

Flash Note

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Commercial Banks

AKBL: 1QCY16 Profitability up by +14%QoQ to PKR 0.97/share

- Askari Bank Limited (AKBL) reported its 1QCY16 earnings at PKR 1.2bn (or PKR 0.97/share) up by +14%QoQ. On yearly basis, bank's profitability is down by 3%YoY.
- Bank's total revenue increased by +7%QoQ to PKR 4.8bn led by considerable +56%QoQ growth in non-interest income as bank booked in capital gains of PKR 0.8bn (or PKR 0.7/share pre-tax).
- In addition, bank's provisioning charge recorded at a meagre PKR 8mn, owing to a reversal of PKR 106mn against advances. Bank's operating expense recorded a +5%QoQ (+13%YoY).

Recommendation

At current price of PKR 19/share, we recommend a **'BUY'** based on our Dec-16 target price of PKR 24/share, offering a sizeable +27% upside. The scrip is trading at CY16F P/B of 0.8x and P/E of 4.9x, offering a decent 8% dividend yield.

Exhibit: Financial Highlights

PKRmn (Period end=Dec)	1QCY16	1QCY15	YoY	4QCY15	QoQ
Interest Income	3,565	3,525	1%	3,796	-6%
Non-Interest Income	1,597	1,588	1%	1,024	56%
Total Revenue	5,162	5,113	1%	4,820	7%
Operating expenses	3,273	2,886	13%	3,129	5%
Pre-provisioning Operating Profits	1,889	2,227	-15%	1,691	12%
Provisioning Charge	8	327	-98%	208	-96%
Pre-Tax Profits	1,882	1,900	-1%	1,483	27%
Taxation	659	640	3%	407	62%
Profit After Tax	1,223	1,260	-3%	1,076	14%
EPS	0.97	1.00		0.85	
DPS	-	-		1.25	
BVPS	22.3	19.7	13%	21.3	5%

Source: IGI Research, Company Financials

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Valuation Methodology

The analyst[^] has used following valuation methodology to arrive at the target price of the said security (ies):

- Justified Price to book

Time Horizon

- Dec-16

Risk

- Changes in State Bank of Pakistan Policy Rate

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