

AAVAS AT 10: ENHANCING SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH TRUST AND TECHNOLOGY



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# The theme of this report

This is the third annual report of Aavas Financiers Limited following its initial public offer in 2018.

The company has selected to focus on how the various shock absorbers that it invested in across the ten years of its existence helped resist sectorial headwinds and grow in a sustainable manner.

Aavas' forward-looking investments in customer engagement and technology helped to create a platform that should translate into sustainable growth across the coming years.

## Forward-looking statement

This document contains statements about expected future events and financial and operating results of Aavas Financiers Limited, which are forward-looking. By their nature, forward-looking statements require the Company to make assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. There is a significant risk that the assumptions, predictions and other forward-looking statements will not prove to be accurate. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forwardlooking statements as a number of factors could cause assumptions, actual future results and events to differ materially from those expressed in the forwardlooking statements. Accordingly, this document is subject to the disclaimer and qualified in its entirety by the assumptions, qualifications and risk factors referred to in the Management Discussion and Analysis of the annual report.

'Despite the challenges in the sector during the last decade, the company was able to survive in a dynamic environment and now possesses a foundation to sustain its fast-paced growth journey across the foreseeable future.'

Sushil Kumar Agarwal
Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer



# CORPORATE SNAPSHOT



Aavas Financiers has completed a decade in serving customers.

The decade has been marked by a complement of customer obsession, customer service, customer delight and customer retention.

Differentiated Model

Aavas selected to serve

finance customers in the

the needs of housing

low and middle income segments of

the industry preference of servicing

customers in metro cities and urban

Aavas could have addressed large,

company chose to focus on customers

excluded from the country's formal

banking system on account of their

inadequate documents for income

visible and conventionally credit

worthy loan seekers instead the

sub-urban and rural India, contrary to

## Vision

Enriching lives of people by enabling them to achieve their dream of owning a home: SAPNE AAPKE, SAATH HAMAARA

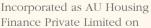
## Mission

To empower and upgrade lives of low and middle income customers by providing them accessible home loans and setting pioneering benchmarks in unserved and underserved markets.

## Values

- Create customer delight with focus on ease and speed.
- Blend traditional ethics with modern outlook to create. an environment of trust and transparency.
- Be responsive, professional and ethical in our approach towards customers.
- Nurture employees to perform passionately with a sense of ownership.

## Journey



23rd February, 2011, the Company was registered with National Housing Bank as a housing finance company. It was converted into a public limited company in 2013 and was renamed as Aavas Financiers Limited in 2017. Aavas Financiers Limited has been listed on Bombay Stock Exchange Limited and National Stock Exchange since October 2018.

The management team is led by qualified and experienced visionaries, who are supported by competent professionals. Aavas is chaired by Mr. Sandeep Tandon, an industry expert with more than 21 years of experience in the technology industry; Mr. Sushil Kumar Agarwal is Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer possessing more than 20 years of experience in retail financial services, business development, financial management; Mr. Ghanshyam Rawat is Co-Founder and Chief Financial Officer with



more than 25 years of experience in the retail financial services and other sectors.

## Professional leadership

Performance

validation.

clusters

Aavas reported yet another year of growth in 2020-21. Revenues strengthened 22%, while profit after tax increased 16%. The company's net interest margin was 7.71% and gross nonperforming assets of 0.98% as on March 31, 2021.

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Promoter and Promoter Group holding, March 31, 2021 (%)

19,000

(Approx.) Market Capitalization, March 31, 2021 (₹ crore)

5,679

Team size, March 31, 2021

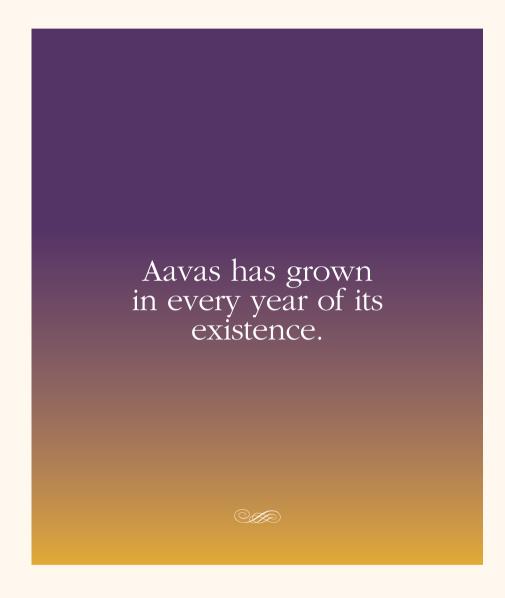
# Human capital

Aavas comprises of dedicated and qualified professionals like Chartered Accountants, Civil engineers, Lawyers, IT professionals, Company Secretaries and MBAs qualified from reputed business schools, enhancing a culture of knowledge-driven outperformance. The Company comprised 5679 employees as on March 31, 2021.



## Geographic footprint

Aavas launched its first branch at Jaipur in 2012. Across the decade thereafter, Aavas has grown to 280 branches in the States of Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh (as on March 31, 2021), adding 30 branches during the year under review.



### Total revenue (₹ crore)



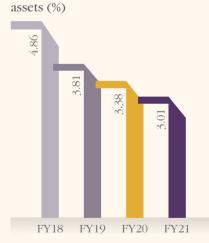
### What it means

This indicates the ability of the Company to leverage its distribution network and grow revenues.

### Result

Despite COVID disruptions, aggregate disbursements were ₹2,656.85 crore in FY 2020-21 due to a widening customer base and geographic footprint, strengthening revenues.

Operating cost to average total



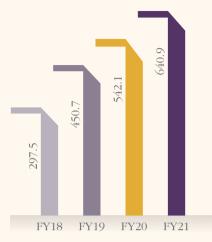
### What it means

At Aavas, we focus on the moderation of our cost-to-income ratio by leveraging economies-of-scale, increasing productivity and enhancing the use of technology.

### Result

The Company's operating cost to average total assets stood at 3.01% in 2020-21, strengthening competitiveness against market cycles.

### Net total income (₹ crore)



### What it means

At Aavas, we strengthen our net total income through superior underwriting and collection capabilities. We able to raise funds from our domestic and international lending partners at competitive rate and focus on providing customers with a riskadjusted interest rate.

The Company's net total income grew by 18% in 2020-21.

## Return on Assets (RoA) (%)



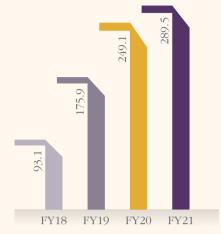
### What it means

This indicates the profitability of the Company proportionate to its total assets. A higher RoA reflects on a higher asset efficiency.

### Result

The Company's maintained RoA at 3.49%.

### Profit after tax (₹ crore)



### What it means

Ensures that adequate profit is available for reinvestment, sustaining the Company's growth engine.

### Result

The Company's net profit grew 16% in FY 2020-21.

# Return on Equity (RoE) (%)



### What it means

The Company's growing RoE validates its ability to reward stakeholders. On the back of sustained growth, improved spread and consistent profitability, the Company's return on equity is likely to grow sustainably.

The Company's RoE increased by 25 bps in 2020-21.

At Aavas, when you aggregate satisfaction across every customer, what you get are credible indicators of the health of the company's business.



## Active number of loan accounts



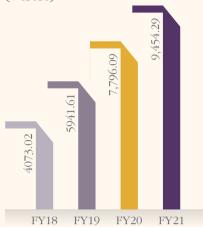
Achievement: The Company significantly diversified its customer base, making it possible for them to access diverse funding avenues through unique and customized products at progressively better terms and risk-adjusted rates at the locations where formal funding is limited.

## Delinquency - One-day pass due (%)



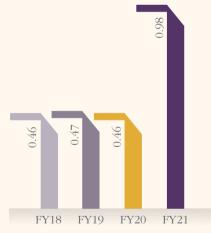
Achievement: The Company maintained a lower delinquency percentage with a higher seasoning of the loan book. Besides, FY 2020-21 needs to be viewed in the context of disruptions caused by COVID-19.

## Assets Under Management (AUM) (₹ crore)



Achievement: Despite a challenging past, the Company consistently grew its AUM without compromising its loan book and at a risk-adjusted price.

## Gross non-performing assets (%)



Achievement: This low percentage validates the company's underwriting skills, customer selectivity (majorly single unit self-occupied homes), low construction tenure (often less than a year) and in-house teams (underwriting/collection/valuation/ mortgage risk). The industry average, more particularly in the affordable segment, is higher than the Company's average.

## Average lending rate (%)



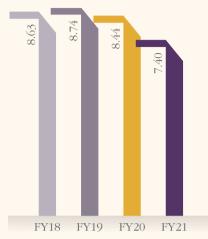
Achievement: The handsome return reported by the Company is the result of the company's competence in being able to price the loans as per the risk-adjusted rate while operating in a growing niche segment.

# Spread (%)



Achievement: Aavas strengthened its position across the mortgage finance sector by maintaining its spread across increasing scale. There are two things that need to be pointed out: One, a risk-adjusted price due to our reach, understanding of niche customers, continuous efforts and negotiations helping bring down the cost of borrowing. Two, the company's credit rating improved, which helped to reduce costs.

## Average cost of borrowings (%)



Achievement: Over the years, the company leveraged the strength of its Balance Sheet and credit rating to mobilize progressively lower cost long-term funds from banks and financial institutions.

## Credit rating

### 2020-21 2017-18 For long term For long term credit credit: A+/Positive AA-/Stable from CARE from CARE A+/Positive AA-/Stable from ICRA from ICRA A+/Stable from CRISIL For Short-term For Short-term credit credit A1+ from ICRA A1+ from ICRA, and CARE CARE and India Ratings

Achievement: The company's improved fundamentals translated into an improved rating for long-term credit: from A+/Positive from CARE and ICRA in 2017-18 to AA-/Stable from CARE and ICRA in 2020-21. This provided the company with a platform to diversify and negotiate progressively lower costs from fund providers.