



Q4 PROFIT UP AT ₹208 CR Co's performance driven by strong show of non-banking finance, life insurance & MF businesses

Aditya Birla Cap Net Rises 92% On Strong Biz Growth

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Mumbai: Aditya Birla Capital, the holding company for the financial services business of the Aditya Birla Group, reported a 91.6% jump in consolidated net profit in the March quarter driven by robust growth in non-banking and finance businesses as well as life insurance and mutual funds. Net profit was at ₹207.7 crore in the three months to March, versus ₹108.8 crore in the year ago period.

On Tuesday its board approved plans to raise funds up to ₹3,500 crore through equity, preference shares and debt instruments on a need basis to be used for expansion plans. The three key users are NBFC, housing and health segments.

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banking finance arm of Aditya Birla Capital, posted ₹286 crore profit before tax, up 45%. Its lending book expanded 25% to ₹34,703 crore.

The housing finance arm Aditya Birla Housing Finance turned profitable while Aditya Birla Health continued to report loss during the quarter. Asset quality of the company remained stable with gross NPAs at 0.92%.

"We have focused on SMEs, retail and ultra high net worth individuals to grow our NBFC book while we have slightly reduced our mid and large corporate book," said Ajay Srinivasan, MD and chief executive officer of Aditya Birla Capital.

The asset management business saw profit before tax jump 62% to ₹138 crore in the quarter. Life insurance reported a profit of ₹45 crore. The life insurance business reported a positive value of new business margin as the company wiped out its accumulated losses. The financial services business includes broking, corporate lending, structured finance, wealth management and private equity. Shares of Aditya Birla Capital were listed at ₹248 apiece in September, 2017. It rose 1.49% to ₹160.2 apiece on the BSE.