

# Union Bank of India

STOCK INFO. BSE Sensex: 8,510	BLOOMBERG UNBK IN	27 O	ctober 2008	3								Buy
S&P CNX: 2,524	REUTERS CODE UNBK.BO	Previ	ous Recomm	endatio	n: Buy	,						Rs121
Equity Shares (m)	505.1	YEAR	NET INCOME	PAT	EPS	EPS	P/E	P/BV	CAR	ROE	ROA	P/ABV
52-Week Range	235/96	END	(RS M)	(RS M)	(RS)	GROWTH (%)	(X)	(X)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(X)
1,6,12 Rel.Perf.(%	) 19/27/31	3/07A 3/08A	34,767 41,733	8,454 13,870	16.7 27.5	25.3 64.1	7.3 4.4	1.3 1.1	12.8 12.5	19.2 26.8	0.88 1.22	1.4 1.1
M.Cap. (Rs b) M.Cap. (US\$ b)	61.3 1.2	3/09E 3/10E	48,316	15,397 18,053	30.5 35.7	11.0 17.3	4.4 4.0 3.4	0.9 0.7	12.5 11.5 10.7	24.7 23.9	1.12	0.9 0.8

Union Bank of India's 2QFY09 results were significantly higher than our estimates on the core operating performance. Key highlights:

- ✓ NII grew 49% YoY to Rs9.8b on the back of the strong improvement in margins and 26% YoY growth in loans.
- ✓ NIMs improved 38bp QoQ and 52bp YoY to 3.01%
- Loans grew 26% YoY to Rs850b and deposits were up 22% YoY to Rs1,159b. The share of bulk deposits increased to 17% from 15% in 1QFY09.
- The bank provided Rs600m for the likely wage increase, which led to the 15% YoY growth in employee expenses. Other operating cost increased 66% YoY due to (a) significant branch additions during the quarter and (b)provision of Rs400m for the brand rebuilding exercise
- Asset quality stable GNPA ratio at 1.9% with provision coverage ratio of 93%. CRAR under Basel II at 11.8%. We are impressed by the core operating performance in 2QFY09 and expect the strong trend to continue. NII growth, cost of funds and margin movements are encouraging. Asset quality has improved significantly and would enable lower provisions ahead. We are upgrading our estimates by 5% for FY09 and FY10. We expect the bank to report EPS of Rs31 and Rs36 in FY09 and FY10. We expect BV to be Rs135 in FY09 and Rs164 in FY10. The stock is trading at 4x FY09E EPS and 0.9x FY09E BV. RoE would remain strong at 24%+ over next two years. Maintain **Buy.**

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE									(1	RS MILLION)
		FY	) 8			FY	9		FY08	FY09E
	1Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1Q	2 Q	3QE	4QE		
Interest Income	20,741	22,384	24,227	25,664	25,332	28,313	29,870	31,230	93,016	114,745
Interest Expense	13,399	15,820	16,705	17,685	17,232	18,560	20,230	21,451	63,609	77,473
Net Interest Income	7,342	6,564	7,522	7,979	8,100	9,753	9,640	9,779	29,406	37,272
% Change (Y-o-Y)	15.7	4.6	9.7	-5.3	10.3	48.6	28.2	22.6	11.6	26.7
Other Income	2,150	2,873	3,838	3,467	2,217	2,833	2,988	3,006	12,327	11,043
Net Income	9,492	9,436	11,359	11,446	10,317	12,586	12,628	12,785	41,733	48,316
Operating Expenses	4,241	4,153	4,997	2,539	4,157	5,589	4,611	4,664	15,930	19,020
Operating Profit	5,251	5,283	6,362	8,907	6,160	6,997	8,018	8,120	25,803	29,295
% Change (Y-o-Y)	35.5	35.8	36.6	17.4	17.3	32.4	26.0	-8.8	29.0	13.5
Other Provisions	1,554	976	1,150	3,520	2,957	2,033	1,500	810	7,199	7,300
Profit before Tax	3,697	4,308	5,212	5,387	3,203	4,965	6,518	7,310	18,604	21,995
Tax Provisions	1,450	1,550	1,564	170	920	1,350	2,281	2,047	4,734	6,599
Net Profit	2,247	2,758	3,648	5,217	2,283	3,615	4,237	5,263	13,870	15,397
% Change (Y-o-Y)	34.8	42.0	42.4	128.7	1.6	31.1	16.1	0.9	64.1	11.0
Interest Expense/Interest Income (%)	64.6	70.7	69.0	68.9	68.0	65.6	67.7	68.7	68.4	67.5
Other Income/Net Income (%)	22.6	30.4	33.8	30.3	21.5	22.5	23.7	23.5	29.5	22.9
Cost to Income Ratio (%)	44.7	44.0	44.0	22.2	40.3	44.4	36.5	36.5	38.2	39.4
Provisions/Operating Profits (%)	29.6	18.5	18.1	39.5	48.0	29.0	18.7	10.0	27.9	24.9
Tax Rate (%)	39.2	36.0	30.0	3.2	28.7	27.2	35.0	28.0	25.4	30.0

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Interest Income	28,313	22,384	26	25,332	12	72,272	93,016	114,745
Interest Expense	18,560	15,820	17	17,232	8	45,920	63,609	77,473
Net Interest Income (NII)	9,753	6,564	49	8,100	20	26,352	29,406	37,272
Other Income	2,833	2,873	(1)	2,217	28	8,415	12,327	11,043
- Fees and others	2,573	1,743	48	1,917	34	6,029	7,659	9,043
- Trading Profits	(380)	600	(163)	80	(575)	1,085	2,898	500
- Recovery from w/off	640	530	21	220	191	1,301	1,770	1,500
Net Income	12,586	9,436	33	10,317	22	34,767	41,733	48,316
Total Operating Costs	5,589	4,153	35	4,157	34	14,759	15,930	19,020
- Staff Costs	2,916	2,546	15	2,247	30	8,737	8,453	10,120
- Other Opex	2,672	1,607	66	1,910	40	6,022	7,477	8,901
Operating Profit	6,997	5,283	32	6,160	14	20,008	25,803	29,295
Provisions	2,033	976	108	2,957	(31)	6,204	7,199	7,300
- NPAs	1,600	856	87	(510)	(414)	3,300	5,852	2,500
- Others	433	120	261	3,467	(88)	2,904	1,347	4,800
РВТ	4,965	4,308	15	3,203	55	13,804	18,604	21,995
Tax	1,350	1,550	(13)	920	47	5,350	4,734	6,599
Tax payout %	27	36		29		39	25	30
PAT	3,615	2,758	31	2,283	58	8,454	13,870	15,397
Deposits	1,159,390	948,040	22	1,072,480	8	851,802	1,038,586	1,277,461
CASA Ratio %	33	33		35		34	35	35
Advances	849,905	673,720	26	758,100	12	623,864	743,483	907,049
- Retail Advances	93,240	71,630	30	81,910	14			
- SME	138,840	105,630	31	126,300	10			
Gross NPA %	1.9	2.4		2.1		2.9	2.2	1.9
Net NPA %	0.1	0.7		0.2		1.0	0.2	0.3
Yields on Advances %*	10.7	10.2		10.1		8.8	9.8	10.3
Cost of Funds % *	5.7	5.8		5.6		5.5	6.4	6.4
NIM %**	3.0	2.5		2.6		2.9	2.7	2.8
Tier I CAR %	7.6	7.4		6.9		7.8	7.5	7.0
Tier II CAR %	4.9	4.2		4.4		5.0	5.1	4.5
Branches	2,483	2,384		2,373		2,206	2,361	2,561

<sup>\*</sup> Reported-Cumulative, \*\*Reported-Quarterly

# **Highlights**

### Strong NII growth supported by margin improvement and buoyant loan growth:

NII grew 49% YoY and 20% QoQ to Rs9.8b due strong improvement in NIMs to 3.01% (up 38bp QoQ and 52bp YoY) and strong growth in loans (Up 26% YoY). Strong margin improvement was on the back of 125bp PLR increase in 1HFY09 and fall in the cost of funds on a YoY basis (due to higher reliance on core deposits). Yield on loans improved by 103bp QoQ and 23bp YoY to 11.2%. Cost of funds fell 28bp YoY to 5.74% (up 14bp QoQ) and cost of deposits fell 16bp YoY to 6.25% (up 19bp QoQ). In 2QFY08, the bank had earned miscellaneous 'other' interest income of Rs263m, adjusting for which NII grew 55% YoY.

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**Business growth accelerates in the quarter:** During the quarter, business growth accelerated with QoQ loan growth of 12% to Rs850b (up 26% YoY) and deposit growth of 8% to Rs1,159b (up 22% YoY). Core deposit growth remained strong at 26% YoY (up 7% QoQ) to Rs967b. CASA deposits grew at the healthy rate of 25% YoY and 3% QoQ to ~Rs384b. CASA ratio was 33.1% in 2QFY09 v/s 34.8% in 1QFY09 and 32.5% in 2QFY08.

The share of bulk deposits increased to 17% from 15% in 1QFY09 however, they were down from 19% in 2QFY08. In the quarter, the bank increased bulk deposits by ~Rs28b. Management clarified that spreads on these incremental bulk deposits would remain at ~3% and these deposits have a duration of ~6 months. The bank continues to focus on Retail (up 30% YoY), SME (up 31% YoY) and the Agriculture sector (up 36% YoY) to grow the loan book. Incremental CD ratio in the quarter was 100%+. The CD ratio has increased to 73.3% in 2QFY09 v/s 70.7% in 1QFY09 and 71.1% in 2QFY08.

Operating profits higher than estimates despite higher provisions for operating expenses: The bank reported 32% YoY growth in operating profit (v/s our estimate of 24% YoY) despite the higher than expected growth in operating expenses. Other income remained flat YoY to Rs2.8b despite Rs380m losses in securities trading (v/s Rs810m trading profits in 2QFY08). Recoveries from written-off accounts were Rs640m v/s Rs530m in 2QFY08. Other income (ex-treasury and recoveries) grew 48% YoY to Rs3.2b. Operating expenses grew 35% YoY to Rs5.6b (v/s our estimate of Rs4.5b), as the bank provided Rs600m for the likely wage increase in the quarter. Employee expenses were up 15% YoY to Rs2.9b. Other operating expenditure also increased significantly by 66% YoY to Rs2.7b as the bank has opened 110 branches during the quarter and provided Rs400m for the brand rebuilding exercise.

**Provisions higher than estimates:** The bank made total provisions of Rs2.03b v/s our estimate of Rs1.5b. On the back of strong growth in operating profit and MTM reversal on the bond portfolio, the bank made higher NPA provisions of Rs1.6b. The bank reversed the MTM provisions of Rs540m in the quarter. The bank had also made standard assets provisions of Rs800m (of this, Rs490m is higher than the regulatory requirement).

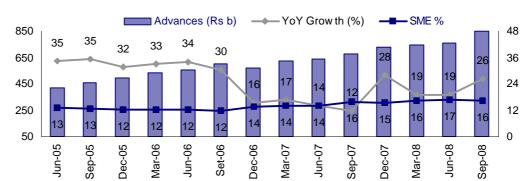
Asset quality remains robust: Asset quality has remained strong with the gross NPA ratio of 1.93% (down 15bp QoQ and 49bp YoY) and net NPA ratio of 0.14% (down 1bp QoQ and 51bp YoY). In absolute terms, gross and net NPAs increased 6% QoQ to Rs16.7b and Rs1.2b respectively. Provision coverage ratio remained stable at ~93%. During 1HFY09, the slippage ratio was contained at 1.15% and management is confident of controlling the slippage ratio at below 1.25%. in FY09 (v/s 1.22% in FY08). Higher provision coverage would enable the bank to keep its NPA provisions lower during FY09 and thus report profit growth despite a sharp drop in treasury profits.

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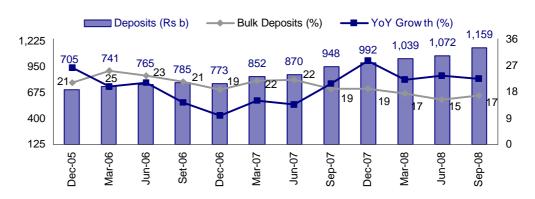
LOAN GROWTH ACCELERATES IN THE QUARTER

Growth in SME loans remains in line with total loan growth



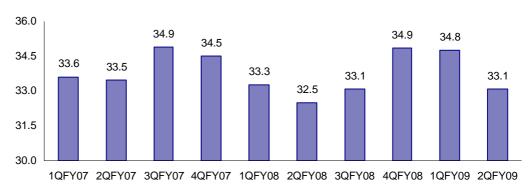
CORE DEPOSITS GROWING AT A RAPID PACE

The share of bulk deposits increased to 17% from 15% a quarter ago however, down from 21% a year ago



CASA RATIO UP 59BP YOY HOWEVER, DOWN 166BP QOQ

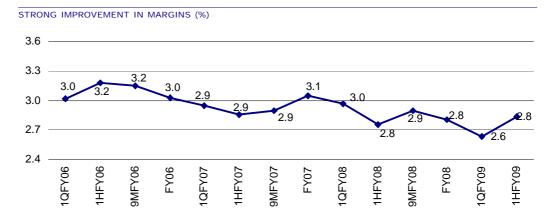
CASA deposits grew 25% YoY and 3% QoQ



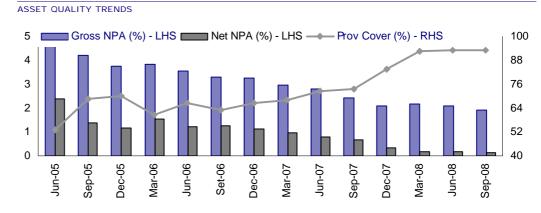
Source: Company/MOSL

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Focus on growing high yielding loans, contained cost of funds, leads to higher margin



Net NPA at 0.2% with the provision coverage of 93% - one of the best in PSU banks



Source: Company/Motilal Oswal Securities

# Union Bank of India: an investment profile

# **Company description**

Union Bank is amongst the large state-owned banks with a balance sheet size of over Rs1t. While the bank is based in western India, its branch network of over 2,484 branches and ~1,275 ATMs is well spread countrywide. All branches of the bank are on the CBS platform

# Key investment arguments

- Improved focus on margins and profitability
- ✓ Well spread branch network across India
- Strong and expanding technology platform to ensure robust fee income going forward

# Key investments risks

- Management's inability to increase asset growth without losing margins
- Reversal of asset quality, if any, will require higher provisioning thereby impacting profitability

# Recent developments

- ✓ Union Bank, launched Wealth Management services to its HNI clients under tie-up with M/S Wealth Advisors (north and south India) and M/S Edelweiss Securities Ltd (east and west India)
- Bank has opened its full fledged overseas branch at Hong Kong in August 2008.

#### Valuation and view

- We expect earnings to grow 11% in FY09 and 17% in FY10. Stronger momentum in core earnings will result in better valuations for the stock.
- ∠ The stock is trading at 0.9x FY09E BV of Rs135 and 4x FY09E EPS of Rs30.5.

### Sector view

- ∠ YTD loan growth of 29% and deposit growth of 24%
- Concerns on macro economic factors like rising inflation, higher interest rates, slowing economic growth remain concerns in mid term
- Selective buying with favor for banks with higher earnings visibility from core operations.

#### COMPARATIVE VALUATIONS

		UBI	вов	BOI
P/E (x)	FY09E	4.0	6.2	4.1
	FY10E	3.4	5.2	3.8
P/ABV (x)	FY09E	0.9	1.0	1.0
	FY10E	8.0	0.9	0.9
RoE (%)	FY09E	24.7	16.0	26.5
	FY10E	23.9	16.8	23.5
RoA (%)	FY09E	1.1	0.8	1.3
	FY10E	1.1	0.8	1.2

EPS: MOST FORECAST VS CONSENSUS (RS)

	MOST	CONSENSUS	VARIATION
	FORECAST	FORECAST	(%)
FY09	30.5	27.8	9.7
FY10	35.7	32.6	9.4

## TARGET PRICE AND RECOMMENDATION

CURRENT	TARGET	UPSIDE	RECO.
PRICE (RS)	PRICE (RS)	(%)	
121	225	86	Buy

#### SHAREHOLDING PATTERN (%)

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	SEP-08	JUN-08	SEP-07
Promoter	55.4	55.4	55.4
Domestic Inst	11.9	11.3	11.5
Foreign	19.4	18.7	19.7
Others	13.4	14.5	13.4

### STOCK PERFORMANCE (1 YEAR)



INCOME STATEMENT					(RS MILLION)
Y/E MARCH	2006	2007	2008	2009E	2 0 10 E
Interest Income	57,332	72,272	93,016	114,745	138,954
Interest Expended	34,894	45,920	63,609	77,473	95,302
Net Interest Income	22,437	26,352	29,406	37,272	43,652
Change (%)	8.7	17.4	11.6	26.7	17.1
Other Income	6,251	8,415	12,327	11,043	12,557
Net Income	28,688	34,767	41,733	48,316	56,208
Change (%)	1.3	212	20.0	15.8	16.3
Operating Expenses	14,024	14,759	15,930	19,020	21,459
Operating Income	14,664	20,008	25,803	29,295	34,749
Change (%)	-6.8	36.4	29.0	13.5	18.6
Other Provisions	5,724	6,204	7,199	7,300	8,200
PBT	8,940	13,804	18,604	21,995	26,549
Tax	2,195	5,350	4,734	6,599	8,496
Tax Rate (%)	24.5	38.8	25.4	30.0	32.0
PAT	6,745	8,454	13,870	15,397	18,053
Change (%)	-6.2	25.3	64.1	11.0	17.3
Proposed Dividend	2,020	1,768	2,020	2,778	3,283
BALANCE SHEET					(RS MILLION)
Y/E MARCH	2006	2007	2008	2009E	2 0 10 E
Capital	5,051	5,051	5,051	5,051	5,051
Reserves & Surplus	40,530	46,848	68,420	80,566	94,778
Net Worth	45,581	51,899	73,471	85,618	99,829
Deposits	740,943	851,802	1,038,586	1,277,461	1,558,503
Change (%)	19.8	15.0	219	23.0	22.0
Borrowings	39,745	42,155	47,605	54,746	60,220
Other Liabilities & Prov.	64,992	80,923	81,064	93,224	102,546
Total Liabilities	891,261	1,026,779	1,240,727	1,511,049	1,821,099
Current Assets	63,905	84,264	100,973	127,062	157,605
Investments	259,175	279,818	338,226	412,636	503,416
Change (%)	13.7	8.0	20.9	22.0	22.0
Advances	533,800	623,864	743,483	907,049	1,088,459
Change (%)	33.1	16.9	19.2	22.0	20.0
Net Fixed Assets	8,104	8,250	22,004	22,854	23,954
Other Assets	26,275	30,582	36,041	41,447	47,664
Total Assets	891,258	1,026,779	1,240,727	1,511,049	1,821,099
ASSUM PTIONS					(%)_
Deposit Growth	19.8	15.0	219	23.0	22.0
Advances Growth	33.1	16.9	19.2	22.0	20.0
Investments Growth	13.7	8.0	20.9	22.0	22.0
Provisions Coverage Ratio	60.3	67.9	92.3	84.3	88.0
Dividend	40.0	35.0	40.0	55.0	65.0
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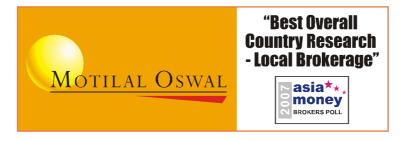
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Y/E MARCH	2006	2007	2008	2009E	2010E
Spreads Analysis (%)					
Avg. Yield - Earning Assets	7.4	7.9	8.6	8.8	8.8
Avg. Cost-Int. Bear. Liab.	4.9	5.5	6.4	6.4	6.5
Interest Spread	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.3
Net Interest Margin	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8
Profitability Ratios (%)					
RoE	18.7	19.2	26.8	24.7	23.9
RoA	0.8	0.9	1.2	11	1.1
Int. Expended/Int.Earned	60.9	63.5	68.4	67.5	68.6
Other Inc./Net Income	21.8	24.2	29.5	22.9	22.3
Efficiency Ratios (%)					
Op. Exps./Net Income*	50.6	43.8	410	39.8	38.9
Empl. Cost/Op. Exps.	61.8	59.2	53.1	53.2	50.6
Busi. per Empl. (Rs m)	45.1	53.0	63.3	74.2	89.9
NP per Empl. (Rs lac)	2.7	3.3	5.4	5.8	6.7
*Ex Treasury					
Asset-Liability Profile (%)					
Adv./Deposit Ratio	72.0	73.2	71.6	71.0	69.8
CASA Ratio	32.4	34.5	34.9	34.5	34.0
Invest./Deposit Ratio	35.0	32.9	32.6	32.3	32.3
G-Sec/Invest. Ratio	78.3	81.9	83.4	83.6	83.6
Gross NPAs to Adv.	3.8	2.9	2.2	1.9	1.8
Net NPAs to Adv.	1.6	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.2
CAR	11.4	12.8	12.5	11.5	10.7
Tier 1	7.3	7.8	7.5	7.0	6.7
VALUATION					
Book Value (Rs)	81.0	93.7	111.3	135.4	163.5
Price-BV (x)	1.5	1.3	11	0.9	0.7
Adjusted BV (Rs)	70.3	86.0	109.7	131.8	160.4
Price-ABV (x)	1.7	1.4	11	0.9	0.8
EPS (Rs)	13.4	16.7	27.5	30.5	35.7
EPS Growth (%)	-14.5	25.3	64.1	11.0	17.3
Price-Earnings (x)	9.1	7.3	4.4	4.0	3.4
OPS (Rs)	29.0	39.6	51.1	58.0	68.8
OPS Growth (%)	-15.1	36.4	29.0	13.5	18.6
Price-OP (x)	4.2	3.1	2.4	2.1	1.8

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# NOTES



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