

Margin Resilience and Cost Discipline Reinforce 1%+ RoA Sustainability!
Est. Vs. Actual for Q2FY26: NII – BEAT; PPOP – BEAT; PAT – BEAT
Changes in Estimates post Q2FY26
FY26E/FY27E/FY28E (in %) NII: +2.5/+0.5/+1.1; PPOP: +3.0/+2.6/+2.8; PAT: +10.4/+4.4/+3.5
Recommendation Rationale

- **Growth Buoyancy to Continue:** SBI's strong credit growth momentum is expected to sustain, driven by robust performance in (a) home loans (projected at 15-16% growth), (b) revival in Xpress Credit, and (c) improving growth traction in the corporate segment. The bank has visibility of meaningful acceleration in corporate growth, supported by a strong sanction pipeline of Rs 7.0 Tn, of which ~50% has already been sanctioned and is awaiting disbursement. The corporate growth in H1 was slower owing to higher repayments due to large IPO deals/equity raise. The management expects this trend to reverse, with strong growth expected from Q3 onwards. The Xpress Credit segment has been a laggard, delivering muted growth. Some cannibalisation has been observed from the Xpress Credit book towards the gold loan portfolio, driven by lower rates and favourable gold prices. With the new RBI guidelines around financing domestic M&A transactions, the bank is readying itself by setting up a dedicated team to push the growth pedal as the guidelines become effective. In the international book, the bank will continue to remain selective in pursuing growth without compromising on margins. **With strong growth visibility across segments, the management is confident of growing faster than the industry and has guided for credit growth of 12-14% for FY26 and endeavours to 2x the balance sheet every 6 years. We pencil-in healthy credit growth sustaining at ~13% CAGR over FY26-28E.**
- **Confident on Maintaining Domestic NIMs at 3%:** In Q2, SBI's Domestic/Global NIMs expanded by 7bps QoQ each driven by effective liability management. The bank is taking conscious steps towards optimizing the CoF with reducing reliance on bulk deposits and focused efforts towards CASA mobilisation. **The management expects tailwinds on NIMs in the form of CRR cut (benefit to flow through by Nov-end) and continued repricing of TDs to adequately offset the impact of MCLR repricing.** Thus margins have bottomed out and should move with a positive bias over H2. Presently, ~31% of the bank's portfolios is EBLR-linked, 29% MCLR-linked, 22% Fixed, and 15% is linked to T-Bills. **SBI's management remains confident of NIMs sustaining at 3%+ over the medium term.**

Sector Outlook: Positive

Company Outlook: SBI's performance has been the best amongst the larger banks and the bank remains well-poised to sustain its performance supported by the management's focus on deepening liability franchise, allocating capital to higher RoRWA assets, maintaining a disciplined pricing approach and leveraging tech to drive operating efficiency. The outperformance on NIMs in Q2 with the trend reversing earlier than expected provides cushion to the bank's 1% RoA delivery. Continued repricing on TDs and CRR cut should adequately offset the MCLR repricing impact and drive NIMs higher in H2. Barring the on-time impact of the stake sale in Yes Bank, SBI's RoA has remained at 1+%. The bank is making concentrated efforts to contain Opex growth by focusing on improving productivity and maintaining C-I Ratio at <50% across cycles. Asset quality does not seem concerning at present and thus credit costs should stay under control. We expect consistent RoA/RoE delivery of 1-1.1%/14-16% over FY26-28E. The bank is also actively evaluating the listing of SBI MF and SBI GI.

Current Valuation: 1.4x FY27E ABV; Earlier Valuation: 1.3x FY27E ABV
Current TP: Rs 1,135/share; Earlier TP: Rs 1,055/share
Recommendation: We maintain our **BUY** recommendation on the stock.

Alternative BUY Ideas from our Coverage:
Bank of Baroda (TP – Rs 325), ICICI Bank (TP – Rs 1,650), HDFC Bank (TP – Rs 1,170)
Financial Performance

- **Operational Highlights:** Advances grew by 13/4% YoY/QoQ, marginally ahead of our expectations. Deposits growth was in-line with our expectations and stood at 9/2 YoY/ QoQ. This growth was driven by both TDs (+10/2% YoY/QoQ), and CASA Deposits (+8/3% YoY/QoQ). CASA Ratio stood at 38% vs 38.4/37.8% YoY/QoQ. LDR remains comfortable at 78% vs 75.4/76.7% YoY/QoQ.
- **Financial Highlights:** NII growth surprised driven by margin expansion of ~7bps QoQ and grew by 3/5% YoY/QoQ. NIMs Domestic/Global NIMs stood at 2.97/3.09% vs 2.90/3.02% QoQ. Non-interest income growth was flat YoY and de-grew by 12% QoQ. Non-interest income was driven by healthy fee income (0.8% of avg loans) grew by 25/12% YoY/QoQ. Treasury income stood at Rs 28.8 Bn vs Rs 63.2 Bn QoQ. Opex growth was higher at 12/11% YoY/QoQ, driven by a sharp spike in the other Opex. C-I Ratio stood at 53.2% vs 48.5/47.7% YoY/QoQ. PPOP de-grew by 7/11% YoY/QoQ. Credit costs stood at 50bps vs 47/46bps YoY/QoQ. PAT grew by 10/5% YoY/QoQ. Earnings were supported by one-time gain (Rs 46 Bn) from stake sale in Yes Bank.
- **Asset Quality improved** with GNPA/NNPA at 1.73/0.42% vs 1.83/0.47% QoQ. Slippages during the quarter stood at Rs 50 Bn vs Rs 84 Bn QoQ, with slippage ratio at 0.5% vs 0.5/0.8% YoY/QoQ. Asset quality across segments was improved sequentially.

Key Financials (Standalone)

(Rs Bn)	Q2FY26	Qu (%)	YoY (%)	Axis Est.	Variance
NII	429.8	4.7%	3.3%	405.0	6.1
PPOP	273.1	-10.6%	-6.8%	257.0	6.3
PAT	201.6	5.2%	10.0%	152.8	31.9
NNPA (%)	0.4	-5 bps	-11 bps	0.4	-3 bps
RoA (%)	1.2	3 bps	0 bps	0.9	28 bps

Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

 (CMP as of 04th November, 2025)

CMP (Rs)	957
Upside /Downside (%)	19%
High/Low (Rs)	959/680
Market cap (Cr)	8,83,416
Avg. daily vol. Shrs.	1,09,26,927
No. of shares (Cr)	923.1

Shareholding (%)

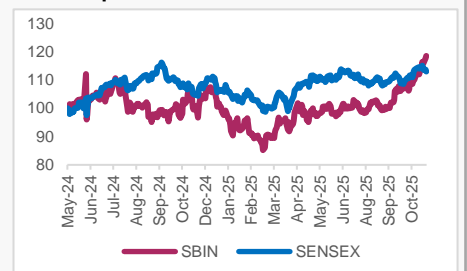
	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25
Promoter	57.4	57.4	55.5
FII's	10.0	9.3	9.6
DII's	25.1	25.7	27.8
Retail	7.5	7.6	7.1

Financial & Valuations

Y/E Mar (Rs Bn)	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
NII	1,784	2,048	2,302
PPOP	1,203	1,384	1,542
Net Profit	782	841	926
EPS (Rs)	84.8	91.1	100.3
ABV (Rs)	552.5	624.5	702.2
P/ABV (x)	1.7	1.5	1.4
RoA (%)	1.1	1.1	1.0
NNPA (%)	0.4	0.4	0.4

Change in Estimates (%)

Y/E Mar	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
NII	2.5	0.5	1.1
PPOP	3.0	2.6	2.8
PAT	10.4	4.4	3.5

Relative performance


Source: Ace Equity, Axis Securities Research

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Key Takeaways

- **Asset Quality No Cause of Concern; ECL impact manageable:** The bank continues to see healthy progress on asset quality driven by controlled slippages and healthy recoveries. Presently, asset quality trends continue to remain encouraging and we do not foresee any adverse impact on asset quality. Thus, credit costs are expected to remain steady at ~50bps (+/-5bps) over FY26-28E. The management has **not guided for the impact of ECL provisioning, however it hinted at a possible impact for the SMA pool in light of the floor rates, with provision buffers being lower.** However, the bank will ensure that there is no significant one-time impact on the balance sheet and will look to spread the impact over the glide path prescribed by the regulator. As a defensive measure against ECL, the bank is strengthening its collection mechanism. With ~70% of the collections happening directly through the existing account of the customer, the bank will focus on the balance 30%.
- **Strengthening Fee income:** In Q2, fee income growth was robust at 25/12% YoY/QoQ, largely led by strong growth in interchange on debit card spends. However, the certainty around this trend sustaining is low. However, the bank expects strong growth to continue on loan processing fees and government business income, which are granular.
- **Strengthening Deposit Franchise:** The management indicated that the bank has asked its regional level managers to gain incremental market share by atleast 1% in each district to strengthen the CASA momentum. SBI has also added transaction hubs to open CA accounts with focus on business CARD deposits. The bank's efforts are gaining traction as SBI has gained 185bps CA market share in Q2. Moreover, its efforts to further strengthen its CASA proposition are witnessing positive momentum with daily average CASA balances have seen an improvement.

Outlook

SBI remains well poised to continue its growth with no visible challenges on growth and asset quality. With NIM trajectory reversing earlier than anticipated we raise our FY26 NII estimates by ~3% and broadly maintain our FY27-28E estimates. However, strong traction on fee income, controlled opex keeping cost ratios under check and strong asset quality profile keeping credit costs benign, we raise our earnings estimates over FY27-28E by 3-5%. Factoring in the gain from stake sale we revise our FY26 Earnings estimates by ~10%. We expect SBI's RoA to range comfortably over 1% and RoE between 14-16% over the medium term. We expect SBI to deliver a steady Advances/Deposits/NII/Earnings growth of 13/11/14/9% CAGR over FY26-28E.

Valuation & Recommendation

We maintain our BUY rating on the stock with SOTP-based target price of Rs 1,135/share (Valuing the core book at 1.4x FY27E ABV vs. current valuations of 1.3x FY27E ABV and valuing subsidiaries at Rs 263), thereby implying an upside of 19% from the CMP.

Key Risks to Our Estimates and TP

- The slowdown in systemic credit growth would impact our estimates.

Change in Estimates
(Rs Bn)

	Revised			Old			% Change		
	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
NII	1,784	2,048	2,302	1,741	2,036	2,278	2.5	0.5	1.1
PBP	1,203	1,384	1,542	1,168	1,349	1,501	3.0	2.6	2.8
Provisions	206	263	308	220	272	305	-6.6	-3.3	1.0
PAT	782	841	926	709	806	894	10.4	4.4	3.5

Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

SOTP Valuation

	Stake Held (%)	Per Share	Multiple Assigned
SBI Parent		874	1.4x FY27E ABV
Subsidiaries			
SBI Life	55.4%	133	2.25x FY27E Embedded Value
SBI AMC	62.2%	79	32x FY27E EPS
SBI Cards	68.6%	73	29x FY27E EPS
SBI Capital	100.0%	31	18x FY27E EPS
SBI General Insurance	69.1%	13	25x FY27E EPS
Total Value of Subsidiaries		329	
<i>Less: 20% holding discount</i>		<i>66</i>	
Net Value of Sub.		263	
Target Price		1,135	
CMP		957	
Upside		19%	

Source: Axis Securities Research

Result Review (Standalone)

(Rs Bn)	Q2FY26	Q2FY25	% YoY	Q1FY26	% QoQ	H1FY26	H1FY25	% YoY
Net Interest Income	430	416	3.3	411	4.7	841	827	1.6
Non-Interest Income	153	153	0.4	173	-11.6	102	80	27.7
Operating expenses	310	276	12.3	279	11.2	589	534	10.2
Staff Cost	166	148	12.1	169	-1.7	335	303	10.7
Pre provision profits	273	293	-6.8	305	-10.6	579	557	3.8
Provisions and contingencies	54	45	19.9	48	13.5	102	80	27.7
PBT	265	248	6.9	258	2.8	523	478	9.4
Provision for Tax	63	65	-1.7	66	-4.2	130	124	4.4
PAT	202	183	10.0	192	5.2	393	354	11.2
Business Update								
Gross Advances	44,197	39,207	12.7	42,545	3.9	44,197	39,207	12.7
<i>Retail</i>	15,934	13,966	14.1	15,399	3.8	15,934	13,966	14.1
<i>Agri</i>	3,681	3,222	14.2	3,483	3.8	3,681	3,222	14.2
<i>SME</i>	5,422	4,565	18.8	5,281	3.8	5,422	4,565	18.8
<i>Corporate</i>	12,393	11,572	7.1	12,034	3.8	12,393	11,572	7.1
<i>Foreign office advances</i>	6,766	5,882	15.0	6,348	3.8	6,766	5,882	15.0
Deposits	55,917	51,173	9.3	54,733	2.2	55,917	51,173	9.3
CASA Deposits	21,243	19,659	8.1	20,685	2.7	21,243	19,659	8.1
CASA Ratio	38.0	38.4	-43bps	37.8	20bps	38.0	38.4	-43bps
Yields on Advances	8.7	8.9	-19bps	8.8	-10bps	8.7	8.9	-12bps
Yield on Investments	7.1	7.2	-13bps	7.1	-5bps	7.1	7.2	-10bps
Cost of Deposits	5.1	5.0	10bps	5.2	-8bps	5.2	5.0	16bps
Cost of Funds (%)	5.1	5.2	-12bps	5.1	-9bps	5.1	5.1	-5bps
NIMs (%)	3.1	3.3	-26bps	3.0	3bps	3.0	3.3	-30bps
Cost-Income ratio (%)	53.2	48.5	465bps	47.7	545bps	50.4	49.0	148bps
Asset Quality								
Gross NPA (%)	1.7	2.1	-40bps	1.8	-10bps	1.7	2.1	-40bps
Net NPA (%)	0.4	0.5	-11bps	0.5	-5bps	0.4	0.5	-11bps
PCR (%)	75.8	75.7	13bps	74.5	130bps	75.8	75.7	13bps
Slippage Ratio (%)	0.5	0.5	-5bps	0.8	-33bps	0.5	0.5	-5bps
Capital Adequacy								
CRAR	14.6	13.8	86bps	14.5	14bps	14.6	13.8	86bps
Tier I	12.7	11.3	135bps	12.3	37bps	12.7	11.3	135bps
Tier II	2.0	2.4	-49bps	2.2	-23bps	2.0	2.4	-49bps

Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

Financials (Standalone)

Profit & Loss

(Rs Bn)

Y/E March	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Interest Income	1,670	1,784	2,048	2,302
Other Income	617	694	725	753
Total Income	2,286	2,478	2,773	3,055
Total Operating Exp	1,181	1,275	1,389	1,513
PPOP	1,106	1,203	1,384	1,542
Provisions & Contingencies	153	206	263	308
Exceptional Items	0	46	0	0
PBT	953	1,043	1,121	1,234
Provision for Tax	244	261	280	309
PAT	709	782	841	926

Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

Balance Sheet

(Rs Bn)

Y/E March	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
SOURCES OF FUNDS				
Share Capital	9	9	9	9
Reserves	4,403	5,278	5,951	6,691
Shareholder's Funds	4,412	5,287	5,960	6,700
Total Deposits	53,822	59,592	66,384	73,883
Borrowings	59,458	66,617	74,686	84,026
Other Liabilities & Provisions	2,891	3,137	3,519	3,959
Total Liabilities	66,761	75,042	84,164	94,685
APPLICATION OF FUNDS				
Cash & Bank Balance	3,402	4,065	4,329	4,818
Investments	16,906	18,480	20,586	22,912
Advances	41,633	47,080	53,173	60,120
Fixed & Other Assets	4,819	5,417	6,076	6,835
Total Assets	66,761	75,042	84,164	94,685

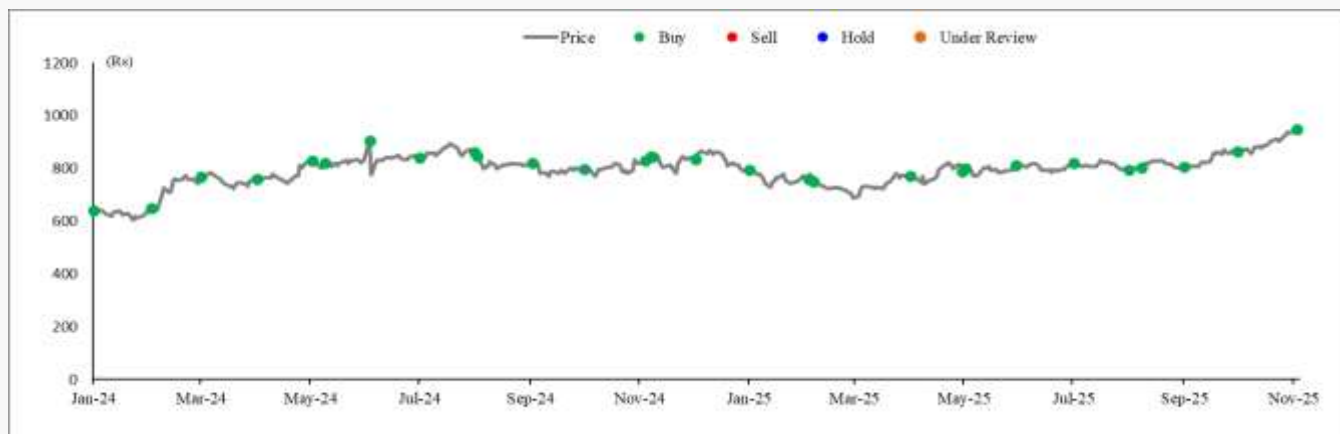
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Ratio Analysis
(%)

Y/E March	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
VALUATION RATIOS				
EPS	79.4	84.8	91.1	100.3
Earnings Growth (%)	16.1%	6.7%	7.5%	10.1%
BVPS	494.3	572.8	645.7	725.9
Adj. BVPS	472.3	552.5	624.5	702.2
ROAA (%)	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0
ROAE (%)	17.3	16.1	15.0	14.6
P/E (x)	12.0	11.3	10.5	9.5
P/ABV (x)	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.4
DPS	15.9	17.0	18.2	20.1
Dividend Yield (%)	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1
PROFITABILITY				
NIM - Domestic (%)	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.2
NIM – Global (%)	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.2
Cost-Income Ratio	51.6	51.5	50.1	49.5
Growth RATIOS				
Loan Growth (%)	12.4	13.1	12.9	13.1
Deposit Growth (%)	9.5	10.7	11.4	11.3
C-D Ratio (%)	77.4	79.0	80.1	81.4
Equity to Assets (%)	6.6	7.0	7.1	7.1
Equity to Loans (%)	10.6	11.2	11.2	11.1
CRAR (%)	14.3	14.4	14.1	13.6
Tier I (%)	12.1	12.5	12.3	11.9
ASSET QUALITY				
Gross NPLs (%)	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4
Net NPLs (%)	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Provision Coverage Ratio (%)	74.4	75.0	75.0	75.0
Credit Costs (%)	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
RoE TREE (%)				
NII	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6
Non-Interest Income	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8
OPEX	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7
Provisions	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Taxes	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
RoA	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0
Leverage (x)	15.7	14.6	14.2	14.1
RoE	17.3	16.1	15.0	14.6

Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

State Bank of India Price Chart and Recommendation History



Date	Reco	TP	Research
01-Jan-24	BUY	800	Top Picks
05-Feb-24	BUY	800	Result Update
02-Feb-24	BUY	800	Top Picks
02-Feb-24	BUY	800	Result Update
01-Mar-24	BUY	800	Top Picks
01-Apr-24	BUY	860	Top Picks
02-May-24	BUY	920	Top Picks
10-May-24	BUY	1,010	Result Update
01-Jun-24	BUY	1,010	Top Picks
01-Jul-24	BUY	1,010	Top Picks
01-Aug-24	BUY	1,010	Top Picks
05-Aug-24	BUY	1,030	Result Update
02-Sep-24	BUY	1,030	Top Picks
01-Oct-24	BUY	1,030	Top Picks
03-Nov-24	BUY	1,030	Top Picks
11-Nov-24	BUY	1,040	Result Update
01-Dec-24	BUY	1,040	Top Picks
01-Jan-25	BUY	1,040	Top Picks
03-Feb-25	BUY	1,040	Top Picks
07-Feb-25	BUY	1,025	Result Update
01-Mar-25	BUY	1,025	Top Picks
01-Apr-25	BUY	1,025	Top Picks
02-May-25	BUY	1,025	Top Picks
05-May-25	BUY	1,025	Result Update
01-Jun-25	BUY	1,025	Top Picks
01-Jun-25	BUY	1,025	Top Picks
01-Aug-25	BUY	1,025	Top Picks
11-Aug-25	BUY	1,025	Result Update
01-Sep-25	BUY	1,025	Top Picks
01-Oct-25	BUY	1,025	Top Picks
03-Nov-25	BUY	1,055	Top Picks
06-Nov-25	BUY	1,135	Result Update

Source: Axis Securities Research

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