

Canara Bank (CBK) - ADD

Result Update

Current Market Price (CMP) Rs.133	Fair Value (FV) Rs.140
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Rationale:

- Bank reported ~20% yoy earnings growth, led by 12% yoy growth in pre-provisioning operating profit.
- Asset quality remained stable; Slippages were at ~80 bps; credit cost was ~90 bps.
- Return on Assets (RoA)/Return on Equity (RoE) were at 1.1%/18%.
- While the medium-term outlook for profitability remains healthy, valuation re-rating might be a challenge hereon.
- Maintain ADD with a revised FV of Rs140 (Rs125 earlier).

Q2FY26 Earnings Update:

👍 Positives:

- Loan growth (14% yoy) was driven by retail (~30% yoy, led by gold loans).
- Deposits grew 13% yoy, with term deposits up 15% yoy.
- Non-interest income grew ~40% yoy, driven by a sharp yoy increase in treasury gains.
- The Net Interest Margin (NIM) trend for CBK was better than PNB/UNBK.
- Reported ~35 bps and ~10 bps qoq declines in gross and net NPL ratios, respectively.

👎 Negatives:

- Fee income growth was modest at ~5% yoy.
- Valuations have limited room for further rerating, thereby constraining investment returns largely to book value compounding.



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Holding Period: 12 months

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