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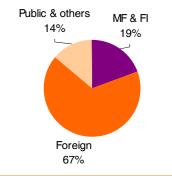
Housing Development Finance Corporation

Stock Update

Growing steadily despite competition

Company details					
Price target:	Rs785				
Market cap:	Rs108,601 cr				
52-week high/low:	Rs741/ 600				
NSE volume: (no. of shares)	30.1 lakh				
BSE code:	500010				
NSE code:	HDFC				
Sharekhan code:	HDFC				
Free float: (no. of shares)	148.9 cr				

Shareholding pattern





Absolute	3.3	14.9	9.9	11.2
Relative to Sensex	1.7	4.4	9.6	5.5

We interacted with the management of HDFC recently to understand the impact of the rising competition in the mortgage segment on the company and the other

industry trends. According to the management, the spate of rate cuts announced by banks for mortgage loans will not have any impact on HDFC's business growth as the company enjoys a premium of 25-50 basis points in interest rates due to its better servicing levels and lower turn-around time compared with its peers. Except for State Bank of India (SBI), the other public sector banks (PSBs) are unlikely to provide any major competition to HDFC. Further, the company continues to focus on the quality of its book instead of market share. Hence, it should be able to grow the book at 20% in FY2013. The spreads are likely to be maintained within the guided range of 2.15-2.35% (2.27% in Q1FY2013). We believe the company is well capitalised and better equipped to face the competition. We estimate its earnings would expand at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 19% over FY2012-14. We maintain our Buy recommendation on HDFC with a sum-of-the-parts (SOTP)based price target of Rs785 (valuing the subsidiaries and the investments at Rs235 per share).

Growing competition unlikely to have a significant impact on growth and spreads

Given the spate of rate cuts announced by the PSBs as well as the private banks, and the slowing of the credit growth in the corporate segment, the competition has intensified in the mortgage segment. However, since the difference in the lending rates of banks and HDFC is not significant, it's unlikely to affect the company. Normally, HDFC enjoys an interest rate premium of 25-50 basis points compared with its peers due to its better servicing levels and turn-around time. Further, the company's priority remains maintaining the quality of its book rather than market share. Hence, it should be able to grow its book at a steady rate. The management believes that barring SBI there is not much formidable competition to the company.

Increased contribution from newer geographies to support growth

HDFC's growing presence and distribution network (~2,400 towns and cities) resulted in an increased business contribution from the newer geographies. The traction in retail disbursements (up 23% year on year in Q1FY2013) continues which accounts for about 66% of the total loans disbursed. While the slowdown continues in the residential properties within the metro regions (metro + tier-I cities = ~55% of the volume), the incremental growth from the tier-II and tier-III cities is likely to support the disbursement growth going ahead.

Spreads to remain in the guided range

The spreads have consistently remained in the range of 2.15-2.35% as guided by the management. While the spreads for the developers' loans are around 2.8%, the

Price chart

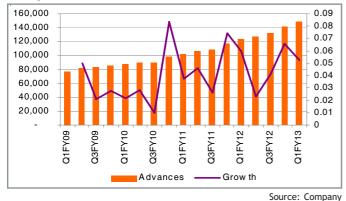
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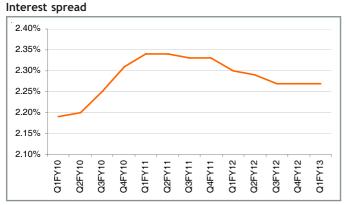
retail spreads are 1.93%, which gets compensated by the lower risk weightage and provisions. The proportion of borrowings from NCDs increased (46% in Q1FY2013 vs 36% in Q1FY2012) due to HDFC's lower costing compared with banks. Going ahead, the re-pricing of the dual-rate loans coupled with the easing of the funding cost will cushion the spreads.

Asset quality stays robust; provision write-backs will aid earnings growth

Due to stringent risk management practices the asset quality of HDFC remains robust and the quality is likely to sustain going ahead. HDFC continues to carry surplus provisions as it has provisions of Rs1,711 crore against non-performing assets of Rs1,190 crore. Also, the company had provided 2% for the dual-rate home loans (as required by the regulator). Of these 0.4% will be retained as standard asset provisions while the remaining will get reversed in FY2014. This will aid the earnings growth. We estimate the earnings would grow at about 19% over FY2012-14.

Loan growth





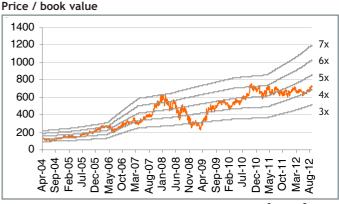
Source: Company

Comfortable capital position

HDFC's capitalisation remains comfortable as its capital adequacy ratio stands at 14.6% against 12% required by the National Housing Board (NHB). Recently, almost 100% of the warrants issued by HDFC got converted which improves the capitalisation levels. The management believes the capital requirement will remain unchanged (also affirmed by the NHB) for the housing finance companies, given the higher risk weightage. Going ahead, the management does not expect any dilution in equity as the subsidiaries (insurance etc) etc are in a self-funding mode and the surplus could be infused into HDFC Bank, if required.

Valuation

We believe the company is well capitalised and better equipped to take on the competition and estimate its earnings would expand at a CAGR of 19% over FY2012-14. We maintain our Buy recommendation on HDFC with an SOTP-based price target of Rs785 (valuing the subsidiaries and the investments at Rs235 per share).







Financials

Profit & Loss statement (Rs cr)			Key ratios								
Particulars	FY1	0 FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E	Particulars	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E
Net interest incom	e 3,38	8 4,247	4,998	6,110	7,569	Per share data					
Other income	91	0 1,072	1,199	1,347	1,515	EPS	19.7	24.1	27.9	31.8	38.3
Operating expenses	s 30	6 362	431	520	629	BV	105.9	118.1	122.7	155.1	195.9
Operating profit	3,99	92 4,957	5,766	6,937	8,454	ABV	84.8	96.6	100.2	132.3	172.0
Depreciation & pro	vision 7	6 89	101	146	170	Spreads (%)					
PBT	3,91	6 4,868	5,666	6,791	8,284	Yield on funds	9.6	9.2	10.6	10.03	9.65
Tax	1,09	0 1,332	1,543	1,902	2,402	Cost of funds	7.8	7.1	8.8	8.0	7.8
PAT before EO	2,82	.6 3,536	4,123	4,890	5,882	Net interest margins	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.5
Balance sheet					(Rs cr)	Operating ratios (%)					
Particulars	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E	Interest expended/ Interest earned	67.6	64.0	69.1	66.6	65.0
Liabilities						Cost to income	7.1	6.8	7.0	7.0	6.9
Equity capital	287	293	295	307.2	307.2	Non interest income/	8.0	8.3	6.9	6.9	6.6
Reserves & surplus	14,911	17,023	17,822	23,509	29,783	Total income	0.0	0.0	017	0.7	0.0
Networth	15,198	17,317	18,118	23,817	30,090	Return ratios (%)					
Borrowings	96,565	115,410	139,128	164,034	194,623	RoE	18.6	20.4	22.8	20.5	19.5
Term loans	32,137	42,490	40,697	50,627	63,638	RoA	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
Bonds, debentures	,	48,296	62,138	68,041	74,505	Assets/Equity	7.7	8.1	9.2	8.4	7.9
Deposits	23,081	24,625	36,293	45,366	56,481	Growth ratios (%)					
Current liabilities & provisions	4,878	6,775	10,275	11,302	12,432	Net interest income	10.9	25.4	17.7	22.2	23.9
Total liabilities	116,641	139 502	167,520	199 152	237 145	PPP	21.5	24.2	16.3	20.3	21.9
Assets	110,041	137,302	107,520	177,152	257,145	PAT	23.8	25.1	16.6	18.6	20.3
Loans	97,967	117,127	140,422	168,506	202,713	Advances	15.0	19.6	19.9	20.0	20.3
Investments	10,727	11,832	12,207	13,672	15,278	Deposits	15.2	19.5	20.6	17.9	18.6
Deferred tax asset	286	448	628	722	831	Valuation ratios (%)					
Current assets,	7,439	9,861	14,029	15,993	18,072	P/E	36.8	30.1	26.0	22.8	18.9
loans and advances	5					P/BV	6.8	6.1	5.9	4.7	3.7
Net block	222	234	234	259	252	P/ABV	8.5	7.5	7.2	5.5	4.2
Total assets	116,641	139,502	167,520	199,152	237,145						

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Cement

Sector Update

August 2012 dispatches affected by monsoon

- Cumulative volume of pan-India players declined by 4.9% YoY in August 2012: The volume growth of the two largest domestic cement players, ACC and Ambuja Cement, was affected by the monsoon rains during August 2012. ACC has posted a year-on-year (Y-o-Y) decline of 6.9% in its dispatches for the month. On the other hand, Ambuja Cement has posted a 2.4% Y-o-Y contraction in its dispatches for the same period. Hence, the cumulative dispatches of the pan-India players declined by 4.9% year on year (YoY). On a sequential basis (ie compared with the July 2012 figures), the cumulative dispatches of the pan-India players declined by 10.5%.
- Cement offtake affected by monsoon: In terms of demand, cement dealers have confirmed that the cement offtake in most parts of the country was affected by the monsoon season. The cement offtake in the northern, western and central regions was relatively better due to improved rural consumption and a partial pick-up in the execution of infrastructure projects. However, the slowdown in the demand in the southern region continued during August 2012. Going ahead, the dealers expect the cement offtake to remain muted till mid October 2012.
- Cement prices declined by around Rs12-15/bag in most parts of India: During August 2012, the cement prices corrected by an average of Rs12-15/bag in most parts of the country on account of the seasonal weakness (due to the monsoon rains). The correction in the cement prices was more severe in the southern region. According to the dealers, the cement prices may fall further in September 2012 due to a lacklustre demand environment. After taking into account the seasonal decline, we expect the average realisation for FY2013 to be higher (marginally) as compared with that in FY2012.
- Outlook: remain positive on UltraTech and Orient Paper: With the likely increase in the infrastructure spending in H2FY2013 and strong rural consumption, we expect the demand to grow at around 8% in FY2013 against the 6.3% growth witnessed in FY2012. This would be achieved on the back of higher volumes and

price realisations. The concern remains in terms of cement makers' failure to adhere to supply discipline which could be a key risk to the cement prices. Additional concerns remain in terms of cost pressures due to a sharp increase in the power tariff and an increase in the freight cost due to a rise in fuel prices and the lead distance.

We maintain our neutral stand on the sector. However, we are selectively positive on UltraTech Cement in the large-cap space and Orient Paper and Industries in the mid-cap space.

Player-wise dispatches (in million tonne)

Particulars	Aug-12	Aug-11	YoY %	Jul-12	MoM %
ACC	1.75	1.88	-6.9	1.88	-6.9
Ambuja Cements	1.45	1.49	-2.4	1.70	-14.6
Total pan-India player	s 3.20	3.37	-4.9	3.58	-10.5

ACC: poor performance compared with other large player likes Ambuja Cement

ACC's dispatches for August 2012 declined by 6.9% to 1.75mmt compared with that in August 2011. On a monthon-month (M-o-M) basis also, the company's dispatches declined by 6.9%. On a year-till-date (YTD) basis (ie January-August 2012), the company has registered a growth of just 2.2% in its dispatches. Going ahead, we expect the volume growth of the company to improve on account of the stabilisation of its new capacities at Bargarh and Chanda. Further, the company is also planning to set up a clinker unit in the eastern region with a capacity of 2.8mtpa to cater to the growing demand in the eastern region. The project is expected to come on stream by Q1FY2015.

Ambuja Cement: dispatches declined by 2.4% YoY

Ambuja Cement's dispatches for August 2012 declined by 2.4% YoY to 1.45mmt. The production during the month decreased by 3.9% YoY. On a sequential basis (ie compared with July 2012), the dispatches of the company declined by 14.6% which reflects the impact of the monsoon. The capacity for the month increased to 27mtpa from 18.5mtpa in the previous year.

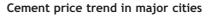
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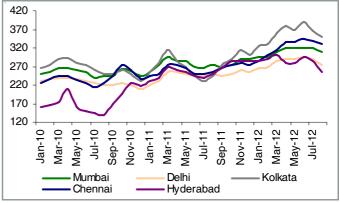
Prices declined in August 2012, more correction likely in near term

- During August 2012, the cement prices corrected by an average of Rs12-15/bag in most parts of the country on account of the seasonal weakness (due to the monsoon rains). The correction in the cement prices was more severe in the southern region. According to the dealers, the cement prices may fall further in September 2012 due to a lacklustre demand environment. After taking into account the seasonal decline, we expect the average realisation for FY2013 to be higher (marginally) as compared with the average realisation of FY2012.
- As per our recent channel check, the cement prices in Mumbai and the other cities of Maharashtra decreased by Rs10-12/bag to around Rs310 during August 2012. The cement offtake was affected in the city primarily due to the monsoon. Hence, cement prices are expected to correct more in the near term. In Gujarat also cement prices corrected (Rs10/bag); currently the average price of cement in the state is around Rs255-260/bag.
- The cement prices in Kolkata witnessed a correction of Rs15/bag during August 2012. Almost all the companies have decreased their prices in the city and the nearby areas. With the price cut in August 2012, the average price of cement is around Rs350/bag, which is the highest in the country. The dealers are of the view that the prices could come under more pressure in the near term due to the seasonal weakness.
- In the southern region, Hyderabad continues to witness a sluggish demand but the cement offtake has partially

recovered in the other areas of Andhra Pradesh. The cement prices in Hyderabad corrected sharply by around Rs30/bag in August on an M-o-M basis and stood at Rs255/bag. As per the dealers, the cement offtake in Hyderabad is expected to be lacklustre going ahead in the absence of any major infrastructure project by the state government. In the other states of the southern region, like Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, the demand environment is relatively better. In Chennai the prices have declined by Rs20/bag to Rs320-325/bag.

 Further, the cement offtake in the major cities of Gujarat, like Baroda, Surat, Ahmedabad and Mehsana was affected adversely during the month due to the monsoon season. The cement prices declined by Rs10-15/bag during August 2012 and currently the average price of cement in the major cities of Gujarat stands at Rs255-260 per bag. The cement prices are likely to correct by Rs10-15/bag in most parts of the country in the near term.





Source: Cement dealers

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