

Cholamandalam Investment maintains steady growth

Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd. has reported profit after tax for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2017, at Rs. 220 crores, representing a growth of 14 per cent compared to the same quarter last year. For the full year, PAT at Rs. 719 crores is 26 per cent higher than that of FY16.

Profit before tax (PBT) for the fourth quarter is Rs. 338 crores, a growth of 14 per cent compared to the same quarter last year. For the full year, it is Rs. 1,106 crores, which is 27 per cent higher than the PBT of FY16.

Chola disbursed Rs. 4,407 crores in the fourth quarter of FY17 in its vehicle finance business as against Rs. 3,760 crores in Q4 FY16. Vehicle Finance registered a disbursement growth of 17 per cent on Y-o-Y basis and 17 per cent as compared to the same quarter in the previous year. Aggregate disburse-

ments for the quarter were Rs. 18,591 crores as against Rs. 16,380 crores in Q4 of FY15.

Chola's Net Income Margin (NIM) is 9.3 per cent for the quarter, compared to 9.4 per cent in the same quarter last year. The NIM for FY17 is 8.6 per cent compared to 8.7 per cent in FY16. The operating expense to asset ratio for FY17 is 3.6 per cent as compared to 3.4 per cent in FY16, and has increased primarily due to one-time VAT liability and branch expansion.

The Board of Directors has recommended a Final Dividend of 20 per cent being Rs. 2.00 per equity share of Rs. 10 each. Along with the interim dividend of 35 per cent already paid in January 2017, the total equity dividend paid for the year by the company will be at 55 per cent. ♦