RESULT UPDATE

KEY DATA

Rating	HOLD
Sector relative	Neutral
Price (INR)	1,702
12 month price target (INR)	1,650
52 Week High/Low	1,782/1,168
Market cap (INR bn/USD bn)	1,431/16.2
Free float (%)	50.0
Avg. daily value traded (INR mn)	2,335.5

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN

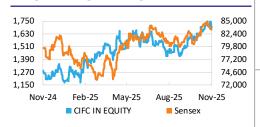
	Sep-25	Jun-25	Mar-25
Promoter	49.9%	49.9%	49.9%
FII	26.9%	28.0%	28.2%
DII	17.3%	16.1%	15.5%
Pledge	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

FINANCIALS (INR mn)				
Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	79305	105961	134706	167422
PPoP	59039	82311	103949	129720
Adjusted profit	34228	42585	49872	64225
Diluted EPS (INR)	40.7	50.6	58.1	74.8
EPS growth (%)	25.6	24.3	14.8	28.8
RoAE (%)	20.2	19.7	18.5	19.2
P/E (x)	41.8	33.6	29.3	22.7
P/ABV (x)	7.3	6.1	4.8	4.0

CHANGE IN ESTIMATES

	Revised estimates		% Revision	
Year to March	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	1,70,203	2,08,987	0.0%	0.0%
PPoP	1,03,949	1,29,720	0.0%	0.0%
Adjusted profit	49,872	64,225	0.0%	0.0%
Diluted EPS (INR)	58.1	74.8	0.0%	0.0%

PRICE PERFORMANCE



Q2FY26 – Mixed performance

CIFC reported soft disbursal growth in Q2FY26 at 0.5% YoY/QoQ. Given flat disbursal growth, AUM growth slowed to 4% QoQ/21% YoY. NIM rose 10bp QoQ. Opex increased sharply by 11% QoQ driven by higher employee expenses. GS2 rose 5% QoQ while GS3 grew sharply by 10%. Credit cost fell marginally, but remains elevated and much higher than normalised at 1.83% of AUM in Q2FY26 versus 1.87% QoQ.

Management guides for a better H2 with better growth and lower credit cost. While AUM growth slowed to 21%, the CEO is confident of maintaining AUM growth well above 20% for FY26E. Maintain 'HOLD' on the back of steep valuation and soft results. Revise TP to INR1,650/4.7x FY26E BV from INR1,520/4.3x.

Disbursal growth remains weak; PPOP/PAT below consensus

Disbursal growth was flat both QoQ/YoY on the back of a soft Q1 when disbursals fell 8% QoQ/remained flat YoY. CV disbursals grew 10% YoY/-1% QoQ, HL declined -7% YoY/-4% QoQ, LAP grew 8% YoY/-2% QoQ and CSEL grew -40% YoY/+5% QoQ. With soft disbursal growth, AUM growth slowed to 21% from 23% YoY and guidance of 22-24%. Borrowings grew 19% YoY/3% QoQ with non-bank borrowings growing faster. CIFC changed the PLR on HL/LAP by 15bp. Reported NIM improved 10bp QoQ while calculated NIM improved 15bp QoQ. NII grew 25% YoY/6% QoQ. Opex grew higher-than-expected at 11% QoQ/22% YoY led by employee expenses. PPOP grew 2% QoQ/28% YoY, 5% below consensus. Provisions rose 43% YoY/2% QoQ. PAT grew 20% YoY/2% QoQ, which is 6% below consensus. RoA fell to 2.2% from 2.3%.

Asset quality remains soft with rise in GS2 and GS3

GS2 rose 5% QoQ. GS3 rose sharply by 10% QoQ. GS3 rose 9% in VF, 16% in HL, 11% in LAP, 14% SME, 3% in CSEL and 41% in SBPL. The rise in stress in VF is driven by rains, which lowers capacity utilisation in CV and CE, and delayed payments to contractors. HL stress is elevated due to time taken to manage non-SARFESI loans. 50% of HL is covered by SARFESI. Stage 3 ECL fell marginally to 43.2%.

Guidance - Pickup in growth and decline in NPLS in H2

Management is confident of growth picking up in H2. Due to the festive holidays, some property registrations were delayed and would happen in Q3 boosting HL/LAP loans. GST cut will be positive for demand. Gold is also an incremental contributor to growth. As such, management does not envisage AUM growth slipping below 20%. Asset quality is likely to pick up in H2. CSEL stress has peaked out. VF stress is also likely to reduce. NIM is likely to improve 10-15bp in H2FY26 driven by a reduction in CoF and warrant conversion.

Financials

Year to March	Q2FY26	Q2FY25	% Change	Q1FY26	% Change
Net Revenue	40,746	32,376	25.9	31,838	28.0
Pre-provisioning Profits	24,578	19,221	27.9	24,117	1.9
Reported Profits	11,553	9,631	20.0	11,359	1.7
EPS	54.9	45.8	19.8	54.0	1.6

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Nuvama Institutional Equities

Financial Statements

Income Statement (INR mn)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Net interest income	79,305	1,05,961	1,34,706	1,67,422
Non interest income	20,552	29,738	35,497	41,565
Fee and forex income	10,466	16,665	21,211	26,185
Other income	8,481	11,108	12,124	13,110
Investment profits	1,606	1,966	2,162	2,270
Net revenues	99,857	1,35,699	1,70,203	2,08,987
Operating expense	40,818	53,388	66,255	79,267
Employee exp.	23,306	32,805	42,647	52,455
Other opex	17,512	20,583	23,608	26,811
Preprovision profit	59,039	82,311	1,03,949	1,29,720
Provisions	13,218	24,943	36,764	43,200
PBT	45,821	57,369	67,184	86,520
Taxes	11,593	14,783	17,313	22,296
PAT	34,228	42,585	49,872	64,225
Extraordinaries	0	0	0	0
Reported PAT	34,228	42,585	49,872	64,225

Important Ratios (%)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Net interest margins	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.8
Cost-income	40.9	39.3	38.9	37.9
Tax rate	25.3	25.8	25.8	25.8

Valuation Metrics

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Diluted PE (x)	41.8	33.6	29.3	22.7
Price/BV (x)	7.3	6.1	4.8	4.0

Source: Company and Nuvama estimates

Balance Sheet (INR mn)

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Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E		
Equity capital	1,681	1,683	1,716	1,716		
Reserves	1,93,885	2,34,592	3,02,403	3,64,054		
Net worth	1,95,565	2,36,274	3,04,120	3,65,770		
Borrowings	13,44,736	17,49,461	20,94,451	25,37,997		
Total	15,64,508	20,16,476	24,37,919	29,54,133		
Assets						
Loans	14,44,243	18,19,299	22,19,227	26,91,897		
Investments	41,002	63,904	62,834	76,140		
Cash & equi.	43,202	94,007	1,12,834	1,38,828		
Fixed assets	15,696	17,792	19,749	21,921		
Other assets	13,824	12,007	13,809	15,880		
Total	15,64,508	20,16,476	24,37,919	29,54,133		
BV/share (INR)	232.7	280.9	354.4	426.2		

Balance Sheet Ratios (%)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Credit growth	37.9	26.0	22.0	21.3
Gross stage 3	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.8

ROA Decomposition (%)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
NII/Assets	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.5
Net revenues/assets	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.8
Opex/Assets	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9
Provisions/Assets	1.0	1.4	1.7	1.6
Taxes/Assets	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Total costs/Assets	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.4
RoA	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.4
Equity/Assets	8.0	8.3	8.2	8.0
RoAE	20.2	19.7	18.5	19.2

Valuation Drivers

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
EPS growth (%)	25.6	24.3	14.8	28.8
RoAE	20.2	19.7	18.5	19.2

Q2FY26 earnings call: Key takeaways

Management guidance

- AUM growth guidance of 20% plus was maintained, driven by a likely stronger recovery in demand in H2FY26. The full impact of recent changes, including rationalised GST rates and repo rate reductions, was not fully visible in Q2 due to transitional issues, but the medium-term outlook remains strong.
- Disbursement growth is likely to be healthy in H2FY26, though likely to be below the earlier 10% full-year target.
- The long-term plan for the CSEL book is to maintain its current share of around 7–8% of AUM, with growth led by consumer durable and D2C digital lending channels.
- NIM is likely to improve 10–15bp in H2FY26, driven by a reduction in CoF through MCLR rate cuts from banks and partial benefits from remaining INR2bn warrant conversions, which will flow through over the next three quarters.
- Management remains cautious on the extended monsoon and its possible impact on harvest in the coming quarter.
- The focus would remain on achieving a credit cost of 1.6% for FY26, with better visibility emerging post the Q3FY26 performance.

Loans and disbursements

- Q2FY26 disbursements were INR244.42bn with muted growth due to changes in home registration processes, higher festive holidays and the strategic exit from fintech-led CSEL originations.
- Following GST rate cuts, VF disbursement volumes rose 18% in October, though ticket sizes fell around 8% due to GST deflation.
- CV growth is likely to be led by light and small commercial vehicles from Q3FY26, with HCV growth likely to pick up from Q4FY26.
- The PV growth strategy is focused on targeting self-employed customers in Tier 3, 4, and 5 cities instead of competing with PSU banks in the salaried segment.
- The Tractor book has been declining over recent quarters as a conscious call due
 to lower yields and high dealer payouts. The entire tractor vertical has been
 revamped with growth now likely to come from the used as well as new tractor
 segment.
- Home loan disbursements remained weak during the quarter due to procedural delays in registration in certain markets and higher festive holidays, though AUM growth remained healthy at 28%.
- The gold loan business is likely to contribute meaningfully Q3 onwards.

Yield, cost and margins

- There was a PLR change of 15bp that was passed on to customers for the loan against property (LAP) book.
- The asset-side yield pressure in the SBPL segment is attributed to the average asset movement, as the business started three years ago. The marginal yield remains the same.

• The Gold Loan strategy is to maintain pricing at par with peers while focusing on ease of access and customer experience rather than price-based competition.

Asset quality

- CSEL delinquencies were higher due to customer over-leverage in the unsecured business loan portfolio and partner selection issues, which led to multiple simultaneous loans. Underwriting norms have been tightened and borrower monitoring enhanced in the unsecured business loans segment.
- Management said credit losses in CSEL have now peaked, and the company expects the impact to moderate going forward.
- Stage 2 ratios remained stable during the quarter, with VF segment performance steady despite the monsoon impact. However, stage 3 in absolute terms has been higher as capacity utilisation for CV/CE was hurt by the monsoon effect. Portfolio's performance to improve over Q3 and Q4 as capacity utilisation starts rising.
- Increase in GNPA for affordable home loans was attributed to the time taken to manage non-SARFAESI assets, which are eventually sold to ARCs.

Exhibit 1: Change in estimates

	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
	Old		Ne	w	% Cha	inge
NII, INR Mn	1,34,706	1,67,422	1,34,706	1,67,422	0.0%	0.0%
PAT, INR Mn	49,872	64,225	49,872	64,225	0.0%	0.0%
EPS, INR	58.1	74.8	58.1	74.8	0.0%	0.0%
BVPS, INR	354.4	426.2	354.4	426.2	0.0%	0.0%
Target price, INR		1,520		1,650		8.6%
CMP				1,702		
% downside				-3%		
Rating		HOLD		HOLD		

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 2: Net credit cost reported by segment

%	Q2FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY25
VF	2.10	2.20	1.80
LAP	0.30	0.30	0.10
HL	0.50	0.60	0.40
CSEL	7.00	6.70	4.10
SME	1.00	1.10	0.60
SBPL	2.30	2.10	1.00
Total reported	1.70	1.80	1.40

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 3: GS3 breakdown by segment

INR, mn	Q2FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY25	YoY	QoQ
Gross Stage 3	66,270	60,400	47,080	40.8%	9.7%
Vehicle Finance	45,350	41,750	33,880	33.9%	8.6%
LAP	10,080	9,090	7,800	29.2%	10.9%
Home Loans	3,760	3,240	1,800	108.9%	16.0%
Gold Loans	30	10	0	NA	200.0%
Others, of which	7,060	6,310	3,600	96.1%	11.9%
- CSEL	3,420	3,330	2,240	52.7%	2.7%
- SME	2,360	2,070	1,160	103.4%	14.0%
- SBPL	1,280	910	200	540.0%	40.7%

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 4: Asset quality summary

	Q2FY26	Q1FY26	QoQ
GS1 (INR mn)	18,53,380	17,95,480	3.2%
GS2 (INR mn)	61,160	58,330	4.9%
GS3 (INR mn)	66,270	60,400	9.7%
GS1, %	93.6	93.8	-23 bp
GS2, %	3.1	3.1	4 bp
GS3, %	3.3	3.2	19 bp
ECL GS1, %	0.4	0.4	-1 bp
ECL GS2, %	8.4	8.5	-14 bp
ECL GS3, %	43.2	43.7	-48 bp

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 5: Key reported profitability ratios

%	Q2FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY25	YoY	QoQ
Yield on loans	14.7	14.8	14.6	10 bp	-10 bp
Cost of funds	6.8	7.0	7.1	-30 bp	-20 bp
Overall NIM	7.9	7.8	7.5	40 bp	10 bp
Expense Ratio	3.1	2.9	3.0	10 bp	20 bp
Loans Losses and Prov	1.7	1.8	1.4	30 bp	-10 bp
RoA (PBT)	3.0	3.1	3.0	0 bp	-10 bp
RoA (PAT)	2.2	2.3	2.2	0 bp	-10 bp
NIM (Calculated) (on avg AUM)	6.9	6.8	6.8	13 bp	15 bp
Credit cost (Calculated) (on avg AUM)	1.8	1.9	1.6	28 bp	-4 bp

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 6: Breakdown of disbursements

INR, mn	Q2FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Vehicle Finance	1,35,390	1,36,470	1,23,360	9.8%	-0.8%
LAP	46,300	47,050	42,950	7.8%	-1.6%
Home loans	16,970	17,640	18,230	-6.9%	-3.8%
Gold loans	4,670	1,000	-	NA	367.0%
Others, of which	41,080	41,100	58,590	-29.9%	0.0%
- CSEL	21,420	20,460	35,880	-40.3%	4.7%
- SME	15,810	17,050	19,590	-19.3%	-7.3%
- SBPL	3,850	3,590	3,120	23.4%	7.2%
Total	2,44,420	2,43,250	2,43,140	0.5%	0.5%

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 7: AUM breakdown

INR, mn	Q2FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Vehicle Finance	10,75,680	10,47,200	9,20,120	16.9%	2.7%
LAP	4,63,020	4,39,430	3,48,240	33.0%	5.4%
Home Loans	2,04,050	1,93,990	1,58,920	28.4%	5.2%
Gold Loans	4,560	970	-	NA	370.1%
Others, of which	2,44,280	2,39,890	2,19,150	11.5%	1.8%
- CSEL	1,39,520	1,41,990	1,41,750	-1.6%	-1.7%
- SME	75,440	71,190	58,770	28.4%	6.0%
- SBPL	29,320	26,710	18,630	57.4%	9.8%
Total	19,91,590	19,21,480	16,46,430	21.0%	3.6%

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 8: Income statement summary

INR, mn	Q2FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY25	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Interest Income	68,942	66,501	57,680	19.5%	3.7%
Interest Expenses	35,155	34,663	30,551	15.1%	1.4%
Net Interest Income	33,787	31,838	27,128	24.5%	6.1%
Other Income	6,959	6,807	5,248	32.6%	2.2%
Total Income	40,746	38,645	32,376	25.9%	5.4%
Operating expenses	16,169	14,528	13,155	22.9%	11.3%
- Employee expenses	10,632	9,243	7,947	33.8%	15.0%
- Other expenses	5,537	5,285	5,209	6.3%	4.8%
Operating Profit	24,578	24,117	19,221	27.9%	1.9%
Provisions	8,970	8,821	6,235	43.9%	1.7%
Profit before tax	15,608	15,296	12,986	20.2%	2.0%
Тах	4,054	3,937	3,355	20.8%	3.0%
Profit after tax	11,553	11,359	9,631	20.0%	1.7%

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Company Description

Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company (CIFC) is a leading NBFC in India and a part of the Chennai-based Murugappa Group. Established in 1978, CIFC has built a strong presence in the financial services sector, catering to diverse customer segments with a focus on vehicle finance, LAP and HL. In recent years, the company has expanded into consumer and small enterprise loans (CSEL), secured business and personal loans (SBPL), and SME finance, reinforcing its position as a diversified lender.

Investment Theme

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Key Risks

- Slower-than-expected pickup in vehicle demand
- Credit cost remaining sticky
- Pressure on yields due to change in mix

Additional Data

Management

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MD	Mr. Ravindra Kundu
CFO	MR. Arul Selvan
CRO	Mr. Ajay Bhatia
Auditor	M/s. B. K. Khare & Co.

Recent Company Research

Date	Title	Price	Reco
01-Aug-25	Q1FY26 – Sharp rise in credit cost; Result Update	1,422	Hold
26-Apr-25	Q4FY25 – A mixed set; <i>Result Update</i>	1,541	Hold
02-Apr-25	Richly valued: Offering slim pickings; Initiating Coverage	1,460	Hold

Holdings – Top 10*

	% Holding		% Holding
Axis MF	2.04	Invesco	1.20
New World Fund	1.72	Motilal MF	1.15
SBI MF	1.39	Govt. Pension Fund	1.12
NPS Trust	1.31		
Smallcap World	1.29		

^{*}Latest public data

Recent Sector Research

Date	Name of Co./Sector	Title
01-Nov-25	Spandana Sphoorty	Still a loss, but recovering slowly; Result Update
31-Oct-25	Capri Global Capital	Growth intact; Result Update
31-Oct-25	Shriram Finance	Strong Q2FY26; credit cost below 2%; Result Update

Rating and Daily Volume Interpretation



Source: Bloomberg, Nuvama research

Rating Rationale & Distribution: Nuvama Research

Rating	Expected absolute returns over 12 months	Rating Distribution
Buy	15%	205
Hold	<15% and >-5%	68
Reduce	<-5%	37

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