.	2,76,615	2,85,724	2,99,528	3,19,372
Interest Expenses	1,95,320	2,00,255	2,13,766	2,34,806
Net interest income	81,295	85,469	85,762	84,565
Growth(%)	(6.0)	5.1	0.3	(1.4)
Non-interest income	3,948	5,353	5,755	6,100
Growth(%)	104.4	35.6	7.5	6.0
Net operating income	85,243	90,822	91,517	90,665
Expenditures				
Employees	7,019	7,721	8,493	9,342
Other Expenses	5,868	4,158	2,954	1,783
Depreciation	939	1,033	1,137	1,250
Operating Expenses	13,826	12,912	12,584	12,376
PPP	71,416	77,911	78,933	78,290
Growth(%)	(7.2)	9.1	1.3	(0.8)
Provisions	2,858	6,605	6,692	7,160
Profit Before Tax	68,558	71,306	72,241	71,130
Tax	14,268	14,852	15,893	15,649
Effective Tax rate(%)	20.8	20.8	22.0	22.0
PAT	54,290	56,454	56,348	55,482
Growth(%)	13.9	4.0	(0.2)	(1.5)

Quarterly Financials (Rs. m)

Y/e Mar	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	Q3FY26
Int. Inc. / Operating Inc.	71,173	71,131	70,335	70,439
Income from securitization	-	-	-	-
Interest Expenses	49,508	50,473	49,951	49,421
Net Interest Income	21,664	20,658	20,385	21,017
Growth (%)	(3.2)	3.9	3.3	5.1
Non-Interest Income	1,661	1,201	1,362	1,431
Net Operating Income	23,325	21,859	21,747	22,448
Growth (%)	2.0	7.5	6.0	6.6
Operating expenditure	4,536	2,938	3,018	3,488
PPP	18,790	18,920	18,729	18,961
Growth (%)	-	-	-	-
Provision	1,094	1,929	1,682	1,536
Exchange Gain / (Loss)	-	-	-	-
Profit before tax	17,696	16,992	17,047	17,425
Tax	4,016	3,392	3,508	3,586
Prov. for deferred tax liability	-	-	-	-
Effective Tax Rate	22.7	20.0	20.6	20.6
PAT	13,680	13,599	13,539	13,839
Growth	25	5	2	(3)
AUM	30,28,458	30,95,870	30,67,526	31,42,680
YoY growth (%)	7.9	7.2	4.1	5.1
Borrowing	27,05,972	27,09,330	26,14,635	27,20,520
YoY growth (%)	7.2	6.8	1.6	3.6

Balance Sheet (Rs. m)

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Source of funds				
Equity	1,100	1,101	1,101	1,101
Reserves and Surplus	3,61,467	4,08,043	4,55,939	5,03,099
Networth	3,62,567	4,09,144	4,57,040	5,04,199
Growth (%)	15.5	12.8	11.7	10.3
Loan funds	27,05,972	28,94,352	30,85,228	33,08,118
Growth (%)	7.2	7.0	6.6	7.2
Deferred Tax Liability	-	-	-	-
Other Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	70,726	65,375	49,269	38,640
Total Liabilities	31,39,266	33,68,871	35,91,537	38,50,957
Application of funds				
Net fixed assets	4,020	4,459	5,420	6,588
Advances	30,28,458	32,41,674	34,55,455	37,05,092
Growth (%)	7.9	7.0	6.6	7.2
Investments	71,421	51,848	52,893	53,958
Current Assets	-	-	-	-
Net current assets	-	-	-	-
Other Assets	35,366	70,890	77,770	85,319
Total Assets	31,39,266	33,68,871	35,91,537	38,50,957
Growth (%)	7.8	7.3	6.6	7.2
Business Mix				
AUM	30,77,320	33,11,295	36,00,922	39,49,982
Growth (%)	7.9	7.0	6.6	7.2
On Balance Sheet	30,28,458	32,41,674	34,55,455	37,05,092
% of AUM	98.41	97.90	95.96	93.80
Off Balance Sheet	48,862	69,620	1,45,467	2,44,891
% of AUM	1.59	2.10	4.04	6.20

Profitability & Capital (%)

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
NIM	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.4
ROAA	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5
ROAE	16.0	14.6	13.0	11.5

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Key Ratios

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
CMP (Rs)	496	496	496	496
EPS (Rs)	98.7	102.6	102.4	100.9
Book value (Rs)	659.1	743.8	830.9	916.6
Adj. BV(Rs)	591.8	668.5	749.7	829.3
P/E(x)	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.9
P/BV(x)	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5
P/ABV(x)	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
DPS (Rs)	10.0	8.3	15.4	15.4
Dividend Payout Ratio(%)	10.1	8.1	15.0	15.2
Dividend Yield(%)	2.0	1.7	3.1	3.1

Asset Quality

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Gross NPAs(Rs m)	75,984	81,986	88,445	95,078
Net NPA(Rs m)	37,043	41,403	44,665	48,014
Gross NPAs to Gross Adv. (%)	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4
Net NPAs to net Adv. (%)	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9
NPA coverage(%)	51.2	55.1	59.8	62.5

Du-Pont as a % of AUM

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
NII	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.3
NII INCL. Securitization	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.3
Total income	9.3	8.9	8.8	8.7
Operating Expenses	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
PPOP	2.2	2.2	2.1	1.9
Total Provisions	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
RoAA	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5
Avg. Assets/Avg. net worth	8.9	8.4	8.0	7.7
RoAE	16.0	14.6	13.0	11.5

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Price Chart



Recommendation History

No.	Date	Rating	TP (Rs.)	Share Price (Rs.)
1	08-Jan-26	BUY	645	538
2	31-Oct-25	Hold	690	570
3	08-Oct-25	BUY	725	567
4	04-Aug-25	BUY	725	591
5	09-Jul-25	BUY	725	605
6	16-May-25	BUY	725	621
7	08-Apr-25	BUY	650	566
8	04-Feb-25	BUY	650	558

Analyst Coverage Universe

Sr. No.	CompanyName	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	AAVAS Financiers	BUY	1,700	1,470
2	Bajaj Finance	BUY	1,125	969
3	Can Fin Homes	Accumulate	1,015	938
4	Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company	Accumulate	1,850	1,787
5	HDFC Life Insurance Company	BUY	900	761
6	ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company	Accumulate	725	684
7	LIC Housing Finance	BUY	645	538
8	Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services	Accumulate	395	371
9	Max Financial Services	BUY	1,925	1,672
10	SBI Life Insurance Company	Hold	2,125	2,053
11	Shriram Finance	BUY	1,175	1,004
12	Sundaram Finance	Hold	5,000	5,288

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Buy	: > 15%
Accumulate	: 5% to 15%
Hold	: +5% to -5%
Reduce	: -5% to -15%
Sell	: < -15%
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