

Satin Creditcare Network | HOLD

Asset quality on the mend; growth outlook uncertain

In 4QFY25, Satin Creditcare (Satin) witnessed a weak quarter as anticipated with a PAT of INR 0.22bn (-83%/-+54% YoY/QoQ), -31% below our estimates, resulting in RoA/RoE of 0.8%/3.4%. Yields declined -247bps QoQ on account of lower DA income, which led to lower reported NIMs (-288bps QoQ). Lower non-interest income and higher opex led to further miss in PPoP at INR 1.3bn (-46%/-41% YoY/QoQ, -45% JMFe). Though credit cost was elevated at 3.8% for 4QFY25, full year credit cost (reported at 4.6%) was within the management guidance of 4.5-5%. However, positive reversal in PAR 30-90 bucket (at 0.9% vs 1.8% QoQ) indicates early signs of recovery with steady X-bucket collection efficiency of 99.8%. Moreover, Satin has lower exposure to Karnataka (0.8%) and Tamil Nadu (2.6%), thus collections are unlikely to be impacted materially. However, we believe that full implementation of MFN guardrails is likely to result in constrained growth and elevated opex (on account of higher work-force hiring) over the near-term leading to expected avg RoA/RoE of 2.5%/11.4% over FY26E/27E. We maintain HOLD on the stock with a revised TP of INR 155, valuing it at an unchanged target multiple of 0.5x FY27E book. Coverage has been transferred to Mayank Mistry.

- Steady growth:** AUM during the quarter grew +8% YoY, +5% QoQ led by healthy disbursements growth of +9% QoQ, flat YoY. Active borrowers in the MFI business declined by 0.03mn QoQ and 0.05mn YoY. On a consolidated basis, active clients of Satin declined to 3.36mn. Management refrained from giving any growth guidance for FY26 but expects 3% increase in rejection rates in the incremental underwriting led by MFN guardrails. We expect growth momentum to start picking up from 2HFY26 and expect AUM growth of ~12% CAGR over FY25-27E.
- Higher credit cost and elevated opex continue to drive lower PAT:** Satin reported a PAT of INR 0.22bn (-83% YoY, +54% QoQ), which was -31% below our estimates. Yields declined -247bps QoQ on account of lower DA income which led to lower reported NIMs (-288bps QoQ). CoFs were down -59bps QoQ. Lower non-interest income and higher opex (+47% YoY, +14% QoQ) led to a further miss in PPoP at INR 1.3bn (-46%/-41% YoY/QoQ). The higher opex was on account of increased hiring in collections and underwriting teams to implement MFN guardrails. Credit costs remained elevated at 3.8% for 4QFY25 while full year reported credit costs was at 4.6% in line with the management guidance of 4.5-5%. We expect opex to remain elevated over the medium term and credit costs to start normalising going forward, leading to average RoA/RoE of 2.5%/11.4% over FY26E/27E.
- Asset quality improves sequentially:** GNPA/NNPA improved -20bps/-8bps QoQ to 3.7%/1.4% while overall PCR ratio was steady at 62.3%. Satin had indicated pockets of stress in states of Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Maharashtra where things have started improving. However, Bihar GNPA remains elevated at ~4.9% due to Karza Mukti Abhiyan and migration of clients. PAR 30-90 bucket improved sequentially to 0.9% (vs 1.8% QoQ), which indicates early signs of recovery while X-bucket collection efficiency



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Recommendation and Price Target

Current Reco.	HOLD
Previous Reco.	HOLD
Current Price Target (12M)	155
Upside/(Downside)	-7.7%
Previous Price Target	150
Change	3.3%

Key Data – SATIN IN

Current Market Price	INR168
Market cap (bn)	INR18.5/US\$0.2
Free Float	47%
Shares in issue (mn)	110.0
Diluted share (mn)	
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR40.6/US\$0.5
52-week range	252/131
Sensex/Nifty	80,747/24,414
INR/US\$	84.8

Price Performance

%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	20.1	1.7	-30.5
Relative*	10.4	0.1	-36.8

* To the BSE Sensex

Financial Summary						(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	
Net Profit	4,359	1,861	2,749	3,798	4,448	
Net Profit (YoY) (%)	8,957.3%	-57.3%	47.7%	38.2%	17.1%	
Assets (YoY) (%)	33.6%	10.5%	10.8%	12.3%	14.7%	
ROA (%)	4.8%	1.7%	2.3%	2.8%	2.9%	
ROE (%)	21.8%	7.5%	10.3%	12.6%	13.0%	
EPS	39.6	16.9	25.0	34.5	40.4	
EPS (YoY) (%)	6,914.5%	-57.3%	47.7%	38.2%	17.1%	
P/E (x)	4.2	9.9	6.7	4.9	4.2	
BV	218	231	256	291	331	
BV (YoY) (%)	16.3%	5.9%	10.8%	13.5%	13.9%	
P/BV (x)	0.77	0.73	0.66	0.58	0.51	

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 07/May/2025

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was also steady at 99.8%. Moreover, Satin has lower exposure to Karnataka (0.8%) and Tamil Nadu (2.6%), thus the collections are unlikely to be impacted materially due to government ordinance on collections. We build in average credit costs of 3% over FY26-27E.

- **Valuation and view:** We believe that, although the company showed signs of improvement in asset quality, full implementation of MFIN guardrails is likely to result in constrained growth and elevated opex (on account of higher work-force hiring) over the near term, leading to expected average RoA/RoE of 2.5%/11.4% over FY26E/27E. We maintain HOLD on the stock with a revised TP of INR 155, valuing it at an unchanged target multiple of 0.5x FY27E book.

Satin – 4Q25 Performance Highlights

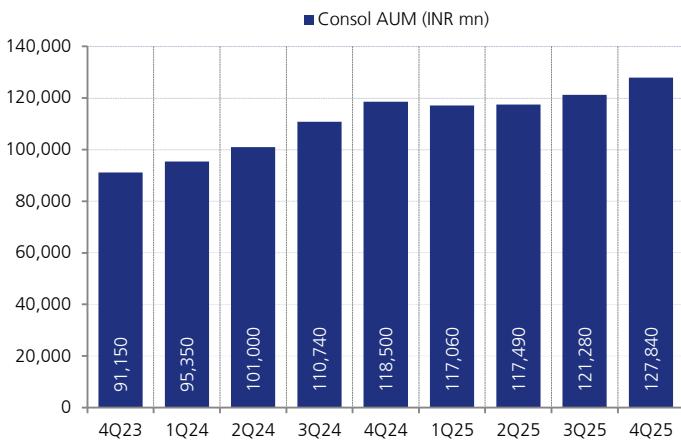
Exhibit 1. Satin Creditcare Network: Results snapshot

Earnings Table (Rs. mn.) - consol	4Q'24	3Q'25	4Q'25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	4Q'25E	A/E
Interest income on Portfolio loans	5,293	5,647	5,891	11%	4%		
Income from Assigned loans	892	905	306	-66%	-66%		
NII	3,665	3,874	3,560	-3%	-8%	4,006	-11%
Non-Interest income	284	324	28	-90%	-91%	364	-92%
Total Income	3,949	4,198	3,588	-9%	-15%	4,370	-18%
Employee Cost	1,168	1,499	1,681	44%	12%		
Other Operating Expenses	399	523	627	57%	20%		
Total Operating Expenses	1,568	2,023	2,308	47%	14%	2,052	13%
Operating Profit	2,382	2,175	1,280	-46%	-41%	2,318	-45%
Total Provisions	671	2,025	1,098	64%	-46%	1,874	-41%
PBT	1,711	149	182	-89%	22%	443	-59%
Tax	429	7	-37	-109%	-631%	111	-133%
Reported Profit	1,282	143	219	-83%	54%	333	-34%
AUM and Balance sheet (Rs. bn.)							
AUM	118,500	121,280	127,840	8%	5%	127,416	0%
Disbursements	31,040	28,350	30,950	0%	9%	29,678	4%
Key Ratios							
Yield (%)	23.3%	23.8%	20.3%	-3.0%	-3.5%		
CoFs (%)	9.1%	9.1%	8.5%	-0.6%	-0.6%		
NIMs (%)	14.2%	14.7%	11.8%	-2.4%	-2.9%		
Cost / Income ratio (%)	39.7%	48.2%	64.3%	24.6%	16.1%		
Credit cost (% of AUM)	2.34%	6.79%	3.52%	1.2%	-3.3%		
Gross NPA (%)	2.50%	3.90%	3.70%	1.2%	-0.2%		
Net NPA (%)	0.99%	1.47%	1.39%	0.4%	-0.1%		
Coverage Ratio (%)	60.4%	62.3%	62.3%	1.9%	0.0%		
RoA (%)	4.90%	0.51%	0.76%	-4.1%	0.3%		
RoE (%)	21.98%	2.23%	3.43%	-18.6%	1.2%		

Source: Company, JM Financial

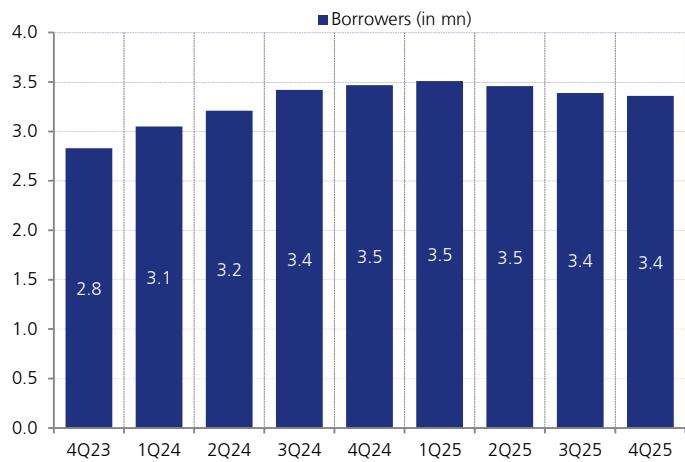
Quarterly Trends

Exhibit 2. Satin: Trends in AUM



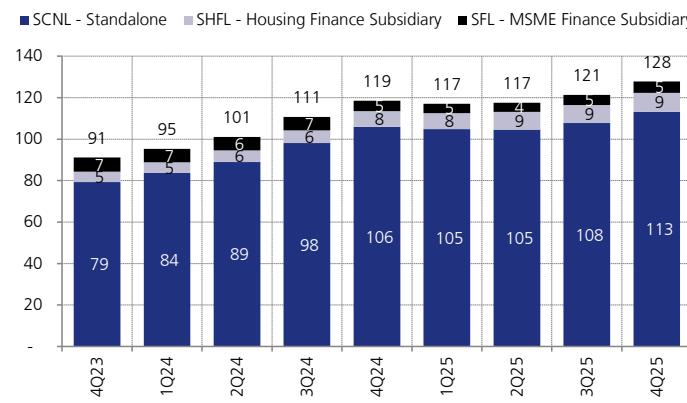
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Exhibit 3. Satin: Trends in borrower base



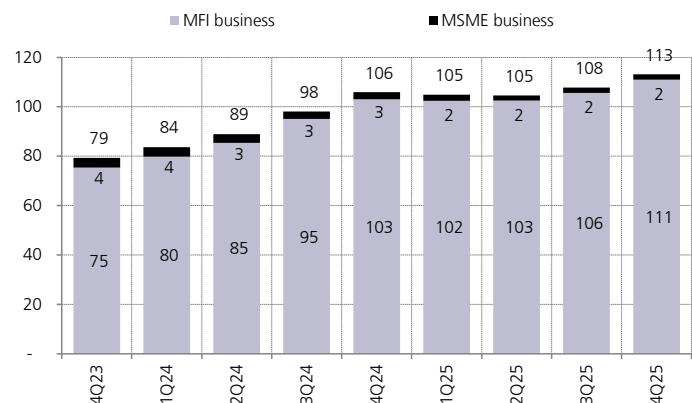
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Exhibit 4. Satin: Consol AUM breakup (INR bn)



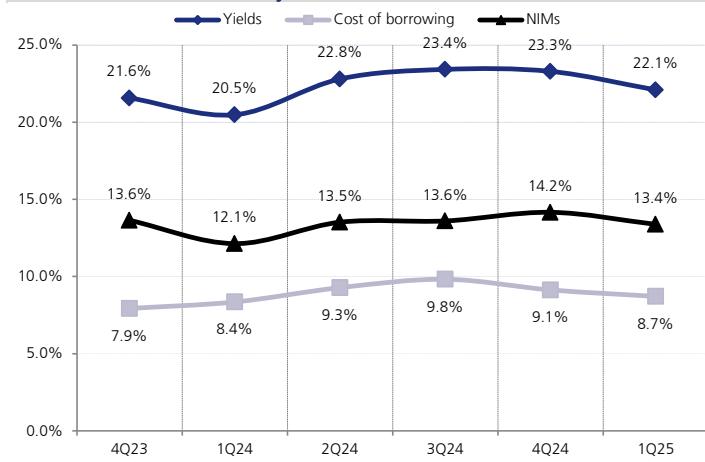
Source: Company, JM Financial; SFL includes JLG BC portfolio of TSFL which is being run down

Exhibit 5. Satin: Standalone AUM breakup (INR bn)



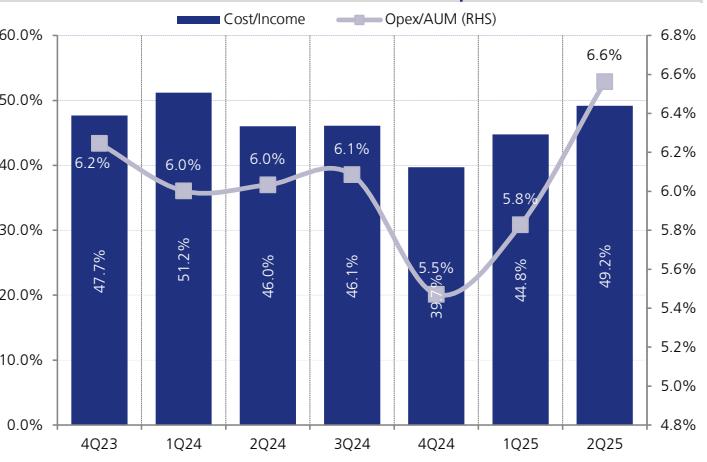
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Exhibit 6. Satin: Trends in yields, CoFs and NIMs

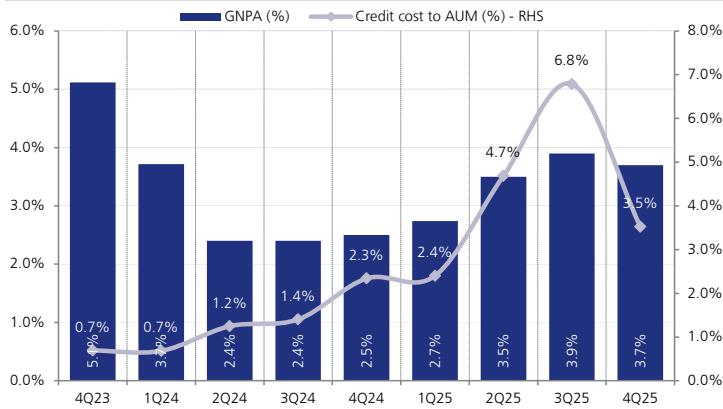


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Exhibit 7. Satin: Trends in Cost/Income and Opex/Assets



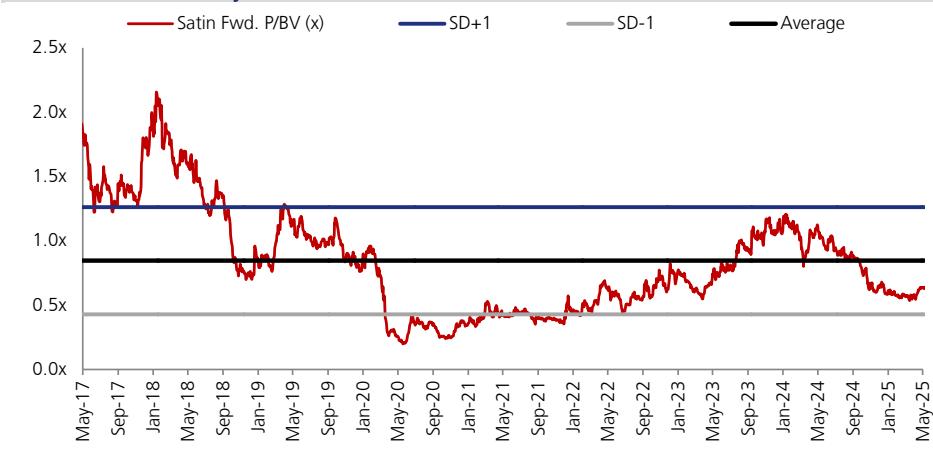
Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 8. Satin: Trends in GNPA and ECL Provisions

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 9. Satin: Trends in RoA/RoE

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 10. Satin: One year forward P/B

Source: Company, JM Financial

Financial Tables (Consolidated)

Income Statement		(INR mn)				
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	
Net Interest Income (NII)	12,536	14,876	16,923	18,584	21,069	
Non Interest Income	859	657	831	1,051	1,330	
Total Income	13,395	15,533	17,754	19,635	22,399	
Operating Expenses	6,058	7,971	9,407	10,666	12,098	
Pre-provisioning Profits	7,337	7,562	8,347	8,969	10,302	
Loan-Loss Provisions	1,508	5,204	4,682	3,905	4,371	
Total Provisions	1,508	5,204	4,682	3,905	4,371	
PBT	5,829	2,358	3,665	5,064	5,930	
Tax	1,469	496	916	1,266	1,483	
PAT (Pre-Extra ordinaries)	4,359	1,861	2,749	3,798	4,448	
Extra ordinaries (Net of Tax)	0	0	0	0	0	
Reported Profits	4,359	1,861	2,749	3,798	4,448	
Dividend	0	0	0	0	0	
Retained Profits	4,359	1,861	2,749	3,798	4,448	

Source: Company, JM Financial

Balance Sheet		(INR mn)				
Y/E March		FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Equity Capital		1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Reserves & Surplus		22,908	24,328	27,077	30,875	35,323
Borrowed Funds		79,149	87,914	94,948	1,06,341	1,22,292
Current Liabilities & Provisions		1,742	2,527	5,264	5,913	6,786
Total Liabilities		1,04,900	1,15,870	1,28,389	1,44,231	1,65,502
Net Advances		89,081	98,436	1,09,920	1,23,633	1,41,881
Investments		565	551	615	692	794
Cash & Bank Balances		12,711	13,748	14,290	16,072	19,863
Other Current Assets		1,126	1,712	1,931	2,069	1,022
Fixed Assets		1,326	1,374	1,522	1,639	1,798
Deferred Tax Assets		91	49	111	125	143
Total Assets		1,04,900	1,15,870	1,28,389	1,44,231	1,65,502

Source: Company, JM Financial

Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Growth (YoY) (%)					
Borrowed funds	33.9%	11.1%	8.0%	12.0%	15.0%
Advances	40.8%	10.5%	11.7%	12.5%	14.8%
Total Assets	33.6%	10.5%	10.8%	12.3%	14.7%
NII	47.8%	18.7%	13.8%	9.8%	13.4%
Non-interest Income	-8.9%	-23.5%	26.4%	26.5%	26.5%
Operating Expenses	14.5%	31.6%	18.0%	13.4%	13.4%
Operating Profits	77.5%	3.1%	10.4%	7.4%	14.9%
Core Operating profit	133.9%	15.2%	-29.2%	-27.1%	98.9%
Provisions	-63.0%	245.1%	-10.0%	-16.6%	12.0%
Reported PAT	8,957.3%	-57.3%	47.7%	38.2%	17.1%
Yields / Margins (%)					
Interest Spread	11.26%	11.03%	11.48%	11.15%	10.98%
NIM	14.13%	13.83%	14.25%	14.01%	13.91%
Profitability (%)					
ROA	4.75%	1.69%	2.25%	2.79%	2.87%
ROE	21.8%	7.5%	10.3%	12.6%	13.0%
Cost to Income	45.2%	51.3%	53.0%	54.3%	54.0%
Asset quality (%)					
Gross NPA	2.63%	3.21%	2.76%	2.72%	2.68%
LLP	1.44%	4.23%	3.46%	2.57%	2.54%
Capital Adequacy (%)					
Tier I	26.25%	24.44%	24.73%	25.31%	25.42%
CAR	27.66%	25.85%	26.10%	26.61%	26.63%

Source: Company, JM Financial

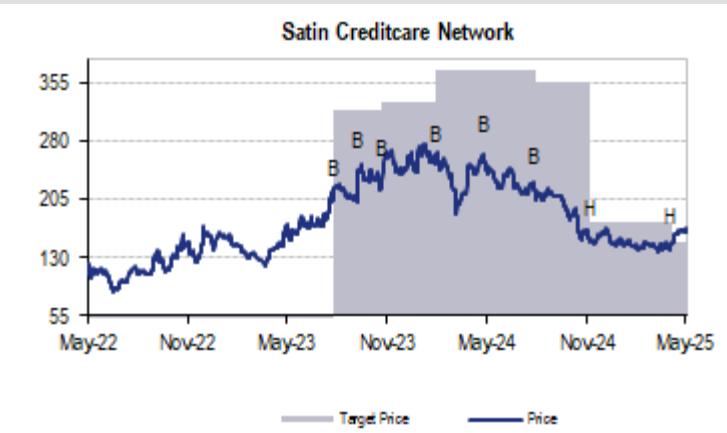
Dupont Analysis					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
NII / Assets	13.67%	13.48%	13.86%	13.63%	13.60%
Other Income / Assets	0.94%	0.60%	0.68%	0.77%	0.86%
Total Income / Assets	14.61%	14.07%	14.54%	14.40%	14.46%
Cost / Assets	6.61%	7.22%	7.70%	7.83%	7.81%
PPP / Assets	8.00%	6.85%	6.83%	6.58%	6.65%
Provisions / Assets	1.64%	4.71%	3.83%	2.86%	2.82%
PBT / Assets	6.36%	2.14%	3.00%	3.72%	3.83%
Tax rate	25.2%	21.1%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%
ROA	4.75%	1.69%	2.25%	2.79%	2.87%
Leverage	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5
ROE	21.8%	7.5%	10.3%	12.6%	13.0%
Valuations					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Shares in Issue	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0
EPS (INR)	39.6	16.9	25.0	34.5	40.4
EPS (YoY) (%)	6,914.5%	-57.3%	47.7%	38.2%	17.1%
P/E (x)	4.2	9.9	6.7	4.9	4.2
BV (INR)	218	231	256	291	331
BV (YoY) (%)	16.3%	5.9%	10.8%	13.5%	13.9%
P/BV (x)	0.77	0.73	0.66	0.58	0.51
DPS (INR)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Div. yield (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Company, JM Financial

History of Recommendation and Target Price

Recommendation History

Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.
30-Jul-23	Buy	320	
15-Sep-23	Buy	320	0.0
29-Oct-23	Buy	330	3.1
4-Feb-24	Buy	370	12.1
1-May-24	Buy	370	0.0
1-Aug-24	Buy	355	-4.1
11-Nov-24	Hold	175	-50.7
8-Apr-25	Hold	150	-14.3



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