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Union Bank of India

Strong Biz Growth; Slippages Remain A Concern

Union Bank's net profit rose 9% YoY to Rs 580 cr which was slightly below our estimates. Core income grew 48% YoY, driven by improved margins (up 67 bps YoY to 3.44%) and higher-thanindustry credit growth of 25.6%. Although non interest income rose 12% YoY, core fee income growth was healthy at 19% YoY. Staff expenses grew 60% YoY, which included Rs 180 cr for gratuity and pension liability. Asset quality deteriorated marginally with gross NPAs increasing by 1.6% QoQ, while incremental slippages ratio remained above 2%. Tier-1 capital ratio is low at 7.4%.

Key Highlights

- Global business grew by 24.3% YoY, with both advances and deposits growing in tandem. Advances growth was led by corporate advances, which increased 34% YoY, and retail advances which grew 29% YoY.
- **Deposit growth was robust at 24**% which is much above the industry average growth rate of ~16%. CASA deposits growth impressed at 27% YoY, which improved the CASA ratio by 93 bps to ~33.3%.
- Asset quality: Gross NPAs increased by 1.6% QoQ while due to lower provision, net NPAs grew 9.3% QoQ. Restructured loans as % to gross loans declined marginally (by 18 bps sequentially) to 3.91%. The bank doesn't have any meaningful exposure towards troubled sectors such as aviation, microfinance and telecom (2G).

Valuations

Business growth remained robust with both advances and deposits growing at above industry growth rates. The mgmt is confident of further improving its CASA ratio to 35% by Mar-11. However, margins are still expected to decline due to impact of increase in term deposit rates. Although fresh slippages declined by 32% sequentially to Rs 765 cr, slippage ratio above 2% still remains above the comfort zone. We have revised our FY12 EPS estimates downwards by 9%. We have a **HOLD rating** on the stock with a Target price of Rs 341 (1.4x FY12E ABV and 8x FY12E EPS) – upside of 5% from CMP of Rs 325.

CMP (Rs)	325						
Target price (Rs)	341						
Potential upside	5%						
Stock data							
No. of shares (cr)	50.5						
FV (Rs)	10/-						
Market cap (Rs cr)	16,413						
52 week high/low (Rs)	427/237						
Avg. daily vol.* (shares)	8,35,105						
BSE Code	532477						
NSE Code	UNIONBANK						
Bloomberg code	UNBK IB						
Reuters Code	UNBK.BO						
* BSE & NSE 6 monthly							

Shareholding (%)

	Dec-10	QoQ Chg
Promoter	55.4	0.0
FIIs	16.8	(1.8)
MFs / UTI	8.4	0.0
Banks / Fis	3.6	0.0
Others	15.8	1.7

Relative performance



Source: Cline, ENAM Direct Research

Financial summary

Y/E Mar	PAT (Rs cr)	FDEPS (Rs)	EPS chg (%)	P/E (x)	BV (Rs.)	Adj. BV (Rs.)	P/BV (x)	P/Adj. BV (x)	RoE (%)	RoA (%)	Net NPA (%)
2009	1,727	34.2	24	9.9	140	136	2.4	2.5	27.2	1.2	0.3
2010	2,075	41.1	20	8.2	174	162	1.9	2.1	26.2	1.2	0.8
2011E	2,089	41.4	1	7.9	209	189	1.6	1.7	21.6	1	1.1
2012E	2,663	45.4	10	7.2	261	244	1.2	1.3	20.6	1.1	0.9

Source: Company, ENAM Estimates; Note: We have assumed dilution of Rs 2500 cr in FY12

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			Quarter end			12 months ended			
(Rs cr)	Dec-10	Dec-09	% Chg	Sep-10	% Chg	Mar-11E		% Chg	
Interest Income	4,200	3,318	27	3,952	6	16,226	13,303	22	
Interest Expended	2,584	2,229	16	2,416	7	10,092	9,110	11	
Net Interest Income	1,616	1,089	48	1,536	5	6,134	4,192	46	
Non-Interest Income	494	440	12	510	(3)	1,890	1,975	(4)	
Net Income	2,109	1,529	38	2,046	3	8,024	6,167	30	
Operating Expenses	848	615	38	915	(7)	3,382	2,508	35	
Operating profit	1,261	914	38	1,131	12	4,643	3,659	27	
Provision & Contingencies	400	161	148	599	(33)	1,570	826	90	
PBT	861	753	14	532	62	3,072	2,833	8	
Tax	282	219	29	228	23	983	758	30	
Net Profit	580	534	9	303	91	2,089	2,075	1	
No. of shares (cr)	50.5	50.5		50.5		50.5	50.5		
Rep. EPS - non-annualized (Rs.)	11	11	9	6	91	41	41	1	
Yields & Margins (%)									
Yield on advances	10.04	10	4 bps	9.61	43 bps	9.06	9.02	5 bps	
Cost of deposit	5.49	5.77	<mark>(28)</mark> bps	5.37	12 bps	5.07	5.52	<mark>(45)</mark> bps	
Net interest margin	3.44	2.77	67 bps	3.35	9 bps	2.97	2.44	54 bps	
Asset quality									
Gross NPAs (Rs cr)	3,581	2,092	71.1	3,524	1.6	3,564	2,671	33.4	
Gross NPAs (%)	2.68	1.96	72 bps	2.79	<mark>(11)</mark> bps	2.39	2.21	19 bps	
Net NPAs (Rs cr)	1,597	613	160.5	1,462	9.3	1,568	965	62.4	
Net NPAs (%)	1.21	0.58	63 bps	1.18	3 bps	1.07	0.81	26 bps	
Provisioning coverage (%)	55.4	70.7	(1,531) bps	58.5	<mark>(313)</mark> bps	56	63.9	<mark>(786)</mark> bps	
Capital (%)									
Tier-I	7.4	8.7	(126) bps	7.9	<mark>(42)</mark> bps	7.8	7.9	<mark>(9)</mark> bps	
CAR	11.9	13.5	<mark>(158)</mark> bps	12.5	<mark>(65)</mark> bps	11.6	12.5	<mark>(89)</mark> bps	
Balance sheet (Rs cr)									
Advances	133,800	106,500	25.6	124,100	7.8	146,900	119,300	23.1	
Deposits	186,700	151,100	23.5	177,800	5	203,300	170,000	19.6	
CASA (%)	33.3	32.3	93 bps	32.7	58 bps	32.6	31.7	91 bps	

Source: Company, ENAM Research; Note: Full year numbers and ratios are on calculated basis

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