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Rating	BUY
Price	Rs497
Target Price	Rs530
Implied Upside	6.6%
Sensex	25,490
Nifty	7,815

(Prices as on May 13, 2016)

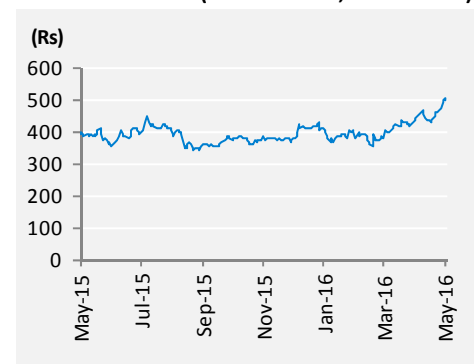
Trading data	
Market Cap. (Rs bn)	45.3
Shares o/s (m)	91.2
3M Avg. Daily value (Rs m)	67.5

Major shareholders	
Promoters	65.20%
Foreign	7.28%
Domestic Inst.	9.91%
Public & Other	17.61%

Stock Performance			
(%)	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	11.5	32.6	24.2
Relative	12.0	33.1	30.6

How we differ from Consensus			
EPS (Rs)	PL	Cons.	% Diff.
2017	27.9	25.6	9.0
2018	39.6	34.8	13.9

Price Performance (RIC: CAPF.BO, BB: CAFL IN)



Source: Bloomberg

Capital First (CAFL) reported steady earnings with total revenues of Rs3.06bn (5% ahead of PLe) representing 66% YoY growth. This was driven by 34% YoY / 7% QoQ growth in AUMs along with sharp margin expansion. Loan growth stood at strong 43% YoY led by strong growth in retail portfolio and declining share of off-balance sheet mix (21.8% currently). CAFL realigned its borrowing mix in favour of NCDs while on lending side share of high yielding two-wheeler and consumer durable business increased further. However operating expenses also increased sharply which coupled with higher credit cost resulted in 51% YoY growth in net profits. We revise our estimates and increase our PT to Rs530 from Rs450 (2.4x Sep-17E ABV) as we estimate CAFL to deliver 17% RoE by FY18E. Maintain BUY.

■ **Revenue growth momentum remains strong; margins expand further:** CAFL reported 66% YoY growth in total revenues led by 43% YoY/34% YoY growth in loans/AUMs and ~58bps QoQ expansion in calc. margins. Margin expansion was aided by improvement in product mix in favour of high-yielding 2Ws and consumer durable loans. Recently launched new products viz. used car financing and low-ticket LAP has further aided interest income while shift towards NCDs in borrowing mix helped ease funding cost by 15bp QoQ (calc.). CAFL borrowing mix is still dominated by bank loans and hence offers an attractive opportunity to lower funding cost as it realigns its borrowing mix in favour of NCDs/CPs.

■ **AUM grows 34% YoY; off-balance sheet mix declines further:** CAFL reported 34% YoY growth in total AUMs, led by continued traction in consumer durable and two-wheeler business while the growth in core MSME business remains steady. Wholesale portfolio reported modest 3% QoQ growth and its share in total AUMs declined to 14.3% (16% at FY15 end). We expect AUMs to grow at ~27% CAGR over FY16-18E led by continued traction in retail business.

■ **Asset quality remains stable; CAFL remains well capitalized for growth:** GNPL and NNPL ratio increased by 18bp / 9bp QoQ on a low base to 1.07% and 0.55% respectively. This is as CAFL has been increasing the proportion of high-yielding retail products in its loan mix and hence also resulted in an increase in credit cost. CAFL remains well capitalized for growth with CAR of ~19.8% (14.5% Tier-I).

Key Financials (Y/e March)	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E
Net interest income (Rs m)	5,363	8,336	12,330	16,214
Growth (%)	61.8	55.4	47.9	31.5
Non-interest income (Rs m)	1,225	1,556	1,898	2,316
Operating Profit (Rs m)	2,718	4,877	7,358	9,736
PAT (Rs m)	1,143	1,672	2,545	3,612
EPS (Rs)	13.2	18.4	27.9	39.6
Growth (%)	70.9	38.9	52.1	41.9
Net DPS (Rs)	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.1

Profitability & valuation	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E
Spreads / Margins (%)	5.0	6.0	6.8	7.2
RoAE (%)	8.3	10.2	14.0	17.2
RoAA (%)	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.7
P/E (x)	37.6	27.1	17.8	12.5
P/BV (x)	2.9	2.7	2.3	2.0
P/ABV (x)	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.1
Net dividend yield (%)	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8

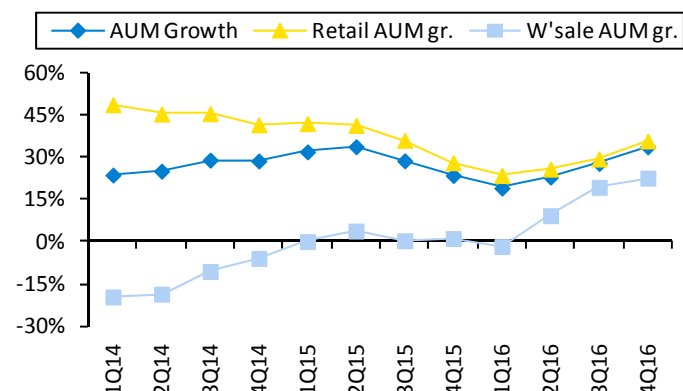
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Exhibit 1: Q4FY16 Financials – Operating performance continues to remain robust

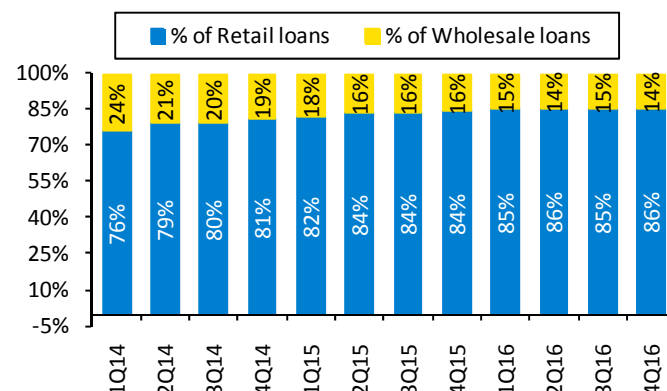
Consolidated P&L (Rs m)	Q4FY16	Q4FY15	YoY gr. (%)	Q3FY16	QoQ gr. (%)
Interest Income	5,582	3,841	45.3	4,956	12.6
Interest Expense	2,524	2,008	25.7	2,346	7.6
Net Interest Income	3,058	1,833	66.9	2,609	17.2
Other income	0	1		6	(99.7)
Total income	3,060	1,843	66.0	2,623	16.6
Employee Expense	483	336	43.5	470	2.8
Other Expenses	1,095	720	52.1	857	27.8
Operating Profit	1,482	786	88.5	1,297	14.3
Provisions	766	318	140.8	619	23.7
Tax	239	103	131.7	232	3.1
Net Profit	476	365	30.5	445	6.9
Balance Sheet (Rs m)					
AUM	136,042	110,450	23.2	126,430	7.6
-Retail loans (%)	85.8	84.0		85.2	
-Wholesale loans (%)	14.2	16.0		14.9	
Asset quality					
Gross NPL	1,342	606	121.4	1,049	27.9
Gross NPL (%)	1.1	0.7		0.9	
Net NPL	690	149	361.9	542	27.2
Net NPL (%)	0.6	0.2		0.5	
Coverage ratio (%)	48.6	75.4		48.3	
Others / Ratios (%)					
Yield on Loans	14.4	13.0		13.9	
Cost of Borrowings	8.8	9.3		9.0	
Spread	5.6	3.7		4.9	
NIMs	7.9	6.2		7.3	
Cost/ Income Ratio	51.58	57.34		50.57	

Source: Company Data, PL Research

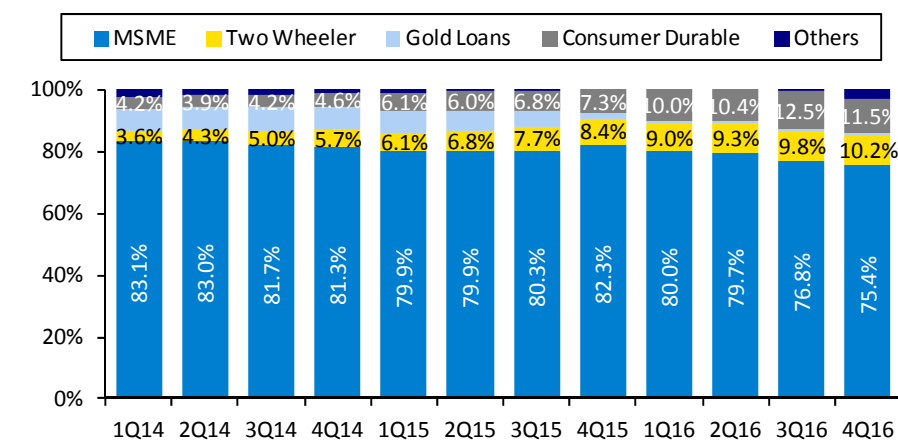
*Asset quality for Q4FY15 is based on 180dpd, while Q4FY16 & Q3FY16 as based on 150dpd

Exhibit 2: AUM growth contribution from both Wholesale & Retail


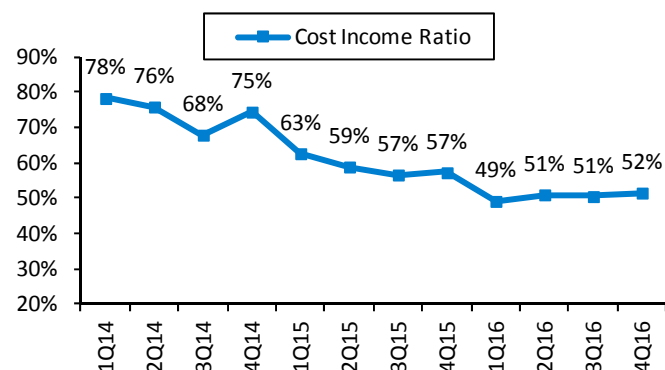
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Exhibit 3: AUM mix remains highly skewed towards Retail


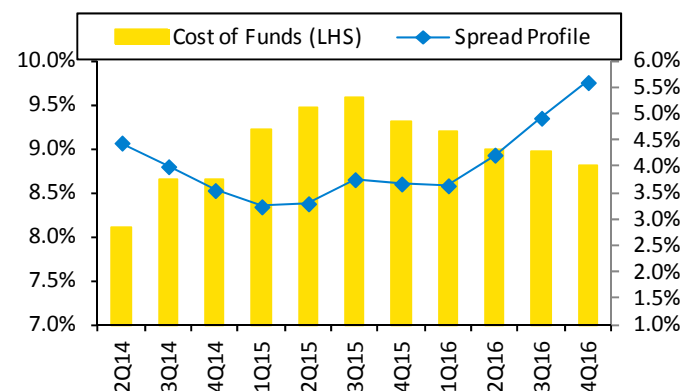
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Exhibit 4: MSME share continues to move down on back of improving share in retail


Source: Company Data, PL Research

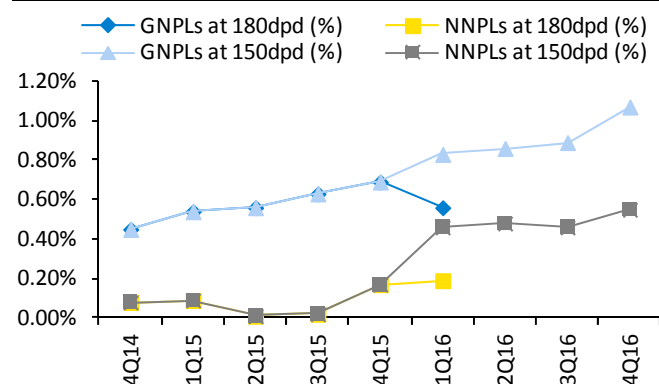
Exhibit 5: Cost-income remains steady as operating levers come into play


Source: Company Data, PL Research

Exhibit 6: Spreads remain on upward trajectory on improving asset mix


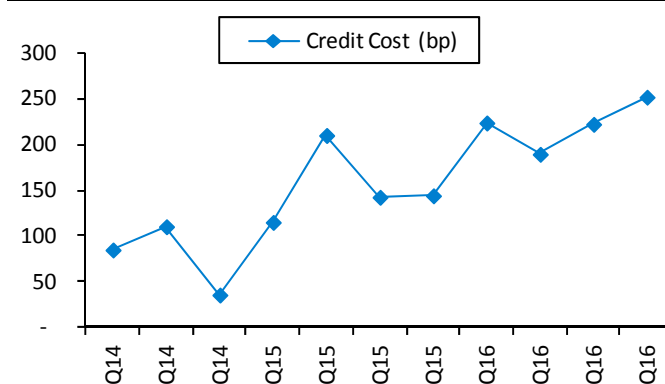
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Exhibit 7: Asset quality witness slight deterioration mainly on some slippages from LAP & as mix moves towards risky segments...



Source: Company Data, PL Research

Exhibit 8: ..as a result credit cost increased to 252bps of loans up 30bps QoQ



Source: Company Data, PL Research

Exhibit 9: Earnings estimate change table – We have tweaked our earnings slightly to factor in better core performance and higher credit cost (mainly on standard assets)

(Rs mn)	Old		New		% change	
	FY17E	FY18E	FY17E	FY18E	FY17E	FY18E
Net interest income	10,359	13,081	12,330	16,214	19.0	24.0
Operating profit	6,355	8,332	7,358	9,736	15.8	16.9
Net profit	2,435	3,488	2,545	3,612	4.5	3.5
EPS, Rs.	26.8	38.3	27.9	39.6	4.1	3.4
BVPS, Rs.	209.6	242.1	200.9	231.7	(4.2)	(4.3)
Price target, Rs.	450		530		17.8	
Recommendation	BUY		BUY			

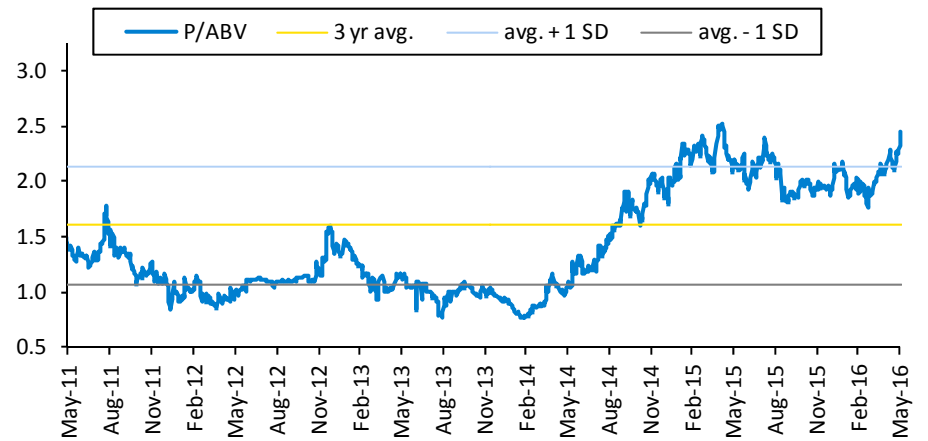
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Exhibit 10: We increase our TP to Rs530 (from Rs450) as we assign higher multiple of 2.4x Sep-17 ABV on robust performance and higher growth

PT calculation and upside	
Fair price - EVA	538
Fair price - P/ABV	520
Average of the two	530
Target P/ABV	2.4
Target P/E	15.7
Current price, Rs	496
Upside (%)	7%
Dividend yield (%)	1%
Total return (%)	7%

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Exhibit 11: Capital First historical P/ABV trends



Source: Company Data, PL Research

Income Statement (Rs m)

Y/e March	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E
Int. Inc. / Opt. Inc.	13,241	18,113	25,437	32,659
Interest Expenses	7,878	9,777	13,107	16,445
Net interest income	5,363	8,336	12,330	16,214
<i>Growth (%)</i>	<i>61.8</i>	<i>55.4</i>	<i>47.9</i>	<i>31.5</i>
Non interest income	1,225	1,556	1,898	2,316
<i>Growth (%)</i>	<i>45.1</i>	<i>27.0</i>	<i>22.0</i>	<i>22.0</i>
Net operating income	6,588	9,892	14,228	18,530
Expenditure				
Employees	1,358	1,807	2,475	3,168
Other expenses	2,412	3,208	4,395	5,626
Depreciation	100	—	—	—
Total expenditure	3,870	5,015	6,870	8,794
PPP	2,718	4,877	7,358	9,736
<i>Growth (%)</i>	<i>139.2</i>	<i>79.4</i>	<i>50.9</i>	<i>32.3</i>
Provision	1,055	2,344	3,501	4,264
Other income	—	—	—	—
Exchange Gain / (Loss)	—	—	—	—
Profit before tax	1,664	2,533	3,857	5,472
Tax	520	861	1,311	1,861
<i>Effective tax rate (%)</i>	<i>31.3</i>	<i>34.0</i>	<i>34.0</i>	<i>34.0</i>
PAT	1,143	1,672	2,545	3,612
<i>Growth (%)</i>	<i>93.9</i>	<i>46.2</i>	<i>52.3</i>	<i>41.9</i>

Balance Sheet (Rs m)

Y/e March	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E
Sources of funds				
Equity	910	912	912	912
Reserves & Surplus	14,828	16,123	18,433	21,670
Networth	15,738	17,035	19,345	22,582
<i>Growth (%)</i>	<i>34.4</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>16.7</i>
Loan funds	84,138	119,549	156,396	197,253
<i>Growth (%)</i>	<i>(0.1)</i>	<i>42.1</i>	<i>30.8</i>	<i>26.1</i>
Others	—	—	—	—
Minority Interest	6,945	8,666	10,162	11,788
Deferred Tax Liability	(421)	(546)	(633)	(735)
Total	106,399	144,704	185,270	230,888
Application of funds				
Net fixed assets	191	292	222	256
Advances	87,845	125,246	160,565	202,312
<i>Growth (%)</i>	<i>26.1</i>	<i>42.6</i>	<i>28.2</i>	<i>26.0</i>
Net current assets	2,917	3,588	4,485	5,561
Investments	11,519	11,259	15,245	17,532
<i>Growth (%)</i>	<i>(51.2)</i>	<i>(2.3)</i>	<i>35.4</i>	<i>15.0</i>
Other Assets	3,927	4,320	4,752	5,227
Total	106,399	144,704	185,270	230,888

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Quarterly Financials (Rs m)

Y/e March	Q1FY16	Q2FY16	Q3FY16	Q4FY16
Int. Inc. / Operating Inc.	3,950	4,335	4,956	5,582
Income from securitization	—	—	—	—
Interest Expenses	1,986	2,116	2,346	2,524
Net Interest Income	1,964	2,218	2,609	3,058
<i>Growth</i>	<i>55.3</i>	<i>45.4</i>	<i>49.7</i>	<i>66.9</i>
Non interest income	33	20	14	1
Net operating income	1,997	2,238	2,623	3,060
<i>Growth</i>	<i>38.6</i>	<i>44.5</i>	<i>49.5</i>	<i>66.0</i>
Operating expenditure	983	1,143	1,327	1,578
PPP	1,014	1,095	1,297	1,482
<i>Growth</i>	<i>88.9</i>	<i>72.4</i>	<i>70.7</i>	<i>88.5</i>
Provision	508	471	619	766
Exchange Gain / (Loss)	—	—	—	—
Profit before tax	506	624	678	716
Tax	175	213	232	239
Prov. for deferred tax liability	—	—	—	—
<i>Effective tax rate (%)</i>	<i>34.5</i>	<i>34.2</i>	<i>34.3</i>	<i>33.5</i>
PAT	331	410	445	476
<i>Growth</i>	<i>58.8</i>	<i>51.7</i>	<i>48.9</i>	<i>30.5</i>

Key Ratios

Y/e March	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E
CMP (Rs)	497	497	497	497
Eq. Shrs. O/s. (m)	91	91	91	91
Market Cap (Rs m)	45,209	45,327	45,327	45,327
Market Cap to AUM (%)	42.5	31.3	24.5	19.6
EPS (Rs)	13.2	18.4	27.9	39.6
Book Value (Rs)	173.0	186.7	212.1	247.6
Adjusted Book Value (Rs)	171.3	179.2	200.9	231.7
P/E (x)	37.6	27.1	17.8	12.5
P/BV (x)	2.9	2.7	2.3	2.0
P/ABV (x)	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.1
DPS (Rs)	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.1
Dividend Yield (%)	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8

Asset Quality

Y/e March	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E
Gross NPAs (Rs m)	606	1,342	2,099	3,181
Net NPAs (Rs m)	149	690	1,022	1,447
Gross NPAs to Gross Adv. (%)	0.7	1.1	1.3	1.6
Net NPAs to Net Adv. (%)	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.7
NPA Coverage (%)	75.4	48.6	51.3	54.5

Profitability (%)

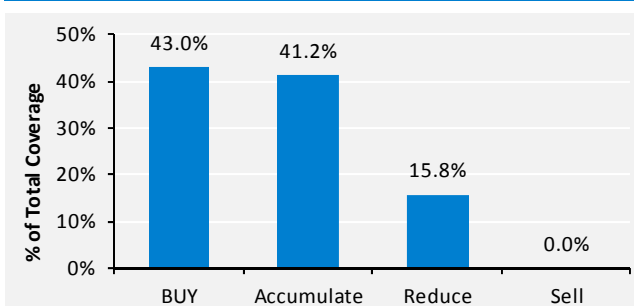
Y/e March	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E
NIM	5.0	6.0	6.8	7.2
RoAA	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.7
RoAE	8.3	10.2	14.0	17.2

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