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Share Data Market Cap Rs. 39.8 bn Price Rs. 277.50 BSE Sensex 15,212.13 Reuters CRBK.BO Bloomberg CRPBK IN Avg. Volume (52 Week) 0.02 mn

Rs. 490 / Rs. 230

143.4 mn

Valuation Ratios

52-Week High/Low

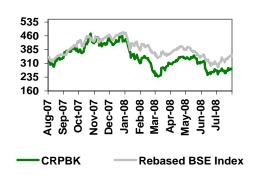
Shares Outstanding

Year to 31 March	2009E	2010E
EPS (Rs.)	58.4	73.5
+/- (%)	14.0%	25.8%
PER (x)	4.8x	3.8x
P / PPP (x)	2.6x	2.1x
P / ABV (x)	0.8x	0.7x

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter	57
FIIs	10
Institutions	29
Public & Others	3

Relative Performance



Corporation Bank

Buy

Good operating performance; positive long-term outlook

- Robust operating performance: Corporation Bank's operating profit grew by a healthy 16.5% yoy in Q1'09. However, net profit grew by merely 4.1%, primarily due to MTM losses suffered during the quarter. While growth in the NII was impacted adversely due to the compression in the NIM, other income, which grew at 14%, supported the growth in the operating profit. An increase in business productivity reduced the operating expenses, further improving profitability.
- Pressure on the NIM likely to ease: NIM fell from 2.71% to 2.43% qoq as the Bank reduced its BPLR by 25 basis points despite a tightening monetary policy stance. However, pressure on the NIM is likely to ease in the next few quarters as the Bank increased its BPLR by 50 bps in August. Moreover, the CASA ratio has been improving consistently on the back of an aggressive increase in the number of branches. This should help maintain, if not increase, the NIM.
- Consistent improvement in asset quality: There has been a
 continual reduction in the net and gross NPAs sequentially.
 Year-over-year, the gross and net NPA ratios declined from 2.07% to
 1.46% and from 0.46% to 0.36%, respectively. The Bank is likely to
 maintain its asset quality, given that it is not aggressively focused on
 the priority sector.
- Valuation: We have valued the standalone Bank by using the three-stage DECF model. Our target price of Rs. 335 is 21% more than the current market price. Thus, we reaffirm our BUY rating.

Key Figures (Standalone)

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Quarterly Data	Q1'08	Q4'08	Q1'09	YoY %	QoQ%	FY07	FY08	YoY %	
(Figures in Rs mn, except per share data)									
Net Interest Income	3,525	4,026	3,780	7.2%	(6.1)%	13,081	14,433	10.3%	
Net Operating Income	5,649	6,138	5,356	(5.2)%	(12.7)%	19,436	21,431	10.3%	
Pre-Prov Profit	2,756	3,210	3,210	16.5%	0.0%	11,401	12,512	9.7%	
Net Profit	1,771	1,231	1,843	4.1%	49.7%	5,361	7,350	37.1%	
Cost/Net Income(%)	38.1%	34.3%	40.1%	-	-	41.3%	41.6%	-	
NPA ratio	0.46%	0.32%	0.36%	-	-	0.47%	0.32%	-	
Per Share Data (Rs.)									
PPP per share	19.2	37.4	22.4	16.5%	(40.1)%	79.5	87.2	9.7%	
EPS	12.4	14.3	12.9	4.0%	(10.3)%	37.4	51.2	37.1%	
ABVPS	245.3	294.8	307.7	25.4%	4.4%	262.5	294.8	12.3%	



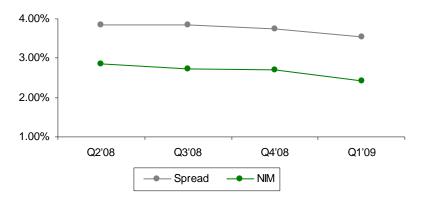
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Result Highlights

Corporation Bank's advances and deposits recorded a healthy yoy growth of 28.34% and 26.62%, respectively. The credit deposit ratio increased to 71.16% as against 70.70% in Q4'08. Retail advances contributed 23.5% to the net bank credit as against 22.47% in Q4'08. Priority sector advances stood at 36.45% of the adjusted net bank credit in this quarter.

In spite of a healthy growth in advances, the NII increased by merely 7.2% yoy on account of contraction in the Bank's interest rate spread. This quarter, cost of funds stood at 6.43% and the yield on advances was 9.97% (down from 10.2% in the previous quarter). This reduction in the yield was because the Bank reduced its BPLR by 25 basis points despite a hike in the rates by RBI. This compressed the bank's NIM. Moreover, the Bank reversed the interest on the agricultural debt that was written off on account of the agricultural debt waiver and debt relief scheme, adding to the pressure on the NIM.

Movement in NIM



Source: Company data, Indiabulls research

Other income increased by 13.8% yoy. Core non-interest income, constituting 58% of other income, grew by 22%. The operating expenses of the Bank fell by 0.34% yoy due to an increase in productivity. This was reflected in the improved business-per-employee ratio of the Bank, which stood at Rs. 82.8 mn for Q1'09 as against Rs. 65.5 mn in June 2007.

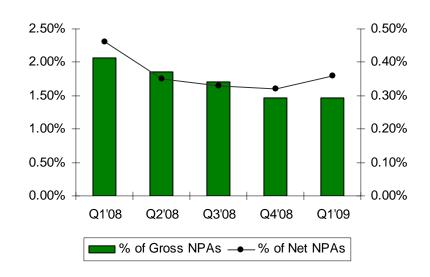


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Operating profit increased by 16.5% yoy. Provisions increased by 405%, primarily on account of the marked-to-market losses that the Bank incurred on its investment portfolio. Tax provision declined by 54.3% yoy due to the reversal of a tax provision of Rs. 245 mn. Thus, net profit grew by 4.1% yoy.

Non-performing assets of the Bank have been falling consistently on a year-over-year as well as on a sequential basis. The gross NPA ratio fell from 2.07% to 1.46% and the net NPA ratio fell from 0.46% to 0.36% on a yoy basis.

Gross and Net NPAs



Source: Company data, Indiabulls research

The Bank is maintaining a healthy total capital adequacy ratio of 12.43% and a Tier I capital adequacy ratio of 10.13%.

Outlook

In a tightening monetary policy stance and a rising interest rate scenario, growth in advances is likely to slow down for the next few quarters but should pick up thereafter. This implies pressure on the NIM; however, we expect this pressure to ease off because the Bank increased its BPLR by



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50 basis points in August 2008. Also, the CASA as well as the credit-deposit ratio have shown improving trends and are likely to be maintained due to the Bank's aggressive focus on opening new branches.

Increasing the number of branches will likely strengthen the Bank's core non-interest income as well. Thus, we expect Corporation Bank to show stronger operating numbers in the medium term.

A rising interest rate scenario also means increasing scope for delinquencies. Although numbers suggest that the Bank has been careful in its risk management, a slight qoq increase in the percentage of net NPAs suggests a slight deterioration despite a write-off on account of the agricultural debt waiver scheme. Therefore, the Bank will have to focus more on risk management to maintain the quality of its assets.

Valuation

We have valued the standalone Bank by using a three-Stage Discounted Equity Cash Flow model. Based on our assumption of a 15% cost of equity and a 11.7% terminal growth rate, we have arrived at a target price of Rs. 335, which implies a potential upside of 21% over the current market price of Rs. 277.5. Thus, we reiterate our Buy rating.

Sensitivity Analysis of the Fair Value Estimate:

Sensitivity Analysis

Cost of equity									
Ξ		13.00%	14.00%	15.00%	16.00%	17.00%			
Terminal growth	10.70%	538	368	278	224	188			
	11.20%	660	417	303	238	196			
	11.70%	877	487	335	256	207			
	12.20%	1,366	596	379	278	220			
	12.70%	3,481	790	442	307	235			



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Income Statement					Key Ratios				
(Rs mn, Yr. ending March 31)	FY07	FY08	FY09E	FY10E		FY07	FY08	FY09E	FY10E
Interest Income	33,605	45,166	60,259	76,230	Per share data (Rs.)				
Interest Expense	20,524	30,732	42,947	54,885	Shares outstanding (mn)	143.4	143.4	143.4	143.4
Net Interest Income	13,081	14,433	17,313	21,345	Basic EPS	37.4	51.2	58.4	73.5
YoY Growth (%)	6.6%	10.3%	19.9%	23.3%	Diluted EPS	37.4	51.2	58.4	73.5
Other Income	6,355	6,998	8,205	9,657	Book value per share	262.5	294.8	353.2	426.7
Net Operating Income	19,436	21,431	25,517	31,002	Adj. book value per share	262.5	294.8	353.2	426.7
YoY Growth (%)	14.3%	10.3%	19.1%	21.5%					
Operating Expense	8,036	8,920	10,207	12,246	Valuation ratios (x)				
Pre-Provisioning Profit	11,400	12,511	15,310	18,756	P/PPP	3.6x	3.2x	2.6x	2.1x
Provisions and Contingencies	3,235	1,857	3,168	3,478	P/E	7.7x	5.5x	4.8x	3.8x
Profit Before Tax	8,166	10,654	12,142	15,278	P/B	1.1x	1.0x	0.8x	0.7x
Tax	2,805	3,304	3,764	4,736	P/ABV	1.1x	1.0x	0.8x	0.7x
Net Profit	5,361	7,350	8,378	10,542					
YoY Growth (%)	20.6%	37.1%	14.0%	25.8%	Performance ratio (%)				
					Return on avg. assets	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%
Balance Sheet					Return on avg. net worth	15.0%	18.4%	18.0%	18.8%
(Rs mn, as on March 31)	FY07	FY08	FY09E	FY10E					
Cash and balances with RBI	67,189	89,159	153,501	191,203	Balance Sheet ratios (%)				
Investments	144,175	165,124	173,201	228,626	Advances to deposits	70.7%	70.7%	69.0%	69.5%
YoY Growth (%)	35.4%	14.5%	4.9%	32.0%	Borrowings to advances	10.1%	5.5%	5.7%	5.3%
Advances	299,497	391,856	478,036	635,580	Investments to assets	27.3%	24.8%	20.9%	21.1%
YoY Growth (%)	25.0%	30.8%	22.0%	33.0%	Investments to deposits	34.0%	29.8%	25.0%	25.0%
Fixed Assets (Net)	2,810	2,718	2,338	2,003	Net Worth to assets	7.1%	6.3%	6.1%	5.6%
Other Assets	13,536	17,121	21,544	28,227					
Total Assets	527,206	665,977	828,619	1,085,637	Productivity ratio (Rs. mn)				
					Opt. expense per employee	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9
Deposits	423,569	554,244	692,805	914,503	Net profit per employee	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.8
YoY Growth (%)	28.8%	30.9%	25.0%	32.0%	Asset per employee	44.4	53.4	61.4	80.4
Borrowings	30,210	21,376	27,148	33,934					
YoY Growth (%)	82.0%	-29.2%	27.0%	25.0%	Operating ratios (%)				
Other Liabilities & Provisions	35,773	48,071	58,003	75,995	Operating cost to net income	41.3%	41.6%	40.0%	39.5%
Total Liabilities	489,552	623,692	777,956	1,024,432	Operating cost to avg. assets	1.7%	1.5%	1.4%	1.3%
Share Capital	1,434	1,434	1,434	1,434	4 Source: Bank data, Indiabulls research				
Reserves & Surplus	36,220	40,851	49,229	59,771	Note: Some ratios are as per Ind	liabulls definiti	ions and may	not match t	figures
Total Equity & Liabilities	527,206	665,977	828,619	1,085,637	declared by the Bank				



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