Flash Note

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Commercial Banks

UBL: Super tax drags 2QCY16 earnings by 4%QoQ, despite loan reversal

- United Bank Limited (UBL) reported its 1HCY16 earnings at PKR 14.3bn (EPS PKR 11.7) up by +12%YoY (down by 4%QoQ). Along with result, bank announced a PKR 3.0/share cash dividend, bringing 1HCY16 total payout to PKR 6.0/share.
- Bank's interest income increased by +7%YoY (+16%QoQ), owing to +7%YoY growth in interest earned relative to +6%YoY growth in interest expense.
- Higher capital gain amounting to PKR 4.52bn (PKR 2.3bn in 1HCY15) along with steady growth in fee income
 (+4%YoY) led to a +13%YoY growth in non-interest income.
- The bank booked in reversal worth PKR 0.87bn against advances during the 2QCY16, which kept overall provisioning charge limited to PKR 0.73bn in 1HCY16 compared to PKR 1.9bn in 1HCY15.
- In addition the bank charged additional tax of PKR ~1.7bn under Super Tax, bringing effective tax rate to 48% in 2QCY16.

Recommendation

The scrip is currently trading at FY16E P/B of 1.5x and P/E of 8.5x with our Dec-16 TP of PKR 205.7/share, the stock offers upside of +15% and we maintain our '**Buy**' call on the scrip.

Exhibit: Financial Highlights					
PKRmn (Period end=Dec)	1HCY16	1HCY15	YoY	2QCY16	QoQ
Interest Income	29,330	27,287	7%	15,744	16%
Non-Interest Income	13,955	12,389	13%	5,595	-33%
Total Revenue	43,285	39,676	9%	21,338	-3%
Operating expenses	17,082	15,537	10%	8,159	-9%
Pre-provisioning Operating Profits	26,203	24,138	9%	13,179	1%
Provisioning Charge	1,431	2,004	-29%	(336)	na
Pre-Tax Profits	24,771	22,134	12%	13,516	20%
Taxation	10,477	9,412	11%	6,521	65%
Profit After Tax	14,295	12,722	12%	6,995	-4%
EPS	11.68	10.39		5.71	
DPS	6.00	6.00		3.00	
Key Ratios					
Cost-to-income Ratio	39%	39%		38%	
Effective tax Rate	42%	43%		48%	
Non-interest Income / Total Income	32%	31%		26%	
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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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