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# **Commercial Banks**

# MCB: Higher Provisioning overshadows multiple positives; CY16 earnings down 14% to 19.67/share

- MCB bank Limited CY16 reported earnings showed a decline of 14% to PKR 21.89bn (EPS PKR 19.67) compared to PKR 25.55bn (EPS PKR 22.96) in CY15.
- The bank announced a PKR 4.0/share cash dividend, taking full year payout to PKR 16.0/share
- On a quarterly basis, earnings drop by a massive 34% to PKR 4.5bn or PKR 4.01/share, led by higher provision charge of PKR 1.4bn during 4QCY16. Provisioning against non-performing loans (NPL) stood 1.6bn during the 4QCY16, compared to 9MCY16 total reversal of PKR 0.95bn
- Bank's interest expense recorded a 2%QoQ decline to PKR 5.2bn. Interest earned decline of 3%QoQ. We highlight maturing government investment bond possible reasoning behind lower interest earned.
- Non-interest income recorded a decline of 25% mainly on account of lower capital gains compared to last quarter. Bank's fee income showed an impressive +16%QoQ growth.
- Bank's operating expense posted a -4%QoQ decline (or decline of 1%YoY)

### Exhibit:

## MCB Result Highlights

PKRmn (Period end=Dec)	CY16	CY15	YoY	4QCY16	QoQ
Interest Earned	67,422	80,532	-16%	15,128	-3%
Interest Expensed	23,655	31,210	-24%	5,220	-2%
Interest Income	43,767	49,322	-11%	9,908	-4%
Fee Income	7,640	8,383	-9%	2,011	16%
Capital Gain & Div. Income	7,135	5,694	25%	1,967	-48%
Non-Interest Income	16,222	17,115	-5%	4,353	-25%
Total Revenue	59,989	66,437	-10%	14,261	-12%
Operating Expenses	23,260	23,560	-1%	5,865	-4%
Pre-Provisioning Profits	36,728	42,877	-14%	8,396	-16%
NPL (Rev.) / Prov.	654	543	20%	1,490	n.m
Pre-Tax Profits	36,075	42,333	-15%	6,907	-33%
Taxation	14,184	16,782	-15%	2,446	-31%
Profit After Tax	21,891	25,551	-14%	4,461	-34%
EPS (PKR)	19.67	22.96		4.01	
DPS (PKR)	16.00	16.00		4.00	
BVPS (PKR)	125.8	123.8		125.8	
KEY RATIOS					
Cost-To-Income Ratio	39%	35%		41%	
Effective Tax Rate	39%	40%		35%	
Nii / Total Income	27%	26%		31%	
Source: IGI Research, Company Financials	5			No. of shares	1,113.0

### Recommendation

With a forward P/B of 1.8x and decent dividend yield of 7%, we recommend MCB a BUY call with our revised target price of PKR 275/share.

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