

Commercial Banks

MCB: Higher capital gains and NPLs reversal saves the quarter; Profitability up by +38%QoQ to PKR 5.5/share

- MCB Bank Limited (MCB) reported its 1QCY17 unconsolidated earnings at PKR 6.15bn (or PKR 5.5/share) up by +38%QoQ (or +2%YoY).
- Bank announced cash dividend of PKR 4.0/share along with the result.
- On a quarterly basis, bank's net interest income decreased by 2%QoQ, led by higher interest expense.
- The bank during the quarter realised capital gains worth PKR 2.2bn (or PKR 2.0/share) leading to +19%QoQ growth in non-interest income.
- Compared to last quarter, bank booked in NPLs reversals of PKR 757mn; highest in single quarter recorded in past three years.
- Bank's operating expense was up by +8%QoQ (or +9%YoY).

Exhibit:

MCB Result Highlights

PKRmn (Period end=Dec)	1QCY17	1QCY16	YoY	4QCY16	QoQ
Interest Earned	17,320	17,896	-3%	15,128	14%
Interest Expensed	7,585	6,427	18%	5,220	45%
Interest Income	9,735	11,468	-15%	9,908	-2%
Fee Income	2,196	1,939	13%	2,011	9%
Capital Gain & Div. Income	2,598	652	2.98x	1,967	32%
Non-Interest Income	5,184	2,969	75%	4,353	19%
Total Revenue	14,919	14,437	3%	14,261	5%
Operating Expenses	6,326	5,805	9%	5,865	8%
Pre-Provisioning Profits	8,593	8,632	0%	8,396	2%
NPL (Rev.) / Prov.	(880)	(446)	n.m.	1,490	n.m
Pre-Tax Profits	9,473	9,078	4%	6,907	37%
Taxation	3,326	3,057	9%	2,446	36%
Profit After Tax	6,147	6,021	2%	4,461	38%
EPS (PKR)	5.52	5.41		4.01	
DPS (PKR)	4.00	4.00		4.00	
BVPS (PKR)	128.77	126.10		127.24	
KEY RATIOS					
Cost-To-Income Ratio	42%	40%		41%	
Effective Tax Rate	35%	34%		35%	
Non-II / Total Income	35%	21%		31%	
SOURCE: IGI Research, Comp	any account	s PSX notif	ications		

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Recommendation

With our Dec-17 based target price of PKR 251/share, the scrip offers +16% upside from its last closing. On CY17 forward basis, bank is trading at P/B and P/E of 1.7x and 10.5x, respectively. We recommend "BUY" call on MCB.

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