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HBL: 2QCY24 EPS clocks in at PKR 9.81, up 11% YoY; DPS PKR 4.00

Habib Bank Limited

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- HBL announced the 2QCY24 result today wherein the bank recorded an EPS of PKR 9.81, up 11% YoY. The bank declared a cash dividend of PKR 4.0/sh, taking the payout for 1HCY24 to PKR 8.0/sh.
- Net interest income remained flattish at PKR 61.0bn (+5% YoY) for 2QCY24. Interest expense accelerated at a faster pace (up by 32% YoY) to PKR 148.2bn, versus interest income which increased by 23% YoY to PKR 209.2bn.
- Non-interest income increased by 25% YoY to PKR 19.4bn on the back of a notable increase in FX income by 2.7x YoY to PKR 2.1bn.
- HBL booked a provision of PKR 6.4bn, versus PKR 2.8bn in SPLY (up by 2x YoY) due to a significant increase in domestic NPLs which induced a higher credit loss allowance.
- Admin expenses for 2QCY24 increased by 13% YoY to PKR 46.2bn, translating into a cost-income ratio of 57% versus 55% in 2QCY23.
- Effective tax rate clocked in at 49% in 2QCY24, compared to 56% in SPLY.
- We have a 'BUY' rating on the scrip with Dec-24 price target of PKR 159/sh, providing an upside of 23% along with a dividend yield of 12%.

Key Data

Key Data	HBL
PSX Ticker	HBL
Target Price (PKR)	159
Current Price (PKR)	129
Upside/(Downside) (%)	+23%
Dividend Yield (%)	12%
Total Return (%)	35%
12-month High (PKR)	149
12-month Low (PKR)	90
Outstanding Shares (mn)	1,467
Market Cap (PKR mn)	194,358

Source: Company Accounts, Akseer Research

Financial Highlights (PKR mn)	2QCY23	2QCY24	YoY	1HCY23	1HCY24	YoY
M/up Earned	170,646	209,240	23%	319,197	407,554	28%
M/up Expense	112,534	148,211	32%	205,242	285,988	39%
Net Interest Income	58,112	61,029	5%	113,955	121,566	7%
Non-Interest Income	15,504	19,359	25%	24,081	39,526	64%
Total Provisions	2,822	6,449	129%	5,999	10,098	68%
Admin Expenses	40,787	46,205	13%	80,527	93,146	16%
Profit Before Tax	30,007	27,735	-8%	51,509	57,848	12%
Tax	16,924	13,721	-19%	25,169	28,791	14%
Profit After Tax	13,083	14,013	7%	26,340	29,057	10%
EPS	8.86	9.81	-	17.86	20.18	-
DPS	2.00	4.00	-	3.50	8.00	-

Source: Company Accounts, Akseer Research

Key Financial Ratios	CY21A	CY22A	CY23A	CY24E	CY25F	CY26F
EPS	23.9	23.2	39.3	39.7	38.0	39.9
EPS Growth	13.4%	-2.7%	69.3%	1.0%	-4.3%	4.9%
DPS	7.5	6.8	9.8	15.8	15.3	19.8
BVPS	190.6	192.3	247.6	284.1	297.2	327.4
PER	4.9	5.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9
Dividend Yield	5.8%	5.3%	7.6%	12.2%	11.9%	15.3%
P/B	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
ROE	13.0%	12.1%	17.9%	14.9%	13.1%	12.8%

Source: Company Accounts, Akseer Research

Valuation Basis

Our PT for HBL has been computed using the dividend discounting method, with Justified P/B for the calculation of the terminal value. We have used sustainable ROE of 14% to arrive at exit P/B, along with a risk-free rate of 15%, a beta of 1.0, and a market risk premium of 6% to arrive at a cost of equity of 21%.

Investment Thesis

We have a Buy recommendation on the stock based on our Dec-24 PT of 159/sh. Our price target provides a capital upside of 23% along with a dividend yield of 12%. Our investment case on HBL is based on (1) NIMs expansion on the back of strong balance sheet growth, (2) balance sheet positioned to benefit from monetary easing.

Risks

Key risks to our investment thesis are 1) cost-to-income ratio remains elevated longer than anticipated, 2) higher-than-expected decline in the interest rates 3) lower-than-anticipated growth in advances and deposits, and 4) a higher-than-anticipated increase in NPLs.

Company Description

Founded in 1947 and privatized in 2004, Habib Bank Limited (HBL) is the largest bank in Pakistan, engaged in commercial banking services both in the country and overseas. The bank operates through an extensive network of 1,728 branches, including 408 Islamic banking branches, and 30 branches outside Pakistan. The Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development S.A. (AKFED) is the majority shareholder in the bank.

Financial Highlights - HBL

Income Statement (PKR mn)	CY21A	CY22A	CY23A	CY24E	CY25F	CY26F
Mark-up/interest earned	262,254	436,101	712,345	801,159	718,706	653,202
Mark-up/interest expensed	130,835	270,538	470,212	547,737	464,352	382,945
Net interest income	131,419	165,563	242,133	253,423	254,354	270,257
Non-interest income	36,311	46,732	57,451	77,461	86,312	90,459
Provision charged	8,087	8,482	13,266	15,490	16,786	14,259
Operating expenses	97,615	126,783	172,767	198,819	212,849	229,979
Profit after tax	35,022	34,070	57,676	58,252	55,776	58,513

Source: Company Accounts, Akseer Research

Balance Sheet (PKR mn)	CY21A	CY22A	CY23A	CY24E	CY25F	CY26F
Cash & treasury balances	441,252	296,015	547,529	368,289	400,842	436,481
Investments	1,948,956	1,948,801	2,562,299	2,730,478	2,963,654	3,198,223
Advances	1,507,047	1,782,498	1,861,345	2,079,659	2,272,700	2,518,203
Operating fixed assets	111,307	132,294	164,615	144,516	147,137	149,759
Other assets	308,906	479,198	398,561	369,078	387,833	418,366
Total Assets	4,317,468	4,638,806	5,534,348	5,692,019	6,172,166	6,721,030
Borrowings from FIs	436,258	583,771	665,043	692,985	754,239	821,297
Deposits	3,381,998	3,469,342	4,142,352	4,316,397	4,697,931	5,115,614
Other liabilities	215,526	300,671	360,933	262,740	280,498	299,857
Total Liabilities	4,033,782	4,353,784	5,168,328	5,272,121	5,732,668	6,236,768
Equity	283,686	285,022	366,021	419,898	439,498	484,262
Total Liabilities & Equity	4,317,468	4,638,806	5,534,348	5,692,019	6,172,166	6,721,030

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