

# **Singapore Company Update**

17 March 2020

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Neutral (Maintained)

# Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp

(OCBC SP)

# **NIM To Narrow From FFR Cut**

- Stay NEUTRAL with a new GGM-derived SGD9.60 TP from SGD11.20, 10% upside with c.6% yield, based on 0.89x 2020F P/NBV. We lowered our sustainable ROE assumption to 10% from 10.7%, as we cut FY20F earnings on lower NIM and higher provision assumptions. The 15 Mar cut in the federal fund rate (FFR) will subsequently exert downside on the SIBOR. Travel restrictions globally including the one announced by Malaysia yesterday following the recent pandemic declaration by the World Health Organisation could raise provisioning requirements.
- FFR cut on 15 Mar will lower the SIBOR going forward. The US Federal Reserve cut the FFR twice in March (150bps in total) to the current upper bound of 0.25%. The 3-month SIBOR has fallen to the current 1.22% vs February's 1.69% average. It is likely that the 3-month SIBOR will fall further. We cut our FY20F NIM to 1.68% from 1.73% to factor in the two FFR cuts recall that Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp recorded NIM of c.1.66% in FY13 and FY14 when the FFR was close to zero.
- We forecast an FY20 loan contraction. Given the global travel restrictions
  and sharp fall in crude oil price, investments are likely to be scaled back
  sharply. Malaysia accounts for 10.8% of OCBC's FY19 global loans, and
  we could see soft loans from there. We assume an overall loan contraction
  of 2% in FY20 for the bank.
- Provisions to move up. We believe asset quality will deteriorate as
  economic growth stalls. As a result, we raise our FY20F NPL ratio to 1.9%
  and increase our provisions for this period by 10% to SGD1.08bn, or 42bps
  credit cost.
- We cut FY20F net profit by 8% to SGD4.17bn. Our pre-report FY20F net profit is amongst the lowest amongst Bloomberg compilations, but we are cutting further to factor in the recent developments. There is further downside to earnings forecasts if the COVID-19 pandemic worsens globally.
- OCBC's FY20F yield of c.6% may be high, but could come in lower. Based on our 53 cents/share dividend for FY20F, OCBC's yield is c.6%, sharply higher than the 10-year Singapore Government Bond yield of 1.48%. However, there is a risk that a prolonged economic disruption could lead to dividends coming in lower than our expectations. Our TP is based on 2020F P/NBV of 0.89x, which is lower than the 5-year average of 1.15x. We believe OCBC could see short-term price downsides due to the headwinds mentioned above.

# Avg Daily Turnover (SGD/USD) Analyst

Market Cap:

Price:

Target Price (Return):

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SGD8.70

USD26.925m

62.5m/45.4m

SGD9.60 (10.3%)

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Share Performance (9	%)

YTD 1m 3m 6m 12m Absolute (20.8)(21.3)(20.3)(21.5)(21.8)Relative 1.8 1.2 1.9 0.6 0.2 52-wk Price low/high (SGD) 8.70 - 12.1



Source: Bloomberg

Forecasts and Valuation	Dec-18	Dec-19	Dec-20F	Dec-21F	Dec-22F
Reported net profit (SGDm)	4,492	4,869	4,168	4,672	5,118
Net profit growth (%)	11.1	8.4	(14.4)	12.1	9.6
Recurring net profit (SGDm)	4,492	4,869	4,168	4,672	5,118
Recurring EPS (SGD)	1.06	1.13	0.95	1.06	1.16
BVPS (SGD)	9.91	10.72	11.13	11.63	12.22
DPS (SGD)	0.43	0.53	0.53	0.56	0.58
Recurring P/E (x)	8.17	7.73	9.19	8.20	7.48
P/B (x)	0.88	0.81	0.78	0.75	0.71
Dividend Yield (%)	4.9	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.7
Return on average equity (%)	11.1	10.9	8.7	9.3	9.8

Source: Company data, RHB

# **Financial Exhibits**

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#### Valuation basis

Our GGM assumptions are:

- i. COE of 11.1%;
- ii. ROE of 10%;
- iii. Long-term growth of 0.8%.

# Key drivers

Our net profit forecast is most sensitive to:

- i. Credit costs;
   ii. Changes in NIM;
- iii. Non-II growth.

#### Key risks

The risks include:

- i. Higher-than-expected impairment charges;
- ii. Weaker-than-expected NIM;
- iii. Softer-than-expected non-II.

# **Company Profile**

OCBC is the third-largest Singapore bank by loan size, just marginally behind United Overseas Bank (UOB SP, NEUTRAL, TP: SGD25.20). Besides Singapore, it has significant operations in Greater China, Malaysia, and Indonesia.

Financial summary (SGD)	Dec-18	Dec-19	Dec-20F	Dec-21F	Dec-22F
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Income statement (SGDm)	Dec-18	Dec-19	Dec-20F	Dec-21F	Dec-22F
Interest income	11,049	12,098	11,502	12,005	12,856
Interest expense	(5,159)	(5,767)	(5,522)	(5,890)	(6,487)
Net interest income	5,890	6,331	5,980	6,115	6,369
Non interest income	3,811	4,540	4,450	4,816	5,275
Total operating income	9,701	10,871	10,430	10,931	11,644
Overheads	(4,214)	(4,644)	(4,686)	(4,934)	(5,175)
Pre-provision operating profit	5,487	6,227	5,744	5,997	6,469
Loan impairment allowances	(288)	(890)	(1,080)	(710)	(688)
Other impairment allowances	(102)	(103)	(108)	(108)	(108)
Income from associates	455	566	582	613	670
Pre-tax profit	5,552	5,800	5,138	5,792	6,343
Taxation	(877)	(778)	(812)	(953)	(1,047)
Minority interests	(183)	(153)	(158)	(167)	(178)
Reported net profit	4,492	4,869	4,168	4,672	5,118
Recurring net profit	4,492	4,869	4,168	4,672	5,118

Profitability ratios	Dec-18	Dec-19	Dec-20F	Dec-21F	Dec-22F
Return on average assets (%)	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0
Return on average equity (%)	11.1	10.9	8.7	9.3	9.8
Return on IEAs (%)	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.5
Cost of funds (%)	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.1
Net interest spread (%)	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4
Net interest margin (%)	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Non-interest income / total income (%)	39.3	41.8	42.7	44.1	45.3
Cost to income ratio (%)	43.4	42.7	44.9	45.1	44.4
Credit cost (bps)	11.6	34.0	41.1	26.8	25.0

Balance sheet (SGDm)	Dec-18	Dec-19	Dec-20F	Dec-21F	Dec-22F
Total gross loans	257,962	265,366	260,776	268,761	281,717
Other interest earning assets	85,559	87,676	88,104	90,050	94,824
Total gross IEAs	343,521	353,042	348,880	358,811	376,541
Total provisions	(2,769)	(3,321)	(3,972)	(4,253)	(4,512)
Net loans to customers	255,193	262,045	256,804	264,508	277,205
Total net IEAs	340,752	349,721	344,908	354,558	372,029
Total non-IEAs	126,791	141,970	142,322	142,088	144,795
Total assets	467,543	491,691	487,230	496,646	516,824
Customer deposits	295,412	302,851	298,308	302,783	314,894
Other interest-bearing liabilities	7,576	8,250	5,114	6,424	7,847
Total IBLs	302,988	311,101	303,422	309,207	322,741
Total non-IBLs	121,163	131,987	133,386	134,700	138,686
Total liabilities	424,151	443,088	436,808	443,907	461,427
Share capital	15,750	17,261	17,303	17,457	17,820
Shareholders' equity	42,137	47,162	48,998	51,205	53,771
Minority interests	1,255	1,441	1,424	1,534	1,626

Asset quality and capital	Dec-18	Dec-19	Dec-20F	Dec-21F	Dec-22F
Reported NPLs / gross cust loans (%)	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.5
Total provisions / reported NPLs (%)	70.3	85.5	82.5	94.9	105.0
CET-1 ratio (%)	14.0	14.9	16.2	16.8	17.2
Tier-1 ratio (%)	14.8	15.6	17.2	17.8	18.1
Total capital ratio (%)	16.5	16.9	18.5	19.1	19.3

Source: Company data, RHB



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OCBC (SGDm)	FY18	FY19	FY20F	FY21F	FY22F
NII	5,890	6,331	5,980	6,115	6,369
Non-II	3,811	4,540	4,450	4,816	5,275
- Dividends	128	92	98	107	120
- Fee & commission income	2,031	2,123	2,217	2,434	2,608
Rental income	79	80	85	93	104
- Insurance	911	976	986	1,006	1,183
Other operating income	662	1,269	1,064	1,176	1,254
Total operating Income	9,701	10,871	10,430	10,931	11,644
Operating expenses	(4,214)	(4,644)	(4,686)	(4,934)	(5,175
Operating profit	5,487	6,227	5,744	5,997	6,469
Provisions	(288)	(890)	(1,080)	(710)	(688
Goodwill/intangibles amortisation	(102)	(103)	(108)	(108)	(108
Associates	455	566	582	613	670
Pre-tax profit	5,552	5,800	5,138	5,792	6,343
Taxation	(877)	(778)	(812)	(953)	(1,047
Profit after tax	4,675	5,022	4,326	4,839	5,296
Minorities	(183)	(153)	(158)	(167)	(178
Net profit	4,492	4,869	4,168	4,672	5,118
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EPS (SGD¢)	106.0	114.0	94.7	106.2	116.3
Book value (SGD)	9.56	10.38	10.79	11.29	11.88
Revalued book (SGD)	11.38	12.13	12.55	13.05	13.63
P&L ratios (%)					
ROE (Avg)	11.5	11.4	9.9	10.5	11.0
NIM	1.70	1.77	1.68	1.71	1.72
NII/income	60.7	58.2	57.3	55.9	54.
Operating expenses/income	43.4	42.7	44.9	45.1	44.4
P&L YoY change (%)					
NII	8.6	7.5	(5.5)	2.3	4.2
Non-II	(7.2)	19.1	(2.0)	8.2	9.9
Fee & commission income	4.0	4.5	4.4	9.8	7. <sup>-</sup>
Total income	1.8	12.1	(4.1)	4.8	6.9
Operating expenses	4.2	10.2	0.9	5.3	4.9
Operating expenses Operating profit	0.0	13.5		4.4	7.9
Provisions	(57.1)	209.0	(7.8) 21.3	(34.3)	(3.1
Pre-tax profit	8.9	4.5	(11.4)	12.7	9.9
Net profit	11.1	8.4	(14.4)	12.1	9.6
BS data (SGDm)					
Assets	467,543	491,691	487,230	496,646	516,824
Non-bank loans	255,193	262,045	256,804	264,508	277,20
Customer deposit	295,412	302,851	298,308	302,783	314,89
Non-performing assets	3,938	3,883	4,812	4,483	4,296
Cumulative loan loss provisions	2,769	3,321	3,972	4,253	4,290
Balance sheet ratios (%) Loans deposit ratio	86.4	86.5	86.1	87.4	88.0
•		86.5 2.7			
Non-bank loans growth (YoY%) Customer deposit growth (YoY%)	9.0 4.1	2.7 2.5	(2.0) (1.5)	3.0 1.5	4.8 4.0
Customer deposit growth (+o+%) Non-bank NPL/non-bank loans	1.5	2.5 1.5	1.9	1.5	4.0 1.0
Loan loss coverage	70.3	85.5	82.5	94.9	105.0
Total CAR	16.5	16.9	18.5	19.1	19.3

Source: Company data, RHB



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# **Recommendation Chart**



Date	Recommendation	Target Price	Price
2020-02-23	Neutral	11.2	11.0
2019-11-05	Neutral	11.5	11.1
2019-09-26	Neutral	11.5	10.8
2019-08-20	Neutral	11.5	10.7
2019-08-05	Neutral	11.8	11.1
2019-07-17	Neutral	12.2	11.6
2019-05-13	Neutral	12.2	11.2
2019-05-10	Neutral	12.2	11.4
2019-04-22	Neutral	12.2	11.8

Source: RHB, Bloomberg

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