



Prime Stock

Short Term Fundamental Pick

Power Finance Corporation Ltd



TODAY'S PRIME STOCK (SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT)**Power Finance Corporation Ltd.**

BSE CODE: 532810

NSE CODE: PFC

Sector: Finance

Industry: Finance term lending

CMP (Rs): 508 | Buy Range: 500-508 | Target Price: 565 | Potential Upside: 10%**Duration of Recommendation: 1-3 Months**

About Company: PFC is a prominent NBFC in India, dealing in financing infrastructure projects within the Indian power sector. PFC provides a range of financial products and services, including project term loans, lease financing for equipment purchases, debt refinancing, and guarantees for credit enhancement.

INVESTMENT RATIONALE

Industry Leadership in Power Financing: PFC is India's largest power sector financier and a "Maharatna" PSU. This status provides greater operational and financial autonomy, enabling strategic decisions to support India's energy infrastructure goals. As **India's largest renewable energy financier**, PFC has supported over **50 GW of capacity**, contributing to 25% of India's installed renewable energy. Its renewable loan book exceeds ₹60,000 crores, highlighting its role in sustainable energy growth.

Increasing Power Sector Demand to provide tailwinds: India's power sector is projected to require ₹30 lakh crores in funding by 2030, driven by a government focus on doubling the installed capacity, including 80 GW from thermal projects. PFC, as the largest power financier, is well-positioned to benefit from this growing demand.

Strong Disbursement and Growth Trajectory: PFC has witnessed a resurgence in disbursements after a temporary slowdown due to a transformation program. Disbursements reached INR 46,663 crores in Q2 FY25, with a cumulative disbursement of INR 66,146 crores in the first half. The company anticipates sustaining similar growth levels as the previous financial year, targeting around 14% loan growth.

Healthy Sanction Pipeline: PFC has a robust pipeline of sanctioned projects worth INR 160,000 crores in H1 FY25, indicating a strong outlook for future growth. This substantial pipeline ensures a steady stream of projects for disbursements in the coming years, supporting the company's growth trajectory.

Robust Asset Quality: PFC has shown continuous improvement in asset quality as evidenced by a decreasing trend in NPAs. The consolidated gross NPA ratio has dropped below 3%, standing at 2.62% in the first half of FY25 compared to 3.40% in the previous year. The consolidated net NPA ratio has also improved to 0.80% from 0.98% in the same period.

Consistent Financial Growth with Strong Profitability Metrics: In Q2FY25 (standalone), NII increased by 20.7% YoY reaching to Rs. 9,392 crores. Net profit rose by 8.8% to Rs. 7,215 crores YoY. In H1FY25, NII/PAT surged 23.25%/14.17% reaching Rs. 9,392 & 14,397 crores respectively. PFC disbursed Rs. 46,663 crores in Q2 FY25, bringing the total disbursement for H1 FY25 to Rs. 66,146 crores. The loan asset book for H1 FY25 reached Rs. 493,363 crores, a 10% year-on-year growth. NPA ratio of 2.62% for H1 FY25, down from 3.40% in H1 FY24.

Reasonable Valuations: At CMP, PFC (standalone) trades at 1.4x FY27E P/BV and 8.3x FY27 P/E. We believe that the risk-reward is attractive considering good visibility on loan growth, earnings growth, stressed asset resolutions, and healthy return ratios.

Key risks: A substantial portion of PFC's loan portfolio is concentrated in the power sector, untimely resolution of remaining stressed assets, unfavorable regulatory changes in infrastructure financing sector.



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