# SREI Infrastructure Finance (SREI IN) Equipment Financing Picking Up

# 2Q17 in line; maintain BUY

2Q EPS met, with 1HFY17 EPS at 43% of our FY17E; we expect a stronger 2H. Commercial-equipment (CE) disbursements grew 35% YoY. Demand by the road and irrigation sectors was strong. Project financing was muted but lower costs of funds lifted NIM. We raise FY18E EPS by 4% for lower credit costs of 0.7%. Asset quality was stable. Value-unlocking potential in subsidiaries remains. Maintain BUY with a higher TP of INR115 after our EPS revision for FY18. This remains based on 1.2x FY18E P/BV, in line with peers with 8-10% ROEs.

# Disbursements in equipment financing strong

CE disbursements grew 35% YoY in 1H to make up 60% of its consolidated loan book. SREI maintained its leadership with a 35% market share. CE AUM growth was only 4% YoY due to high repayments of loans disbursed in the last 2-3 years. Higher road-project awards by the government and stronger agricultural-sector spending by the states should underpin this business. We forecast consolidated loan-book growth of 60% for FY17 (impact of erstwhile SREI BNP merger) and 12% YoY for FY18.

# Margins expanded further; stable asset quality

CE NIM expanded another 70bps YoY to 5.2%. Lower costs of funds from a replacement of high-cost borrowings lifted NIM. Spreads in project financing contracted 100bps YoY to 1.6% while tougher competition from banks in the refinancing of operational assets pushed rates down. Still, we expect consolidated NIM to expand 20bps over FY16-18 to 4.1%, led by lower funding cost. Asset quality was stable with gross NPLs at 2.6%.

# Value-unlocking potential

We estimate ROEs of 9% for FY18E, up from 2% in FY16, on the back of lower credit cost and NIM expansion. Potential value-unlocking of strategic investments such as road projects, its social rural network business (Sahaj) and industrial parks can provide catalysts, in our view. Maintain BUY.

FYE Mar (INR m)	FY15A	FY16A	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E
Operating income	10,862	9,512	17,299	16,472	19,364
Pre-provision profit	4,938	3,784	10,098	8,521	10,903
Core net profit	1,294	733	2,644	4,178	5,466
Core EPS (INR)	2	1	5	8	11
Core EPS growth (%)	(11.7)	(49.1)	317.5	61.4	32.1
Net DPS (INR)	1	1	1	1	1
Core P/E (x)	36.3	71.3	17.1	10.6	8.0
P/BV (x)	1.3	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.8
Net dividend yield (%)	0.6	0.6	1.1	1.4	1.4
Book value (INR)	65	66	89	96	105
ROAE (%)	4.1	2.2	6.8	9.0	10.8
ROAA (%)	0.5	0.3	0.8	1.1	1.2
Consensus net profit	-	-	2,734	4,029	5,947
MKE vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	(3.3)	3.7	(8.1)

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# BUY

Share Price	INR 88
12m Price Target	INR 115 (+31%)
Previous Price Target	INR 110

# **Company Description**

SREI Infrastructure Finance is a non-banking finance company, which is engaged in equipment financing and project financing.

### Statistics

52w high/low (INR)	88/41
3m avg turnover (USDm)	1.7
Free float (%)	26.2
Issued shares (m)	503
Market capitalisation	INR44.0B
	USD661M
Major shareholders:	
Bharat Connect Ltd.	23.5%
Adisri Investment Ltd.	17.2%
Opulent Venture Capital Trust	11.5%

#### Price Performance



	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	16	17	112
Relative to index (%)	18	18	98
Source: FactSet			

# 2QFY17 results

Consolidate Income Statement (INRm)	2Q16	1Q17	2Q17	YoY (%)	<b>QoQ (%</b> )
Net Interest Income	1,690	1,430	2,840	68.0%	98.6%
Fee Income	240	60	70	-70.8%	16.7%
Other income	200	3,940	410	105.0%	-89.6%
Non-Interest income	440	4,000	480	9.1%	-88.0%
Total Income	2,130	5,430	3,320	55.9%	-38.9%
Employee Cost	389	358	534	37.2%	49.3%
Other Operating Expenses	531	728	946	78.2%	30.0%
Total Operating Expenses	920	1,086	1,480	60.9%	36.3%
Operating Profit	1,210	4,345	1,840	52.1%	-57.6%
Total Provisions	1,020	3,629	930	-8.8%	-74.4%
PBT	190	716	910	378.9%	27.1%
Tax	103	207	293	184.0%	41.7%
PAT (after associate share & minorities)	117	516	619	430.0%	19.8%
Balance Sheet (INRm)					
Borrowings	207,300	253,120	250,780	21.0%	-0.9%
Consolidated AUM	362,360	354,780	365,130	0.8%	2.9%
Key Ratios					
Asset quality - Equipment Finance					
Gross NPL (%)	4.2%	2.7%	2.6%	-1.6%	-0.1%
Net NPL (%)	3.2%	1.9%	1.8%	-1.4%	-0.1%
Asset quality - Project Finance					
Gross NPL (%)	4.7%	3.0%	3.1%	-1.6%	0.1%
Net NPL (%)	3.6%	2.0%	2.1%	-1.5%	0.1%
Profitability					
NIM - Equipment Finance	4.5%	4.7%	5.2%	0.7%	0.5%
Gross Spread - Project Finance	2.6%	1.5%	1.6%	-1.0%	0.1%
Tax-rate	54.4%	28.9%	32.2%	-22.1%	3.3%
Capital Adequacy - Standalone					
CAR (%)	18.5%	19.2%	19.3%	0.8%	0.1%

# Change in forecast

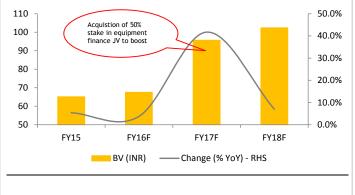
Old vs. New Estimates	FY17E, Old	FY17E, New	Change	FY18E, Old	FY18E, New	Change
Income Statement (INRmn)						
Net Interest Income	10,700	10,652	-0.4%	14,085	14,090	0.0%
Non-Interest Income	6,339	6,646	4.8%	2,778	2,382	-14.2%
Total Income	17,039	17,299	1.5%	16,863	16,472	-2.3%
Operating Expenses	7,586	7,201	-5.1%	8,506	7,951	-6.5%
Loan Loss Provisions	5,181	5,757	11.1%	2,309	2,249	-2.6%
Pre-provisioning Profits	9,454	10,098	6.8%	8,357	8,521	2.0%
Reported Profits	2,798	2,644	-5.5%	4,029	4,178	3.7%
Balance Sheet (INRbn)						
Borrowings	318	312	-1.8%	355	348	-2.0%
Loans	315	309	-1.7%	353	347	-1.7%
Total Assets	379	373	-1.6%	421	414	-1.7%
Key Ratios (%)						
NIM (%)	3.94%	3.90%	0.0%	4.13%	4.10%	0.0%
ROA (%)	0.89%	0.85%	0.0%	1.01%	1.07%	0.1%
ROE (%)	7.2%	6.8%	-0.4%	8.7%	9.0%	0.3%
EPS (Rs.)	5.4	5.1	-5.6%	8.0	8.3	3.7%
BV (Rs.)	89.2	88.9	-0.3%	95.8	95.8	0.0%
Adj. BV (Rs)	80.0	80.5	0.6%	87.4	88.6	1.4%
Net NPA (%)	2.20%	2.04%	-0.2%	1.80%	1.57%	-0.2%

Source: Company, Maybank KE

# **Company Proposition**

- India's leading financer to the infrastructure sector. Beneficiary of a pickup in government awarding new projects in the infrastructure space.
- Asset quality stress peaked out; incremental NPLs lower as CE demand witnessing uptick.
- Value unlocking potential in road projects (7 projects worth INR5.5b), social rural infrastructure (Sahaj), and industrial parks.
- Focus on diversification of lending book to new areas, such as health care equipment, technology infrastructure, and used vehicles to de-risk the business.

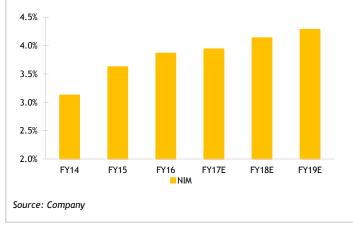
# Acquisition of stake in JV to lift BV by 35%



Source: Company, Maybank Kim Eng

# **Financial Metrics**

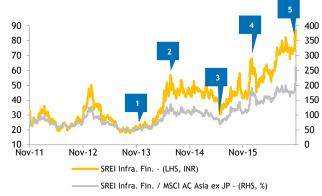
- NIM to improve by 30bps from FY3.9% to 4.2% in FY19F, because of changes in loan mix to high yielding loans and repayment of high cost debt.
- Credit cost to drop from 2.0% in FY17 to 0.7% in FY18 on lower NPL accretion. Improvement in economic growth to aid asset quality recovery.
- We forecast ROE improvement from 2% in FY16 to 9% in FY18E on NIM improvement and lower credit cost.



# NIM to inch up on repayment of debt and change in mix

# **Price Drivers**

Historical share price



Source: Company, Maybank Kim Eng

- 1. Slowdown in infrastructure lending and increase in NPLs weighed on the stock price.
- 2. New government's plan to increase infrastructure spending led to optimising of infrastructure financiers.
- Delay in monetisation of telecom tower business (VIOM) pushed the stock price down.
- 4. Announcement of transaction to acquire 50% of JV with BNP Paribas. BV and EPS accretive deal led to rally in the stock price.
- 5. Pick up in commercial equipment sales volume leading to improving outlook on loan growth.

# **Swing Factors**

# Upside

- Strong recovery in infrastructure lending can push the loan growth higher than expected.
- Stake sale in road projects investments at higher than expected valuations.
- Better than expected NPLs in FY17-18F.

# Downside

- Delay in pick up infrastructure lending could hamper the loan growth revival.
- Delay in monetisation on investments in road and rural network projects.

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FYE 31 Mar	FY15A	FY16A	FY17E	FY18E	FY19
Key Metrics					
Core P/E (x)	36.3	71.3	17.1	10.6	8.
Core FD P/E (x)	36.3	71.3	17.1	10.6	8.
P/BV (x)	1.3	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.8
P/NTA (x)	1.3	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.3
Net dividend yield (%)	0.6	0.6	1.1	1.4	1.4
INCOME STATEMENT (INR m)					
Interest income	30,195.7	31,475.7	37,941.4	47,998.5	54,089.
Interest expense	(22,741.5)	(23,107.5)	(27,288.9)	(33,908.9)	(37,661.7
Net interest income	7,454.2	8,368.2	10,652.5	14,089.6	16,428.
Net insurance income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Net fees and commission	1,613.4	502.5	658.8	790.5	948.
Other income	1,794.1	641.2	5,987.3	1,592.0	1,987.
Total non-interest income	3,407.5	1,143.7	6,646.1	2,382.5	2,936.
Operating income	10,861.7	9,511.9	17,298.5	16,472.1	19,364.
Staff costs	(1,442.9)	(1,448.6)	(2,017.6)	(2,219.3)	(2,441.2
Other operating expenses	(4,481.2)	(4,279.1)	(5,183.4)	(5,731.7)	(6,020.6
Operating expenses	(5,924.1)	(5,727.7)	(7,200.9)	(7,951.1)	(8,461.9
Pre-provision profit	4,937.6	3,784.2	10,097.6	8,521.1	10,902.
Loan impairment allowances	(2,962.8)	(2,712.5)	(5,757.1)	(2,248.5)	(2,618.3
Other allowances	(2,902.8)	(12.3)	(462.3)	(2,248.3)	(12.3
Associates & JV income	(92.8)	2.5	(402.3)	2.5	2.
Pretax profit Income tax	1,886.9	<b>1,064.3</b> (444.1)	3,880.7	6,262.7	8,274.
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Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(37.6 0.
Discontinued operations					
Reported net profit	1,293.6	732.6	2,643.9	4,178.0	5,465.
Core net profit	1,293.6	732.6	2,643.9	4,178.0	5,465.8
BALANCE SHEET (INR m)					
Cash & deposits with banks	5,747.6	6,641.5	10,111.6	11,325.0	13,023.
Sec. under resale agreements	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Derivatives financial assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Dealing securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Available-for-sale securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Investment securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Loans & advances	192,054.4	203,244.8	309,438.2	346,570.7	398,556.
Central bank deposits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Investment in associates/JVs	22,499.4	21,698.2	18,566.3	19,061.4	21,920.
Insurance assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Fixed assets	15,513.4	14,319.7	18,778.8	18,392.5	19,879.
Intangible assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Other assets	10,047.0	6,394.8	13,080.2	15,593.2	11,569.
Total assets	245,861.8	252,299.0	369,975.0	410,942.8	464,949.
Deposits from customers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Deposits from banks & FIs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Derivatives financial instruments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Subordinated debt	15,691.4	16,466.6	25,280.5	27,162.5	29,860.
Other securities in issue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Other borrowings	187,566.2	190,260.2	286,675.8	321,076.9	366,027.
Insurance liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Other liabilities	9,709.7	12,387.5	13,278.8	14,492.2	16,091.
Total liabilities	212,967.3	219,114.3	325,235.2	362,731.6	411,979.
Share capital	5,032.4	5,032.4	5,032.4	5,032.4	5,032.
Reserves	27,736.5	28,140.3	39,695.4	43,166.8	47,926.
Shareholders' funds	32,768.9	33,172.7	44,727.8	48,199.2	52,958.
Preference shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Minority interest	125.6	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.
Total equity	32,894.5	33,184.7	44,739.8	48,211.2	52,970.
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FYE 31 Mar	FY15A	FY16A	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E
Key Ratios					
Growth (%)					
Net interest income	22.3	12.3	27.3	32.3	16.6
Non-interest income	13.3	(66.4)	481.1	(64.2)	23.2
Operating expenses	14.6	(3.3)	25.7	10.4	6.4
Pre-provision profit	25.6	(23.4)	166.8	(15.6)	27.9
Core net profit	(6.8)	(43.4)	260.9	58.0	30.8
Gross loans	8.3	5.1	50.9	11.6	14.8
Customer deposits	na	na	na	na	na
Total assets	2.8	2.6	46.6	11.1	13.1
Profitability (%)					
Non-int. income/Total income	31.4	12.0	38.4	14.5	15.2
Average lending yields	14.67	14.53	13.88	13.96	13.87
Average financing yields	14.67	14.53	13.88	13.96	13.87
Average cost of funds	11.34	11.27	10.52	10.27	10.12
Net interest margin	3.62	3.86	3.90	4.10	4.21
Net income margin	3.33	3.25	3.36	3.69	3.75
Cost/income	54.5	60.2	41.6	48.3	43.7
Liquidity (%)					
Loans/customer deposits	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
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Asset quality (%)					
Net NPL	3.8	3.1	2.0	1.6	1.3
Gross NPL	4.7	4.0	3.1	2.7	2.6
Gross NPF	4.7	4.0	3.1	2.7	2.6
(SP+GP)/average gross loans	1.6	1.4	2.2	0.7	0.7
(SP+GP)/average gross financing	1.6	1.4	2.2	0.7	0.7
Loan loss coverage	18.5	23.1	35.0	43.0	50.0
Capital adequacy (%)					
CET1	11.2	12.5	10.5	10.2	9.9
Tier 1 capital	11.2	12.5	10.5	10.2	9.9
Risk-weighted capital	17.0	17.5	16.5	15.9	15.5
Returns (%) ROAE	4.1	2.2	6.8	9.0	10.8
ROAA	0.5	0.3	0.8	9.0 1.1	1.2
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Source: Company; Maybank

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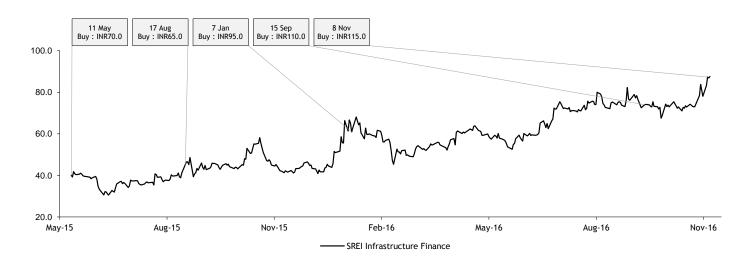
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