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MUTHOOT FINANCE

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All that glitters is gold

Muthoot Finance's (MUTH) gold AUM increased 22% YoY to Rs 416bn in Q4FY20 due to robust gold loan demand. Stoppage of low-yield products in Q4 and reset of liabilities kept spreads buoyant at 15.1%. PBT surged 38% YoY to ~Rs 11bn aided by benign credit cost. We increase FY21/FY22 earnings estimates by 15%/11% respectively to bake in better gold loan demand. Our Mar'21 TP stands revised to Rs 1,250 (vs. Rs 950 earlier).

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Gold AUM up 22%: Gold loan AUM increased 22% YoY to Rs 416bn in Q4 due to buoyant gold loan demand. Gold tonnage was flat QoQ at 176t as customers pledged lower amounts of collateral due to higher gold prices. Aided by the stoppage of low-yield products, yields (calc.) spiked ~150bps YoY to 24.0%.

Diversified borrowing mix aids healthy spreads: MUTH reduced liability raising from banks and instead accessed foreign debt markets and retail NCDs. Calculated spreads increased ~200bps YoY to 15.1%. We believe better treasury management and repricing of CPs and NCDs will lower the cost of funds, thus keeping spreads stable.

PBT surges due to benign credit cost: The expense ratio decreased ~20bps YoY to 5.1% driven by higher loan growth. Credit cost was at a five-quarter low of ~5bps, leading to 38% YoY growth in PBT to Rs 11bn. A lower tax rate of 25.7% supported PAT growth of 59% YoY to Rs 8.2bn.

Ticker/Price	MUTH IN/Rs 1,000
Market cap	US\$ 5.2bn
Shares o/s	400mn
3M ADV	US\$ 23.4mn
52wk high/low	Rs 1,012/Rs 477
Promoter/FPI/DII	73%/14%/7%

Source: NSE

STOCK PERFORMANCE



Source: NSE

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KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19A	FY20P	FY21E	FY22E
Net interest income	42,707	45,202	57,735	65,655	72,870
NII growth (%)	27.7	5.8	27.7	13.7	11.0
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	17,776	19,721	30,183	34,660	38,423
EPS (Rs)	44.4	49.2	75.3	86.4	95.8
P/E (x)	22.5	20.3	13.3	11.6	10.4
P/BV (x)	5.1	4.1	3.5	2.9	2.4
ROA (%)	5.8	5.7	6.8	6.2	5.8
ROE (%)	24.8	22.4	28.3	27.1	25.0





FIG 1 - QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE

(Rs mn)	Q4FY20	Q4FY19	Y ₀ Y (%)	Q3FY20	Q ₀ Q (%)	FY20	FY19	Y ₀ Y (%)
Interest Income	23,506	18,319	28.3	22,806	3.1	85,644	67,570	26.7
Interest expenses	7,700	6,111	26.0	7,094	8.5	27,909	22,368	24.8
Net Interest Income	15,806	12,208	29.5	15,712	0.6	57,735	45,202	27.7
Other Operating Income	520	485	7.1	403	29.0	1,584	1,236	28.1
Total Income	16,326	12,694	28.6	16,115	1.3	59,319	46,438	27.7
Operating Expenses	5,304	4,547	16.7	4,542	16.8	17,787	15,394	15.5
Operating Profit	11,021	8,147	35.3	11,573	(4.8)	41,531	31,044	33.8
Provisions and Cont.	48	205	(76.6)	612	(92.2)	957	275	247.5
Profit before Tax	10,974	7,942	38.2	10,961	0.1	40,574	30,768	31.9
Tax Provisions	2,822	2,827	(0.2)	2,809	0.5	10,391	11,047	(5.9)
Net Profit	8,151	5,115	59.4	8,152	(0.0)	30,183	19,721	53.0

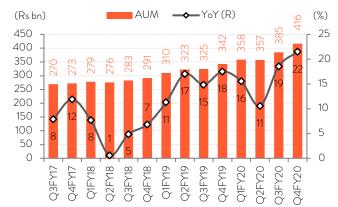
Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

FIG 2 - RESULTS IN LINE WITH OUR ESTIMATES

(Rs mn)	Q4FY20A	Q4FY20E	Actual vs. Est. (%)	FY20A	FY20E	Actual vs. Est. (%)
Interest Income	23,506	22,071	7	85,644	84,209	2
Interest expenses	7,700	7,303	5	27,909	27,355	2
Net Interest Income	15,806	14,768	7	57,735	56,853	2
Other Operating Income	520	467	11	1,584	1,453	9
Total Income	16,326	15,235	7	59,319	58,306	2
Operating Expenses	5,304	4,470	19	17,787	17,161	4
Operating Profit	11,021	10,765	2	41,531	41,145	1
Provisions and Cont.	48	185	(74)	957	1,122	(15)
Profit before Tax	10,974	10,580	4	40,574	40,023	1
Tax Provisions	2,822	2,557	10	10,391	10,086	3
Net Profit	8,151	8,024	2	30,183	29,937	1

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

FIG 3 - TOTAL AUM GROWTH WAS AT 22% YOY...



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

FIG 4 – ...WITH BETTER PRODUCTIVITY (+19% YOY)

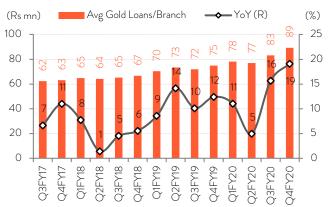




FIG 5 - DETAILED QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE

		FY18			FY1	9			FY	20		Variat	ion (%)
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q ₀ Q	Y ₀ Y
Profit and Loss (Rs mn)													
Total Income	16,619	15,914	17,025	16,330	16,501	17,171	18,804	18,587	21,405	23,209	24,026	4	28
Interest expenses	4,933	4,725	4,535	5,016	5,354	5,889	6,111	6,416	6,699	7,094	7,700	9	26
Net income	11,686	11,190	12,490	11,314	11,148	11,282	12,694	12,171	14,707	16,115	16,326	1	29
Total Opex	3,119	3,254	3,699	3,738	3,669	3,440	4,547	3,972	3,969	4,542	5,304	17	17
Employees	1,947	1,889	2,130	2,169	2,086	1,980	2,741	2,295	2,327	2,580	3,088	20	13
Rent	425	474	511	475	493	503	503	527	533	548	550	0	9
Depreciation and Amrt	106	115	114	91	100	110	119	96	103	110	122	12	2
Others	641	776	945	1,003	991	847	1,184	1,054	1,006	1,305	1,544	18	30
Operating profits	8,567	7,936	8,791	7,577	7,478	7,842	8,147	8,199	10,738	11,573	11,021	(5)	35
Provisions and write offs	1,170	505	596	27	25	19	205	33	265	612	48	(92)	(77)
Profit before tax	7,397	7,431	8,195	7,550	7,453	7,823	7,942	8,166	10,473	10,961	10,974	0	38
Taxes	2,940	2,645	3,112	2,634	2,615	2,971	2,827	2,866	1,894	2,809	2,822	0	(0)
Profit after tax	4,457	4,787	5,083	4,916	4,838	4,852	5,115	5,300	8,579	8,152	8,151	(0)	59
Asset quality (Overall) (Rs mn)													
Gross Stage 3	19,353	21,481	12,872	8,835	6,170	6,372	9,326	11,474	12,267	9,769	8,992	(8)	(4)
GS3 (%)	7.0	7.6	4.4	2.9	1.9	2.0	2.7	3.2	3.4	2.5	2.2	(38bps)	(56bps)
ECL Provisions	6,673	7,089	6,089	5,892	5,795	5,835	6,359	6,896	7,014	7,178	5,427	(24)	(15)
ECL Provisions (%)	2.4	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.3	(56bps)	(56bps)
Provisions outstanding in books	7,197	7,640	8,096	8,096	8,096	8,096	8,096	8,095	8,213	8,377	8,381	0	4
Ratios (Calc, %)													
Yields	24.0	22.6	23.0	21.7	20.8	21.2	22.5	21.2	23.9	25.0	24.0	(104bps)	143bps
Cost of funds	8.9	8.7	8.6	9.0	9.0	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.5	9.3	8.8	(47bps)	(55bps)
NIMs	16.9	16.0	17.4	15.1	14.1	13.9	15.2	13.9	16.4	17.4	16.3	(106bps)	108bps
Spreads	15.1	13.9	14.4	12.7	11.8	11.7	13.2	11.9	14.4	15.7	15.1	(57bps)	198bps
Cost income ratio	26.7	29.1	29.6	33.0	32.9	30.5	35.8	32.6	27.0	28.2	32.5	431bps	(333bps)
Cost to average AUM	4.5	4.7	5.2	5.0	4.6	4.2	5.5	4.5	4.4	4.9	5.3	40bps	(16bps)
AUM related													
Gold Stock Holding (In tonnes)	152	153	155	161	168	166	169	176	171	173	176	2	4
Avg gold loans per branch (Rs mn)	64	65	67	70	73	72	75	78	77	83	89	7	19
Overall AUM (Rs bn)	276	283	291	310	323	325	342	358	357	385	416	8	22
Other details													
CAR	26.5	27.7	26.6	26.4	25.9	25.7	26.1	24.7	27.1	26.5	25.5	(104bps)	(65bps)
Tier I	23.6	25.5	24.8	24.8	25.3	25.2	25.7	24.3	26.7	26.2	24.3	(188bps)	(138bps)
Tier II	2.9	2.1	1.8	1.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.2	84bps	73bps
Book Value	183	195	194	207	219	231	244	243	264	284	288	2	18
Leverage (x)	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.9		



Business

- All branches open and 90% of staff working from office
- Gold loan demand buoyant over the last month
- Existing and new customers both adding to demand; 80% are repeat customers
- No gold loans under moratorium
- Low-yielding products stopped last quarter; expect yields at similar levels of 22% in FY21
- Competition can increase from other NBFCs and banks, but entering into small-ticket loans and sustaining the business looks difficult
- Tonnage growth to be low as gold prices have run up.
- Volatility in opex unlikely due to no forex impact on borrowings in FY21
- Interest accrual in FY20 at Rs 15.6bn vs. Rs 9.6bn in FY19
- Spread to be 12% at steady-state levels in FY21; NIMs could be higher

Covid-19 impact

No auctions to be held during next six months

Asset quality

ECL provision under stage-3 at Rs 950mn

Subsidiaries

- Vehicle finance and housing finance moratorium given post April availed of by ~7,000 customers in each segment
- Rs 150mn provision for HFC due to Covid-19 will be taken in 1QFY21.
- Microfinance moratorium extended to all customers. Collection efficiency at 16% in April, 30% in May
- Negligible capital to be deployed in subsidiaries in FY21.



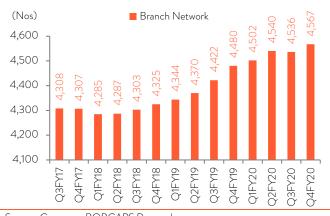
Liquidity

- Company has not asked for moratorium from banks
- No challenges seen in funding during FY21
- Cost of funds from banks has not come off meaningfully; cost of funds expected to come off from NCD issuances
- Liquidity on balance sheet strong and will continue at similar levels

Guidance

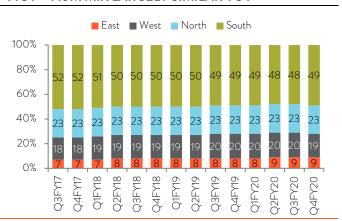
- 15% growth in gold loan portfolio in FY21
- Calibrated growth in subsidiaries

FIG 6 - NETWORK GREW BY ~100 BRANCHES YOY



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

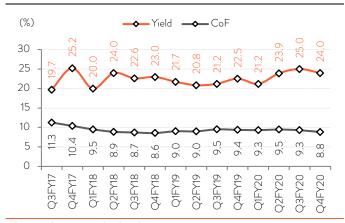
FIG 7 - AUM MIX LARGELY SIMILAR YOY





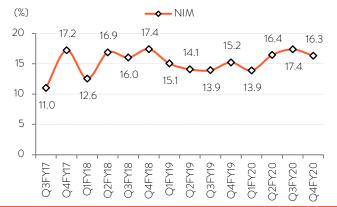
Story in charts

FIG 8 - YIELDS IMPROVING DUE TO RATE HIKE



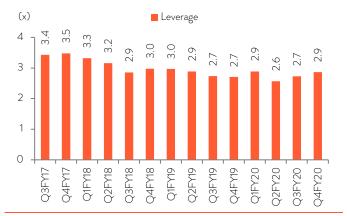
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FIG 10 - NIM (CALC.) EXPANDED ~100BPS YOY



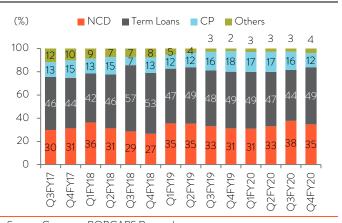
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FIG 12 - BUSINESS REMAINS LOW LEVERED



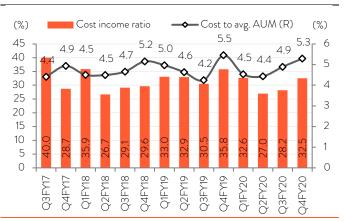
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FIG 9 – HEALTHY MIX HAS KEPT BORROWING COST IN CHECK



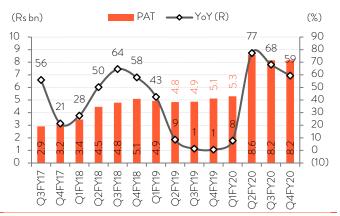
Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

FIG 11 - OPEX UP YOY DUE TO ECB HEDGING COST



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

FIG 13 - PAT GREW 59% YOY





Valuation methodology

MUTH is trading at 2.9x/2.4x FY21E/FY22E BV for ROE of 27.1%/25.0%. Focused strategies to become the gold financier of choice have helped the company cement leadership in gold finance. Emphasis on customer traction and branch productivity is expected to fuel a robust ~13% loan CAGR over FY20-FY22. Incentivising staff for regular collections has produced a high-churn portfolio and curbed auction losses, stabilising yields – we model for yields of 22% in FY21-FY22. A favourable borrowing mix and short-tenor portfolio should anchor spreads at ~14%.

MUTH is the lowest cost gold financier in India and its expense ratio is forecast to remain at \sim 4.5% of AUM through to FY22. We expect the company to maintain market leadership in NBFC gold financing and yield steady-state ROA of \sim 6%, with leverage at \sim 4.5x.

The company has diversified into home finance and microfinance (Belstar), with vehicle finance as a second priority. Belstar being a dominant SHG business model is a safer MFI play despite geographic concentration in Tamil Nadu. We expect incremental capital to be allocated to these fledgling businesses, of which Belstar is well placed to contribute meaningfully in the near term.

In our view, MUTH is likely to enjoy a good gold loan growth due to buoyant gold loan demand – we thus raise our FY21 and FY22 earnings estimates by 15% and 11% respectively. Our Mar'21 target price stands revised to Rs 1,250 (vs. Rs 950 earlier). Our target is derived using the SOTP method as follows: (a) Rs 1,187/sh for the standalone book based on 3.0x FY22E BV, (b) Rs 55/sh for MHFL based on 4.0x FY22E BV (from last stake sale), and (c) Rs 23/sh for Belstar based on 2.5x FY22E BV (post holdco discount of 20%). Maintain BUY.

FIG 14 - REVISED ESTIMATES

(D. L.)	Old	d	Nev	w	Chang	e (%)
(Rs bn)	FY21E	FY22E	FY21E	FY22E	FY21E	FY22E
NII	59.3	67.4	65.7	72.9	10.8	8.0
Other Income	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	12.5	12.5
Net Income	60.8	69.1	67.3	74.7	10.8	8.2
Operating Expenses	19.2	21.3	19.7	21.9	2.8	2.9
Operating Profits	41.5	47.8	47.6	52.8	14.6	10.5
Provisions	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.4	5.4	7.2
PBT	40.3	46.5	46.3	51.4	14.8	10.6
Tax	10.2	11.7	11.7	12.9	14.8	10.6
PAT	30.2	34.8	34.7	38.4	14.8	10.6
Loans	452	512	482	546	6.5	6.6
Borrowings	333	379	448	520	34.7	37.1
Spread (%)	11.4	11.5	13.7	13.7	225bps	220bps
RoA (%)	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.8	(30bps)	(73bps)
RoE (%)	23.3	22.8	27.1	25.0	379bps	221bps

Source: BOBCAPS Research



FIG 15 - SOTP VALUATION SUMMARY

SOTP FY22E Based (Rs)	Value (Rs bn)	Value (US\$ bn)	Value/ Sh. (Rs)	% of total	Rationale
Core business	476	6.8	1,187	95.0	3.0x BV
Key Ventures					
Muthoot Homefin	22	0.3	55	4.4	4.0x BV based on last stake sale
Belstar Investment and Finance	9	0.1	23	1.9	2.5x BV
Total Value of Ventures	31	0.4	78	6.3	
Less: 20% holding discount	6	0.1	16	25.0	
Value of Key Ventures	25	0.4	63	5.0	
Target Value Post 20% Holding Co Disc	501	7.2	1,250	100.0	
CMP	401	5.7	1,000		
Upside - %	25.0	25.0	25.0		
Upside - %	25.0	25.0	25.0		

Source: BOBCAPS Research

FIG 16 - RELATIVE STOCK PERFORMANCE



Source: NSE

Key risks

Key downside risks to our estimates are:

- chunky delinquencies in high-ticket gold loans,
- weak collections in home finance, and
- high dependence on the state of Tamil Nadu in the Belstar MFI.



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Income Statement

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Net interest income	42,707	45,202	57,735	65,655	72,870
NII growth (%)	27.7	5.8	27.7	13.7	11.0
Non-interest income	1,310	1,236	1,584	1,678	1,843
Total income	44,017	46,438	59,319	67,333	74,713
Operating expenses	13,174	15,394	17,788	19,750	21,924
Operating profit	30,843	31,044	41,531	47,583	52,789
Operating profit growth (%)	40.0	0.6	33.8	14.6	10.9
Provisions	2,397	275	957	1,246	1,421
PBT	28,447	30,768	40,574	46,337	51,368
Tax	10,671	11,047	10,391	11,677	12,945
Reported net profit	17,776	19,721	30,183	34,660	38,423
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Adjusted net profit	17,776	19,721	30,183	34,660	38,423

Balance Sheet

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY18A	FY19A	FY20P	FY21E	FY22E
Equity capital	4,000	4,007	4,010	4,010	4,010
Reserves & surplus	74,120	93,921	111,708	135,970	162,866
Net worth	78,120	97,927	115,718	139,980	166,876
Deposits	0	0	0	0	0
Borrowings	211,670	268,332	371,300	448,265	519,802
Other liabilities & provisions	18,132	14,428	17,578	21,094	25,312
Total liabilities and equities	307,923	380,687	504,597	609,339	711,991
Cash & bank balance	4,870	17,355	56,405	103,987	140,484
Investments	3,954	9,826	14,383	14,455	15,178
Advances	295,068	349,329	426,042	481,885	545,792
Fixed & Other assets	2,062	2,154	2,565	2,770	3,047
Total assets	307,923	380,687	504,597	609,339	711,991
Deposit growth (%)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Advances growth (%)	5.5	18.4	22.0	13.1	13.3

Per Share

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs)	FY18A	FY19A	FY20P	FY21E	FY22E
EPS	44.4	49.2	75.3	86.4	95.8
Dividend per share	10.0	12.0	15.0	21.6	24.0
Book value per share	195.3	244.4	288.5	349.0	416.1



Valuations Ratios

Y/E 31 Mar (x)	FY18A	FY19A	FY20P	FY21E	FY22E
P/E	22.5	20.3	13.3	11.6	10.4
P/BV	5.1	4.1	3.5	2.9	2.4
Dividend yield (%)	1.0	1.2	1.5	2.2	2.4

DuPont Analysis

Y/E 31 Mar (%)	FY18A	FY19A	FY20P	FY21E	FY22E
Net interest income	14.0	13.1	13.0	11.8	11.0
Non-interest income	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Operating expenses	4.3	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.3
Pre-provisioning profit	10.1	9.0	9.4	8.5	8.0
Provisions	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
PBT	9.3	8.9	9.2	8.3	7.8
Tax	3.5	3.2	2.3	2.1	2.0
ROA	5.8	5.7	6.8	6.2	5.8
Leverage (x)	4.3	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.3
ROE	24.8	22.4	28.3	27.1	25.0

Ratio Analysis

Y/E 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19A	FY20P	FY21E	FY22E
YoY growth (%)					
Net interest income	27.7	5.8	27.7	13.7	11.0
Pre-provisioning profit	40.0	0.6	33.8	14.6	10.9
EPS	50.4	10.8	52.9	14.8	10.9
Profitability & Return ratios (%)					
Net interest margin	14.9	14.0	14.9	14.5	14.2
Fees / Avg. assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cost-Income	29.9	33.2	30.0	29.3	29.3
ROE	24.8	22.4	28.3	27.1	25.0
ROA	5.8	5.7	6.8	6.2	5.8
Asset quality (%)					
GNPA	4.4	2.7	2.2	2.3	2.2
NNPA	2.3	0.9	0.9	1.8	1.7
Provision coverage	14.8	13.9	18.9	21.2	23.4
Ratios (%)					
Credit-Deposit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment-Deposit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAR	26.3	26.0	22.7	22.7	23.2
Tier-1	25.5	25.6	22.3	22.4	22.8



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Recommendations and Absolute returns (%) over 12 months

BUY - Expected return >+15%

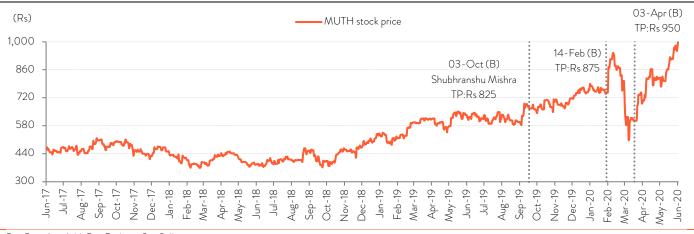
ADD - Expected return from >+5% to +15%

REDUCE - Expected return from -5% to +5%

SELL - Expected return <-5%

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