

Union Bank (UNBK) - BUY

Result Update

Current Market Price (CMP) Rs.179	Fair Value (FV) Rs.210
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Rationale:

- Union Bank's earnings grew ~10% yoy in Q3FY26, led by ~80% yoy decline in provisions.
- Return on Assets (RoA) was 1.4%; Return on Equity (RoE) was 16%.
- Gross slippages were <1%; credit cost was negligible at 0.1%.
- PSLC income has resurfaced after a five-quarter gap.
- The outlook on growth is turning more favorable. We are less worried about any specific funding challenges.
- We retain BUY with a Fair Value of Rs210 (Rs175 earlier), given the stable outlook on asset quality and RoE.

👍 Positives:

- On a sequential basis, advances growth improved to 4% qoq, in line with management's recent guidance.
- The CASA ratio improved ~100 bps qoq to 34%.
- Credit Deposit (CD) ratio (domestic) remains comfortable at 80%.
- Net Interest Margin (NIM) (reported) improved ~10 bps qoq.
- Gross Non performing Loans (NPL) and Net NPL ratios declined ~20 bps and ~5 bps qoq resp.
- The Common Equity Tier 1 ratio remains comfortable at 14%.

👎 Negatives:

- Growth in advances was sluggish at 7% on a YoY basis.
- We remain watchful of elevated competition in the market, as it can disrupt operating profitability for all lenders.



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Holding Period: 12 months

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- ADD

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