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2Q: Earnings beat on prov. write-back; Maintain U/p

2Q: Earnings beat by 9%, but driven by write-back on prov.

KMB (standalone) reported earnings of Rs2.6bn, a +33% growth and +9% ahead of estimates driven largely by write-back on provisions. PPOP earnings (up ~16% yoy) were exactly in-line. On consol. basis, earnings came in at Rs4.3bn, a more modest 19% yoy growth driven by continued challenge in capital market biz.

Growth strong, but margin slides; Asset quality under check

While bank level loans grew +40% yoy (~16% qoq), consol. loans grew +35% yoy, but margin slide continued (down 40bps yoy to 4.8% on consol. basis). Hence, topline (bank) grew by a modest ~11% yoy (in-line). Non-int. income growth was strong at the bank level (+50% yoy), but flat on consol. level owing to challenging market biz. CASA down to 26% vs. 29% in 2QFY11). On consol. level, headline NPLs declined qoq (gross by 2% and net by 1%). Asset quality remains manageable with gross at 0.9% and net at 0.4%; at the bank level gross remained flat qoq, but net up 3%. Tier 1 at 15.9% (CAR at 17.8%) at bank level.

Raise earnings, but maintain U/p; Prefer HDFC Bank

We have raised bank level earnings by only +3/4% for FY12/13, as we are normalizing the credit costs at ~25/35bps for FY12/13 (~20bps in H1) given an emerging credit cycle. Moreover, consol. level earnings raise is only 2% each for FY12/13 owing to cut in earnings for capital market biz. While KMB seems better positioned to manage credit cycle, risk-return is largely priced-in, with KMB trading at P/B of +2.7x (FY13) for a ~14.6% ROE (Bank). Hence, risk return is pegged at similar to HDFC Bk, despite lower earnings growth at the bank (~17% in FY13) vs. HDFC Bk at +26%; RoEs of ~15% vs. HDFC Bk's ~20%.

Estimates (Mar)

(Rs)	2010A	2011A	2012E	2013E	2014E
Net Income (Adjusted - mn)	13,070	15,667	17,813	20,594	23,403
EPS	18.77	21.26	24.17	27.95	31.76
EPS Change (YoY)	98.9%	13.3%	13.7%	15.6%	13.6%
Dividend / Share	0.426	0.501	0.650	0.800	0.900
Pre-exceptional EPS	18.77	21.26	24.17	27.95	31.76
Pre-exceptional EPS Change (YoY)	98.9%	13.3%	13.7%	15.6%	13.6%
Book Value / Share	113.62	148.78	172.30	199.45	230.31

Valuation (Mar)

	2010A	2011A	2012E	2013E	2014E
P/E	26.4x	23.3x	20.5x	17.7x	15.6x
Dividend Yield	0.086%	0.101%	0.131%	0.161%	0.182%
Pre-exceptional PE	26.41x	23.31x	20.51x	17.74x	15.61x
Price / Book	4.62x	3.33x	2.88x	2.49x	2.15x
RoE / PB	3.92x	4.98x	5.23x	6.05x	6.87x
Price / Pre-Provision Profit	13.50x	14.34x	12.20x	10.44x	9.09x

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Stock Data

Price	Rs495.70
Price Objective	Rs435.00
Date Established	29-Sep-2011
Investment Opinion	C-3-7
Volatility Risk	HIGH
52-Week Range	Rs333.00-Rs508.95
Mrkt Val / Shares Out (mn)	US\$7,331 / 736.9
Market Value (mn)	Rs365,267
Average Daily Volume	930,793
BofAML Ticker / Exchange	XXRVF / BSE
Bloomberg / Reuters	KMB IN / KTKM.BO
ROE (2012E)	15.1%
Total Dbt to Cap (Mar-2011A)	NA
Est. 5-Yr EPS / DPS Growth	14.0% / 15.0%
Free Float	41.4%

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Key Income Statement Data (Mar)	2010A	2011A	2012E	2013E	2014E
(Rs Millions)					
Net Interest Income	28,283	35,069	41,222	46,990	53,130
Net Fee Income	13,511	13,487	15,538	18,280	21,313
Securities Gains / (Losses)	4,066	4,432	3,445	3,640	3,442
Other Income	36,945	30,959	34,154	37,557	42,312
Total Non-Interest Income	54,521	48,878	53,137	59,477	67,067
Total Operating Income	82,804	83,947	94,359	106,467	120,197
Operating Expenses	(58,669)	(59,997)	(66,193)	(73,507)	(82,324)
Pre-Provision Profit	24,136	23,950	28,166	32,960	37,873
Provisions Expense	(5,423)	(1,177)	(1,633)	(2,626)	(3,390)
Operating Profit	18,713	22,773	26,533	30,334	34,483
Non-Operating Income	315.70	(298.90)	(740.51)	(350.49)	(360.15)
Pre-Tax Income	19,029	22,474	25,793	29,984	34,123
Net Income to Comm S/Hold.	13,070	15,667	17,813	20,594	23,403
Adjusted Net Income (Operating)	13,070	15,667	17,813	20,594	23,403
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Key Balance Sheet Data					
Total Assets	551,148	736,811	879,857	1,025,577	1,195,555
Average Interest Earning Assets	420,866	573,589	726,993	858,021	1,003,590
Weighted Risk Assets	432,974	580,036	747,369	929,941	1,176,143
Total Gross Customer Loans	300,333	415,330	517,571	625,429	746,533
Total Customer Deposits	218,192	273,130	318,797	352,152	400,733
Tier 1 Capital	74,905	104,987	126,951	146,956	169,695
Tangible Equity	74,905	104,987	126,951	146,956	169,695
Common Shareholders' Equity	79,109	109,629	126,964	146,968	169,708
Key Metrics					
Net Interest Margin	6.72%	6.11%	5.67%	5.48%	5.29%
Tier 1 Ratio	17.3%	18.1%	17.0%	15.8%	14.4%
Effective Tax Rate	30.2%	30.2%	30.0%	30.0%	30.2%
Loan / Assets Ratio	54.5%	56.4%	58.8%	61.0%	62.4%
Loan / Deposit Ratio	137.6%	152.1%	162.4%	177.6%	186.3%
Oper Leverage (Inc Growth - Cost Growth)	7.8%	-0.9%	2.1%	1.8%	0.9%
Gearing (Assets / Equity)	7.0x	6.7x	6.9x	7.0x	7.0x
Tangible Common Equity / Assets	13.6%	14.2%	14.4%	14.3%	14.2%
Tangible Common Equity / WRAs	17.3%	18.1%	17.0%	15.8%	14.4%
Revenue Growth	56.4%	1.4%	12.4%	12.8%	12.9%
Operating Expense Growth	48.6%	2.3%	10.3%	11.1%	12.0%
Provisions Expense Growth	61.0%	-78.3%	38.7%	60.8%	29.1%
Operating Revenue / Average Assets	17.4%	13.0%	11.7%	11.2%	10.8%
Operating Expenses / Average Assets	12.3%	9.3%	8.2%	7.7%	7.4%
Pre-Provision ROA	5.1%	3.7%	3.5%	3.5%	3.4%
ROA	2.7%	2.4%	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%
Pre-Provision ROE	33.4%	25.4%	23.8%	24.1%	23.9%
ROE	18.1%	16.6%	15.1%	15.0%	14.8%
RoTE	17.4%	14.9%	14.0%	14.0%	13.8%
RoWRAs	3.0%	2.7%	2.4%	2.2%	2.0%
Dividend Payout Ratio	2.2%	2.9%	2.9%	3.1%	3.1%
Efficiency Ratio (Cost / Income Ratio)	74.5%	75.5%	72.8%	71.5%	70.5%
Total Non-Interest Inc / Operating Inc	66%	58%	56%	56%	56%
Market-Related Revenue / Total Revenues	5.6%	5.3%	4.5%	4.2%	3.6%
Provisioning Burden as % of PPP	22.5%	4.9%	5.8%	8.0%	9.0%
NPLs plus Foreclosed Real Estate / Loans	1.1%	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%	0.6%
Loan Loss Reserves / NPLs	91.5%	163.9%	208.7%	189.0%	220.5%
Loan Loss Reserves / Total Loans	1.0%	0.7%	0.9%	1.1%	1.3%
Provisions Expense / Average Loans	2.1%	0.3%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%
Other Metrics					
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Income / Employee (Operating Expenses) / Employee	(2.93)	(2.93)	4.55 (3.19)	(3.50)	5.67 (3.88)
Pre-Provision Profit / Employee	(2.93) 1.21	(2.93) 1.17	1.36	(3.50)	(3.00)
Net Profit / Employee	0.654	0.764	0.858	0.981	1.79
Not i Tolit / Employee	0.004	0.704	0.000	0.701	1.10

Company Description

Kotak Mahindra started business in the mid-1980s as a bill discounting company. Since then, it has entered various financial services businesses, such as securities, investment banking, life insurance, asset management, and banking, and it has become one of the leading players in capital markets in India. Kotak obtained its banking license in 2002. It has 320 branches and less than a 1% share of system loans. Mr Uday Kotak, the major shareholder, and his associates have a 46% stake.

Investment Thesis

Presence across nearly all financial services businesses in India. Management team is among the best in the business, its execution of conversion from an NBFC into a bank

has been exemplary, in our view. Historically traded as a capital market proxy, but earnings mix has changed over the past few years. But a slump in capital market businesses and earnings contribution coupled with slower growth and RoEs at the bank level make us vary of earnings growth trajectory in FY12-13.

Stock Data

Price to Book Value 2.9x

2QFY12 Results Summary

Table 1: 2QFY12 Results Summary (Standalone Bank)

(Rs mn)	2Q12	2Q11	yoy Remarks
Interest earned	14,646	10,147	44% Sustained loan growth of 41% yoy; driven by CV (+60% yoy) and Corporate (+50% yoy)
- on Advances	11,591	7,761	49%
 investments 	3,049	2,345	30%
Interest Exp	8,592	4,709	82% CASA down +325bps yoy to 26%
NII	6,055	5,438	11% in-line with estimates, Margins down 90bps yoy and 30bps qoq to 4.7%
Other income	2,125	1,393	53%
Oper. Income	8,180	6,832	20%
Opex	4,379	3,564	23% Addition of +55 branches yoy and 30 ATMs
Employee exp	2,152	1,687	28%
Other Opex	2,228	1,877	19%
Operating profit	3,800	3,268	16% In-line with our estimates
			Asset quality remains manageable. Gross NPLs (incl. stressed asset portfolio) decline 1% (at 1.61%), Net decline 3% at (0.6%).
Provisions	(24)	455	-105% Excluding stressed assets portfolio Gross NPLs flat qoq (at 1%) and Net up 3% qoq (at 0.4% bps)
PBT	3,824	2,812	36%
Provision for Tax	1,224	865	41%
PAT	2,600	1,947	34% Earnings 9% ahead of estimates owing to writing-back of provisions

Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Research Estimates

Table 2: Company wise Profit after tax

Company wise Profit after Tax	2QFY12	20FY11	10FY12	YoY	QoQ
Kotak Mahindra Bank (Standalone)	2,600	1.947	2.520	34%	3%
Kotak Mahindra Bank (Standarone) Kotak Mahindra Prime	900	613	940	47%	-4%
Kotak Naminara Filine Kotak Securities	290	517	230	-44%	26%
Kotak Mahindra Capital Company	(40)	73	10	-155%	-500%
Kotak Mahindra Old Mutual	530	134	460	294%	15%
Kotak Mahindra AMC & Trustee Co.	(70)	(24)	90	188%	-178%
International Subs	70	123	(30)	-43%	-333%
Kotak Investment Advisors	80	105	110	-24%	-27%
Kotak Mahindra Investments	30	80	30	-62%	0%
Total Consolidated profit after tax	4,390	3,568	4,360	23%	1%
Affiliates, minority interest & Other adjustments	(60)	73	(200)	-182%	-70%
PAT (After minority interest / adjustments)	4,330	3,641	4,160	19%	4%

Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Research Estimates

Table 3: 2QFY12 Results: Other Businesses

Kotak Mahindra Prime	2QFY12	2QFY11	1QFY12	YoY	QoQ
Total Advances	125,470	100,290	115,690	25%	8%
Car Advances	98,210	77,970	89,380	26%	10%
Total Income	4,240	3,158	3,960	34%	7%
PBT	1,340	956	1,410	40%	-5%
PAT	900	613	940	47%	-4%
Kotak Mahindra Old Mutual	2QFY12	2QFY11	1QFY12	YoY	QoQ
Individual Regular	900	2,440	650	-63%	38%
Single	780	130	400	500%	95%
Group	820	540	600	52%	37%
Renewal	4,260	4,240	3,460	0%	23%
Total	6,760	7,350	5,110	-8%	32%
Kotak Securities	2QFY12	2QFY11	1QFY12	YoY	QoQ
Av Daily Volume (RsBn)	43	45	36	-6%	19%



Table 3: 2QFY12 Results: Other Businesses

Kotak Mahindra Prime	2QFY12	2QFY11	1QFY12	YoY	QoQ
Total Income	1,520	1,980	1,450	-23%	5%
PBT	440	774	360	-43%	22%
PAT	290	517	230	-44%	26%
Kotak Mahindra AMC & Trustee Total Income PBT PAT Average AUM (Rs Bn) Average AUM - Equity (Rs Bn)	2QFY12	2QFY11	10FY12	YoY	QoQ
	330	190	370	74%	-11%
	10	(40)	130	-125%	-92%
	70	(20)	90	-450%	-22%
	324	276	342	17%	-5%
	35	46	37	-24%	-5%
Kotak Investment Advisors	2QFY12	2QFY11	1 QFY12	YoY	QoQ
Total Income	240	240	250	0%	-4%
PBT	130	150	150	-13%	-13%
PAT	80	110	110	-27%	-27%
Kotak Mahindra Capital	2QFY12	2QFY11	1QFY12	YoY	QoQ
Total Income	130	300	230	-57%	-43%
PBT	(50)	110	20	-145%	-350%
PAT	(40)	70	10	-157%	-500%

Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Research Estimates

Table 4: SOTP Table

SOTP per Share	FY13	Comments
Kotak Bank	292	2.5x FY13 Adj. Book;
Kotak Prime	79	2.5x FY13 Adj. Book; In-line with Shriram Transport target multiples
Kotak Sec	23	12.5x FY13 earnings; In-line with Market multiples
Kotak Life	30	1x FY12 MLe EV + 7x FY13 NBAP
Kotak AMC (Domestic MF)	10	3.5% of FY11 AUMs
Kotak Capital	3	12.5x FY13 earnings; In-line with Market multiples
Others (Alternate Assets)	15	7.5% of AUMs
Total (Non- Banks)	159	
Holding Co. Discount	16	10% "HoldCo' Discount
Total	435	

Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Research Estimates

Price objective basis & risk HDFC Bank (XHDFF-C-1-7-Rs468)

We set our PO at Rs575 (US\$40/ADR). HDFC Bank stands out, as being the best positioned banks to manage the next credit cycle that we expect to see in next 6-9 months owing to its better loan profile having higher % of retail and working capital loans and low level of infra and project loans. Moreover, earnings visibility is high at +26-27% given the banks high NPL coverage, ability to gain market share and leverage from its liability franchise and expanding distribution. Hence, we believe the stock will continue to trade at the higher multiples (+3.3-3.4x FY13). Reiterate Buy, Preferred pick. Moreover, we believe the stock, trading at 23x FY12 earnings can arguably continue to trade at least at 21x one year forward given earnings growth sustaining at +27/26% in FY12/13 and comfort on asset quality. Risks: A sharp rise in NPLs and inability to maintain growth are risks to our price objective.

Kotak Mahindra Bank (XXRVF)

In our PO of Rs435, we value KMB on a SOTP basis, benchmarking each business to the best in its class and assigning top tier multiples to reflect its better risk profile. We assign a P/B of 2.5x to standalone bank for a 14% ROE. This is a 20-25% premium to peer banks that have higher ROEs. The risk return is similar to its closest peer. Other business adds Rs161/share incl. Rs78/shr. for Kotak Primet. Risks are a sharp credit cycle, which could result in higher than estimated NPLs and slowdown in growth. Slow capital markets could also hurt earnings growth. Risks specific to KMB include 1) tough competition in each business segment 2) the Bank's low CASA and high LDRs could limit loan growth. 3) While the management is experienced and well respected, there is too much dependence on a single individual- Mr. Uday Kotak 4)Excess capital may be deployed to make expensive acquisitions, which could be EPS dilutive. and 5) Approximately 25% of earnings are still being driven by market linked businesses, which could see a further downside if market volatility / slide continues.

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	HDFC	HGDFF	HDFC IN	Rajeev Varma
	HDFC Bank	XHDFF	HDFCB IN	Rajeev Varma
	HDFC Bank	HDB	HDB US	Rajeev Varma
	ICICI Bank	ICIJF	ICICIBC IN	Rajeev Varma
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	IndiaBulls Financial Services	IBLFF	IBULL IN	Veekesh Gandhi
	Indian Bank	INDIF	INBK IN	Rajeev Varma
	LIC Housing Finance, Ltd.	LHFLF	LICHF IN	Veekesh Gandhi
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	IDBI	XDBIF	IDBI IN	Veekesh Gandhi
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	Kotak Mahindra Bank	XXRVF	KMB IN	Rajeev Varma
	Union Bank India	UBOIF	UNBK IN	Rajeev Varma



iQmethod[™] Measures Definitions

Business Performance Numerator Denominator

Return On Capital Employed NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) * (1 - Tax Rate) + Goodwill Total Assets - Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill

> Amortization Amortization

Return On Equity Net Income Shareholders' Equity Operating Profit Operating Margin Sales

Earnings Growth Expected 5-Year CAGR From Latest Actual N/A Free Cash Flow Cash Flow From Operations - Total Capex N/A

Quality of Earnings

Cash Realization Ratio Cash Flow From Operations Net Income Asset Replacement Ratio Capex Depreciation Tax Rate Tax Charge Pre-Tax Income Net Debt = Total Debt, Less Cash & Equivalents Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio **Total Equity** Interest Expense

Interest Cover **EBIT**

Valuation Toolkit

Price / Earnings Ratio Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified) Current Share Price Price / Book Value Current Share Price Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares

Dividend Yield Annualised Declared Cash Dividend **Current Share Price**

Market Cap. = Current Share Price * Current Basic Shares Free Cash Flow Yield Cash Flow From Operations - Total Capex

Enterprise Value / Sales EV = Current Share Price * Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt + Sales

EV / EBITDA Enterprise Value Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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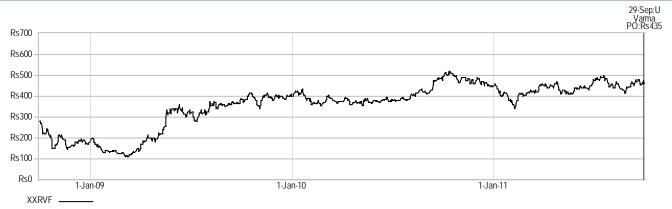
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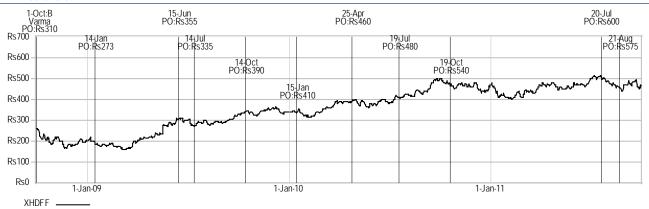
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Neutral	76	29.69%	Neutral	41	65.08%
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Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships*	Count	Percent
Buy	2073	54.13%	Buy	923	49.12%
Neutral	961	25.09%	Neutral	460	52.57%
Sell	796	20.78%	Sell	287	38.32%

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