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OCBC Bank (OCBC SP)

Buy (Maintained)

Tailwind From NIM Expansion; Keep BUY

Target Price (Return): SGD13.9 (19.9%)
Price (Market Cap): SGD11.6 (USD36,541m)
ESG score: 3.10 (out of 4)
Avg Daily Turnover (SGD/USD) 62.3m/44.6m

Maintain BUY and SGD13.90 TP, 20% upside and 5% yield. OCBC Bank's share price is up a modest 2% YTD, giving up almost all of the 18% gain in early 2022. That said, we believe the stock will continue to outperform the broader market helped by healthy NIM expansion and its decent dividend yield. Our TP is based on a GGM-derived intrinsic value of SGD13.60 and a 2% ESG premium based on our in-house methodology.

Analyst

Loan demand subdued. Against the backdrop of global uncertainty stemming from intensifying inflation, policy tightening in many countries, geopolitical tensions, and supply chain frictions, businesses are taking a cautious stance on their investment plans. This continues to weigh on loan demand. Property cooling measures introduced in Dec 2021 and Oct 2022 will certainly lead to a slowdown in property sales. That said, OCBC has an inventory of SCD10 the in property loans to be disbursted over the post few

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demand. Property cooling measures introduced in Dec 2021 and Oct 2022 will certainly lead to a slowdown in property sales. That said, OCBC has an inventory of SGD10.0bn in property loans to be disbursed over the next few years. We believe OCBC would report very modest QoQ rise in loans for 3Q22, mirroring the banking system trend. Recall that the group's loans grew 2.8% YTD or an annualised 5.5% in 1H22.
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Share Performance (%)

Ω22, mirroring the banking system trend. Recall that the group's loans grew 3% YTD or an annualised 5.5% in 1H22.	52-wk Price lo	w/high (SGD)	1.5	٥.١
M expansion – the bright spot. NIM, having expanded 16bps QoQ to 71% in 2Q22 on the 112bps QoQ rise in domestic short term rates, will again the key positive in the coming 3Q22 results. In tandem with the US Federal	Ove	rsea-Chinese B		
eserve's hefty 225bps (three hikes of 75bps each) increase in the federal	13.5	,Kin		

YTD 1m 3m 6m 12m Absolute 1.7 (6.2)2.2 (3.1)(2.7)Relative 52 15 5.6 5.6 2.3 11.0 - 13.4

Corporate CASA to mitigate attrition. Based on data by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), system CASA ratio has eased to 58.7% from c.68% for 2021. While acknowledging that the switch to higher yielding assets is inevitable, OCBC believes that the attrition would be somewhat mitigated by the fact that 40% of its CASA comes from by corporate customers. Corporate CASA tends to be stickier as these are often working capital funds.

Interbank Offered Rate (SIBOR) has risen 126bps QoQ to 3.17% on 30 Sep. We expect OCBC's NIM expansion to be even wider in 3Q22. The sustained

rise in interest rates will have a positive impact on NIM, which would in turn



 Non-II still soft. The uncertain global outlook remained a drag on OCBC's fees and commissions income in 3Q22. The bearish tilt in equity markets hurt demand for wealth products as customers remained risk-off. Overall, 3Q22 net fees and commissions are expected to remain at the SGD477m posted in 2Q22, which would mean a 16% YoY decline. Source: Bloomberg

 Credit cost normalising. OCBC's 3Q22 credit cost will normalise from the low 7bps in 1H22. Against guidance of 20-25bps for FY22, this would mean credit cost of c.33bps per quarter in 2H22. Still, asset quality is healthy and OCBC is not seeing stress in its loan portfolio. Management believes its residential mortgages would not be impacted by the rising interest rates. About 80% of its Singapore housing loans are owner-occupied purchases. Furthermore, group loan-to-value for housing loans is a low 50%.

Overall ESG Score: 3.10 (out of 4)

E: GOOD

OCBC has a sustainability framework that aligns the bank's approach to creating a positive social and environmental impact in line with the global sustainable development agenda. It has a responsible lending framework, and is working towards enhancing the integration of climaterelated considerations into its ESG Risk Assessment processes by 2022. In 2020, OCBC developed a new Responsible Investing Policy to integrate ESG considerations into the bank's investment decisions. It aims to build a sustainable finance portfolio of SGD50bn by 2025 (2021: SGD34bn).

S: GOOD

OCBC aims to maintain a balanced gender mix across its workforce, with 42% of women in leadership positions by 2022. In 2020, women accounted for 59% of total employees, 39% in leadership positions, and 20% in the board of directors. OCBC is active in talent management, and places health, safety and wellbeing of staff at the top of its priorities as an employer.

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OCBC is proactive in its approach to ensure resilience against risks of cyber-attacks, data breaches, fraud and money laundering. That said, a highly sophisticated phishing scam in Dec 2021 has highlighted the need for enhanced security measures.

Forecasts and Valuation	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Reported net profit (SGDm)	3,586	4,858	5,520	6,496	7,063
Net profit growth (%)	(26.4)	35.5	13.6	17.7	8.7
Recurring net profit (SGDm)	3,586	4,858	5,520	6,496	7,063
Recurring EPS (SGD)	0.81	1.09	1.23	1.45	1.58
BVPS (SGD)	11.09	11.72	12.36	13.18	14.07
DPS (SGD)	0.32	0.53	0.58	0.63	0.68
Recurring P/E (x)	14.34	10.67	9.39	7.98	7.34
P/B (x)	1.04	0.99	0.94	0.88	0.82
Dividend Yield (%)	2.7	4.6	5.0	5.4	5.9
Return on average equity (%)	7.4	9.5	10.3	11.4	12.4

Source: Company data, RHB

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Valuation basis

GGM-derived intrinsic value with an ESG overlay. Key GGM assumptions are:

- (i) COE of 10.11%;
- (ii) ROE of 10.5%;
- (iii) 3.0% long-term growth

Key drivers

Our net profit forecast is most sensitive to changes in:

- (i) Credit costs;
- (ii) Net interest margin; (iii) Non-interest income growth.

Key risks

Key risks include:

- (i) Higher-than-expected allowances;
- (ii) Weaker-than-expected NIM;
- (iii) Prolonged COVID-19 pandemic and geo-political tensions.

Company Profile

OCBC is the second largest banking group in Singapore by asset size. It also has sizeable operations in Malaysia, Greater China and Indonesia.

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Income statement (SGDm)	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Interest income	9,143	7,425	8,655	11,150	11,981
Interest expense	(3,177)	(1,570)	(1,930)	(3,650)	(3,930)
Net interest income	5,966	5,855	6,725	7,500	8,051
Non interest income	4,173	4,741	4,604	5,015	5,329
Total operating income	10,139	10,596	11,329	12,514	13,380
Overheads	(4,543)	(4,867)	(5,060)	(5,408)	(5,708)
Pre-provision operating profit	5,596	5,729	6,268	7,106	7,672
Loan impairment allowances	(2,009)	(867)	(578)	(517)	(503)
Other impairment allowances		, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,
Income from associates	(34) 612	(6) 824	1,000	(7) 1,050	(6) 1,103
Pre-tax profit	4,165	5,680	6,683	7,632	8,265
Taxation	(437)	(648)	(968)	(916)	(967)
Minority interests	(142)	(174)	(195)	(220)	(235)
Reported net profit	3,586	4,858	5,520	6,496	7,063
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Profitability ratios	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Return on average assets (%)	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2
Return on average equity (%)	7.4	9.5	10.3	11.4	12.4
Return on IEAs (%)	2.6	2.1	2.3	2.8	3.0
Cost of funds (%)	1.0	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.1
Net interest spread (%)	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9
Net interest margin (%)	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.0
Non-interest income / total income (%)	41.2	44.7	40.6	40.1	39.8
Cost to income ratio (%)	44.8	45.9	44.7	43.2	42.7
Credit cost (bps)	75.5	31.5	19.8	16.8	16.3
Balance sheet (SGDm)	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Total gross loans	267,240	289,716	305,940	324,297	342,133
	88,930	87,217	94,855	99,121	104,040
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Asset quality and capital	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Reported NPLs / gross cust loans (%)	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Total provisions / reported NPLs (%)	117.3	92.6	101.7	99.1	98.8
CET-1 ratio (%)	15.8	16.0	15.6	15.7	16.2
Tier-1 ratio (%)	15.8	16.0	15.6	15.7	16.2
Total capital ratio (%)	17.9	17.6	17.0	17.0	17.5

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Source: Company data, RHB



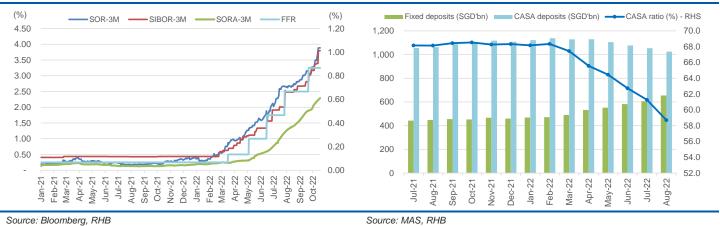
Share capital

Shareholders' equity

Minority interests

Figure 1: Domestic short term interest rates rising in tandem with the federal funds rate

Figure 2: Banking system CASA attrition has started in Mar 2022



Valuation and TP

Our TP of SGD13.90 is based on an intrinsic value of SGD13.61, with a 2% ESG premium applied, based on RHB's in-house ESG methodology.

The intrinsic value is based on the GGM-derived P/BV of 1.05x, which is close to its historical mean of 1.1x.

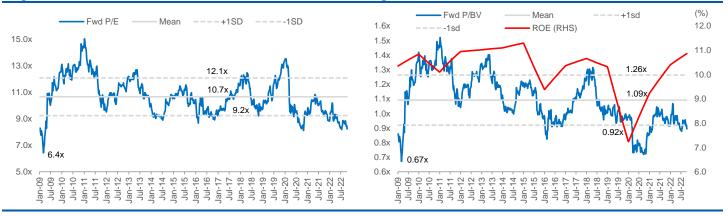
Figure 3: OCBC - GGM valuation

Cost of equity (COE) computation:		Sustainable ROE (%)	10.50
Risk free rate (%)	2.65	COE (%)	10.11
Equity premium (%)	7.35	Long-term growth (g)	3.00
Beta (x)	1.02	Implied P/BV (x)	1.05
Cost of equity - CAPM (%)	10.11	Rolling 12-mth forward BVPS	SGD12.90
		Intrinsic value	SGD13.61
ESG premium/(discount) (%)	2.0	ESG premium/(discount)	SGD0.27
		TP (rounded)	SGD13.90

Source: Company data, RHB

Figure 4: OCBC's 12-month forward P/E valuation

Figure 5: OCBC's 12-month forward P/BV valuation



Source: Bloomberg, RHB Source: Bloomberg, RHB

Recommendation Chart

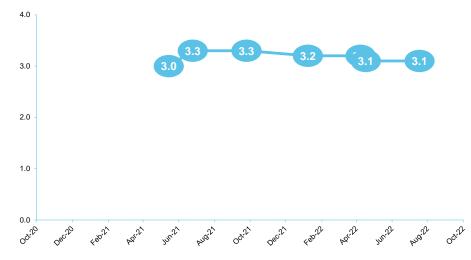


Source: RHB, Bloomberg

Date	Recommendation	Target Price	Price
2022-08-03	Buy	13.9	12.0
2022-05-03	Buy	13.9	12.4
2022-02-24	Buy	14.4	12.0
2022-01-24	Buy	14.8	12.3
2021-11-04	Buy	15.1	11.9
2021-08-05	Buy	14.3	12.4
2021-05-09	Buy	14.3	12.6
2021-04-09	Buy	13.3	11.8
2021-02-25	Buy	12.5	11.1
2020-11-06	Neutral	9.5	8.9
2020-08-10	Neutral	8.7	8.7
2020-05-08	Neutral	8.7	8.9
2020-04-22	Neutral	9.0	8.6
2020-03-17	Neutral	9.6	8.6
2020-02-23	Neutral	11.2	11.0

Source: RHB, Bloomberg

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