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Techno Funda : Buy Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

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Buy Range : @ ₹1880-₹1910

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Target : 1st @₹2000, 2nd @₹2140

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Stock Info	
Mkt Cap (cr)	378349.4
52-Weeks High/Low	1,942-1,543
Avg Volume	39,12,531
No. of eq shares (cr)	198.82
Face Values	5.00
Bse Code	500247
Nse Code	KOTAKBANK
Free Float (cr)	280432.61
Source : NSE/BSE	

Kotak Mahidra Bank Ltd: Founded in 1985, the Kotak Mahindra Group is a leading Indian financial services conglomerate. Its flagship company, Kotak Mahindra Finance Ltd., became Kotak Mahindra Bank in 2003, the first Indian non-banking finance company to achieve this. As of September 30, 2012, the Group's consolidated balance sheet exceeded ₹1 lakh crore, and its net worth was approximately US\$2.6 billion. Kotak Mahindra offers diverse financial services, including banking, stock broking, mutual funds, life insurance, and investment banking, serving individuals and corporations. It has a broad distribution network across India and international offices in several countries.

Key Highlights: Kotak Reported that in fillings in Q3 the bank's standalone net profit rose by 10% to about ₹33.05 billion, driven by a 10% increase in net interest income (rising to ₹71.96 billion) and healthy loan growth (loans up 16% and deposits up 15%). However, this growth was partly offset by a significant 37% jump in provisions (to ₹7.94 billion) as the bank prepared for potential credit losses. The net interest margin slipped slightly (from 5.22% to 4.93%), suggesting that while lending volumes are expanding, rising credit costs could continue to pressure profitability.

Kotak Mahindra Bank's robust deposit growth is bolstered by its strong credit expansion. In Q3FY25, its loan book grew 3.58% quarter-on-quarter – the highest among private sector banks – reflecting its effective credit demand generation. Meanwhile, the bank deliberately moderated the growth of its unsecured lending portfolio, with personal loans and credit cards increasing by only 6.7% year-on-year, the lowest among its peers. Additionally, Kotak was the only private lender to report a sequential improvement in its net interest margin, with a 2 basis point gain, and it maintained one of the best gross NPA ratio performances in the sector, second only to ICICI Bank.

Acquisition of a Personal Loan Book: Recently, Kotak completed the acquisition of a ₹3,300-crore personal loan book from Standard Chartered Bank India. This move is expected to boost its lending portfolio and, in turn, its net interest income. However, such acquisitions also bring the risk of inheriting lower-quality assets, which may increase the need for higher provisions if those loans underperform.

Ashok Vaswani, the managing director and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank, affirmed that inorganic strategies would continue to be a key element in the bank's approach to scaling up, emphasizing that every opportunity would be pursued. When asked about the ongoing sale of IDBI Bank, he maintained that the same rationale applied.

Kotak Mahindra Bank is set to accelerate its branch expansion by opening between 175 and 200 new branches in the financial year 2024–25, according to a senior official. This move comes several months after the Reserve Bank of India barred the bank from sourcing new customers digitally. In response, the bank has ramped up its investments in IT infrastructure, enhancing digital payment security controls and ensuring compliance with regulatory cybersecurity standards.

Kotak BizLabs Accelerator Programme has been launched to transform India's startup ecosystem by supporting up to 1,000 startups across sectors such as agritech, climatech, fintech, healthcare, edtech, and sustainability. The programme offers a Virtual Knowledge Centre featuring an Online Startup School, resources, and networking opportunities, while select startups can receive mentoring and a grant of ₹15 lakhs. In partnership with incubators like IIMA Ventures, NSRCEL, and T-Hub, it provides market access, funding, and advisory support. To date, over 200 startups have enrolled, and 15 roadshows have been conducted in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities such as Indore, Surat, and Warangal.

<u>Key Risks :</u>

- □ The company's performance and interest rate income could be influenced by the prevailing interest rate risk within the economy.
- A reversal in the credit cycle could trigger a sharper-than-expected deterioration in asset quality. This scenario would likely result in an increased incidence of loan defaults, forcing banks to significantly raise their loan loss provisions. Consequently, profitability may weaken due to the higher cost of covering these losses, which in turn could put pressure on the bank's earnings and capital buffers.

Particulars	2023	2024
Net Interest Margin(%)	5.40%	5.30%
Return on Assets	2.60%	2.70%
Return on Equity	14.40%	15.10%
Capital Adequacy Ratio	23.30%	21.80%
Gross NPA (`₹ cr)	6419	6003
Net NPA (`₹crore)	1479	1567
Gross NPA Ratio	1.80%	1.40%
Net NPA Ratio	0.40%	0.40%
Advances (`₹ cr)	359107	43 0352
Investments (`₹ cr)	139359	175302
P/E	23.10	19.50
Р/В	3.10	2.70
EPS	75.00	91.50

Source : Company, Fin2Research

Particulars	2023	2024
Interest income(`₹ cr)	42151	56237
Other Income(`₹ cr)	25991	38037
Interest Expended(`₹ cr)	14411	22567
Profit before tax(`₹ cr)	19646	23863
Profit after tax	14925	18213
Source : Company		

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% of Total Shares
25.89%
17.68%
9.65%
1.4600%
32.48%
12.85%
100.0%

Source : Company

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- Price Above Moving Averages: The stock price is trading above its 10-day, 20-day, and 21-day moving averages. This is a classic sign of an uptrend. Traders often see the crossing of the 20-day MA as a significant bullish signal.
- Bollinger Band Breakout: The chart shows that the price has recently broken above the upper Bollinger Band. This suggests a surge in buying pressure and potential for further upside. It indicates that the stock might be overbought in the short term, but in a strong uptrend, prices can remain extended for a while.
- Overbought Condition: The breakout above the upper Bollinger Band and the RSI above 50 suggest the stock might be overbought in the short term. This could lead to a temporary pullback or consolidation.
- Confirmation: It's crucial to look for confirmation of these bullish signals in the coming days/weeks. This could involve the price holding above key moving averages, continued positive momentum, and healthy volume.
- Support Level: The chart notes support at 1620. The fact that the price has moved significantly away from this support level and is now trading at a higher range reinforces the bullish sentiment.



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