Day Break

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COMPANY UPDATE

HABIB BANK LIMITED	
COMMERCIAL BANKS	
Recommendation	UNDER REVIEW
Target Price:	-
Last Closing: 28-Aug-17	256.0
Upside:	-
Valuation Methodology:	-

Time Horizon:			-
Market Data			
Bloomberg Tkr.			HBL PA
Shares (mn)			1,466.9
Free Float Shares (mn)			660.1
Free Float Shares (%)			45.0%
Market Cap (PKRbn USDmn)		375.5	3,564.0
Exchange			KSE 100
Price Info.	90D	180D	365D
Abs. Return	(27.2)	(24.1)	(5.8)
Lo	207.2	207.2	207.2

284.6

308.6

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Key Company Financials

Period End: Dec

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PKRbn	CY16A	CY17E	CY18F	CY19F		
Total Revenue	113.0	UR	UR	UR		
Net Income	34.21	UR	UR	UR		
EPS (PKR)	23.3	UR	UR	UR		
DPS (PKR)	14.0	UR	UR	UR		
Total Assets	2,507.2	UR	UR	UR		
Total Equity	196.3	UR	UR	UR		
Key Financial Ratios						
ROE (%)	17.4	UR	UR	UR		
P/E (x)	11.0	UR	UR	UR		
P/B (x)	1.9	UR	UR	UR		
DY (%)	5.5	UR	UR	UR		

Relative Price Performance & Shareholding



About the Company

The Bank is incorporated in Pakistan and is engaged in commercial banking and asset management services in Pakistan and overseas. The Bank operates 1596 branches domestically, 43 Islamic banking branches and 48 branches outside the Country.

Source: Bloomberg, PSX & IGI Research

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Commercial Banks

HBL: Alleged over having weak anti-money laundering infrastructure; downgrading to a "Sell" call

- As per recent notice issued by HBL (Habib Bank Limited), the DFS (Department of Financial Services) New York has raised concern over HBL New York branch for having weak anti-money laundering (AML) infrastructure including US Bank Secrecy Act.
- NYDFS has identified the HBL New York Branch with 53 alleged violations dating back to 2007, amongst which Al-Rajhi Bank (a private Saudi Arabian Bank) accounted for nearly ~24% of the risky transactions.
- The management has not declined to allegations but has questioned the size of penalty imposed and said that the bank will be contesting the amount in the administrative court hearing scheduled on 27th of September, 2017.
- We note, the penalty will lead to lower book value and provision of the said penalty will certainly dent bank's profitability, hence we are downgrading our investment call on the bank.
- Based on our analysis we recommend a 'Sell' call on HBL while, Sep-17 hearing outcome will provide a guidance on bank's future outlook.

HBL alleged over having weak anti-money laundering infrastructure

As per recent notice issued by HBL (Habib Bank Limited), the DFS (Department of Financial Services) New York has raised concern over HBL New York branch for having weak anti-money laundering (AML) infrastructure including US Bank Secrecy Act. As a result, NYDFS seeks to impose civil monetary penalty of up to USD ~630mn on HBL. However, in a statement issued later, the management of HBL, has indicated to vigorously contest the penalised amount and further added that this will not have any material impact on HBL business outside of US.

Background

As per the news report (<u>link</u>), NYDFS has identified the HBL New York Branch with 53 alleged violations dating back to 2007, amongst which Al-Rajhi Bank (a private Saudi Arabian Bank) accounted for nearly ~24% of the risky transactions. In addition to Al-Rajhi Bank, alleged transactions with a cybercriminal wanted by Federal Bureau of Investigation and a Chinese weapons manufacturer that was subject to US sanctions were also in question.

Bank Response

In response to allegations and penalty imposed, the HBL management held an analyst briefing stating their position. The management has not declined to allegations but has questioned the size of penalty imposed and said that the bank will be contesting the amount in the administrative court hearing scheduled on 27th of September, 2017. In case of failure at this end the bank will resort to out-of-court settlement and hinted time frame of nearly one and half year for the whole process to rest.



Bottom-line

As mentioned the bank has questioned the amount of penalty and will contest it vigorously in administrative court hearing later in September this year. Either way, we think the penalty is for certain. Acceptance of AML allegations by the management will undoubtedly leave a dent on overall bank's reputation, we think.

The penal amount USD 630mn translates into a BV of PKR ~45/share. To recall, HBL 1HCY17 reported a consolidated book size of PKR 136/share and profitability of PKR 10.6/share. While it is difficult to assess the exact amount of penal amount and respective provisioning; we have to wait for outcomes after administrative court hearing later this Sep-17. To highlight, a few other global large banks have also been previously alleged of non-compliance of AML, where Deutsche Bank was recently penalized o similar amount over AML non-compliance.

HBL: Sensitivity analysis and broader outlook

Nevertheless, we have run a sensitivity of potential fine on HBL. We note, the penalty will lead to lower book value and provision of the said penalty will certainly dent bank's profitability, hence we are downgrading our investment call on the bank. On a broader scale, the said penalty would also restrict bank's dividend distribution (PKR 8.0/share announced in 1HCY17) and lower bank's regulatory capital with given expected asset growth momentum, we expect in full payment of penalty to leave CAR % of 11.3% versus estimated 16.3% in FY17. Lower CAR% will certainly question bank's future growth prospects.

Exhibit:

HBL Key Valuations outlook post imposition of penalty

	in USD	%age of Penalty imposed	in USDbn	in PKRbn	in PKR/share	BV	EPS	CAR%	P/B (x)	P/E (x)	Avg. ROE for next 5Yrs
Current						149.7	23.9	16.3%	1.4	8.7	16.9%
Case 1	629.6	100%	630	66.1	45.1	104.6 -	21.2	11.6%	2.0	n.m.	12.8%
Case 2	629.6	75%	472	49.6	33.8	115.9 -	9.9	12.8%	1.8	n.m.	13.8%
Case 3	629.6	50%	315	33.1	22.5	127.2	1.4	14.0%	1.6	152.2	14.8%
Case 4	629.6	25%	157	16.5	11.3	138.4	12.6	15.1%	1.5	16.4	15.9%

Source: IGI Research, Estimates for 2017

Recommendation

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