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# **Wealth Management**

# **Result Update**

Sector	Ratings
NBFC	BUY
<b>Current Price</b>	Target
Rs. 237	Rs. 348
Potential upside	Holding
47%	12 months

Stock Information	
Sensex/Nifty	80,082/24,436
Bloomberg	UGRO:IN
Equity shares (Cr)	9.30
52-wk High/Low (Rs)	317/213
Face value (Rs)	10
M-Cap (Rs Cr)	2,207
2-wk Avg Volume (Qty)	2,88,770

Financial Summary (Rs.cr.)						
Year Ended	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E		
NII	190	262	455	595		
NIM (%)	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.7		
PPOP	141	295	398	586		
PAT	40	119	179	287		
BV (Rs.)	142	157	165	232		
PBV (x)	1.67	1.51	1.44	1.02		
ROE (%)	4.08	9.85	11.28	11.46		
ROA (%)	1.11	2.25	2.45	2.87		
GNPA (x)	2.51	3.33	2.95	2.99		
NNPA (x)	1.31	1.83	1.79	1.68		

Shareholding Pattern (%)						
	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24			
Promoter	2.2	2.2	2.2			
FII	19.8	20.3	20.4			
DII	3.8	2.6	2.8			
Public	72.9	73.6	73.3			
Others	1.3	1.3	1.3			



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# **Ugro Capital Ltd (UGROCAP)**

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Ugro reported healthy numbers for Q2FY25 wherein its AUM crossed the Rs 10,000 cr mark and reached Rs 10,517 cr and grew by 34% YoY and 10% QoQ. During the quarter company also recorded it lifetime highest net loans disbursement of Rs 1,971 cr which was driven by volumes across all of its products. Disbursement from micro loan channel more than doubled to Rs 456 cr and micro enterprise loan contribution to AUM increased to ~11%, as this scales up company's yields will also improve. Interest income for the quarter grew by 21% YoY and degrew by 10% QoQ. Total income during the quarter grew by 35% YoY and 14% QoQ due to strong growth in income from Co-Lending / Direct Assignment which grew by 69% YoY to Rs 110 cr. PPOP during the quarter grew by 45% YoY and 24% QoQ to Rs 95 cr. PAT for the quarter grew by 23% YoY and 17% QoQ to Rs 36 cr.

The sequential degrowth in interest income was due to an RBI circular in May 2024 that said that as long as cheque is not banked, NBFCs and banks cannot charge interest and when a property is involved these transactions take ~2 weeks for clearance.

Company will focus on micro enterprise loans segment and plans to take it from ~10% of AUM to ~35-40% of AUM in the next few years. For the growth in this segment company added 46 micro branches during the quarter taking the total count to 210. It is targeting to have a branch count of 250 by FY25 end and 400 by FY26 end and is targeting to break even its new branches in 9-12 months of operations. Management expects that this will lead to increase in yields by ~150 bps over the next few years.

India Ratings upgraded Ugro to 'IND A+/ Stable' (long-term) and 'IND A1+' (short-term). Direct benefits of this rating upgrade is not being seen right now in terms of decreasing costs but company is seeing incremental capacity of borrowing which is helping it to grow. So going forward as the liability funnel increases company will have better negotiation power and cost of borrowing may go down. Cost of borrowing may go up by ~5 bps over next 2-3 months but company expects to see some amount of reduction in it by Q1FY26 without factoring any rate cuts by RBI. This is mainly due to ratings upgrade.

Going ahead management foresees that NBFC lending market will transition from a pure leverage market to service plus leverage market, where NBFCs can find right customers for co-lending and banks and NBFCs can collaborate rather than compete with each other. Ugro is not facing any issues regarding getting funding from banks as it is treated differently since it is not on the retail and consumer lending. Company has infact seen that inflow from banks has increased in last 3-4 months.

Going ahead Ugro will focus on its long term sustainable strategy to maintain a healthy pace of growth and return ratios. It aims to grow its loan book at ~30% on a sustainable basis due to large TAM and healthy growth across is product portfolio aided by Micro enterprise loans. Company plans to take its off book AUM to ~50% due to strong co-lending demand. As operating leverage plays out it aims to decrease its cost to income ratio to less than 45%. Management expects credit cost to peak out and be below 2%. Company also plans to increase its ROA to more than 4% within the next 8 quarter and have an ROE in excess of 18%. Hence we remain bullish on the growth prospects of the company and maintain a "BUY" rating with a target price of Rs 348 based on 1.5x FY26E book value providing an upside of 47%.

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#### **Brief Financial Snapshot**

#### Exhibit 01:

Particulars (INR Cr)	Q2FY25	Q1FY25	Q2FY24	Grow	:h (%)	H1FY25	H1FY24
				Q-o-Q	Y-o-Y		
Interest Income	208	232	172	-10%	21%	440	333
Total Income	343	302	254	14%	35%	644	472
Interest Expenses	143	136	105	5%	36%	279	198
Net Total Income	200	165	148	21%	35%	365	274
PPOP	95	76	65	24%	44%	191	138
PBT	50	43	41	17%	23%	93	76
Tax	15	12	12	17%	23%	27	22
PAT	36	30	29	17%	23%	66	54
EPS (Rs)	3.6	3.2	3.1			6.9	6.2
PPOP Margin (%)	45.4%	32.8%	38.1%			43.4%	41.5%
PAT Margin (%)	17.1%	13.1%	16.8%			15.0%	16.2%
GNPA (%)	267%	2.9%	2.9%			2.7%	2.9%
NNPA (%)	1.5%	1.6%	1.5%			1.5%	1.5%
ROA (%)	2.0%	1.9%	2.3%			1.9%	2.2%
ROE (%)*	8.2%	7.7%	8.5%			8.0%	9.2%

Source: Company, Systematix PCG Research

#### **Key Conference Call Takeaways:**

## Fund raise and cost of borrowing

- Company mobilized more than Rs 1,100 cr funds during the quarter which was the highest ever for Ugro. Total debt at the end of quarter stood at Rs 5,344 cr and cost of borrowing during the quarter was 10.75%
- In October 2024 company raised USD 40 Mn from United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) and 70% of this would be utilized for women led qualifying businesses. During the same month company also raised Rs 200 cr through public NCDs
- Ugro is not facing any issues regarding getting funding from banks as it is treated differently since it is not on the retail and consumer lending. Company has seen that inflow from banks has increased in last 3-4 months
- Cost of borrowing may go up by ~5 bps over next 2-3 months but company may see some amount of reduction in it by Q1FY26 without factoring any rate cuts by RBI. This is mainly due to ratings upgrade
- Company has the capacity to lever itself to 4-5x

### **Branch addition**

Company added 46 micro branches during the quarter taking the total count to 210. Company is targeting to have a branch count of 250 by FY25 end and 400 by FY26 end. It is targeting to break even its new branches in 9-12 months of operations

#### Yields on portfolio

- Portfolio yield as of September 2024 end was 16.7%
- During the quarter gross yield for the portfolio stood at 17.8% and net yield stood at 16.7%
- Company expects that its yield will increase by ~150 bps as micro enterprise loans segment will start accelerating with addition of another 50 branches in FY25 and 150 branches in FY26 and the AUM contribution of micro enterprise loans will be more than 30%. So as product mix will change yields will increase

#### **Asset quality**

- GNPA is reducing in secured business loans and machinery loans but unsecured business loans, micro enterprise loans and supply chain loans saw some uptick
- Credit cost will peak and will stay constant at ~2% by FY26 end
- GNPA for off book AUM is ~1%. It is a function of seasoning of book and as this book is not even 1 year old GNPA is lower but in long run overall and off book AUM GNPA will converge

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 Micro enterprise and unsecured loans are behaving as expected. In unsecured business loans ~4.5% will be the peak GNPA which would lead to a credit cost of ~2.5% and for micro enterprise loans ~3-3.5% will be the peak GNPA leading to a credit cost of ~1%

• In micro enterprises peak delinquencies generally happen after 18-24 months and since company does only secured loans there will be possession of property post default, post that it will take ~5-6 months to sell the property. Recently company is witnessing success in repossession of properties and it tweaks policy based on its learning

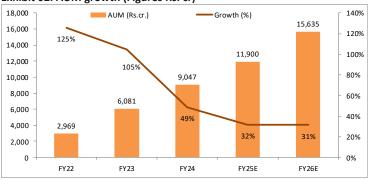
#### Supply chain financing book

- Company is winding down the supply chain financing business as it is not making commercial sense. Here yield was not viable so company went wrong with customer selection. There was "Rs 16 cr write off for some big accounts and no further stress is expected in this portfolio
- ~Rs 300 cr of supply chain book is left which has ~Rs 35 cr of GNPA and going forward no stress is expected in this book

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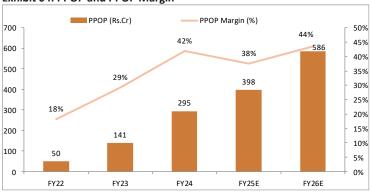
# **Story In Charts**

#### Exhibit 02: AUM growth (Figures Rs. cr)



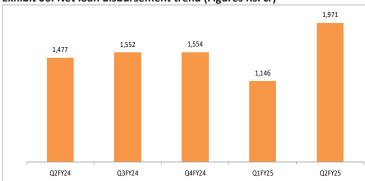
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**Exhibit 04: PPOP and PPOP Margin** 



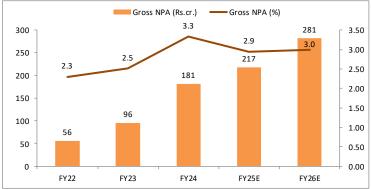
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Exhibit 06: Net loan disbursement trend (Figures Rs. cr)



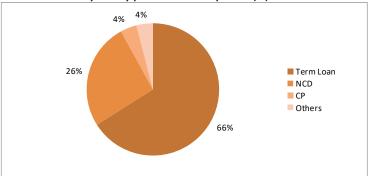
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Exhibit 08: GNPA trend



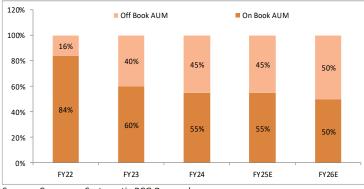
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Exhibit 03: Liability mix by product for the quarter (%)



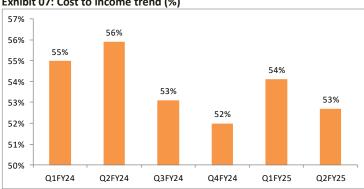
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Exhibit 05: On Book Vs Off Book AUM mix (%)



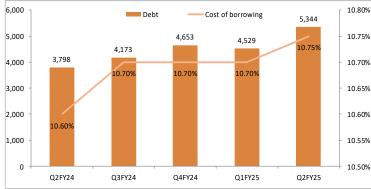
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Exhibit 07: Cost to income trend (%)



Source: Company, Systematix PCG Research

Exhibit 09: Debt and cost of borrowing trend (%)



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## **Financials**

Income Statement (Rs.cr.)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Basic Ratios (Rs.)
Interest Income	272	483	705	1,059	1,345	EPS
Interest Expenses	137	293	443	604	750	Growth (%)
Net Interest Income	135	190	262	455	595	Book Value
Non Interest Income	40	201	377	422	603	Growth (%)
Total Income	175	390	639	877	1,199	(,,,
Growth (%)		123	64	37	37	Valuation Ratios
Employee Cost	73	141	183	251	324	
Other Expenses	52	109	161	228	289	•
Operating Expenses	125	250	344	479	613	•
PPOP	50	141	295	398	586	` '
Provisions & Contingencies	29	57	116	159	204	D/E (x)
PBT	20	84	179	239	382	, , ,
Tax	6	44	59	60	96	Margin (%)
PAT	15	40	119	179	287	PPOP Margin
Tax Rate (%)	28	53	33	25	25	PAT Margin
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Balance Sheet (Rs.cr.)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	Spreads (%)
Total Non-financial Assets	138	202	313	311	306	Yield on Loans
Investments	69	60	59	65	76	Cost of Funds
Loans & Advances	2,451	3,806	5,432	7,371	9,416	Spread
Cash and cash equivalents including Bank balance	188	212	455	570	1,786	NIM (on avg AUM)
Other assets	8	25	20	26	28	
Total Assets	2,855	4,306	6,280	8,344	11,611	Asset Quality
						Gross NPA (Rs.cr.)
Equity Capital	71	69	92	105	141	Net NPA (Rs.cr.)
Reserves & Surplus	896	915	1,347	1,632	3,125	Gross NPA (%)
Networth	967	984	1,438	1,738	3,266	Net NPA (%)
Borrowings	1,802	3,149	4,618	6,341	8,069	
Other liabilities	47	77	77	77	77	AUM (Rs.cr.)
Total Liabilities	2,855	4,306	6,280	8,342	11,624	Growth (%)
Cash Flow (Rs.cr.)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	
CF before working capital changes	23	28	-8	64	85	
Changes in working capital	-1,140	-1,237	-1,505	-1,906	-2,020	
Cash from operations	-1,116	-1,209	-1,513	-1,842	-1,935	
Direct taxes paid	-8	-12	-22	-60	-96	
Net cash from operations	-1,125	-1,220	-1,535	-1,902	-2,030	
Net cash from investing activities	43	-85	-230	-6	-11	
Net cash from financing activities	1,023	1,279	1,814	2,023	3,256	
Net change	-58	-26	48	115	1,216	
Opening cash	124	66	40	89	204	
Closing cash	66	40	89	204	1,420	

Basic Ratios (Rs.)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
EPS	2.1	5.7	13.0	17.0	20.4
Growth (%)	-49.4	178.2	127.1	30.5	19.7
Book Value	137.0	142.0	157.0	165.0	232.1
Growth (%)	1.4	3.6	10.6	5.1	40.6
Valuation Ratios	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
P/E	115.1	41.4	18.2	14.0	11.7
P/BV	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.0
ROE (%)	1.5	4.1	9.9	11.3	11.5
ROA (%)	0.6	1.1	2.3	2.4	2.9
D/E (x)	0.8	1.9	3.2	3.2	3.6
Margin (%)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
PPOP Margin	18.2	29.1	41.9	37.6	43.6
PAT Margin	5.3	8.2	16.9	16.9	21.3
Spreads (%)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Yield on Loans	14.3	15.8	15.3	16.5	16.0
Cost of Funds	10.7	11.8	11.4	11.0	10.4
Spread	3.6	4.0	3.8	5.5	5.6
NIM (on avg AUM)	5.9	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.7
Asset Quality	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Gross NPA (Rs.cr.)	56.4	95.7	180.9	217.1	281.3
Net NPA (Rs.cr.)	41.5	49.9	99.5	131.7	157.7
Gross NPA (%)	2.3	2.5	3.3	2.9	3.0
Net NPA (%)	1.7	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.7
AUM (Rs.cr.)	2,969	6,081	9,047	11,900	15,635
Growth (%)	125.4	104.8	48.8	31.5	31.4

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