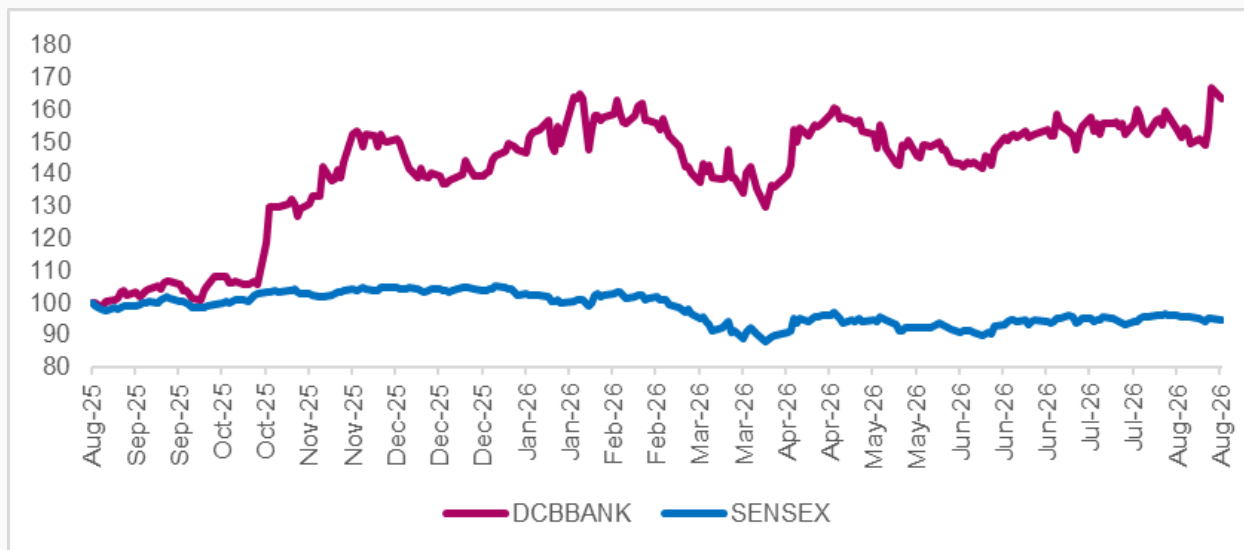


CMP: 206

Stop Loss: 196

Duration: 30 Days



Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

- **We recommend a BUY on DCB Bank Ltd with a target price of Rs 227/share, implying an upside of 10% from CMP of Rs 206/share and a stop loss of Rs 196/share.**
- We expect NIM improvement will continue to be driven through structural efficiency gains, lower CoF and a favourable portfolio mix rather than chasing higher-risk, high-yield assets, thereby making the NIM improvement more sustainable over the medium term. We expect NIMs to remain steady at 3.4% (+/-5bps) over FY27-29E. We expect Q2 NIMs to improve sequentially.
- We expect consistently strong growth delivery driven by improving mortgage and gold momentum and revival in MSME. We expect DCB to deliver a strong 18% CAGR growth over FY26-29E.
- Fee income remains a key support engine for the bank's 1% RoA delivery. Processing fee income is expected to improve further alongside stronger mortgage disbursements during H2FY27, while third-party distribution should benefit from the normal seasonal recovery after the relatively softer Q1.
- Benign credit costs, a comfortable ECL transition with non-disruptive impact on steady state credit costs and disciplined cost management reinforce confidence in sustained improvement in profitability. We expect **DCB to deliver a sustainable 1% over the medium term.**

Recommendation Date	Stock Name	Axis Recommendation	Recommended Price	Target Price	Closure Price	Status	Profit/Loss after brokerage
14-Oct-25	Waaree Energies	BUY	3,485	3,834	3310	Closed	-5,022
15-Oct-25	KEC International Ltd.	BUY	852	940	806	Closed	-5,399
15-Oct-25	Persistent Systems Ltd.	BUY	5,340	5,870	5,690	Closed	6,554
15-Oct-25	Nippon Life India Asset Management Ltd.	BUY	901	991	948	Closed	5,216
23-Oct-25	Welspun Living Ltd.	BUY	128	141	135	Closed	5,469
28-Oct-25	Dalmia Bharat Ltd.	BUY	2,100	2,310	1,985	Closed	-5,476
29-Oct-25	UPL Ltd	BUY	710	781	745	Closed	4,930
30-Oct-25	Sagility Ltd	BUY	50	55	55	Closed	10,000
3-Nov-25	Sarda Energy & Minerals Ltd	BUY	545	600	517	Closed	-5,138
22-Dec-25	Hindustan Copper Ltd.	BUY	395	435	416	Closed	5,316
22-Dec-25	Fortis Healthcare Ltd.	BUY	904	995	857	Closed	-5,199
30-Dec-25	Indus Towers Ltd	Buy	422	464	446	Closed	5,687
19-Jan-26	LTIMindtree Ltd	Buy	6,395	7,040	6,080	Closed	-4,926
22-Jan-26	Navin Fluorine International Ltd	Buy	5,770	6,347	6060	Closed	5,026
23-Jan-26	Vedanta Ltd	Buy	690	760	727	Closed	5,362
11-Mar-26	Shree Cement Ltd	SELL	23,830	21,900	24800	Closed	-4,070
12-Mar-26	CESC Limited	BUY	160	176	152	Closed	-5,000
8-Apr-26	Mahanagar Gas Ltd.	BUY	977	1,075	1026	Closed	5,015
8-Apr-26	Sharda Cropchem Ltd.	BUY	1,024	1,126	1,076	Closed	5,078
8-Apr-26	Infosys Ltd.	BUY	1,336	1,470	1268	Closed	-5,090
10-Apr-26	Nippon Life India Asset Management Ltd	BUY	935	1,030	984	Closed	5,209
13-Apr-26	KPI Green Energy Ltd	BUY	415	457	436	Closed	5,060
17-Apr-26	Ashapura Minechem Ltd	BUY	622	684	657	Closed	5,627
17-Apr-26	GE Vernova T&D India Ltd.	BUY	4,133	4,546	4,524	Closed	9,000
22-Apr-26	Polycab India Ltd	BUY	7,927	8,720	8363	Closed	5500
22-Apr-26	LG Electronics India Ltd	BUY	1,614	1,775	1532	Closed	-5,081
22-Apr-26	Oracle Financial Services Software Ltd	BUY	7,985	8,780	8,384	Closed	5,000
23-Apr-26	AU Small Finance Bank Ltd	BUY	1,041	1,145	989	Closed	-4992
24-Apr-26	Shree Cement Ltd.	SELL	25,500	23,205	24021	Closed	5800
27-Apr-26	Steel Authority Of India Ltd	BUY	182	200	191.2	Closed	5,106
29-Apr-26	Shadowfax Technologies Ltd.	BUY	156	172	172	Closed	10,000
4-May-26	Indus Towers Ltd	BUY	405	446	426	Closed	5,187
7-May-26	Datamatics Global Services Ltd	BUY	805	886	765	Closed	-4,960
8-May-26	Sky Gold and Diamonds Ltd.	BUY	514	563	549	Closed	6,809
8-May-26	Goodluck India Ltd.	BUY	1,430	1,573	1,359	Closed	-4,970
8-May-26	Cera Sanitaryware Ltd.	BUY	5,465	6,000	5821	Closed	6,514
8-May-26	Allied Blenders And Distillers Ltd	BUY	595	657	560	Closed	-5,880
13-May-26	Welspun Living Ltd	BUY	135	149	144	Closed	6,667
19-May-26	Prince Pipes And Fittings Ltd	BUY	258	284	284	Closed	10,000
19-May-26	KPIT Technologies Ltd	BUY	738	812	790	Closed	7,046
20-May-26	Sarda Energy & Minerals Ltd.	BUY	548	603	521	Closed	-4,927
22-May-26	Amber Enterprises India Ltd	BUY	7,385	8,125	7,755	Closed	5,010
27-May-26	Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd	BUY	910	1,001	865	Closed	-4,945
9-Jun-26	Pine Labs Ltd	BUY	145	160	156	Closed	7,600
11-Jun-26	JSW Energy Ltd	BUY	558	614	550	Closed	-1,434
19-Jun-26	Cera Sanitaryware Ltd	BUY	6,255	6,880	6,598	Closed	5,484
1-Jul-26	Genus Power Infrastructures Ltd	BUY	306	337	323	Closed	5,556
6-Jul-26	GE Vernova T&D India Ltd.	BUY	4,600	5,060	4370	Closed	-5,000
13-Jul-26	R Systems International Limited	BUY	247	272	264	Closed	7,085
15-Jul-26	Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd	BUY	4,070	4,477	4275	Closed	5,037
20-Jul-26	Global Health Ltd	BUY	1,327	1,460	1,384	Closed	4,295
3-Aug-26	Indian Hotel Company Ltd	BUY	743	817	NA	Open	NA
5-Aug-26	TBO Tek Ltd.	BUY	1,612	1,773	1,707	Closed	5,893
21-Aug-26	HDB Financial Services Ltd	BUY	695	765	NA	Open	NA

Note: Notional investment of Rs 1,00,000; Cumulative Strike rate 65.91%

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- Others

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