Punjab National Bank | ADD

Strong quarter; Upgrade to ADD

PNB delivered a strong quarter with PAT rising +14%/+193% YoY/QoQ (+8% vs. JMFe), driven by robust operating efficiencies with opex down ~13% QoQ and lower-than-expected credit costs at 23bps (vs. 34bps JMFe). NII declined 1% QoQ, as NIM (calc.) compressed 9bps QoQ to ~2.4%. Management expects a cumulative NIM improvement of ~15bps in 2H, led by TD repricing benefits. Asset quality strengthened with GNPA/NNPA at 3.45%/0.36% (-33bps/-2bps QoQ) and net slippages (calc.) at -0.27% (vs. 0.08% in 1Q), aided by INR 12bn of one account up-gradation to standard, with full provision write-back expected in 3Q/4Q. Management retained their guidance for GNPA <3%, NNPA ~0.35%, credit cost <0.5%, and slippage ratio <1% for FY26. We have increased our earnings by ~15%-25% for FY26-28E on the back of improving operating leverage and lower credit cost. However, we build average ROA/ROE of 0.8%/12% for FY26-28E. Based on our new rating system, we upgrade stock to ADD (from HOLD earlier) with revised target price of INR 125 (vs. INR 105), valuing it at 0.9x FY27E Adj. BVPS.

- NIM compression drive NII decline: NIM (Calc.) decline of ~9bps QoQ to 2.36% was broadly in line with our estimates of 2.37%. The decline was primarily due to 14bps QoQ contraction in yields, partially offset by 7bps QoQ reduction in cost of funds. Management expects a cumulative NIM improvement of ~15bps in 2HFY26 led by deposit re-pricing. Loan growth remained steady at 11% YoY (picked up QoQ to 4%) on the back of ~140bps QoQ expansion in CD ratio. Within the loan book, MSME advances grew +6% QoQ, followed by retail growing ~4% QoQ and other segments growing at ~3% YoY. Management maintained its credit growth guidance for FY26 ~11–12% to be realized by the ~INR 1.8tn in undisbursed sanctioned credit in the corporate space along with a sharper focus on expanding the RAM book to ~58% of the overall book. NIMs guidance was also maintained at ~2.8-2.9% for FY26 with a cumulative 15bps inch up expected in 2H from on-going TD re-pricing benefits.
- Profitability supported by lower credit costs: Operating profit came in at INR 72.3bn (+2% QoQ, +16% JMFe) driven by strong cost efficiencies with opex declining to ~INR 76bn (-8%/-13% YoY/QoQ, -15% JMFe). Non-interest income declined 18% QoQ due to lower seasonal fee income, expected to recover in 2H. Overall, PAT beat estimates by 8% (+14%/+193% YoY/QoQ), aided by lower credit costs at 23bps (vs. 34bps JMFe).
- Improved asset quality aided by up-gradation and continued recoveries: PNB's asset quality strengthened further, aided by healthy cash recoveries and up-gradations of ~INR 27.2bn (includes one recovery of one account worth INR12bn). Management reiterated FY26 guidance of GNPA <3%, NNPA ~0.35%, credit cost <0.5%, and slippage ratio <1%.
- Valuation and view: PNB delivered a strong quarter driven by steady loan growth, improving asset quality, and sustained operating efficiency. Tier 1 at 14.4% and CAR at 17.2% gives us comfort than bank has strong capital position to supplement growth. We are building loan/deposit CAGR of 13/12% over FY25-28E and average ROA/ROE of ~0.8/12% over FY26-28E. We revise our EPS estimates upwards by ~15-25% for FY26-28E and upgrade stock to ADD (as per our rating system), with a revised TP of INR 125 (vs. INR 105 earlier), valuing the bank at 0.9x FY27E Adj. BVPS.



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Recommendation and Price Target								
Current Reco.	ADD							
Previous Reco.	HOLD							
Current Price Target (12M)	125							
Upside/(Downside)	5.8%							
Previous Price Target	105							
Change	19.0%							

Key Data – PNB IN	
Current Market Price	INR118
Market cap (bn)	INR1,357.3/US\$15.4
Free Float	21%
Shares in issue (mn)	11,492.9
Diluted share (mn)	
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR1,757.7/US\$20.0
52-week range	119/85
Sensex/Nifty	84,363/25,843
INR/US\$	87.9

Price Performance	ce		
%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	4.2	18.7	14.4
Relative*	2.1	11.7	10.0

^{*} To the BSE Sensex

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Profit	82,446	1,66,302	1,68,816	1,61,678	1,74,434
Net Profit (YoY) (%)	228.8%	101.7%	1.5%	-4.2%	7.9%
Assets (YoY) (%)	6.9%	16.5%	10.8%	11.7%	12.2%
ROA (%)	0.5%	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%
ROE (%)	8.7%	15.3%	13.4%	11.6%	11.4%
EPS	7.5	14.5	14.7	14.1	15.2
EPS (YoY) (%)	228.8%	93.3%	1.5%	-4.2%	7.9%
PE (x)	15.8	8.2	8.0	8.4	7.8
BV	89	104	115	127	139
BV (YoY) (%)	7.4%	16.2%	11.3%	9.8%	9.6%
P/BV (x)	1.32	1.14	1.02	0.93	0.85

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 20/Oct/2025

JM Financial Research is also available on: Bloomberg - JMFR <GO>, FactSet, LSEG and S&P Capital IQ.

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Punjab National Bank – 2Q26 Performance

Exhibit 1. 2QFY26 Quarterly Highlights												
Р	Punjab National Bank 2QFY26 results- Snapshot											
(INR bn)	2Q25	1Q26	2Q26	YoY (%)	QoQ'(%)	2Q26e	A/E (%)					
Net Interest Income	105.2	105.8	104.7	0%	-1%	105.4	-1%					
Non-interest income	45.7	52.7	43.4	-5%	-18%	46.4	-6%					
Total income	150.9	158.5	148.1	-2%	-7%	151.8	-2%					
Total Operating Expenses	82.4	87.6	75.8	-8%	-13%	89.3	-15%					
Operating Profit	68.5	70.8	72.3	5%	2%	62.5	16%					
Provisions	2.9	3.2	6.4	123%	99%	9.3	-31%					
PBT	65.7	67.6	65.8	0%	-3%	53.2	24%					
Tax	22.6	50.8	16.8	-26%	-67%	8.0	111%					
PAT	43.0	16.8	49.0	14%	193%	45.2	8%					
Loan (INR bn)	10,196	10,920	11,338	11%	4%	11,193	1%					
Deposit (INR bn)	14,583	15,894	16,171	11%	2%	16,212	0%					
C/D ratio	69.9%	68.7%	70.1%	20 bps	141 bps							
CASA Ratio	38.2%	35.8%	36.1%	(211) bps	29 bps							
Yield on IEA (Calc, %) - 1	7.63%	7.38%	7.24%	(39) bps	(14) bps	7.20%	4 bps					
Cost of funds (Calc, %) - 2	5.18%	5.17%	5.09%	(8) bps	(7) bps	5.05%	4 bps					
Loan - deposit spread = 1 - 2	2.45%	2.22%	2.15%	(31) bps	(7) bps	2.15%	(0) bps					
NIM (calc, %)	2.66%	2.45%	2.36%	(31) bps	(9) bps	2.37%	(2) bps					
Gross Slippages (INR bn)	21.8	18.9	19.6	-10%	4%	20.0	-2.25%					
Net Slippages (INR bn)	-7.3	2.2	-7.6	4%	-440%	7.0	-208.71%					
Gross Slippages (annualised)	0.87%	0.70%	0.70%	(17) bps	1 bps							
Net Slippages (annualised)	-0.29%	0.08%	-0.27%	2 bps	(36) bps							
GNPA (%)	4.48%	3.77%	3.45%	(103) bps	(33) bps	3.59%	(15) bps					
NNPA (%)	0.46%	0.38%	0.36%	(10) bps	(2) bps	0.37%	(2) bps					
Credit cost (%)	0.11%	0.12%	0.23%	12 bps	11 bps	0.34%	(10) bps					
PCR (%)	90.2%	90.3%	90.0%	(16) bps	(30) bps	90.0%	2 bps					
ROA (%)	1.05%	0.37%	1.06%	1 bps	69 bps	0.98%	8 bps					
ROE (%)	14.7%	5.2%	14.7%	(9) bps	948 bps	13.5%	113 bps					

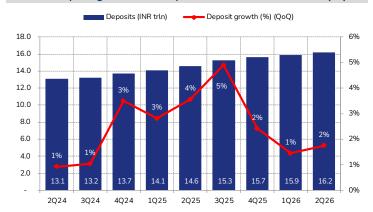
Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 2. PNB 2Q26: Deposits composition											
Deposits Composition (INR bn)	2Q25	1Q26	2Q26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)						
Current	681	707	742	9.0%	5.0%						
Saving	4,886	4,980	5,090	4.2%	2.2%						
CASA	5,567	5,686	5,832	4.7%	2.6%						
Time	9,016	10,207	10,339	14.7%	1.3%						
Total Deposits	14,583	15,894	16,171	10.9%	1.7%						
Current	4.7%	4.4%	4.6%	-0.1%	0.1%						
Saving	33.5%	31.3%	31.5%	-2.0%	0.1%						
CASA	38.2%	35.8%	36.1%	-2.1%	0.3%						
Time	61.8%	64.2%	63.9%	2.1%	-0.3%						
Total	100%	100%	100%								

Exhibit 3. PNB 2Q26: Loan book co	Exhibit 3. PNB 2Q26: Loan book composition											
Loan Book Composition (INR bn)	2Q25	1Q26	2Q26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)							
Agriculture & Allied	1,628	1,789	1,840	13.0%	2.9%							
MSME	1,511	1,694	1,792	18.6%	5.8%							
Large Industry and others	4,473	4,686	4,825	7.9%	3.0%							
Retail Loans	2,501	2,622	2,722	8.8%	3.8%							
Overseas	505	508	517	2.3%	1.7%							
Total	10,619	11,299	11,696	10.1%	3.5%							
Agriculture & Allied	15.3%	15.8%	15.7%	0.4%	-0.1%							
MSME	14.2%	15.0%	15.3%	1.1%	0.3%							
Large Industry and others	42.1%	41.5%	41.3%	-0.9%	-0.2%							
Retail Loans	23.6%	23.2%	23.3%	-0.3%	0.1%							
Overseas	4.8%	4.5%	4.4%	-0.3%	-0.1%							
Total	100%	100%	100%									

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 4. Deposit growth for the quarter stood at 11%/2% YoY/QoQ



Source: Company, JM Financial



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Exhibit 5. Advances growth improved to 4% QoQ (vs. 1% QoQ in 1Q26)

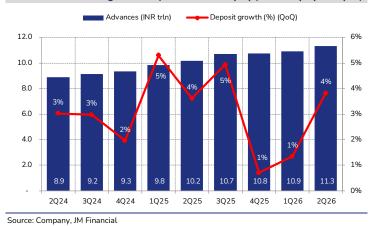


Exhibit 7. Credit costs inched up, but on account of movement of certain

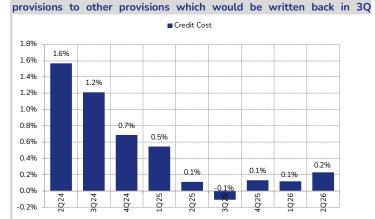
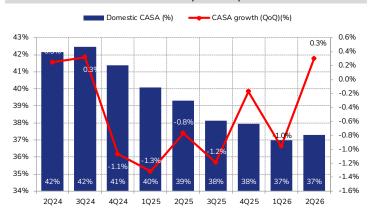
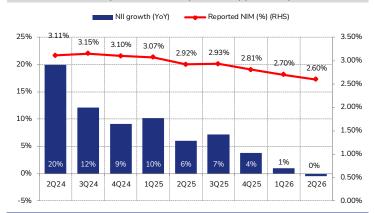


Exhibit 8. Domestic CASA ratio steady on a sequential basis



Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 9. NIMs is expected to inch up in 2H supported by CoF benefits



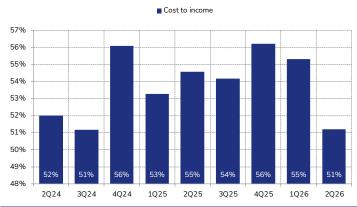
Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 10. Profitability numbers improve again post one-time tax regime change exercise carried out in 1Q



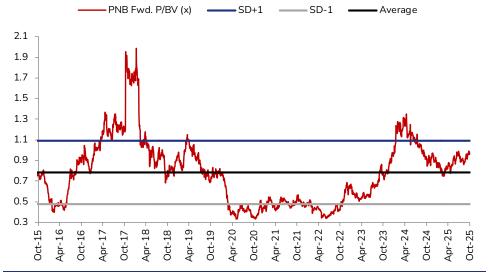
Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 11. Cost to income ratios decline due to operational efficiencies



Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 12. PNB 1 year forward P/BVx



Source: Company, Bloomberg, JM Financial Note: Priced as of 20th Oct, 2025

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	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Recommendation	Add			Hold					
Target Price	125			105			19.3%		
Income statement (INR bn)									
Net Interest Income	438	497	575	430	524	602	1.9%	-5.0%	-4.4%
Non-Interest Income	177	163	168	180	147	154	-1.7%	10.7%	9.0%
Total Income	615	660	743	609	671	756	0.8%	-1.6%	-1.7%
Operating Expenses	340	367	403	364	399	440	-6.5%	-8.1%	-8.4%
Pre-provisioning Profits	274	293	340	246	271	316	11.6%	8.0%	7.6%
Reported Profits	169	162	174	144	129	152	17.4%	25.6%	14.7%
Balance Sheet (INR bn)									
Deposits	17,468	19,651	22,206	17,076	18,955	21,229	2.3%	3.7%	4.6%
Net Advances	12,175	13,758	15,684	12,014	13,576	15,476	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%
Total Assets	20,061	22,406	25,132	19,649	21,662	24,091	2.1%	3.4%	4.3%
Key Ratios (%)									
NIM (%)	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%	2.6%	2.7%	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.2%
ROA (%)	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%	0.6%	0.7%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
ROE (%)	13%	12%	11%	12%	9%	10%	2%	2%	1%
EPS (Rs.)	14.7	14.1	15.2	12.5	11.2	13.2	17.4%	25.6%	14.7%
Net NPA (%)	0.3%	0.3%	-0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	-0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Financial Tables (Standalone)

Profit & Loss					(INR bn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Interest Income	401	428	438	497	575
Profit on Investments	7	39	35	15	10
Exchange Income	5	4	6	7	7
Fee & Other Income	122	120	136	141	150
Non-Interest Income	134	163	177	163	168
Total Income	535	591	615	660	743
Operating Expenses	285	323	340	367	403
Pre-provisioning Profits	249	268	274	293	340
Loan-Loss Provisions	123	17	17	46	74
Provisions on Investments	-14	0	0	0	0
Others Provisions	8	0	2	2	2
Total Provisions	117	17	19	48	76
PBT	132	252	255	245	264
Tax	49	85	87	83	89
PAT (Pre-Extraordinaries)	82	166	169	162	174
Extra ordinaries (Net of Tax)	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Profits	82	166	169	162	174
Dividend paid	17	33	34	32	35
Retained Profits	66	133	135	129	139

Balance Sheet					(INR bn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Equity Capital	22	23	23	23	23
Reserves & Surplus	960	1,168	1,303	1,432	1,571
Deposits	13,697	15,666	17,468	19,651	22,206
Borrowings	504	838	852	871	890
Other Liabilities	352	404	416	429	442
Total Liabilities	15,535	18,099	20,061	22,406	25,132
Investments	4,203	4,973	5,252	5,605	6,190
Net Advances	9,344	10,775	12,175	13,758	15,684
Cash & Equivalents	1,291	1,487	1,647	2,111	2,354
Fixed Assets	40	47	60	78	88
Other Assets	657	816	926	853	816
Total Assets	15,535	18,099	20,061	22,406	25,132

Source: Company, JM Financial

Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Growth (YoY) (%)					
Deposits	6.9%	14.4%	11.5%	12.5%	13.0%
Advances	12.5%	15.3%	13.0%	13.0%	14.0%
Total Assets	6.9%	16.5%	10.8%	11.7%	12.2%
NII	16.2%	6.7%	2.3%	13.6%	15.7%
Non-interest Income	10.2%	21.9%	8.4%	-7.9%	3.0%
Operating Expenses	18.4%	13.1%	5.5%	7.9%	9.7%
Operating Profits	10.7%	7.6%	2.2%	6.8%	16.1%
Core Operating profit	2.4%	-5.5%	4.4%	16.2%	18.7%
Provisions	-35.7%	-85.7%	12.9%	156.4%	57.3%
Reported PAT	228.8%	101.7%	1.5%	-4.2%	7.9%
Yields / Margins (%)					
Interest Spread	2.61%	2.45%	2.21%	2.25%	2.30%
NIM	2.80%	2.67%	2.41%	2.45%	2.52%
Profitability (%)					
Non-IR to Income	25.0%	27.6%	28.8%	24.7%	22.6%
Cost to Income	53.4%	54.6%	55.4%	55.6%	54.2%
ROA	0.55%	0.99%	0.88%	0.76%	0.73%
ROE	8.7%	15.3%	13.4%	11.6%	11.4%
Assets Quality (%)					
Slippages	0.72%	0.73%	0.72%	0.75%	0.80%
Gross NPA	5.73%	3.95%	3.05%	2.60%	2.37%
Net NPAs	0.73%	0.40%	0.31%	0.27%	0.24%
Provision Coverage	87.9%	90.3%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%
Specific LLP	1.40%	0.19%	0.06%	0.27%	0.41%
Net NPAs / Networth	6.9%	3.6%	2.9%	2.5%	2.4%
Capital Adequacy (%)					
Tier I	13.17%	14.05%	13.95%	13.54%	13.07%
CAR	15.97%	17.01%	16.62%	15.95%	15.22%

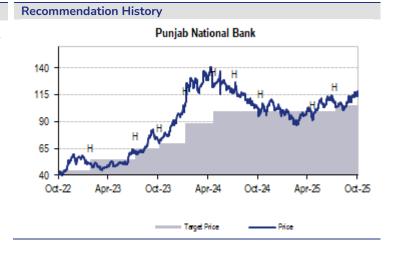
Dupont Analysis					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
NII / Assets	2.67%	2.54%	2.29%	2.34%	2.42%
Other Income / Assets	0.89%	0.97%	0.93%	0.77%	0.71%
Total Income / Assets	3.56%	3.51%	3.22%	3.11%	3.13%
Cost / Assets	1.90%	1.92%	1.78%	1.73%	1.69%
PBP / Assets	1.66%	1.60%	1.44%	1.38%	1.43%
Provisions / Assets	0.78%	0.10%	0.10%	0.23%	0.32%
PBT / Assets	0.88%	1.50%	1.34%	1.15%	1.11%
Tax rate	37.5%	33.9%	33.9%	33.9%	33.9%
ROA	0.55%	0.99%	0.88%	0.76%	0.73%
RoRWAs	1.18%	2.13%	1.92%	1.63%	1.55%
Leverage	15.8	15.2	15.1	15.4	15.8
ROE	8.7%	15.3%	13.4%	11.6%	11.4%

Source: Company, JM Financial

Valuations					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Shares in Issue	11.0	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5
EPS (INR)	7.5	14.5	14.7	14.1	15.2
EPS (YoY) (%)	228.8%	93.3%	1.5%	-4.2%	7.9%
PER (x)	15.8	8.2	8.0	8.4	7.8
BV (INR)	89	104	115	127	139
BV (YoY) (%)	7.4%	16.2%	11.3%	9.8%	9.6%
ABV (INR)	98	111	122	133	145
ABV (YoY) (%)	17.7%	13.2%	9.5%	9.0%	9.3%
P/BV (x)	1.32	1.14	1.02	0.93	0.85
P/ABV (x)	1.20	1.06	0.97	0.89	0.81
DPS (INR)	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.0
Div. yield (%)	1.3%	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%	2.6%

Source: Company, JM Financial

History of Re	commendation and	l Target Price	
Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.
9-Jan-20	Sell	55	
11-Mar-20	Sell	50	-9.1
13-Apr-20	Sell	30	-40.0
11-Jan-21	Hold	43	43.3
11-Oct-21	Hold	45	4.7
15-Feb-23	Hold	55	22.2
28-Jul-23	Hold	65	18.2
26-Oct-23	Hold	70	7.7
28-Jan-24	Hold	88	25.7
9-May-24	Hold	100	13.6
28-Jul-24	Hold	100	0.0
29-Oct-24	Hold	100	0.0
8-May-25	Hold	100	0.0
30-Jul-25	Hold	105	5.0



APPENDIX I

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