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Q1FY23 result review and earnings revision

## **Financials**

Target price Rs470

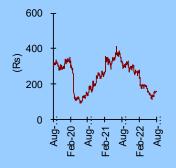
**Earnings revision** 

%	FY23E	FY24E
PAT	↓ 2	-

### **Shareholding pattern**

	Dec '21	Mar '22	Jun '22
Promoters	37.1	37.1	37.1
Institutional			
investors	39.0	37.6	37.0
MFs and others	21.0	19.7	16.6
Banks & Fls	0.0	0.0	0.0
FIIs	18.0	17.9	20.4
Others	23.9	25.3	29.9
Source: BSE			

### **Price chart**



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## **INDIA**



# **Repco Home Finance**

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**Rs158** 

Lower credit cost leads to earnings beat; margins shrink as growth gathers momentum

Repco Home Finance (Repco) reported PAT of Rs621mn in Q1FY23, ahead of our expectations, due to lower credit cost at Rs237mn (80bps) vs our estimate of >Rs500mn. GNPAs, after remaining flat at 7.0% in Q4FY22, moderated to 6.4% as recoveries of Rs1.4bn more than offset slippages of Rs850mn. Company increased coverage on stage-3 assets to 37% (vs 32%/30% in Q4/Q3FY22) and created Rs200mn of contingency provisions during Q1FY23. Being offset by release of provisioning on stage-2 assets, credit cost was contained at 80bps. Disbursement rate picked pace and was up 7% QoQ. This, coupled with a lower repayment/prepayment run-rate, has arrested sequential decline in the loan portfolio Q1FY23 onwards. Yields contracted 60bps QoQ due to conscious efforts of repricing loans lower to curtail balance transfer as well as waiving processing fees in a few cases. This dragged NIM and NII growth below expectations.

Under the leadership of new MD & CEO, Mr. K. Swaminathan, growth strategy seems to be delivering the right results. Company's business franchise is currently undervalued – the stock trades below its FY23E book and at 3.4x FY23E earnings, and is available at <0.1x AUM. Maintain BUY with an unchanged target price of Rs470, assigning 1.1x Sep'23E book value. Key risk: behaviour of the restructured portfolio.

Stage-3 assets moderated QoQ by 60bps to 6.4%; restructured pool to move out of moratorium Q2FY23 onwards; created contingency buffer towards the same: Post revised asset classification norms, GNPAs, after remaining flat at 7.0% in Q4, witnessed moderation to 6.4% as recoveries of Rs1.4bn had more than offset slippages of Rs850mn. Repco has increased coverage on stage-3 assets to 37% (vs 32%/30% in Q4/Q3FY22) through incremental net provisions of Rs200mn. This was offset by reversal of provision of Rs170mn against stage-2 pool. Outside of cumulative ECL provisions of Rs4.75bn, it has created Rs200mn of contingency provisions during Q1FY23. Therefore, impact of provisioning on overall earnings was Rs237mn translating into credit cost of 80bps. Home loans' GNPA moderated 40bps QoQ to 5.9% while LAP GNPA improved significantly by 130bps QoQ to 8.5%. On customer profile, salaried segment GNPA witnessed 20bps QoQ improvement to 3.5% while non-salaried GNPA declined 70bps QoQ to 9.3%. Restructured pool remained at ~Rs7bn and contingency provision of Rs200mn was created for this restructured pool. The pool will move out of the principal moratorium Q2FY23 onwards and there is a likelihood of slippages from this restructured pool, which will result in relatively higher stage-3 assets QoQ in Q2FY23. Overall, it is now carrying cumulative provisions of 4.0% (vs 4.0%/3.5% in Q4/Q3FY22) on total assets. We expect stage-3 pool to be ~7.1% in FY23E and then descend further to 6.3% in FY24E. We are building-in credit cost of 0.7% / 0.6% for FY23E / FY24E respectively.

Market Cap	Rs9.9bn/US\$124mn
Reuters/Bloomberg	RHFL.BO/REPCO IN
Shares Outstanding (mr	n) 62.6
52-week Range (Rs)	330/115
Free Float (%)	62.9
FII (%)	20.4
Daily Volume (US\$/'000	) 554
Absolute Return 3m (%)	1.9
Absolute Return 12m (%	(50.9)
Sensex Return 3m (%)	13.1
Sensex Return 12m (%)	9.8

Year to March	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
NII (Rs mn)	5,446	5,682	5,561	5,945
Net Income (Rs mn)	2,876	1,916	2,913	3,363
EPS (Rs)	46.0	30.6	46.6	53.8
% Chg YoY	2.6	(33.4)	52.1	15.5
P/E (x)	3.5	5.2	3.4	3.0
P/BV (x)	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Net NPA (%)	2.2	4.8	4.7	3.9
Dividend Yield (%)	1.6	-	1.6	1.8
RoA (%)	2.4	1.6	2.4	2.5
RoE (%)	15.0	8.9	12.3	12.6

- ▶ Disbursements up 7% QoQ; conscious efforts to curtain BT-out; trend of sequential decline in loanbook arrested during this quarter: As was indicated by the management that pace of disbursements witnessed in Q4FY22 is likely to sustain in Q1FY23 as well, disbursements encouragingly were up 7% QoQ to Rs6.4bn. This, on a lower base, translated to 168% YoY growth. This in turn, coupled with repayment/prepayment run-rate at Rs1.8bn per month (compared to >Rs2bn QoQ), arrested the sequential decline in loan portfolio. Loanbook was up 1% QoQ and down 1% YoY to Rs118.6bn. Company has made intentional efforts to curtail BT (out) by offering competitive rates, reflected in lower yields QoQ. BT out (annualised) run-rate improved to 17-18% of AUM as against 21-22% in Q4FY22. Overall, management is looking at AUM growth of 10% for FY23. We are building-in AUM growth of 5%/10% for FY233/FY24E respectively.
- ➤ Yields contracted 60bps QoQ thereby dragging NIM and NII growth below expectations: Yield on assets corrected 60bps QoQ to 10.2%, which was due to the following reasons: i) Rs24mn due to repricing the loans at lower interest rates to curtail balance transfer; ii) Rs30mn-40mn by way of impact of repayment of higher-yielding loans and contracting incremental disbursements at relatively lower yield; iii) also, penal interest charges were lower QoQ by Rs45mn; iv) offers/waiver of processing fee too had an impact of Rs35mn; v) recovery from technically written-off accounts was lower by Rs15mn. Going ahead, the company has increased lending rates in two tranches in Jul'22, which will help improve book yields in Q2FY23.

Overall borrowings were lower by 4% QoQ (in absolute terms lower by Rs3.7bn). However, cost of funds was flat QoQ as Repco repaid low-cost NHB borrowings. As a result, spreads were lower 60bps QoQ to 3.2% and management has guided for spreads in the range of 3.1-3.2%. Net interest income, down 5% YoY as well as QoQ, settled much below our expectations.

We are building-in spreads of 3.2% for FY23E and expect it to contract further to 3% in FY24E

Table 1: Quarterly profit and loss

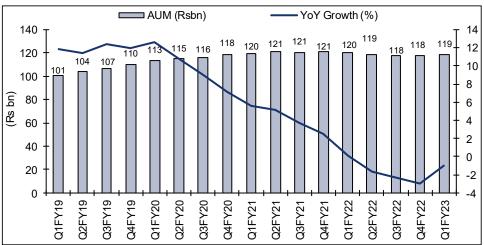
(Rs mn)

,	Q1FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	YoY%	QoQ%
Income from operations	3,160	3,084	2,980	(5.7)	(3.4)
Interest expenses	1,757	1,680	1,653	(5.9)	(1.6)
Net interest income	1,403	1,405	1,327	(5.4)	(5.6)
Other income	64	158	90	41.8	(42.8)
Net Operating income	1,467	1,563	1,417	(3.4)	(9.3)
Employee cost	161	231	203	25.8	(12.1)
Depreciation / Amortization	31	34	41	34.4	21.4
Other expenditure	54	103	95	75.5	(8.3)
Operating expenses	246	368	339	37.8	(7.9)
Pre-provisioning profit (PPoP)	1,221	1,195	1,078	(11.7)	(9.8)
Provisions and loan losses	783	613	237	(69.7)	(61.3)
PBT	437	582	841	92.4	44.6
Tax	116	161	220	89.9	36.7
Tax Rate	26.5	27.7	26.2	(1.3)	(5.5)
Extraordinary items				` /	, -/
PAT	321	420	621	93.2	47.6

**Table 2: Key performance indicators** 

(Rs mn)					
	Q1FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	YoY%	QoQ%
Disbursement	2,397	6,012	6,422	167.9	6.8
Total AUM	1,19,855	1,17,590	1,18,619	(1.0)	0.9
-Individual Home Loan (%)	81.3	80.9	80.7	-60bps	-21bps
-LAP (%)	18.7	19.1	19.3	59bps	20bps
Reported NIM	4.8	5.1	4.6	-20bps	-50bps
CAR (%) - Entire Tier 1	31.2	33.6	34.2	300bps	60bps
GNPA (%)	4.4	7.0	6.4	200bps	-60bps
NNPA (%)	2.6	4.8	4.1	149bps	-69bps
Provisioning Coverage	<i>1</i> 2 1	31.8	36.8	-527hns	404hns

Chart 1: Trend of sequential decline in loan book arrested this quarter



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Chart 2: Disbursements up 7% QoQ; conscious efforts to curtain BT-out

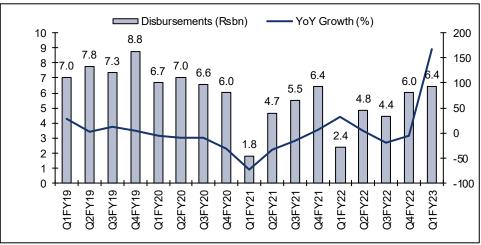


Chart 3: Portoflio mix largely unchanged over the past few quarters (%)

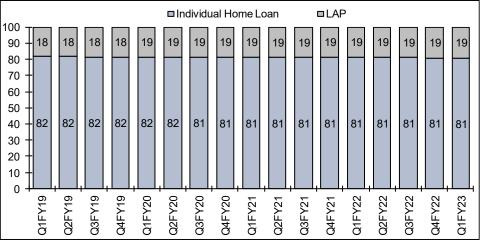
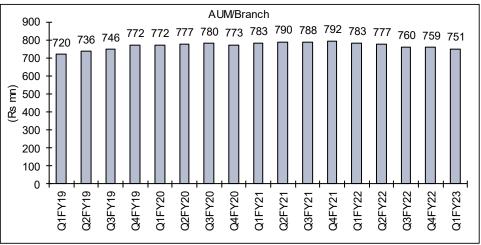


Chart 4: Branch productivity dips during the quarter



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Chart 5: Stage-3 assets moderated QoQ by 60bps to 6.4%

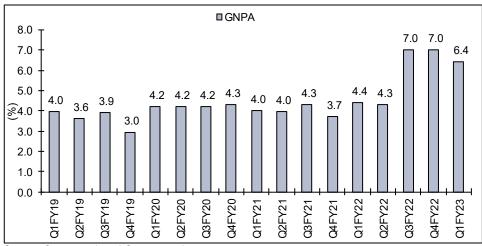


Chart 6: Home loans GNPA fell 40bps QoQ, while LAP GNPA also fell 130bps QoQ to 8.5%

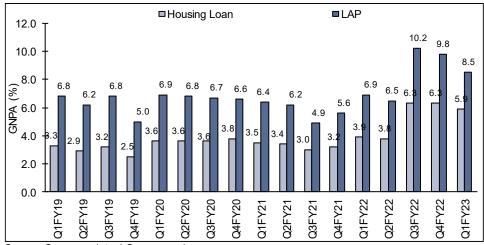
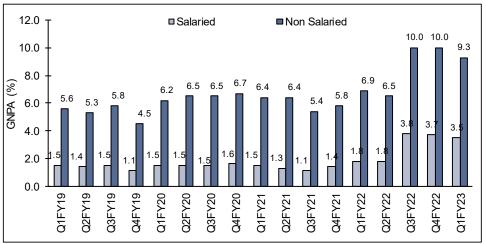
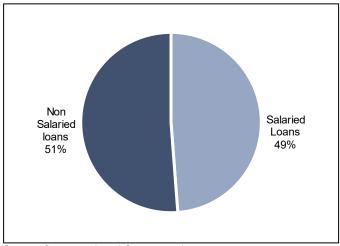


Chart 7: Stress dominance towards the non-salaried customer segment



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Chart 8: Non-salaried customer segment forms Chart 9: ...but contributes a huge ~74% to GNPA ~51% of the AUM mix...



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

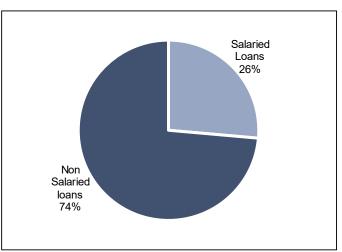


Chart 10: LAP forms ~19% of the AUM mix...

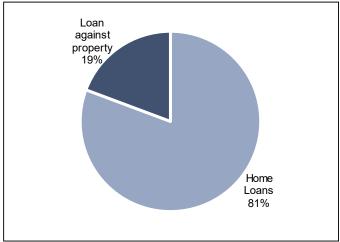
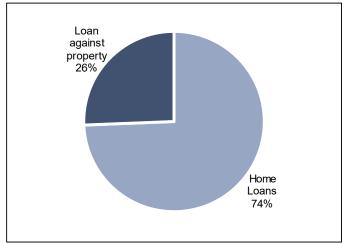
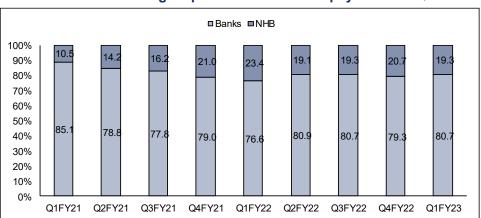


Chart 11: ...but contributes ~26% to stage-3



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Chart 12: NHB borrowings dip due to NHB loan repayments in Q1



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Chart 13: Yields contract 60bps QoQ thereby dragging NIM and NII growth

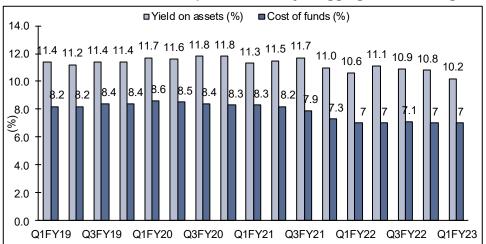
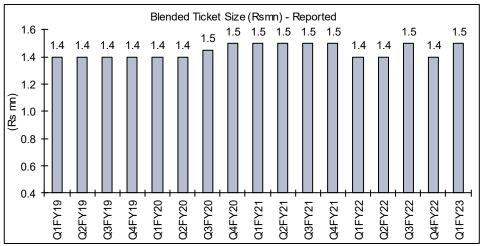


Chart 14: Blended ticket size broadly range-bound



# Repco Home Finance Q4FY22 Earnings Conference Call Takeaways

### Loanbook and disbursements

- Loan sanctions and disbursements recorded good growth during Q4
- Expect loan book growth of 10-11% in FY23 which should take AUM to ~Rs130bn
- Annualised repayment ratio at 21% in Q4 including regular repayments (Rs 4.66bn repayments during the quarter)
- Repayment ratio at 17.6% in FY22 as 13.1% in FY21
- Prepayments: Rs 4.66bn in Q4, Rs 2.1bn in Q2, Rs 2.85bn Q3

### **Asset quality**

- Slippages: Q1 Rs 0.95bn, Q3 Rs 2.77bn (with RBI circular) and Rs 1.13bn (without RBI) and Q4 at Rs 0.9bn
- 60-120bps decline in GNPA can be expected in GNPA, which will gradually decline from Q2FY23 onwards.
- Targeting GNPA decline of Rs 1-1.5bn in FY23 or ~Rs7bn by FY23-end.
- Aim is to bring coverage ratio to 50% on Stage-3
- ECL provisions improved 0.5% QoQ to 4%
- Company is not aggressive on provisions and they are largely and in-line with the requirements. It will also help strengthen balance sheet
- Credit cost estimate for FY23 at Rs 0.8-1bn
- Of the total provisions, Rs 150mn were towards Stage-3 for the quarter
- There have been no write-offs during the quarter

### <u>Margins</u>

- Home loan yield at 9.7% (9.3% is for salaried and 10.2% is for non-salaried)
- Planning to introduce CIBIL score based interest rates on loans
- Almost entire asset book is floating in nature

### **Miscellaneous**

- Capital adequacy at 33.6% of which Tier 1 is 33%
- 155 branches and 24 satellite centres. Company would look to increase branch network from Q2FY23 onwards
- LCR comfortable at 238% vs. regulatory requirement of 50%. Plan to make investments in better yielding g-sec for the excess liquidity.
- First quarter where there were no issues with respect to covid after past few quarters
- Declared Rs 2.5/share as dividend for FY22

# Repco Home Finance Q3FY22 Earnings Conference Call Takeaways

### **Opening remarks**

- New MD & CEO is expected to join later this month
- K Lakshmi has joined as CFO in February 2022 in place of T Karunakaran, who has been elevated to post of whole time director

### **Asset quality**

- Provisioning cycle will normalise in FY23
- Total impact of RBI circular on PBT is Rs 560mn
- Company is not looking to reverse provisions in FY22. It would review the situation in Q1FY23
- Asset quality of the book after 2018 is excellent with NPA below 2%
- Company has not lost much money in business and is confident of recovering the money, but with a time lag
- GNPA at 7% seems to have peaked out
- Stage-3 post RBI circular: Total at 7%, Housing 6.3%, Home equity 10.2%, Salary 3.8%, Non-salaried10.0%
- Technical w/off at Rs 400mn during the quarter
- Total principal W/off for the past 10 years Rs 100mn

### Disbursements and growth

- Disbursements should come back to pre-covid levels from Q2FY23 onwards once new management is in place
- Entire loan book is floating in nature

### **Borrowings**

Currently company is borrowing at 6.9% on an average

### **Profit & loss**

- There has been a rise in travelling cost YoY since travel has increased as compared to previous year where travel was limited due to the pandemic
- There is no impact on margins due to excess GNPA of 2.6% due to RBI circular

### Margins

- Existing margins of 5% is not sustainable
- For the quarter, spreads well above guidance of 3% and even margins well above guidance of 4.3%
- Long-term margins guidance is 4.3-4.5%

# **Financials**

**Table 3: Profit and Loss statement** 

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

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Interest earned	13,174	13,518	12,582	12,332	13,377
Interest expended	8,250	8,072	6,899	6,772	7,432
Net interest income	4,924	5,446	5,682	5,561	5,945
Other income	337	404	484	597	829
Staff cost	664	714	786	898	986
Depreciation	129	130	129	173	195
Other operating expenses	271	301	326	354	361
Total operating cost	1,065	1,144	1,241	1,425	1,542
Pre-provisioning op profit	4,196	4,706	4,926	4,732	5,232
Provisions & contingencies	594	808	2,331	828	738
Profit before tax	3,602	3,898	2,595	3,904	4,494
Income taxes	798	1,022	680	991	1,131
PAT	2,804	2,876	1,916	2,913	3,363

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

**Table 4: Balance sheet** 

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

,	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Capital	626	626	626	626	626
Reserves & surplus	17,243	19,967	21,730	24,456	27,609
Net worth	17,869	20,593	22,356	25,081	28,234
Total borrowings	94,288	1,01,974	96,882	96,008	1,05,688
	358	358	358	358	358
Provisions	159	159	159	184	224
Other Liabilities	7,265	(202)	(1,760)	6,802	6,274
Total liabilities & stockholders' equity	1,19,939	1,22,882	1,17,995	1,28,435	1,40,779
Loans & advances	1,18,261	1,21,215	1,17,590	1,23,449	1,35,400
Investments	220	248	279	305	330
Fixed Assets	372	387	403	420	437
Current & other assets (Including Cash & Bank)	1086	1032	-277	4261	4612
Total Assets	1,19,939	1,22,882	1,17,995	1,28,435	1,40,779

**Table 5: Key ratios** 

(Year ending March 31)

(Year ending March 31)	EV20	EV24	EV22	EV22E	EV24E
One and the (0/)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Growth (%):	7.0	0.5	(0.0)	5.0	0.7
AUM Diskumana anta	7.2	2.5	(3.0)	5.0	9.7
Disbursements	(15.0)	(29.9)	(3.9)	57.2	20.0
Loan book (on balance sheet)	7.2	2.5	(3.0)	5.0	9.7
Net Interest Income (NII)	9.7	10.6	4.3	(2.1)	6.9
Non-interest income	27.7	19.8	19.8	23.3	39.0
Pre provisioning operating profits (PPoP)	11.4	12.1	4.7	(3.9)	10.6
PAT	19.6	2.6	(33.4)	52.1	15.5
EPS	19.7	2.6	(33.4)	52.1	15.5
Yields, interest costs and spreads (%)					
NIM	4.3	4.5	4.8	4.6	4.6
Yield on loan assets (on-book)	11.5	11.3	10.5	10.2	10.3
Average cost of funds	8.8	8.2	6.9	7.0	7.4
Interest Spread on loan assets (on -book)	2.7	3.1	3.6	3.2	3.0
Operating efficiencies					
Non-interest income as % of net income	6.4	6.9	7.8	9.7	12.2
Cost to income ratio (%)	20.2	19.6	20.1	23.1	22.8
Op.costs/avg AUM (%)	0.93	0.96	1.04	1.18	1.19
No of employees (including off rolls)	994	980	925	938	942
Average annual salary (Rs mn)	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.0
Annual inflation in average salary(%)	5.9	8.9	16.8	12.6	9.4
Salaries as % of non-interest costs (%)	62.4	62.3	63.4	63.0	64.0
NII /employee (Rs mn)	5.0	5.6	6.1	5.9	6.3
AUM/employee(Rs mn)	119.0	123.7	127.1	131.6	143.7
Capital Structure					
Debt-Equity ratio	5.3	5.0	4.3	3.8	3.7
Leverage (x)	6.7	6.0	5.3	5.1	5.0
CAR (%)	21.9	24.3	28.0	29.5	30.7
Tier 1 CAR (%)	21.9	24.3	28.0	29.5	30.7
Tier 2 CAR (%)	21.5	24.5	20.0	20.0	
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Asset quality and provisioning					
GNPA (% of AUM)	4.3	3.7	7.0	7.1	6.3
NNPA (% of AUM)	2.8	2.2	4.8	4.7	3.9
GNPA (Rs mn)	5,117	4,461	8,198	8,807	8,576
NNPA (Rs mn)	3,287	2,690	5,587	5,743	5,292
Coverage ratio (%)	35.8	39.7	31.8	34.8	38.3
Credit costs as % of average AUM	0.5	0.7	2.0	0.7	0.6
Return ratios & capital management					
RoAA (%)	2.4	2.4	1.6	2.4	2.5
RoAE (%)	16.9	15.0	8.9	12.3	12.6
Payout ratio (%)	5.6	5.4	-	5.4	5.2
Valuation Ratios					
EPS (Rs)	44.8	46.0	30.6	46.6	53.8
Price to Earnings	3.5	3.5	5.2	3.4	3.0
BVPS (Rs)	285.6	329.2	357.4	400.9	451.3
Price to Book	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Dividend yield (%)	1.6	1.6	-	1.6	1.8

**Table 6: DuPont analysis** 

(%)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Interest earned	11.5	11.1	10.4	10.0	9.9
Interest expended	7.2	6.6	5.7	5.5	5.5
Gross Interest Spread	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.4
Credit cost	0.5	0.7	1.9	0.7	0.5
Net Interest Spread	3.8	3.8	2.8	3.8	3.9
Operating cost	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.1
Lending spread	2.8	2.9	1.8	2.7	2.7
Non- interest income	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6
Final spread	3.1	3.2	2.2	3.2	3.3
Tax rate (%)	22.2	26.2	26.2	25.4	25.2
ROAAUM	2.4	2.4	1.6	2.4	2.5
Effective leverage (AAUM/ AE)	6.9	6.3	5.6	5.2	5.0
RoAE	16.9	15.0	8.9	12.3	12.6

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