

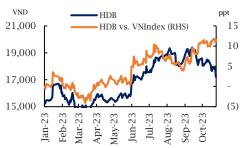
Vietnam: Banking 27 October 2023

BUY

TP upside: +30% Close 27 Oct 2023

Price VND 17,250 12M Target VND 22,390

Share price performance relative to VNI



Market cap	US\$2.0 bn
6M avg. daily turnover	US\$6.2 mn
Outstanding shares	2,893 mn
Free float	70%
FINI ownership	19.6%
Major shareholders	29%
2024E Asset/equity (x)	11x
2024E P/E (x)	4.0x
2024E P/B (x)	0.9x
FOL room	0.4%
2024E Dividend yield (%)	5.9%

Source: FiinPro, Yuanta Vietnam

HDB's 3Q23 Results	3Q23	% QoQ	% YoY
NII (VND bn)	4,916	-1%	10%
Net Fee Inc.(VND bn)	318	-47%	-54%
Other non-II (VND bn)	736	0%	866%
Adj. TOI (VND bn)	5,970	-5%	14%
Opex (VND bn)	2,302	3%	15%
Provision (VND bn)	636	-56%	-7%
PATMI (VND bn)	2,480	15%	23%
NPL (%)	2.26%	11bps	73bps
LLR (%)	54%	-7ppt	-27ppt
CASA (%)	7.2%	-30bps	-4.1ppt

Source: Company Data, Yuanta Vietnam

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3Q23 boosted by trading gains

HDB posted 3Q23 PATMI of VND2.5 tn (+15% QoQ/+23% YoY), which was attributable to higher non-interest income and lower provisioning. 9M23 PATMI was VND6.7 tn (+12% YoY), fulfilling 72% of our 2023E forecast.

Details

Credit increased by +12%, while deposits jumped by +52% in 9M23.

3Q23 net interest income was VND4.9 tn (-1% QoQ/+10% YoY), which drove the YoY earnings growth. We estimate annualized NIM on average assets of 3.96% in 3Q23 (-24bps QoQ/-62bps YoY). 9M23 net interest income increased by +12% YoY to VND14.7 tn.

Net fee income declined by -47% QoQ/-54% YoY to VND318 bn in 3Q23. 9M23 fee income was down by -25% YoY to VND1.6 tn.

FX and trading gains were the key earnings drivers in 3Q23. FX trading gains increased by +28% QoQ/+93% YoY to VND186 bn, and gains from securities trading were back in positive territory at VND546 bn (-8% QoQ but a reversal of -VND20 bn loss in 3Q22).

Opex was VND2.3 tn (+3% QoQ/+15% YoY) in 3Q23, and 9M23 opex increased by +9% YoY to VND6.5 tn. We estimate adj. CIR (excluding net other income) of 36.5% (-1.3ppt YoY).

HDB reduced its provisioning cost by -56% QoQ/-7% YoY to VND636 bn in 3Q23, which helped earnings. This came after a substantial increase in provisioning in 2Q23. As a result, the LLR ratio decreased to only 54% (-7ppt QoQ/-27ppt YoY) in 3Q23.

The consolidated NPL ratio increased to 2.26% (+11bps QoQ/+73bps YoY) as at 3Q23, and the NPL ratio at parent bank was 1.96% (+14bps QoQ/+86bps YoY).

CASA ratio decreased to 7.2% (-30bps QoQ/-4.1ppt YoY) as at 3Q23.

CAR was strong with 12.3%, and short-term fundings used for MLT loans was very low at 15.6% (versus the SBV's cap of 30.0%) in 3Q23.

Our view

We expect net interest income to drive earnings in 4Q23, as we expect credit growth to increase and funding costs to decrease. NIM should improve in 4Q23 as a result.

HDB has room to improve NIM by increasing its ratio of ST funding used for MLT loans, which is just half of the regulatory cap at 3Q23.

Focus on asset quality. 3Q23 earnings was partly supported by lower provisioning, and HDB's LLR ratio fell to a very low level of 54%. The bank might need to increase the LLR going forward.

We maintain <u>BUY</u>. HDB trades at 0.9x 2024E P/B, in line with the sector median, while HDB's operating efficiency is superior to that of its peers. We forecast a 2024E ROE of 24% vs. the sector median of 20% (Bloomberg consensus), which justifies a higher valuation.

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