

Company Profile

SBI is the oldest and the largest bank domestically. Go owns 61.3 per cent of the bank's equity. As a group it offers a wide range of banking products and services. Through its non-banking subsidiaries and joint venture companies, it offers a wide range of financial services, such as merchant banking, fund management, factoring, primary dealership, broking, investment banking, credit cards, life insurance, and general insurance. The bank has the widest branch and ATM network in the country.

Source: Company Website

Credit cost remains high but improves PCR for the bank

- Recoveries from Agricultural/Retail will help write-back provisions, but an NCLT referred account by RBI takes its PCR to 52%
- SBI also went ahead to do specific provisions on stressed standard accounts and accelerated provisions on some NPAs outside NCLT which has kept credit cost at 370bps. We expect it to revert to normalized levels
- There was increased slippages in Agricultural loans from both Maharashtra and Karnataka as both these states had announced loan waivers in one form or the other.

Investment Rationale

- Remains our top pick among State Run Banks

- Decline in fresh slippages reiterates improving asset quality
- Expect limited damage to power assets but healthy recoveries from metal assets lending
- The bank is well capitalised with Tier 1 at 11% and capital infusion will help recovery faster
- While corporate slippages may remain volatile, the relatively low watch-list and restructured assets provide comfort on future slippage trajectory. Continued focus on increasing retail loan share led by housing and auto
- Strong CASA franchise and lead for deposit rates driving cost of funds lower
- Strong capital position and further capital infusion to further cleanse its book
- SBI subsidiaries continue to do well especially in its key subs like Life insurance biz, which continues to add value to profitability.
- The stock currently trades at Rs311. We have a SOTP target price of Rs 475 on the stock, that represents an upside potential of 53%.

Improving Operational performance

- Decent operational performance
- NII growth continued at decent pace of 3.5% YoY (2Qfy18) as margins improved sequentially. Margins improved by 7bps QoQ to 2.43%
- NIMs stabilized as cost of funding continued to benefit with savings rate cut benefit coming in and should reflect fully in Q3FY18.
- Core Bank's fees were slightly tepid as credit linked fees was slower.
- Contraction in corporate credit led to lower than estimated NII.

Loan growth continues to remain soft on poor corporate book off take but we expect this to improve as investments pick up

- Overall loan growth was flat as corporate loan book contracted but bank has been participating in credit substitutes (CPs/corp. bonds) which overall loan book grow by 3% YoY
- Bank has participated refinancing by better rated large corporates and hence bank credit off-take remained lower
- Retail continued to lead growth at 13% Yoy but other loan segments continued to be sluggish.
- Bank expects slower loan growth in corporate book and should pick up from FY19 as project loan disbursement pick-up, while SME/Agricultural should pick-up in H2FY18.

Decline in Fresh Slippages reflects Improving Asset Quality

- There continues to be higher provisioning which in some accounts which is reflecting in lower net earnings
- The higher provisioning has been referred to NCLT
- There has also been higher provisioning on standard stressed assets.
- Pre Provisioning Operating Profit was supported by decent NII, stake sale gains and lower opex
- Key positive was lower slippages than previous trends and equally contributed from corporate & non-corporate book.
- Loan book remained flat but liability franchise continues to hold
- We believe, provisions will remain high in FY18 as bank adopts risk based provisioning but slippages should be under control
- Half of the corporate book slippage was from watch list. 50% of watch list is now power and some exposure towards telecom/steel.
- Expect retail slippages to be lower and recoveries to improve as they see more stability to the retail credit, with Agricultural recoveries to be realised in Q3/Q4FY18
- The corporate slippages are likely to be volatile as there are few lumpy accounts still left.

SOTP VALUATIONS				
SOTP VALUATIONS	Multiple	Stake %	Price Target	Method
SBI	1.50	100.00	364.50	Average P/B
Life Insurance		62.00	72.00	Appraisal Value
AMC		60.00	10.00	4.5% of AUM
Capital Market/DFHI etc.		100.00	35.00	
General Insurance		74.00	21.00	
Total Subsidiary value at 20% holding discount			110.40	
Value per share			474.90	

**Source: Company Data, Consensus Estimates*

Valuations and Outlook

- Remains our top pick among State run Banks. Within PSU banks, SBIN remains the best play recovery in Indian economy with lowest NSL relatively healthy PCR, conservation of capital, healthy capitalization, strong liability franchise and focus on core operating profitability.
 - Continued focus on increasing retail loan share led by housing and auto
 - SBI subsidiaries continue to do well especially in its key subs like Life insurance biz, which continues to add value to profitability. The stock has still not captured the entire value of its insurance subsidiary post its listing
 - Strong CASA franchise and lead for deposit rates driving its own cost of funds lower
- Strong capital position post raising from QIP and further capital infusion announced by the Government via recap bonds enable the bank to further cleanse its book
 - Cross selling ability from its franchise remain low hanging fruits given its superior market share in many product segments
 - While corporate slippages may remain volatile, the relatively low watch-list and restructured assets provide comfort on future slippage trajectory. The current quarter has addressed the concerns about management transition, and we look forward to speedy recovery in SBI's asset quality
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Financials (in Rs. Millions)

Y/E March	2016A	2017A	2018E	2019E	2020E
Net Income	10,58,152	11,82,110	11,74,510	12,95,512	14,62,496
Operating Profits	5,37,330	5,96,960	5,92,101	6,86,549	7,94,256
Provisions	3,74,113	6,09,844	4,66,931	4,32,361	3,30,062
PBT	1,63,217	-12,884	1,25,170	2,54,188	4,64,194
PAT	1,15,894	-20,239	95,129	1,72,848	3,15,652
NIMs	3.00	2.80	2.70	2.70	2.80
RoE	7.60	-1.20	5.30	8.00	13.10
RoA	0.40	-0.10	0.30	0.50	0.80
Adj. BVPS	157.00	128.00	170.00	205.00	243.00
EPS	14.90	-2.50	11.50	19.60	34.90
P/Adj.BV	1.98	2.43	1.83	1.52	1.28

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Price	Value	Date	CAGR	Percentage	Years
All time High	351.50	08-Nov-2010	Since Inception -NSE	13.08	23.24
All time Low	13.21	21-Sep-2001	Jan-13	4.85	5.00
52 Week High	351.30	26-Oct-2017	Details Recommendation		
52 Week Low	241.15	19-Oct-2017	Recommendation	Buy	
Latest Close	312.10	29-Jan-2018	Closing Price	312.10	
Average 12M Closing	289.97	29-Jan-2018	Range	286-330	
EMA			Expected Target Price	475.00	
Short Term	310.30	29-Jan-2018	Expected Return	52.19%	
Medium Term	304.60	29-Jan-2018	Stop Loss	248.00	
Long Term	289.85	29-Jan-2018	Expected Risk	-20.54%	
			Minimum Holding Period	9 months	

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