



#### China

## ADD (no change)

Consensus ratings\*: Ruy 12 Hold 6 Sell 5

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Current price:	Rmb5.03
Target price:	Rmb4.90
Previoustarget:	Rmb4.90
Up/downside:	-2.6%
CGS-CIMB / Consensus:	-1.5%
Reuters:	601998.SS
Bloomberg:	601998 CH
Market cap:	US\$33,519m
	Rmb221,149m
Average daily turnover:	US\$27.37m
	Rmb174.7m
Current shares o/s:	48,935m
Free float: *Source: Bloomberg	35.8%

#### Key changes in this note

No changes.



		Source: B	loomberg
Price performance Absolute (%)	1M 3.3	3M 8.2	12M -4.7
Relative (%)	8.2	17.6	7.6

Major shareholders	% held
CITIC Group	64.2
China Tobacco Corporation	4.4

# China CITIC Bank-A

# ROE continues its rebound

- We like the fact that 1Q22 ROE continued to rebound to 13.6% (+0.3% pts yoy), after FY21 ROE rose for the first time in eight years (since FY13).
- 1Q22 net profit growth of 10.9% yoy was the strongest 1Q start to the year since 1Q14's 16.1% yoy.
- Capital remains our biggest concern, with 1Q22 core Tier 1 ratio at 8.66%, down 19bp gog due to higher risk-weighted-asset intensity.
- Reiterate Add and TP of Rmb4.90.

#### Best 1Q start to the year in eight years

1Q22 growth of net profits (after deduction of minority interests and payments to holders of preference shares and perpetual bonds) was 10.9% yoy, the best 1Q start to the year since 1Q14's 16.1% yoy. 1Q22 net profit comprised 30% of our FY22F net profit forecast. 1Q22 ROE rose again, up 28bp yoy to 13.6%, after FY21's ROE expanded for the first time in eight years (See Asset quality standing out, dated 25 Mar 2022).

#### What we liked about the FY21 results

i) In addition to the strong 1Q22 net profit growth and rising 1Q22 ROE, we also like 1Q22's non-performing Ioan (NPL) ratio of 1.35%, -4bp qoq, with 1Q22 NPLs down 0.9% qoq (-6.5% yoy); ii) 1Q22 credit cost was 1.58% of average loans (-22bp yoy), with impairment loss expenses down 6.8% yoy; iii) 1Q22 net interest margin (NIM) was 2.02%, +1bp gog (but -11bp yoy).

#### What we did not like about the results

i) 1Q22 core Tier 1 ratio was 8.66% (-19bp qoq; +7bp yoy). This was because of increased 1Q22 risk-weighted-asset (RWA) intensity, with 1Q22 RWA-to-total-assets ratio at 74.1%, +1.9% pts qoq and +1.3% pts yoy; ii) 1Q22 cost-to-income ratio was 25.6%, +95bp yoy; iii) 1Q22 pre-provisioning operating profit growth was only 2.6% yoy (albeit a slight improvement from FY21's +0.9% yoy); iv) 1Q22 fee income grew 4.1% yoy (FY21: +24.4% yoy). 1 Q22 non-interest income rose 17.1% yoy (FY21: +26.5% yoy), with 1Q22 net trading income up 46% yoy (FY21: +31.1% yoy).

#### What else was interesting about the results

i) 1Q22 provisioning coverage ratio was 184.2% (+4.1% pts qoq; -1.7% pts yoy); ii) 1Q22 loan-to-deposit ratio was 100.6% (-1.9% pts qoq); iii) 1Q22 loan growth yoy was 6.6% (4Q21: +8.6%) and up 2% qoq w hile 1Q22 deposit growth yoy was 5.9% (4Q21: +4.6%) and up 3.9% qoq;i v) 1Q22 effective tax rate was 17% (+2.1% pts yoy).

### Reiterate Add rating; FY22F-24F EPS & TP of Rmb4.90 unchanged

We value CITIC-A using a stress-test-adjusted GGM after factoring in historical valuation premiums. Potential re-rating catalysts are improving asset quality and economic recovery. Key downside risks: a worse-than-expected NIM trend and greater social responsibilities.

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Financial Summary	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Net Interest Income (Rmbm)	150,515	147,896	152,694	162,515	172,988
Total Non-Interest Income (Rmbm)	44,815	56,681	64,201	72,177	80,524
Operating Revenue (Rmbm)	195,330	204,577	216,895	234,692	253,513
Total Provision Charges (Rmbm)	(82,989)	(77,048)	(81,144)	(84,576)	(86,424)
Net Profit (Rmbm)	46,199	52,419	57,875	65,543	75,150
Core EPS (Rmb)	0.94	1.07	1.18	1.34	1.54
Core EPS Growth	(0.8%)	13.5%	10.4%	13.2%	14.7%
FD Core P/E (x)	5.33	4.70	4.25	3.76	3.28
DPS (Rmb)	0.25	0.30	0.33	0.38	0.43
Dividend Yield	5.05%	6.00%	6.60%	7.48%	8.57%
BVPS (Rmb)	9.53	10.39	11.27	12.27	13.43
P/BV (x)	0.53	0.48	0.45	0.41	0.37
ROE	10.2%	10.8%	10.9%	11.4%	11.9%
CGS-CIMB/Consensus EPS (x)			1.02	1.07	1.10

SOURCES: CGS-CIMB RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



# ROE continues its rebound

#### Valuation and risks

We value CITIC-A using a stress-test-adjusted Gordon Growth Model (GGM) after factoring in historical valuation premiums, with an unchanged target price of Rmb4.90.

Our key valuation assumptions are a COE of 15%, a sustainable growth (g) assumption of 3%, an initial sustainable ROE assumption of 11.9% based on FY24F ROE, and an asset quality and investor compensation valuation discount of 45% (Fig 1). We thus derive a stress-test-adjusted target FY22F P/BV multiple of 0.43x, implying a sustainable ROE assumption of 8.2%.

We arrive at a target price of Rmb4.90 and reiterate our Add rating on CITIC-A.

Figure 1: Valuation using a stress-test-adjusted G	Assumption and forecasts
Equity risk premium	8.0%
Risk free rate	3.0%
Beta	1.50
COE	15.0%
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g	3%
Sustainable ROE (based on FY24F ROE)	11.9%
Initial target P/BV	0.74x
Asset quality valuation discount	-45%
Policy risk discount	-10%
Final target P/BV	0.36x
FY22F BVPS (Rmb)	11.27
Target price (Rmb)	4.11
Average A-H share premium applied	42%
Valuation incorporating average A-H share gap since start-2011	5.82
Weighting given to A-H valuation gap	50%
Hence, final A-share target price (Rmb)	4.90
TP-implied target P/BV (FY22F)	0.43x
TP-implied sustainable ROE	8.2%
Current price (Rmb)	5.03
Share price upside	-3%
·	SOURCES: CGS-CIMB RESEARCH ESTIMATES

Downside risks include a worse-than-expected economic slowdown in China. This could result in higher-than-expected asset quality pressure as well as greater-than-expected loan prime rate (LPR) cuts, which could also depress net interest margins.

Another key downside risk is a substantial increase in confirmed Covid-19 cases in China, forcing the country into lockdown again. This could substantially reduce income growth.

One final downside risk is that the large banks may face greater-than-expected policy risks with respect to lending in the event of a significant economic slowdown. Such policy-directed lending could result in asset quality problems for these banks further down the road, in our view.



Company	Ticker	Rating	Mkt cap	Price	Target	Upside/	P/BV	/ (x)	P/E	(x)	P/PPC	)P (x)	Dividen	d yield	ROE	Ξ(%)
			(US\$ bn)	(Lcy)	price (Lcy)	Downside	FY22F	FY23F	FY22F	FY23F	FY22F	FY23F	FY22F	FY23F	FY22F	FY23F
ICBC	1398 HK	Add	249.0	4.74	5.90	24%	0.45	0.41	3.9	3.6	2.2	2.0	7.9	8.6	12.0	12.1
CCB	0939 HK	Add	177.3	5.59	8.00	43%	0.43	0.40	3.7	3.4	2.0	1.8	8.3	9.1	12.3	12.3
BOC	3988 HK	Add	138.1	3.10	4.20	35%	0.37	0.34	3.5	3.1	1.9	1.8	9.1	10.1	11.2	11.3
ABC	1288 HK	Add	161.0	2.96	4.40	49%	0.39	0.36	3.5	3.2	1.8	1.6	9.0	9.8	11.5	11.6
BOCOM	3328 HK	Hold	54.1	5.47	5.30	-3%	0.40	0.37	3.8	3.5	2.0	1.8	8.4	9.2	10.9	11.1
CMB	3968 HK	Add	147.1	47.90	84.10	76%	1.23	1.08	7.5	6.3	4.4	4.0	4.4	5.2	17.4	18.2
CITIC	0998 HK	Add	33.0	4.01	4.80	20%	0.30	0.28	2.9	2.5	1.1	1.0	9.8	11.1	10.9	11.4
MSB	1988 HK	Hold	22.7	2.99	2.60	-13%	0.22	0.21	3.3	2.8	1.0	1.0	9.2	10.6	6.8	7.5
CQRCB	3618 HK	Add	6.0	3.06	4.10	34%	0.27	0.25	2.6	2.3	1.2	1.1	11.4	13.0	10.6	11.1
H-share weighted																
average							0.55	0.50	4.3	3.9	2.4	2.2	7.8	8.7	12.6	12.9
ICBC - A	601398 CH	Add	249.0	4.78	5.10	7%	0.54	0.49	4.7	4.3	2.6	2.4	6.6	7.2	12.0	12.1
CCB - A	601939 CH	Add	177.3	6.07	7.10	17%	0.56	0.51	4.7	4.3	2.6	2.4	6.5	7.1	12.3	12.3
BOC - A	601988 CH	Add	138.1	3.23	3.80	18%	0.46	0.42	4.3	3.9	2.4	2.2	7.4	8.1	11.2	11.3
ABC - A	601288 CH	Add	161.0	3.06	3.90	27%	0.48	0.44	4.3	4.0	2.2	2.0	7.3	8.0	11.5	11.6
BOCOM - A	601328 CH	Hold	54.1	5.08	4.80	-6%	0.44	0.41	4.2	3.8	2.2	2.0	7.6	8.3	10.9	11.1
CMB - A	600036 CH	Add	147.1	39.93	71.50	79%	1.21	1.06	7.4	6.2	4.4	3.9	4.5	5.3	17.4	18.2
CITIC - A	601998 CH	Add	33.0	5.03	4.90	-3%	0.45	0.41	4.3	3.8	1.6	1.5	6.6	7.5	10.9	11.4
MSB - A	600016 CH	Reduce	22.7	3.70	2.50	-32%	0.32	0.30	4.8	4.2	1.5	1.4	6.3	7.2	6.8	7.5
PAB - A	000001 CH	Add	43.6	15.32	22.70	48%	0.82	0.74	7.5	6.4	2.3	2.1	1.8	2.1	11.5	12.3
CQRCB - A	601077 CH	Add	6.0	3.87	4.50	16%	0.40	0.37	3.9	3.5	1.8	1.7	7.6	8.7	10.6	11.1
A-share weighted																
average							0.64	0.57	5.1	4.6	2.7	2.5	6.2	6.9	12.5	12.8
Combined sector																
weighted average							0.59	0.54	4.7	4.2	2.5	2.3	7.0	7.8	12.6	12.8

SOURCES: CGS-CIMB RESEARCH ESTIMATES, COMPANY REPORTS, BLOOMBERG

(\*ICBC: INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK OF CHINA; CCB: CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK; BOC: BANK OF CHINA; ABC: AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA; BOCOM: BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS; CMB: CHINA MERCHANTS BANK; CITIC: CHINA CITIC BANK; MSB: CHINA MINSHENG BANK; CQRCB: CHONGQING RURAL COMMERCIAL BANK)

DATA AS OF 2 MAY 2022



Profit & loss								
(Rmb m)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022F	2023F	2024F	2025
Net interest income	104,772	127,271	150,515	147,896	152,694	162,515	172,988	184,08
yoy	5.1%	21.5%	18.3%	-1.7%	3.2%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%
Non interest income	61,029	60,595	44,815	56,681	64,201	72,177	80,524	89,15
yoy	5.9%	-0.7%	-26.0%	26.5%	13.3%	12.4%	11.6%	10.7%
Total revenue	165,801	187,866	195,330	204,577	216,895	234,692	253,513	273,239
yoy	5.4%	13.3%	4.0%	4.7%	6.0%	8.2%	8.0%	7.8%
Operating expense	-52,600	-54,168	-54,255	-62,224	-63,992	-69,242	-74,795	-80,615
Pre-provision profit	113,201	133,698	141,075	142,353	152,904	165,450	178,718	192,624
yoy	4.5%	18.1%	5.5%	0.9%	7.4%	8.2%	8.0%	7.8%
Provisions	-58,233	-77,255	-82,989	-77,048	-81,144	-84,576	-86,424	-86,342
Net Profit to common shareholders	43,183	46,685	45,970	52,631	57,875	65,543	75,150	86,914
yoy	4.7%	8.1%	-1.5%	14.5%	10.0%	13.2%	14.7%	15.7%
Key balance sheet items								
(Rmb m)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022F	2023F	2024F	2025F
Loans	3,616,750	4,001,176	4,478,775	4,869,033	5,295,645	5,764,540	6,263,423	6,792,954
Interbank assets	286,103	335,798	412,882	343,211	367,236	392,942	420,448	449,880
Investments	1,600,163	1,873,596	2,092,732	2,322,641	2,485,226	2,659,192	2,845,335	3,044,509
Deposits	3,649,611	4,073,258	4,572,286	4,789,969	5,147,506	5,522,760	5,915,705	6,326,213
Interbank liabilites	1,017,937	1,155,499	1,296,668	1,351,433	1,464,953	1,590,471	1,729,468	1,880,612
Bonds	552,483	650,274	732,958	958,203	1,038,692	1,127,687	1,226,240	1,333,405
Common shareholders' equity	401,706	439,228	466,490	508,227	551,324	600,616	657,363	723,176
Total shareholders' equity	453,086	532,524	560,038	642,626	686,587	736,917	794,922	862,266
RWA	4,677,713	5,113,585	5,393,248	5,809,523	6,238,828	6,701,181	7,198,497	7,730,241
Total assets	6,066,714	6,750,433	7,511,161	8,042,884	8,637,227	9,277,324	9,965,823	10,701,986
yoy								
Loans	13.1%	10.6%	11.9%	8.7%	8.8%	8.9%	8.7%	8.5%
Interbank assets	-18.5%	17.4%	23.0%	-16.9%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%
Investments	10.7%	17.1%	11.7%	11.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%
Deposits	7.1%	11.6%	12.3%	4.8%	7.5%	7.3%	7.1%	6.9%
Interbank liabilites	0.8%	13.5%	12.2%	4.2%	8.4%	8.6%	8.7%	8.7%
Bonds	25.2%	17.7%	12.7%	30.7%	8.4%	8.6%	8.7%	8.7%
Common shareholders' equity	10.2%	9.3%	6.2%	8.9%	8.5%	8.9%	9.4%	10.0%
Total shareholders' equity	9.9%	17.5%	5.2%	14.7%	6.8%	7.3%	7.9%	8.5%
RWA	8.3%	9.3%	5.5%	7.7%	7.4%	7.4%	7.4%	7.4%
Total assets	6.9%	11.3%	11.3%	7.1%	7.4%	7.4%	7.4%	7.4%
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Key ratios & drivers								
,	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022F	2023F	2024F	2025F
EPS (Rmb)	0.88	0.95	0.94	1.08	1.18	1.34	1.54	1.78
EPS Growth	4.7%	8.1%	-1.5%	14.5%	10.0%	13.2%	14.7%	15.7%
BVPS (Rmb)	8.21	8.98	9.53	10.39	11.27	12.27	13.43	14.78
BVPS Growth	10.2%	9.3%	6.2%	8.9%	8.5%	8.9%	9.4%	10.0%
ROAE	11.3%	11.1%	10.2%	10.8%	10.9%	11.4%	11.9%	12.6%
ROAA	0.74%	0.73%	0.64%	0.68%	0.69%	0.73%	0.78%	0.84%
ROARWA	0.96%	0.75%	0.88%	0.94%	0.96%	1.01%	1.08%	1.16%
PPOPOARWA	2.52%	2.73%	2.69%	2.54%	2.54%	2.56%	2.57%	2.58%
DPS (Rmb)	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.30	0.33	0.38	0.43	0.50
Payout ratio	26%	25%	27%	28%	28%	28%	28%	28%
Core tier 1 ratio	8.6%	8.7%	8.7%	8.9%	8.9%	9.1%	9.2%	9.4%
Tier 1 ratio	9.4%	10.2%	10.2%	10.9%	10.8%	10.8%	10.9%	11.0%
Total CAR	12.5%	12.4%	13.0%	13.5%	13.4%	13.3%	13.3%	13.4%
Equity/Assets	7.8%	8.3%	7.8%	8.5%	8.4%	8.4%	8.5%	8.5%
Loan-deposit ratio	99%	98%	98%	101%	103%	104%	106%	107%
NPL ratio	1.77%	1.65%	1.64%	1.39%	1.33%	1.30%	1.27%	1.26%
NPL write-off rate	87% 1.70%	95%	102%	87% 1 30%	97%	90%	90%	90%
Net NPL formation rate	1.79%	1.74%	1.87%	1.30%	1.40%	1.28%	1.25%	1.24%
NPL coverage	158%	176%	172%	180%	208%	237%	258%	268%
LLR to loan	2.81%	2.91%	2.82%	2.50%	2.76%	3.07%	3.28%	3.38%
Cost-income ratio	31.7%	28.8%	27.8%	30.4%	29.5%	29.5%	29.5%	29.5%
Net interest margin	1.94%	2.12%	2.26%	2.05%	1.97%	1.95%	1.93%	1.91%
Non interest income/ total income	37%	32%	23%	28%	30%	31%	32%	33%
Credit cost	1.70%	2.02%	1.95%	1.65%	1.60%	1.53%	1.44%	1.32%







# Refinitiv ESG Scores

#### ESG in a nutshell



CITIC received a B rating for its combined ESG score from Refinitivin 2020, unchanged since 2017. In recent years, the bank has integrated the sustainable development concept of "aiming to become a green bank, a people-oriented bank, a charitable bank, a trustworthy bank, a value creator and a bank with a great brand" into strategy and culture. CITIC continuously refines its sustainable development management system, actively taking initiative and achieving positive results in inclusive finance, green credit loans, "Carbon Footprint" management and poverty alleviation. CITIC's total greenhouse gas emissions throughout 2020 were 148,200 tonnes, which decreased 8.86% yoy, and the 2020 greenhouse gas emissions were 2.52 tonnes per capita, down 11.58% yoy. Going forward, we expect CITIC to promote green finance more vigorously and refine the green financial management mechanism.

#### Keep your eye on

According to Global Times, several senior executives of CITIC bank were put under investigation or arrested as China tightened the fight against corruption in the financial sector in Sep 2021. Also, keep an eye on the pace at which green finance solutions are rolled out by the China banks to help China meet its national 2030 and 2060 goals on peak emissions and carbon neutrality, as well as the extent to which the China banks ramped up lending to coal and energy companies in late-2021 to help ease China's power shortages. As CITIC Bank is a subsidiary of CITIC Group, which holds ministerial level central state-owned enterprise (SOE) status, we believe that policy risks could be higher at CITIC bank compared to other joint stock banks.

### **Implications**

CITIC Bank will strengthen its business ethics and anticorruption training to ensure compliance with regulations. Also, given its SOE links, we see CITIC as playing a key role in providing green finance solutions and helping China meets its national 2030 and 2060 goals on peak emissions and carbon neutrality. This long-term shift towards more environmentally-friendly lending is not currently factored into valuations, in our view, but a prolonged misalignment with responsible financing practices could be a drag on the stock.

#### **ESG** highlights

CITIC's 2020 B Refinitiv combined ESG score is the jointhighest (with CCB) among peers. It is impressive that the bank's ESG Controversies Score has remained at A+ since 2016.

#### **Implications**

CITIC has made great efforts to support sustainable development and green operations. While it had the jointhighest Refinitiv combined ESG score of peers in 2020. there is still further scope for improvement, especially since its 2020 Refinitiv Environmental pillar score of C is relatively low among the banks under our coverage.

#### **Trends**

CITIC's Refinitiv combined ESG score was stable at B in 2017-20 after rising from B- in 2016. Its Environmental pillar score dipped to C in 2020 from B- over the 2017-19 period (it was D in 2016). Its Social pillar score was stable at B- in 2017-20 (after rising from C+ in 2016). Its Governance pillar score was stable at A- over the 2016-20 period (apart from 2017, where it dipped to B+).

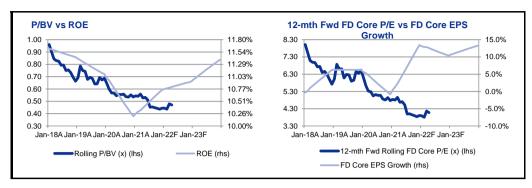
#### **Implications**

We believe there is scope for its ESG combined score to improve, driven by a lower-than-peer Environmental pillar score as well as greater rollout of green finance initiatives to help China reach its 2030 and 2060 goals on peak emissions and carbon neutrality.

SOURCES: CGS-CIMB RESEARCH, REFINITI



### BY THE NUMBERS



Profit & Loss					
(Rmbm)	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Net Interest Income	150,515	147,896	152,694	162,515	172,988
Total Non-Interest Income	44,815	56,681	64,201	72,177	80,524
Operating Revenue	195,330	204,577	216,895	234,692	253,513
Total Non-Interest Expenses	(54,255)	(62,224)	(63,992)	(69,242)	(74,795)
Pre-provision Operating Profit	141,075	142,353	152,904	165,450	178,718
Total Provision Charges	(82,989)	(77,048)	(81,144)	(84,576)	(86,424)
Operating Profit After Provisions	58,086	65,305	71,760	80,873	92,294
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT (incl Associates)	58,086	65,305	71,760	80,873	92,294
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	0	0	0	0	0
Profit Before Tax (pre-El)	58,086	65,305	71,760	80,873	92,294
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	58,086	65,305	71,760	80,873	92,294
Taxation	(8,325)	(9,140)	(10,011)	(11,282)	(12,876)
Consolidation Adjustments & Others					
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	49,761	56,165	61,749	69,591	79,418
Minority Interests	(552)	(736)	(864)	(1,038)	(1,258)
Pref. & Special Div	(3,010)	(3,010)	(3,010)	(3,010)	(3,010)
FX And Other Adj.	0	0	0	0	0
Net Profit	46,199	52,419	57,875	65,543	75,150
Recurring Net Profit	46,199	52,419	57,875	65,543	75,150

Balance Sheet Employment					
	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Gross Loans/Cust Deposits	98%	102%	103%	104%	106%
Avg Loans/Avg Deposits	98%	100%	102%	104%	105%
Avg Liquid Assets/Avg Assets	39.4%	38.8%	38.3%	37.8%	37.4%
Avg Liquid Assets/Avg IEAs	39.8%	39.3%	38.6%	38.0%	37.4%
Net Cust Loans/Assets	58.0%	59.0%	59.6%	60.2%	60.8%
Net Cust Loans/Broad Deposits	71.4%	75.0%	75.7%	76.5%	77.3%
Equity & Provns/Gross Cust Loans	15.0%	15.4%	15.4%	15.5%	15.7%
Asset Risk Weighting	71.8%	72.2%	72.2%	72.2%	72.2%
Provision Charge/Avg Cust Loans	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Provision Charge/Avg Assets	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total Write Offs/Average Assets	1.02%	1.05%	0.67%	0.60%	0.61%

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Balance Sheet					
(Rmbm)	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Total Gross Loans	5,326,826	5,647,627	6,098,264	6,592,865	7,119,254
Liquid Assets & Invst. (Current)	2,092,732	2,322,641	2,485,226	2,659,192	2,845,335
Other Int. Earning Assets					
Total Gross Int. Earning Assets	7,419,558	7,970,268	8,583,490	9,252,057	9,964,589
Total Provisions/Loan Loss Reserve	(125,703)	(120,957)	(146,312)	(176,993)	(205,153)
Total Net Interest Earning Assets	7,293,855	7,849,311	8,437,178	9,075,064	9,759,436
Intangible Assets	3,404	3,758	3,758	3,758	3,758
Other Non-Interest Earning Assets	213,902	189,815	196,292	198,502	202,629
Total Non-Interest Earning Assets	217,306	193,573	200,050	202,260	206,387
Cash And Marketable Securities	0	0	0	0	0
Long-term Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	7,511,161	8,042,884	8,637,227	9,277,324	9,965,823
Customer Interest-Bearing Liabilities	4,572,286	4,789,969	5,147,506	5,522,760	5,915,705
Bank Deposits	1,521,059	1,540,631	1,654,151	1,779,669	1,918,666
Interest Bearing Liabilities: Others	732,958	958,203	1,038,692	1,127,687	1,226,240
Total Interest-Bearing Liabilities	6,826,303	7,288,803	7,840,349	8,430,116	9,060,610
Bank's Liabilities Under Acceptances					
Total Non-Interest Bearing Liabilities	116,166	110,291	110,291	110,291	110,291
Total Liabilities	6,942,469	7,399,094	7,950,640	8,540,407	9,170,901
Shareholders' Equity	544,573	626,303	669,400	718,692	775,439
Minority Interests	15,465	16,323	17,187	18,225	19,483
Total Equity	560,038	642,626	686,587	736,917	794,922

Key Ratios					
	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Total Income Growth	3.97%	4.73%	6.02%	8.21%	8.02%
Operating Profit Growth	5.52%	0.91%	7.41%	8.21%	8.02%
Pretax Profit Growth	2.9%	12.4%	9.9%	12.7%	14.1%
Net Interest To Total Income	77.1%	72.3%	70.4%	69.2%	68.2%
Cost Of Funds	2.28%	2.24%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%
Return On Interest Earning Assets	4.23%	3.98%	3.90%	3.87%	3.85%
Net Interest Spread	1.95%	1.74%	1.65%	1.62%	1.60%
Net Interest Margin (Avg Deposits)	3.48%	3.16%	3.07%	3.05%	3.02%
Net Interest Margin (Avg RWA)	2.87%	2.64%	2.53%	2.51%	2.49%
Provisions to Pre Prov. Operating Profit	58.8%	54.1%	53.1%	51.1%	48.4%
Interest Return On Average Assets	2.11%	1.90%	1.83%	1.81%	1.80%
Effective Tax Rate	14.3%	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	26.9%	28.2%	28.1%	28.1%	28.1%
Return On Average Assets	0.65%	0.67%	0.69%	0.73%	0.78%

Key Drivers					
	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Loan Growth (%)	11.9%	8.6%	9.1%	8.9%	8.7%
Net Interest Margin (%)	2.3%	2.0%	2.0%	1.9%	1.9%
Non Interest Income Growth (%)	-26.0%	26.5%	13.3%	12.4%	11.6%
Cost-income Ratio (%)	27.8%	30.4%	29.5%	29.5%	29.5%
Provision charge as % avg loans	1.9%	1.7%	1.6%	1.5%	1.4%
Effective tax rate (%)	14.4%	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%
Net NPL Ratio (%)	1.6%	1.4%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%
Provisioning coverage ratio (%)	171.7%	180.1%	208.4%	236.9%	257.5%
Loan Loss Reserve (%)	2.8%	2.5%	2.8%	3.1%	3.3%
Deposit Growth (%)	12.3%	4.8%	7.5%	7.3%	7.1%
Loan-deposit Ratio (%)	97.8%	101.4%	102.9%	104.4%	105.9%
Core Tier 1 ratio (%)	10.2%	10.9%	10.8%	10.8%	10.9%
Risk weighted assets to total assets ratio (%)	71.8%	72.2%	72.2%	72.2%	72.2%
Dividend payout ratio (%)	27.0%	28.1%	28.1%	28.1%	28.1%

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