

# **Sundaram Finance (SUF IN)**

Rating: HOLD | CMP: Rs4,646 | TP: Rs4,800

# August 5, 2025

# Q1FY26 Result Update

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#### **Change in Estimates**

	Cur	rent	Pre	vious		
	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E		
Rating	HOLD HOLD					
<b>Target Price</b>	4,8	300	5,000			
NII (Rs.)	28,438	33,215	28,587	33,212		
% Chng.	(0.5)	-				
PPoP (Rs.)	27,987	30,611	27,089	30,319		
% Chng.	3.3	1.0				
EPS (Rs.)	161.3	182.0	161.1	182.9		
% Chng.	0.1	(0.5)				

#### **Key Financials - Consolidated**

Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Net Int.Inc. (Rs m)	19,488	24,034	28,438	33,215
Growth (%)	15.2	23.3	18.3	16.8
Op. Profit (Rs m)	19,705	23,191	27,987	30,611
PAT (Rs m)	13,202	15,633	17,920	20,219
EPS (Rs.)	130.9	140.7	161.3	182.0
Gr. (%)	33.6	7.5	14.6	12.8
DPS (Rs.)	29.7	32.3	37.0	41.7
Yield (%)	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
Margin (%)	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.4
RoAE (%)	15.3	15.2	15.0	14.6
RoAA (%)	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.8
PE (x)	35.5	33.0	28.8	25.5
P/BV (x)	3.7	2.9	2.4	2.0
P/ABV (x)	3.8	3.0	2.5	2.0

Key Data	SNFN.BO   SUF IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.5,536 / Rs.3,733
Sensex / Nifty	80,710 / 24,650
Market Cap	Rs.516bn/ \$ 5,879m
Shares Outstanding	111m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.390.93m

#### **Shareholding Pattern (%)**

Promoter's	25.39
Foreign	52.62
Domestic Institution	16.33
Public & Others	5.65
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	_

### Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	(10.1)	1.0	15.1
Relative	(7.1)	(2.1)	12.4

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# Tepid disbursements; asset quality weakens

#### **Quick Pointers:**

- Weak disbursement growth in the quarter (+6% YoY); expect a pick-up in H2
- Headline asset quality ratios see a spike

Q1 has seen soft disbursement growth (+6% YoY) due to low government spending/ general slowdown in economic activity. We build a growth of 15.5% in FY26, anticipating a pick-up in economic activity in H2. Calculated NIM stood largely stable at 5.2%; we expect a similar trend in FY26 supported by a lower CoF. Asset quality trends have deteriorated in the quarter (GS3/NS3 at 1.91%/ 1.08%) due to payment pressures in the MSME segment; however collection activity remains healthy. We marginally tweak our estimates and value SUF's standalone business at Rs 3,882 (3.1x Mar-27 ABV) and assign a value of Rs 918 to subsidiaries with a 20% holding company discount to arrive at a TP of Rs 4,800. Weak outlook on growth and higher credit costs are a drag. Maintain HOLD rating as the stock price captures all the positives.

- Weak disbursement growth; expect a pick-up in H2: Q1 saw tepid disbursement growth (6% YoY) at Rs 73.1 bn. While industry sales were sluggish with low-single digit growth across MHCV/ CV segments, tractors and cars saw positive momentum. While the company has retained market share in almost all asset classes, disbursement growth continues to be weak on account of low government capex and a general slowdown in economic activity. We expect growth to recover in H2 with a strong monsoon and pick-up in government spend and private capex. Q1 AUM grew 17% YoY/3.5% QoQ to Rs 532.8 bn, driven by steady growth in CV, CE, tractors and Cars. We factor an improvement in H2 and build an AUM growth of 15.5% in FY26E.
- Expect NIM to be stable aided by lower CoF: NII grew by 28% YoY/2% QoQ to Rs 6.8 bn. While CoF increased by 8 bps QoQ to 7.42%, it was offset by an improvement in yield (+5 bps QoQ to 12%). As a result, calculated NIM stood largely stable QoQ at 5.2% (vs. 5.26% in Q4FY25). Company is focusing on the right asset class/ customer mix to optimize margins; we expect a stable NIM in FY26 supported by a lower CoF. Opex grew 13% YoY/ 3% QoQ while C/I ratio stood at 27.7% (vs. 26.9% in 4QFY25). PBT saw a robust improvement (+38% YoY) boosted by higher dividend income in the quarter.
- Headline asset quality ratios see pressure: Asset quality trends deteriorated in the quarter with Gross stage 3/Net stage 3 at 1.91%/ 1.08% vs. 1.44%/ 0.75% in 4QFY25. The company maintains a PCR of 44%. GNPA/NNPA (as per the RBI's new norms) stood at 2.66%/ 1.71% vs. 2.17%/ 1.38% in 4QFY25. Commentary indicated a spike in asset quality concerns with Q1 seeing cashflow pressures created by state govts and delays by large contractors. Despite system-wide asset quality concerns particularly in the MSME segment, collection activity remained healthy at 91%. Capital Adequacy Ratio stood at 20% as of 1QFY26.

■ Subsidiaries report healthy performance: (1) Sundaram Home Finance – AUM grew by 24% YoY; while disbursements grew 10% YoY. The proportion of Non-housing loans stood at 42% from 40% in Q1FY25. Asset quality trend saw a spike (GNPA/NNPA at 1.6%/ 1.0% vs. 1.0%/ 0.5% in 4QFY25). Company continues to focus on the Self-employed segment and is growing its affordable lending portfolio as well. (2) Royal Sundaram – GWP grew 16% YoY to Rs 12.9 bn and the company reported a profit of Rs 1.3 bn. (3) Sundaram Asset Management – Average AUM remained largely flat YoY and stood at Rs 805 bn while PAT grew 55% YoY to Rs 450 mn. The proportion of equity-oriented schemes stood at 81%.

Exhibit 1: Q1FY26 Result Overview (Rs mn)

Y/e March	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	YoY gr. (%)	Q1FY26E	% Var	Q4FY25	QoQ gr. (%)	FY26E	FY25	YoY gr. (%)
NII	6,792	5,298	28.2	6,838	(0.7)	6,685	1.6	28,438	24,034	18.3
Spread (%) (calc)	5.4	4.9	47bps	5.3	7bps	5.5	-12bps	5.3	5.3	6bps
Other income	3,133	1,895	65.3	2,595	20.7	3,244	(3.4)	9,931	9,546	4.0
Net Revenue	9,925	7,193	38.0	9,433	5.2	9,929	(0.0)	38,369	33,580	14.3
Opex	2,754	2,438	13.0	2,924	(5.8)	2,671	3.1	10,382	10,389	(0.1)
PPOP	7,171	4,755	50.8	6,509	10.2	7,258	(1.2)	27,987	23,191	20.7
Provisions	1,574	734	114.5	785	100.5	(11)	(14,028.3)	4,948	2,368	109.0
PBT	5,597	4,022	39.2	5,724	(2.2)	7,269	(23.0)	23,039	20,823	10.6
Tax	1,310	945	38.6	1,426	(8.1)	1,811	(27.7)	5,118	5,190	(1.4)
ETR (%)	23.4	23.5		24.9		24.9		22.2	24.9	
PAT	4,287	3,077	39.4	4,298	(0.3)	5,459	(21.5)	17,920	15,633	14.6
<b>Business Metrics</b>										
AUM	5,32,780	4,56,710	16.7	5,31,678	0.2	5,14,760	3.5	5,94,760	5,14,760	15.5
Borrowings	4,88,090	4,37,070	11.7	4,89,859	(0.4)	4,73,620	3.1	5,47,980	4,73,201	15.8
<b>Asset Quality Metrics</b>										
GNPA (%)	1.91	1.56	35bps	NA	NA	1.44	47bps	1.81	1.44	37bps
NNPA (%)	1.07	0.84	23bps	NA	NA	0.75	32bps	1.00	0.75	25bps
PCR (%)	44.0	46.2	-215bps	NA	NA	49.0	-500bps	44.8	47.9	-317bps

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 2: Break-up of our SoTP of Rs. 5,000

Entity	Valuation Method	Value per share (Rs)
Sundaram Finance (Standalone)	3.1x Mar-27 ABV, adjusted for subsidiaries cost of investment	3,882
Sundaram Home Finance (Subsidiary)	1.5x FY25 Networth	283
Sundaram Asset Management (Subsidiary)	10% of last reported AUM	725
Royal Sundaram (General Insurance JV)	Valued on last transaction basis	137
Other subsidiaries & Associates	Net worth of other investments on FY25 basis	3
	20% holding company discount	229
	Target Price	4,800

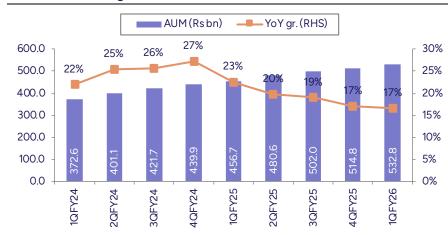
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Exhibit 3: One-year forward P/ABV of SUF trades at 3.9x



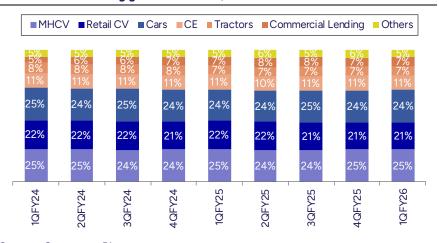
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Exhibit 4: AUM has grown 17% YoY to Rs 532.8 bn



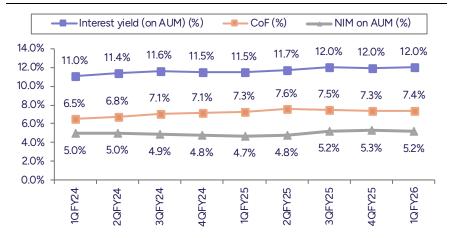
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Exhibit 5: ...with strong growth in MHCV, Cars and CE



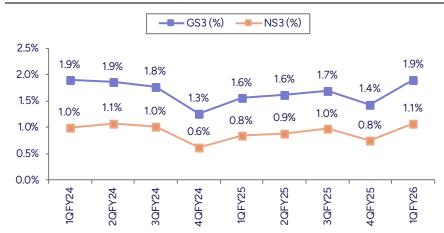
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Exhibit 6: NIM has been stable despite increase in CoF



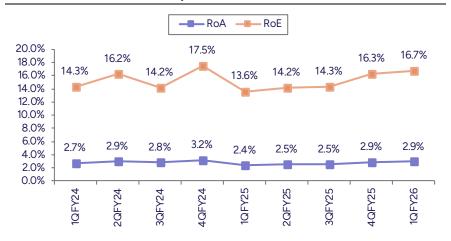
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Exhibit 7: Headline asset quality ratios have been deteriorated



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 8: Return ratios have improved - RoA/ RoE (%)



Source: Company, PL





Income Statement (Rs. m)					Quarterly Financials (Rs. m)				
Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	Y/e Mar	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26
Int. Inc. / Opt. Inc.	45,246	56,574	65,783	75,085	Int. Inc. / Operating Inc.	13,732	14,779	15,196	15,728
Interest Expenses	25,758	32,540	37,345	41,871	Income from securitization	-	-	-	-
Net interest income	19,488	24,034	28,438	33,215	Interest Expenses	8,108	8,352	8,511	8,936
Growth(%)	15.2	23.3	18.3	16.8	Net Interest Income	5,625	6,427	6,685	6,792
Non-interest income	9,698	9,546	9,931	10,114	Growth (%)	15.8	28.3	29.3	28.2
Growth(%)	52.0	(1.6)	4.0	1.8	Non-Interest Income	2,389	1,859	3,244	3,133
Net operating income	29,186	33,580	38,369	43,329	Net Operating Income	8,013	8,286	9,929	9,925
Expenditures					Growth (%)	4.6	25.9	17.3	38.0
Employees	5,485	6,430	5,191	6,359	Operating expenditure	2,580	2,700	2,671	2,754
Other Expenses	2,678	3,959	5,191	6,359	PPP	5,433	5,586	7,258	7,171
Depreciation	1,318	-	-	-	Growth (%)	3.1	35.9	20.2	50.8
Operating Expenses	9,481	10,389	10,382	12,717	Provision	734	912	(11)	1,574
PPP	19,705	23,191	27,987	30,611	Exchange Gain / (Loss)	-	-	-	-
Growth(%)	26.8	17.7	20.7	9.4	Profit before tax	4,699	4,674	7,269	5,597
Provisions	2,738	2,368	4,948	4,274	Tax	1,251	1,183	1,811	1,310
Profit Before Tax	16,967	20,823	23,039	26,337	Prov. for deferred tax liability	-	-	-	-
Tax	3,765	5,190	5,118	6,118	Effective Tax Rate	26.6	25.3	24.9	23.4
Effective Tax rate(%)	22.2	24.9	22.2	23.2	PAT	3,448	3,491	5,459	4,287
PAT	13,202	15,633	17,920	20,219	Growth	(6)	16	47	39
Growth(%)	21.3	18.4	14.6	12.8	AUM	4,80,580	5,01,990	5,14,760	5,32,780
Balance Sheet (Rs. m)					YoY growth (%)	19.8	19.0	17.0	16.7
Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	Borrowing	4,36,996	4,54,539	4,73,201	4,90,875
	F124	F125	FIZOE	FIZZE	YoY growth (%)	15.5	12.7	15.8	16.7
Source of funds	1 111	1 111	1 111	1 111	Key Ratios				
Equity	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111		FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Reserves and Surplus	93,606	1,10,280	1,27,034	1,47,061	Y/e Mar				
Networth (%)	94,717	1,11,391	1,28,145	1,48,172	CMP (Rs)	4,646	4,646	4,646	4,646
Growth (%)	22.4	17.6	15.0	15.6	EPS (Rs)	130.9	140.7	161.3	182.0
Loan funds	4,08,769 24.8	4,73,201	5,47,980	6,25,403	Book value (Rs)	1,241.0	1,593.6	1,915.6	2,335.8
Growth (%)	24.0	15.8	15.8	14.1	Adj. BV(Rs) P/E(x)	1,221.4 35.5	1,564.0 33.0	1,889.0 28.8	2,302.3 25.5
Deferred Tax Liability	_		_						
Other Current Liabilities Other Liabilities	6 202			(10,210)	P/BV(x) P/ABV(x)	3.7 3.8	2.9 3.0	2.4	2.0
Total Liabilities	6,392 <b>5,09,878</b>	7,556	(8,416) <b>6,67,709</b>		DPS (Rs)	29.7	32.3	37.0	41.7
	3,03,676	5,92,148	6,67,709	7,63,365		29.7	32.3	37.0	41.7
Application of funds	F F0C	C FC4	C 020	7105	Dividend Payout Ratio(%)				-
Net fixed assets	5,596	6,564	6,829	7,105	Dividend Yield(%)	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
Advances  Growth (%)	4,20,768 <i>24.7</i>	4,93,735	5,76,821	6,58,319	Asset Quality				
		17.3	16.8	14.1	Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Investments	63,829	68,626	81,055	94,822	Gross NPAs(Rs m)	8,573	7,413	10,788	13,574
Current Assets  Net current assets	14,184	19,745	-	-	Net NPA(Rs m)	5,385	3,861	5,960	7,364
	14,184	19,745		2 110	Gross NPAs to Gross Adv.(%)	1.3	1.4	1.8	2.0
Other Assets	5,501	3,478	3,004	3,118	Net NPAs to net Adv.(%)	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.1
Total Assets	5,09,878	5,92,148	6,67,709	7,63,365	NPA coverage(%)	37.2	47.9	44.8	45.8
Growth (%)	24.2	16.1	12.8	14.3					
Business Mix	4 20 070	E 44 700	F 0 4 7 C 0	6 70 702	Du-Pont as a % of AUM				
AUM	4,39,870	5,14,760	5,94,760	6,78,793	Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Growth (%)	27.3	17.0	15.5	14.1	NII	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.6
On Balance Sheet	4,39,870	5,14,760	5,94,760	6,78,793	NII INCI. Securitization	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.6
% of AUM	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Total income	11.9	12.0	12.0	11.9
Off Balance Sheet	_	-	_	-	Operating Expenses	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.8
% of AUM	-	-	-	-	PPOP	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.3
Profitability & Capital (%)					Total Provisions	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.6
Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	RoAA	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.8
NIM	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.4	Avg. Assets/Avg. net worth	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2
ROAA	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.8	RoAE	15.3	15.2	15.0	14.6
					Source: Company Data, PL Research				
ROAA ROAE Source: Company Data, PL Research	16.9	15.2	15.0	14.6	Source: Company Data, PL Research				

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2	Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company	Hold	1,500	1,423
3	Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services	Hold	285	266
4	Shriram Finance	Hold	650	616
5	Sundaram Finance	Hold	5,000	5,167

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 : > 15%

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 : 5% to 15%

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 : +5% to -5%

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 : -5% to -15%

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