

Company Focus

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Yes Bank (YESB.BO)

 Target price change
 Estimate change

Buy: 3Q08: Strong Growth, Profitability; Raising Earnings, Target

- 3QFY08 profits up 116%, in-line with estimates** — Yes Bank's profits were driven by stable and relatively high margins, continued growth in fees — especially in treasury and a reduction in costs. Overall, it was a strong quarter with Yes consistently delivering revenues, growth and quality ahead of estimates, supported by a benign funding environment.
- Margins stable, fees driven by treasury** — Yes Bank's NIMs have remained largely stable at 290bps, helped by a stable interest rate and liquidity environment. Continued easy liquidity and lower rates (our near-term view) should be relatively beneficial for Yes' margins. The P&L was also supported by an increase in fees, especially in treasury product sales and transaction fees.
- High growth quarter with quality focus** — Yes' high pace of asset accretion (14% qoq), with stable margins, nil NPLs (especially commendable given its mid-market exposure) suggests strong management focus on quality. While revenues so far have been ahead of its franchise so far, we believe aggressive distribution capability, franchise expansion and revenue diversification (into wealth management) to be key focus areas for the bank over the medium term.
- Raising earnings, target price, maintain Buy (1M)** — We are raising our earnings estimates 16-3% over FY08E-10E to factor in recent and proposed capital raising and continued strong growth. We are also raising our EVA-based target price to Rs300 on higher earnings and a lower risk free rate (7.5% vs 8% earlier), implying 4.5x FY09E PBV multiple on our target price.

Buy/Medium Risk	1M
Price (30 Jan 08)	Rs244.25
Target price	Rs300.00
	<i>from Rs230.00</i>
Expected share price return	22.8%
Expected dividend yield	0.0%
Expected total return	22.8%
Market Cap	Rs72,218M
	US\$1,838M

Price Performance (RIC: YESB.BO, BB: YES IN)



Statistical Abstract

Year to	Net Profit	Diluted EPS	EPS growth	P/E	P/B	ROE	Yield
31 Mar	(RsM)	(Rs)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)
2006A	553	2.35	na	103.7	11.5	14.1	0.0
2007A	944	3.43	45.8	71.2	8.7	13.9	0.0
2008E	1,948	6.55	90.9	37.3	4.4	15.3	0.0
2009E	2,891	9.19	40.2	26.6	3.7	15.2	0.0
2010E	4,218	13.40	45.9	18.2	3.1	18.6	0.0

Source: Powered by dataCentral

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Fiscal year end 31-Mar	2006	2007	2008E	2009E	2010E
Valuation Ratios					
P/E adjusted (x)	103.7	71.2	37.3	26.6	18.2
P/E reported (x)	103.7	71.2	37.3	26.6	18.2
P/BV (x)	11.5	8.7	4.4	3.7	3.1
P/Adjusted BV diluted (x)	11.5	8.7	4.4	3.7	3.1
Dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Per Share Data (Rs)					
EPS adjusted	2.35	3.43	6.55	9.19	13.40
EPS reported	2.35	3.43	6.55	9.19	13.40
BVPS	21.21	28.11	56.01	65.19	78.60
Tangible BVPS	21.21	28.11	56.01	65.19	78.60
Adjusted BVPS diluted	21.21	28.11	56.01	65.19	78.60
DPS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Profit & Loss (RsM)					
Net interest income	855	1,714	3,459	5,814	9,150
Fees and commissions	419	1,116	2,009	3,113	4,514
Other operating Income	579	891	1,546	2,167	2,925
Total operating income	1,852	3,721	7,014	11,093	16,589
Total operating expenses	-861	-1,935	-3,611	-5,838	-8,835
Oper. profit bef. provisions	991	1,786	3,403	5,256	7,754
Bad debt provisions	-73	-254	-370	-766	-1,234
Non-operating/exceptionals	-74	-95	-125	-175	-225
Pre-tax profit	844	1,436	2,908	4,314	6,295
Tax	-291	-493	-960	-1,424	-2,077
Extraord./Min. Int./Pref. Div.	0	0	0	0	0
Attributable profit	553	944	1,948	2,891	4,218
Adjusted earnings	553	944	1,948	2,891	4,218
Growth Rates (%)					
EPS adjusted	nm	45.8	90.9	40.2	45.9
Oper. profit bef. prov.	nm	80.1	90.6	54.4	47.5
Balance Sheet (RsM)					
Total assets	41,626	111,034	188,371	316,621	485,666
Avg interest earning assets	21,982	71,280	141,931	244,061	391,518
Customer loans	24,071	62,897	113,384	198,833	311,523
Gross NPLs	0	0	676	1,568	2,949
Liab. & shar. funds	41,626	111,034	188,371	316,621	485,666
Total customer deposits	29,104	82,204	140,949	256,304	410,506
Reserve for loan losses	0	0	169	493	1,064
Shareholders' equity	5,727	7,871	17,626	20,517	24,734
Profitability/Solvency Ratios (%)					
ROE adjusted	14.1	13.9	15.3	15.2	18.6
Net interest margin	3.89	2.40	2.44	2.38	2.34
Cost/income ratio	46.5	52.0	51.5	52.6	53.3
Cash cost/average assets	3.2	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2
NPLs/customer loans	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.9
Reserve for loan losses/NPLs	na	na	25.0	31.5	36.1
Bad debt prov./avg. cust. loans	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5
Loans/deposit ratio	82.7	76.5	80.4	77.6	75.9
Tier 1 capital ratio	13.8	8.2	9.0	6.6	5.5
Total capital ratio	16.4	13.6	13.0	10.0	8.6

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Figure 1. Yes Bank Earnings Revision Summary

	Net Profit			EPS			DPS	
	Old	New	% change	Old	New	% change	Old	New
FY08E	1,638	1,948	18.9	5.6	6.6	16.0	0.0	0.0
FY09E	2,454	2,891	17.8	8.2	9.2	12.3	0.0	0.0
FY10E	3,919	4,218	7.6	13.1	13.4	2.6	0.0	0.0

Source: Citi Investment Research

Figure 2. Yes Bank – 3Q08 Results: Key Highlights (Rupees Million, Percent)

	3Q08	3Q07	YoY %	2Q08	QoQ%	Citi Investment Research Comments
Interest Income	3,464	1,624	113.3	3,035	14.1	Strong growth in line with estimates, on the back of higher yields and continued asset growth
Interest Expense	(2,533)	(1,112)	127.9	(2,207)	14.8	
Net Interest Income	930	513	81.5	828	12.4	Slightly higher than estimates on recent capital raising, though margins remain largely stable
Non Interest Income	968	433	123.7	759	27.5	Strong growth in treasury sales, though other sources of revenue remain flat and is a bit of a concern
Operating Income	1,899	945	100.8	1,587	19.6	
Operating Expenses	(889)	(467)	90.6	(913)	-2.6	9% lower than estimates, absolute cost reductions qoq, more of a timing issue; we expect cost pressures to continue given aggressive expansion plans
Pre-Provision Profit	1,009	479	110.8	674	49.8	Significantly ahead - 19% ahead of estimates, reflects higher than estimated growth in non-interest incomes and reduction in cost pressures
Charges for Bad Debts	(157)	(98)	60.7	10	NM	Higher provisioning for the quarter, though asset quality still remains squeaky clean
Operating Profit	852	381	123.6	684	24.5	
Pre-Tax Profit	852	381	123.6	684	24.5	
Tax	(310)	(130)	138.1	(232)	33.8	
Net Profit	542	251	116.1	453	19.8	Overall an in-line quarter with continued asset growth and quality; diversification of revenue profile should remain the key focus area
EPS	1.9	0.9	108.3	1.6	19.8	
Customer Loans	85,980	48,002	79.1	75,159	14.4	A high growth quarter after a relatively slower 1H08; capital raising - both recent and proposed should keep growth momentum strong
Customer Deposits	111,290	54,609	103.8	99,302	12.1	Low cost deposit ratios have improved to about 8% of deposits (7.4% in 2Q08) despite rapid growth in balance sheet size
AIEA	122,422	62,663	95.4	109,680	11.6	
Total Assets	150,330	81,609	84.2	133,262	12.8	
Avg Assets	141,796	72,236	96.3	120,846	17.3	
Shareholders' Funds	12,533	7,562	65.7	8,683	44.3	
Book Value Per Share	45	27	65.7	31	44.3	
Key Ratios (%)	3Q08	3Q07	Bps Δ YoY	2Q08	Bps Δ QoQ	Citi Investment Research Comments
ROAA (annualized)	1.53	1.40	13	1.43	10	Profitability remains higher and relatively stable, supported by a benign funding environment
ROAE (annualized)	20.50	14.60	590	21.40	-90	Slight reduction in ROEs on account of enhanced capital base
Net Interest Margin (bps)	290	300	-10	290	0	Relatively stable margins, we expect easy liquidity and a lower interest rate environment to be margin protective
Other Non-Interest Inc/Op Inc	51.0	45.8	521	47.8	315	Among the highest in the industry with a strong focus on fee incomes
Op. Cost/ Operating Income	46.8	49.3	-251	57.5	-1070	Reduction in costs - a timing issue; we expect cost pressures to continue
Loan-to-Deposit Ratio (LDR)	77.3	87.9	-1064	75.7	157	
NPL/Loan Ratio	0.0	0.0	0	0.00	0	Nil NPA status continues
LLR/NPL Ratio	0	0	0	0	0	

Source: Company Reports and Citi Investment Research

Yes Bank

Company description

Yes Bank was started in FY05 by Mr. Rana Kapoor and Mr. Ashok Kapur, and is the newest private-sector bank in India. Yes Bank has grown rapidly since inception and what it lacks in size currently is made up in our view by its strong growth, quality management, and a rapidly building franchise. The bank currently has 60 branches and management suggests a target of 100 branches by March 2008 and 250 by March 2010. In its second full year of operations (FY07) the bank grew total assets by over 150% to Rs111bn and net profits by 71% to Rs944m.

Investment strategy

We rate Yes Bank with a Buy/ Medium Risk (1M) rating and an EVA-based Rs300 target price. Though relatively young, we believe Yes Bank has strong execution skills. It has built a focused asset portfolio, has strong treasury and advisory income businesses, and has kept risks relatively low. Moreover, we believe the bank offers aggressive growth potential. The key catalysts for the stock's medium-term performance are likely to be a) easing domestic interest rate and liquidity environment - should provide a respite to margins and bolster quarterly performance over the next two to three quarters; b) fresh capital raising - possibly at a premium to prevailing market prices; and c) strong growth in investment banking fees - a potential spin-off of this business could drive stock returns further.

Valuation

We value Yes Bank at Rs300 per share based on our EVA model. Our key assumptions are a) longer-term spreads of 2.2%, slightly lower than most peers given its structurally lower spreads; b) 100bs loan loss provisioning over the longer term, in line with private banks; and c) 45% longer term cost-income ratio, in line with peers. Our EVA valuation is premised on a 7.5% risk free rate, consistent with our assumptions for other Indian banks. We prefer the EVA methodology as we believe it better captures longer-term value of the business, and is in line with our approach to valuing other banks in the sector.

Risks

We rate Yes Bank as Medium Risk based on our quantitative risk-rating system, which tracks 260-day historical share price volatility. Key risks that could prevent the shares from reaching our target price include: a) rise in deposit costs due to tighter liquidity or interest rates; b) reversal in loan growth and asset quality environment; c) relatively high capital market linkage in the form of fees from investment banking activities; d) relatively higher portfolio concentration; and e) any further capital raising over the next 12-18 months, which is likely to be returns dilutive.

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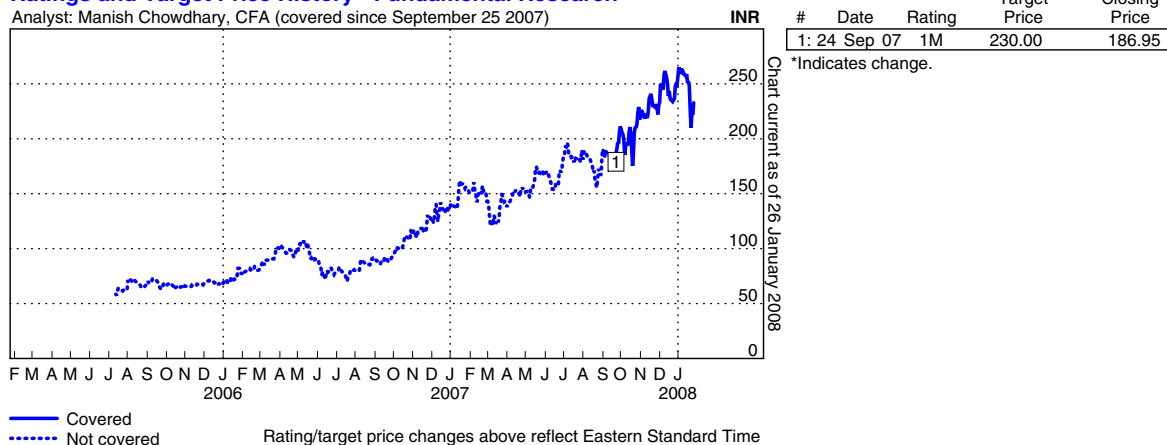
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