

# Malaysia

# ADD (no change)

Sell 1 Consensus ratings\*: Buy 17 Hold 1 Current price: RM5.90 RM7.00 Target price: Previous target: RM6.40 18.6% Up/downside: CGS-CIMB / Consensus: 9.1% RHBC.KL Reuters: RHBBANK MK Bloombera: US\$5,821m Market cap: RM24,443m US\$4.41m Average daily turnover: RM18.48m Current shares o/s: 4,010m Free float: 48.2% \*Source: Bloomberg

#### Key changes in this note

> FY22-23F net profit raised by 9-10%.



		Source: Bi	loomberg
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	5.9	12.2	8.9
Relative (%)	0.1	5.8	7

Major shareholders	% held
EPF	41.7
OSK Holdings	10.1
Amanah Saham Bumiputera	4.2

# **RHB Bank Bhd**

# Enticing FY21-22F dividend yields of 6-7%

- FY21 CNP was 8% above our projection due to higher-than-expected net interest income. FY21 DPS of 40 sen was also above our projected 30 sen.
- We are projecting a weak CNP growth of 1.6% in FY22F due to Cukai Makmur, excluding which, FY22F CNP growth would be 13.8%.
- Reiterate Add, given its above-industry loan growth, attractive valuation (CY23F P/E of 6.8x), and enticing dividend yield of 6% in FY22F.

### Final results and dividend above expectation

RHB Bank's FY21 core net profit (CNP) (excluding modification loss) was 8% above our projection due to higher-than-expected net interest income (arising from the improvement in loan growth). However, FY21 CNP was within the market's expectation, at 99% of Bloomberg consensus' estimate. Another positive surprise was the higher-than-expected FY21 DPS of 40 sen (dividend payout of 58%) vs. our projected 30 sen (dividend payout of 46.2%). This translated into a compelling dividend yield of 7% in FY21, one of the highest in the sector.

## 4Q21 CNP growth driven by a plunge in LLP

RHB Bank's total revenue slid by 7.2% yoy in 4Q21, with the decline of 5.1% yoy in net interest income and 29.4% yoy in non-interest income. Notwithstanding the lower topline, 4Q21 CNP surged by 43.6% yoy, underpinned by an 85.7% yoy plunge in loan loss provisioning (LLP). 4Q21 CNP rose by 4.9% gog as the 65.5% gog drop in LLP was partly offset by the 29.3% gog contraction in non-interest income.

# Weak FY22F CNP growth due to Cukai Makmur

We are projecting a weak CNP growth of 1.6% for RHB Bank in FY22F, primarily due to the additional taxation under Cukai Makmur. Excluding the one-off tax, RHB Bank's FY22F CNP growth would be higher at 13.4%, primarily underpinned by a projected 5.2% rise in net interest income and a 15.2% drop in LLP.

# A steep decline in loan under repayment assistance

We are positive on the 59% decline in loan under repayment assistance, from RM52bn on 10 Nov 21 (31% of domestic loans) to RM21.3bn on 31 Jan 22 (12% of domestic loans). This signifies easing pressures from Covid-19 credit risks on its asset quality.

#### Upping EPS forecasts and target price

We raise FY22-23 CNP forecasts by 9-10%, mainly due to the increase of about 4% for net interest income. This lifts our DDM-based target price from RM6.40 to RM7.00.

#### Reiterate Add call on RHB Bank

RHB remains an Add in our book premised on its attractive valuation of 6.8x CY23F P/E and compelling dividend yield of 6% for CY22F. Potential re-rating catalysts would be the above-industry loan growth and our expected decline in FY22F LLP.

Financial Summary	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Net Interest Income (RMm)	3,343	3,817	4,015	4,291	4,472
Total Non-Interest Income (RMm)	3,842	3,972	4,665	5,002	5,432
Operating Revenue (RMm)	7,186	7,789	8,681	9,294	9,905
Total Provision Charges (RMm)	(1,145)	(737)	(625)	(663)	(704)
Net Profit (RMm)	2,033	2,618	2,850	3,490	3,785
Core EPS (RM)	0.58	0.69	0.69	0.84	0.91
Core EPS Growth	(6.6%)	19.0%	0.0%	22.4%	8.5%
FD Core P/E (x)	10.20	8.58	8.58	7.00	6.46
DPS (RM)	0.18	0.40	0.34	0.42	0.46
Dividend Yield	2.99%	6.78%	5.83%	7.14%	7.74%
BVPS (RM)	6.74	6.76	7.84	8.45	9.07
P/BV (x)	0.88	0.87	0.75	0.70	0.65
ROE	8.8%	10.2%	9.4%	10.3%	10.4%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates			9.46%	9.73%	

#### 1.06 SOURCES: CGS-CIMB RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS

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### Analyst(s)



CGS-CIMB/Consensus EPS (x)



# Enticing FY21-22F dividend yields of 6-7%

FYE Dec (RM m)	4QFY21	4QFY20	yoy %	qoq %	4QFY21	4QFY20	yoy %	Prev.	
			chg	chg	Cum	Cum	chg	FY21F	Comments
Net interest income	995.0	1,048.7	(5.1)	17.8	3,817.1	3,343.4	14.2	3,455.2	Above. Improved loan growth.
Non-interest income	389.0	551.0	(29.4)	(29.3)	1,876.4	2,176.7	(13.8)	2,183.2	Below. Weak investment income.
Islamic income	535.2	468.3	14.3	(2.0)	2,095.1	1,665.7	25.8	1,832.3	Above.
Total income	1,919.2	2,068.0	(7.2)	(1.1)	7,788.6	7,185.8	8.4	7,470.6	Above. Driven by net interest income.
Overhead expenses	(910.4)	(889.4)	2.4	5.6	(3,522.4)	(3,386.8)	4.0	(3,524.5)	In line. Normalised growth of close to 5%.
Pre-provision profit	1,008.8	1,178.6	(14.4)	(6.5)	4,266.2	3,799.0	12.3	3,946.1	Above. Wider jaws from stronger revenue growth.
Loan loss provisions	(86.3)	(604.4)	(85.7)	(65.5)	(737.2)	(1,145.1)	(35.6)	(711.5)	Above. A yoy decline.
Associates' contrib and others	-	-	-	-	(0.3)	25.2	(101.2)	49.0	
Pretax profit	922.5	574.2	60.7	11.3	3,528.7	2,679.1	31.7	3,283.6	Above. 108% of CGS-CIMB.
Tax	(291.3)	(134.9)	115.9	52.5	(905.6)	(639.9)	41.5	(788.1)	Above. Higher tax rate.
Tax rate (%)	31.6	23.5	-	-	25.7	23.9	7.4	24.0	Above.
Minority interests	-	(0.7)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(4.7)	(6.7)	(29.9)	(6.7)	Below.
Net profit	631.2	438.6	43.9	(0.7)	2,618.4	2,032.5	28.8	2,488.8	
Core net profit	666.8	464.2	43.6	4.9	2,863.3	2,450.5	16.8	2,647.9	Above CGS-CIMB (108%); Within mkt (99%).
EPS (sen)	15.3	10.9	40.4	(1.9)	64.7	49.8	29.9	61.1	
Core EPS (sen)	16.2	11.5	40.1	(14.1)	70.8	60.0	17.8	65.0	

Figure 2: Earnin	gs revision	for RHB Bar	nk					
	2021A		2022F	9	2023F			
		Old	New	%chg	Old	New	%chg	
Net interest income	3,817	3,855	4,015	4.1%	4,118	4,291	4.2%	
Net profit	2,618	2,604	2,850	9.5%	3,181	3,490	9.7%	

# Potential downside risks >

We see the following as potential downside risks to our Add call: 1) a drastic slowdown in loan growth, 2) material deterioration in asset quality, and 3) a spike in LLP in FY22-23F.







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## ESG in a nutshell

RHB Bank has a systematic approach in handling borrowers in ESG-vulnerable sectors, supported by its ESG Risk Assessment (ERA) guidelines. The ERA evaluation encompasses general and industry-specific criteria and is integrated into the bank's financing decision-making for non-retail lending and is required to be adhered to for the granting of new financing, changes in financing and account reviews.

### Keep your eye on

We observe that RHB Bank has one of the best ESG disclosures among Malaysian banks. We also like the bank's efforts to address exposure to sectors with high ESG risks.

Apart from having the list of prohibited credit (from the perspective of ESG), RHB Bank also established ERA for ESG-sensitive sectors. The ERA tools comprise general and industry-wide criteria. These provide guidance to its relationship managers and credit evaluators when assessing the ESG risks for each of the ESG sensitive sectors.

# **Implications**

RHB Bank's high ESG standards are reflected in its disclosure of ESG-sensitive sectors as well as its approach/practices to handle accounts in these sectors. Under RHB's classification, the five ESG-sensitive sectors are: 1) palm oil, 2) oil and gas, 3) manufacturing of iron, steel and other metals, 4) power producers, and 5) manufacturing of cement.

Going forward, we think RHB Bank would further integrate the ESG evaluation into its credit scoring systems for loan approvals and review. This would help the bank to better manage the risks from its exposures to certain sectors with high ESG risks (like palm oil as well as oil and gas), which we think are unavoidable.

Another area RHB Bank will focus on would be the improvement of the analysis and disclosure for the exposures to and risks from climate change. This is in line with the expected increase in regulatory requirements by Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) for this, for instance, the requirement for banks to conduct stress testing for the risks from climate-change by 2024.

### **ESG** highlights

As reported in The Edge Markets on 18 Jun 2021, RHB Bank said that on 17 Jun 2021, it discovered an error in the issuance of current account e-statements sent via e-mail to a number of customers. The error affected less than 0.5% of the bank's total retail customer base in Malaysia, RHB said.

#### **Implications**

This case of customer data breach is the reason why RHB Bank is not our ESG pick among Malaysian banks, despite its good practices for ESG disclosure and handling of accounts in ESG-sensitive sectors. Following this incident in Jun 2021, we believe the bank has tightened its data protection systems to avoid a recurrence of such event.

#### Trends

As at end-Dec 2020, RHB Bank had extended total green financing of RM3.1bn, of which RM521.6m (or 16.8%) was for renewable energy projects. Green financing accounted for 1.7% of its total loans as at end-Dec 2020.

## **Implications**

For the longer term, RHB Bank is committing RM5bn in support of green activities by 2025 through lending, capital market advisory and fund-raising activities, together with investments. The scope for this is broad, which could encompass certain consumer and SME loans (the financing of the purchase of electric vehicles and properties in the green projects), investment-banking deals relating to ESG transactions, investments in green bonds and ESG-compliant asset and wealth management products.

Like all Malaysian banks, RHB Bank will have to adopt Climate Change and Principle-based Taxonomy (introduced by BNM) by Jul 22. Following this, it will increase its focus on financing the climate-supporting and transitioning activities.

SOURCES: CGS-CIMB RESEARCH, REFINITIV



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Figure 3:	Sector	Comparison
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Company	Bbg Ticker	Recom.	Price (local)	Target Price (local)	Market Cap (US\$ m)		P/E (x) CY2022F	3-year EPS CAGR (%)	P/BV (x) CY2021	Recurr. ROE (%) CY2021	P/PPOPS (x) CY2021	Yield (%) CY2021
DBS Group	DBS SP	Add	33.82	39.90	64,115	12.7	11.5	23.6%	1.58	12.8%	11.1	3.5%
OCBC	OCBC SP	Add	11.67	14.20	38,618	10.8	9.7	20.0%	1.09	10.4%	9.2	4.5%
United Overseas Bank	UOB SP	Add	29.91	35.40	36,842	12.9	12.0	21.5%	1.17	9.3%	9.1	4.0%
Singapore average	000 01	Add	23.31	33.40	30,042	12.3	11.1	22.3%	1.30	11.0%		3.9%
onigapore average						12.2		22.070	1.50	11.070	3.3	0.07
Agricultural Bank of China	1288 HK	Add	2.96	3.10	162,397	3.8	3.5	9.0%	0.41	11.2%	1.8	8.2%
Bank of China	3988 HK	Add	3.04	3.10	136,066	3.7	3.4	9.7%	0.38	10.7%	1.8	8.7%
Bank of Communications	3328 HK	Add	5.36	4.50	53,745	4.1	3.8	8.9%	0.41	10.3%	2.0	7.7%
China CITIC Bank	998 HK	Add	3.67	4.90	31,816	2.9	2.6	11.8%	0.29	10.3%	1.0	9.4%
China Construction Bank	939 HK	Add	5.86	6.50	189,450	4.2	3.7	10.8%	0.48	11.9%	2.1	7.3%
China Minsheng Bank	1988 HK	Hold	3.04	2.90	25,209	2.9	2.6	14.5%	0.22	7.9%	0.7	10.5%
ICBC	1398 HK	Add	4.67	4.60	250,960	4.1	3.8	9.1%	0.46	11.7%	2.1	7.5%
Hong Kong average						3.9	3.6	9.8%	0.42	11.2%	1.8	7.9%
Bank Central Asia	BBCA IJ	Hold	8,050	8,100	69,000	31.6	27.2	16.1%	4.90	16.2%	20.5	1.6%
Bank Danamon	BDMN IJ	Add	2,380	3,300	1,617	8.1	6.2	62.6%	0.49	6.5%	2.5	4.3%
Bank Rakyat Indonesia	BBRI IJ	Add	4,550	5,000	47,948	20.3	16.4	30.5%	2.39	11.9%	9.2	4.5%
Bank Tabungan Negara	BBTN IJ	Add	1,775	2,100	1,307	7.9	7.2	24.8%	0.88	11.5%	3.0	2.5%
Indonesia average						24.6	20.3	27.7%	3.08	13.0%	12.6	2.8%
Affin Bank Berhad	ABANK MK	Reduce	1.77	1.27	895	7.8	8.4	20.2%	0.37	4.8%	4.5	2.8%
Alliance Bank Malaysia Berha	ABMB MK	Reduce	3.43	2.73	1,264	11.7	8.8	22.0%	0.81	7.2%	5.4	3.4%
AMMB Holdings	AMM MK	Add	3.36	3.64	2,650	8.3	7.0	12.9%	0.70	8.1%	4.2	3.9%
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	BIMB MK	Add	2.99	3.46	1,535	10.6	10.6	11.5%	0.93	10.1%	6.4	5.0%
Hong Leong Bank	HLBK MK	Add	20.06	21.80	10,355	14.8	13.2	9.8%	1.38	9.9%	12.8	2.6%
Malayan Banking Bhd	MAY MK	Add	8.76	9.80	24,779	12.3	12.7	10.2%	1.21	9.7%	7.3	6.6%
Public Bank Bhd	PBK MK	Add	4.45	5.00	20,570	15.1	14.9	11.9%	1.79	12.1%	10.1	3.4%
RHB Bank Bhd	RHBBANK MK	Add	5.90	7.00	5,821	8.6	8.6	13.4%	0.87	10.2%	5.6	6.8%
Malaysia average						12.6	12.4	12.0%	1.22	9.8%	8.0	4.7%
Bangkok Bank	BBL TB	Add	140.0	164.0	8,184	9.9	8.8	24.4%	0.57	6.1%	4.6	2.9%
Kasikornbank	KBANK TB	Add	163.5	170.0	11,863	11.1	9.8	11.7%	0.83	8.1%	4.3	1.8%
Kiatnakin Phatra Bank	KKP TB	Hold	68.3	59.0	1,770	10.8	9.1	8.0%	1.21	11.9%	4.8	4.5%
Krung Thai Bank	КТВ ТВ	Hold	14.0	12.7	5,992	10.6	9.2	10.1%	0.55	5.4%	3.1	2.9%
Siam Commercial Bank	SCB TB	Add	125.5	119.0	13,050	12.7	11.6	12.5%	0.98	8.4%	5.0	2.4%
Thailand average						11.2	10.0	13.5%	0.78	7.4%	4.4	2.7%



Figure 4: RHB Bank - quarterly profit and loss statements Jun-20 Sep-20 Dec-20 Mar-21 Jun-21 Sep-21 Dec-21 Remarks for 4Q21 FYE Dec (RM m) 2Q20 3Q20 4Q20 4Q21 Interest income 1,374.6 1.616.6 1.676.5 1.549.3 1.563.0 1.403.5 1.567.7 (627.8)(549.8)(558.8)Interest expenses (878.4)(711.0)(585.2)(572.7)496.2 905.6 1,048.7 964.1 1,013.2 844.7 995.0 Net interest income 667.5 568.9 551.0 437.0 500.8 550.0 389.0 Non-interest income Islamic Banking Income (IBI) 394.6 355.6 468.3 522.1 491.5 546.3 535.2 Total income 1,558.3 1,830.1 2,068.0 1,923.2 2,005.5 1,941.0 1,919.2 Overhead expenses (831.0)(853.7)(889.4)(885.4)(864.5)(862.4)(910.4)976.4 1.037.8 Pre-provision profit 727.3 1.178.6 1.141.0 1.078.6 1.008.8 Loan loss provisions (203.4)(186.5)(604.4)(173.9)(227.3)(249.8)(86.3)Associates' contrib and others 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 Allowance, writeback etc (9.5)48.1 0.0 0.0 (0.3)0.0 0.0 INCPS dividends 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 Pretax profit 514.4 838.0 574.2 863.9 913.4 828.8 922.5 Tax (110.7)(214.1)(134.9)(213.3)(210.0)(191.0) (291.3)23.5 24.7 23.0 Tax rate (%) 21.5 25.5 23.0 31.6 Minority interests (2.9)(1.7)(0.7)(0.3)(2.1)(2.2)0.0 400.8 622.2 438.6 650.3 701.3 635.6 631.2 Net profit EPS (sen) 10.0 14.3 10.9 16.2 17.5 15.6 15.3 Mar-21 Dec-21 Jun-20 Sep-20 Dec-20 Jun-21 Sep-21 yoy chg (%) 2Q20 3Q21 4Q21 -16.0% -18.5% 13.7% -6.5% Interest income -32.5% -20.3% -13.2% Interest expenses -24.0% -36.0% -41.1% -42.0% -37.4% -21.4% -8.8% Net interest income -43.7% -1 1% 12.8% 8.0% 104 2% -6.7% -5.1% Yoy contraction in net interest margin. 43.6% 5.8% 12.3% -25.0% -3.3% 43.7% -29.4% Non-interest income Weaker investment income. Islamic Banking Income (IBI) -8.5% -15.1% 22.1% 16.8% 24.6% 53.6% 14.3% Total income -12.3% 11.2% 28.7% 6.1% -7.2% Dragged down by lower non-int. -3.5% -1.2% 8.3% 2.4% Overhead expenses 3.8% 4.0% 1.0% Tight cost control. Pre-provision profit -20.5% 7.6% 26.3% 13.8% 56.9% 10.5% -14.4% Narrower jaws due to lower revenue. Loan loss provisions 175.2% 190.5% 791 4% 15 4% 11.8% 33.9% -85.7% A yoy plunge. Associates' contrib and others Allowance, writeback etc INCPS dividends Pretax profit -38.9% 0.5% -32.6% 14.8% 77.6% -1.1% 60.7% Tax -50.6% -1.5% -41.1% 18.3% 89.7% -10.8% 115.9% 3.0% Tax rate (%) -19 3% -1 9% -12 7% 6.8% -9.8% 34 4% Minority interests 70.0% -58.8% -76.9% -27.6% 29.4% -100.0% 61.1% Net profit -34.9% 1.0% -29.4% 13.9% 75.0% 2.2% 43.9% Driven by lower loan loss provisioning EPS (sen) -34.6% -31.0% 12.5% 75.0% 40.4% -8.3% 9.1% Key ratios (%) 6.2% 9.4% 6.6% 9.7% 10.3% 9.3% 9.2% Annualised return on equity 0.6% 0.7% 1.0% 0.9% 0.9% Annualised return on asset 1.0% 1.0% Annualised yield on income earning assets 2.24% 2.60% 2.65% 2.39% 2.37% 2.09% 2.29% Annualised cost of fund 1.56% 1.25% 1.09% 1.00% 0.92% 0.92% 0.92% Annualised net interest margin 1.40% 1.99% 2.38% 2.16% 2.15% 1.98% 2.21% A yoy contaction of 17bp yoy. 0.46% 0.49% 0.53% Annualised credit charge-off rate 0.42% 1.33% 0.38% 0.18% A decline yoy and qoq. 42.8% 31.1% 26.6% 22.7% 25.0% 28.3% 20.3% Non-interest income ratio Lower due to weak investment income. 19.4% IBI over total revenue 25.3% 22.6% 27.1% 24.5% 28.1% 27.9% 53.3% 46.6% 43.0% 46.0% 43.1% 44.4% 47.4% An increase due to lower revenue LLP over gross interest income 14.8% 11.5% 36.1% 11.2% 14.5% 17.8% 5.5% SOURCES: CGS-CIMB. COMPANY REPORTS



RM m	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21		Remarks for Dec 21
Cash and short-term funds	9,537.4	8,904.3	15,073.6	19,459.0	16,542.5	19,831.3		
Securities purchased under resale agreement	64.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Deposits with other FI's	3,098.1	6,069.4	5,987.1	4,561.2	4,409.1	3,486.8		
Securities held-for-trading	4,281.8	4,462.1	4,127.4	2,939.1	3,063.6	2,778.3		
Securities available-for-sale	41,002.6	42,903.3	44,118.6	41,191.7	39,260.5	41,140.9		
Securities held-to-maturity	15,345.2	16,005.3	16,336.9	16,723.3	17,353.7	17,961.5		
Loans,advances and financing	179,203.4	182,424.9	184,482.8	187,190.5	190,857.2	194,896.6	+6.8% yoy	
Clients and brokers' balances	866.1	1,339.6	1,274.0	1,069.7	1,060.7	879.6		
Other assets	4,335.4	3,799.4	3,697.8	3,764.9	3,020.8	3,056.7		
Amount due from holding company	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
nvestment in joint venture	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Statutory deposits	657.7	612.7	604.5	656.5	579.6	635.0		
Tax recoverable	323.3	290.0	280.7	223.8	167.7	131.3		
Deferred tax assets	23.3	35.3	190.4	168.0	280.1	377.8		
nvestment in associates	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Property, plant and equipment	1,016.8	1,013.3	1,020.6	1,030.8	1,001.4	1,016.8		
Goodwill	3,282.8	3,290.4	3,318.6	3,333.9	3,336.3	3,348.9		
OTAL ASSETS	263,038.2	271,150.0	280,513.0	282,312.4	280,933.2	289,541.5		
Deposits from customers	196,773.0	203,470.8	217,999.1	215,594.0	214,386.8	219,313.9	+7.8% yoy	
eposits from other FI's	20,800.6	21,035.2	18,355.8	18,235.0	18,150.3	23,406.8		
nvestment account	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Obligations on repurchase agreement securities	991.9	973.0	1,539.3	2,062.5	2,081.5	2,066.1		
Bill and acceptances payable	206.7	187.0	304.6	650.8	172.9	210.1		
Clients and brokers' balances	801.0	1,171.9	1,154.9	1,103.5	953.4	948.5		
Other liabilities	6,791.1	7,097.7	5,639.0	5,783.8	5,800.6	6,185.7		
Recourse obigations on loans sold to Cagamas	2,272.6	3,023.8	2,030.3	2,012.4	2,030.5	2,259.9		
Taxation	62.3	69.6	104.2	156.3	248.1	124.2		
Deferred tax liabilities	318.2	165.9	3.3	2.1	0.1	0.1		
Borrowings	4,469.4	4,179.8	3,943.6	5,938.7	5,981.4	3,773.7		
Subordinated obligations	2,223.2	2,718.7	2,728.2	3,221.6	3,236.5	3,221.9		
Hybrid Tier-1 capital securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
NCPS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	235,710.0	244,093.4	253,802.3	254,760.7	253,042.1	261,510.9		
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Share capital	6,994.1	6,994.1	6,994.1	6,994.1	7,262.9	7,612.7		
Reserves	20,300.8	20,029.7	19,683.5	20,526.4	20,594.7	20,385.7		
Shareholders' funds (SHF)	27,294.9	27,023.8	26,677.6	27,520.5	27,857.6	27,998.4		
Minority Interest	33.3	32.7	33.1	31.2	33.5	32.2		



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Loans (RM m)	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	Remarks for Dec 21
	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	
Sectorial breakdown of loans						
Construction	7,705.0	7,828.6	7,934.6	7,949.5	7,208.8	
Residential mortgages	63,792.0	65,124.8	66,211.7	67,356.3	70,018.5	
Non-residential	19,503.4	19,607.2	19,769.6	19,866.1	19,610.3	
Purchase of securities	12,046.8	11,651.9	10,949.0	11,912.7	12,233.9	
Auto Ioans	9,248.1	9,383.5	9,458.3	9,264.2	9,576.2	
Purchase of fixed assets	2,440.9	2,567.5	2,545.8	2,295.8	2,279.6	
Personal use	11,063.6	10,831.0	11,073.5	11,475.4	11,680.4	
Credit card	2,021.9	1,945.2	1,856.6	1,835.7	1,936.6	
Purchase of consumer durables	12.0	11.6	10.6	10.0	9.1	
Merger & acquisitions	1,804.3	1,693.5	1,582.6	1,455.5	2,662.1	
Working capital	42,835.0	43,327.3	44,845.3	45,997.8	46,478.3	
Others	13,640.5	14,221.2	14,774.7	15,207.3	14,818.0	
TOTAL	186, 113.5	188,193.3	191,012.3	194,626.3	198,511.8	
Sectorial breakdown of loans (%)						
Construction	4.1%	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%	3.6%	
Residential mortgages	34.3%	34.6%	34.7%	34.6%	35.3%	Biggest loan segment.
Non-residential	10.5%	10.4%	10.3%	10.2%	9.9%	
Purchase of securities	6.5%	6.2%	5.7%	6.1%	6.2%	
Auto Ioans	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	4.8%	4.8%	
Purchase of fixed assets	1.3%	1.4%	1.3%	1.2%	1.1%	
Personal use	5.9%	5.8%	5.8%	5.9%	5.9%	
Credit card	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%	1.0%	
Purchase of consumer durables	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Merger & acquisitions	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%	1.3%	
Vorking capital	23.0%	23.0%	23.5%	23.6%	23.4%	Second largest loan segment
Others	7.3%	7.6%	7.7%	7.8%	7.5%	5 5
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
r-o-y growth rate						
Construction	2.0%	-1.8%	-1.9%	1.0%	-6.4%	
Residential mortgages	7.3%	7.9%	8.2%	7.4%	9.8%	A pick-up in yoy growth.
Non-residential	3.8%	4.3%	3.3%	2.3%	0.5%	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Purchase of securities	6.6%	13.5%	3.6%	8.6%	1.6%	
Auto loans	6.3%	9.2%	11.7%	2.8%	3.5%	A pick-up in yoy growth.
Purchase of fixed assets	-7.7%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-18.3%	-6.6%	
Personal use	6.2%	4.7%	9.7%	9.2%	5.6%	
Credit card	-9.2%	-6.3%	-5.1%	-8.2%	-4.2%	
Purchase of consumer durables	-17.8%	-15.3%	-19.1%	-20.6%	-24.2%	
Merger & acquisitions	-	-	-13.170	-20.070	-24.270	
Working capital	14.3%	15.2%	10.0%	8.5%	8.5%	Stable and healthy growth.
Others	-10.1%	-8.3%	-7.4%	18.7%	8.6%	Clasic and floating growth.
TOTAL	5.6%	6.8%	5.7%	6.7%	6.7%	Above the industry's growth rate of 4.5



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(RMm)	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Net Interest Income	3,343	3,817	4,015	4,291	4,472
Total Non-Interest Income	3,842	3,972	4,665	5,002	5,432
Operating Revenue	7,186	7,789	8,681	9,294	9,905
Total Non-Interest Expenses	(3,387)	(3,522)	(3,813)	(3,997)	(4,189)
Pre-provision Operating Profit	3,799	4,266	4,867	5,296	5,715
Total Provision Charges	(1,145)	(737)	(625)	(663)	(704)
Operating Profit After Provisions	2,654	3,529	4,242	4,633	5,011
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT (incl Associates)	2,654	3,529	4,242	4,633	5,011
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	25	(0)	(51)	(35)	(25)
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	2,679	3,529	4,191	4,598	4,986
Exceptional Items	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax Profit	2,679	3,529	4,191	4,598	4,986
Taxation	(640)	(906)	(1,336)	(1,104)	(1,197)
Consolidation Adjustments & Others					
Exceptional Income - post-tax	0	0	0	0	0
Profit After Tax	2,039	2,623	2,855	3,495	3,790
Minority Interests	(7)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Pref. & Special Div	0	0	0	0	0
FX And Other Adj.	0	0	0	0	0
Net Profit	2,033	2,618	2,850	3,490	3,785
Recurring Net Profit	2,319	2,805	2,850	3,490	3,785

Balance Sheet Employment					
	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Gross Loans/Cust Deposits	91.5%	87.0%	88.8%	87.5%	86.2%
Avg Loans/Avg Deposits	91.9%	89.1%	87.9%	88.1%	86.8%
Avg Liquid Assets/Avg Assets	28.3%	30.6%	32.0%	32.3%	33.1%
Avg Liquid Assets/Avg IEAs	29.6%	31.7%	33.1%	33.3%	34.1%
Net Cust Loans/Assets	67.3%	64.6%	64.9%	64.3%	63.7%
Net Cust Loans/Broad Deposits	80.9%	76.5%	78.3%	77.3%	76.5%
Equity & Provns/Gross Cust Loans	16.6%	16.6%	17.4%	17.8%	18.0%
Asset Risk Weighting	48.2%	47.5%	47.9%	47.9%	48.1%
Provision Charge/Avg Cust Loans	0.67%	0.40%	0.36%	0.36%	0.36%
Provision Charge/Avg Assets	0.457%	0.271%	0.236%	0.235%	0.232%
Total Write Offs/Average Assets	0.16%	0.40%	0.64%	0.27%	0.29%

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Balance Sheet					
(RMm)	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Total Gross Loans	192,183	194,269	201,730	212,224	223,648
Liquid Assets & Invst. (Current)	63,371	69,605	69,895	76,266	82,675
Other Int. Earning Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Total Gross Int. Earning Assets	255,554	263,874	271,625	288,490	306,323
Total Provisions/Loan Loss Reserve	(3,806)	(3,610)	(2,476)	(2,429)	(2,322)
Total Net Interest Earning Assets	251,747	260,264	269,149	286,061	304,002
Intangible Assets	3,290	3,349	3,349	3,349	3,349
Other Non-Interest Earning Assets	7,090	6,097	6,517	6,475	6,659
Total Non-Interest Earning Assets	10,381	9,446	9,866	9,823	10,008
Cash And Marketable Securities	8,904	19,831	26,067	28,261	31,390
Long-term Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	271,032	289,541	305,083	324,145	345,399
Customer Interest-Bearing Liabilities	203,471	219,314	225,724	241,002	257,618
Bank Deposits	22,008	25,473	27,061	28,452	29,917
Interest Bearing Liabilities: Others	9,120	8,094	8,673	8,401	8,560
Total Interest-Bearing Liabilities	234,599	252,880	261,458	277,854	296,095
Bank's Liabilities Under Acceptances	3,024	2,260	4,023	4,232	4,459
Total Non-Interest Bearing Liabilities	6,470	6,371	7,103	7,000	7,231
Total Liabilities	244,093	261,511	272,584	289,086	307,785
Shareholders' Equity	27,024	27,998	32,464	35,024	37,577
Minority Interests	33	32	34	36	37
Total Equity	27,057	28,031	32,498	35,059	37,614

Key Ratios					
	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Total Income Growth	1.8%	8.4%	11.5%	7.1%	6.6%
Operating Profit Growth	3.5%	12.3%	14.1%	8.8%	7.9%
Pretax Profit Growth	(20.0%)	31.7%	18.8%	9.7%	8.4%
Net Interest To Total Income	46.5%	49.0%	46.3%	46.2%	45.2%
Cost Of Funds	1.39%	0.92%	1.08%	1.09%	1.08%
Return On Interest Earning Assets	2.60%	2.25%	2.38%	2.38%	2.34%
Net Interest Spread	1.21%	1.33%	1.29%	1.30%	1.27%
Net Interest Margin (Avg Deposits)	1.70%	1.81%	1.80%	1.84%	1.79%
Net Interest Margin (Avg RWA)	2.66%	2.85%	2.83%	2.85%	2.78%
Provisions to Pre Prov. Operating Profit	30.1%	17.3%	12.8%	12.5%	12.3%
Interest Return On Average Assets	1.27%	1.36%	1.35%	1.36%	1.34%
Effective Tax Rate	23.9%	25.7%	31.9%	24.0%	24.0%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	26.1%	45.7%	33.6%	37.5%	37.5%
Return On Average Assets	1.01%	1.26%	1.41%	1.46%	1.49%

Key Drivers					
	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Loan growth (%)	5.6%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	5.4%
Gross impaired loan ratio (%)	1.7%	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%
Loan loss coverage (%)	119.6%	122.4%	76.7%	69.6%	61.0%
Cost-to-income ratio (%)	47.1%	45.2%	43.9%	43.0%	42.3%
Non-interest income ratio (%)	30.3%	24.1%	27.2%	26.5%	26.7%
Common equity Tier-1 capital ratio (%)	16.2%	16.2%	16.1%	16.0%	15.8%
Stage-1 ECL coverage (%)	17.8%	19.3%	18.1%	17.3%	16.7%
Stage-2 ECL coverage (%)	26.1%	25.5%	21.3%	21.1%	18.9%
Stage-3 ECL coverage (%)	45.2%	44.8%	37.3%	31.1%	25.4%
Total provision over loans (%)	2.0%	1.8%	1.2%	1.1%	1.0%
Return on equity (%)	7.7%	9.5%	9.4%	10.3%	10.4%
Return on asset (%)	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%

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