



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

Standard Chartered Bank (Pakistan) Limited

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
20-Jun-2018	AAA	A1+	Stable	Maintain	-
29-Dec-2017	AAA	A1+	Stable	Maintain	-
19-Jun-2017	AAA	A1+	Stable	Maintain	-
18-Jun-2016	AAA	A1+	Stable	Maintain	-
19-Jun-2015	AAA	A1+	Stable	Maintain	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The ratings reflect SCBPL's association with a financially sound and reputed international bank - Standard Chartered PLC. This is supplemented by SCBPL's strategic and operational integration into the parent as the bank continues to benefit from the technical resources and cumulative expertise developed at the group level. The risk profile of the parent institution has improved since last two years, as the quantum of impairment has subsided and has registered growth in profitability in 2017. Further improvement is essential. The ratings incorporate the bank's dominant position in its target niche market (MNCs, established domestic Corporates & affluent retail clients) through a comprehensive product suite and significant digital capabilities complemented by its international franchise and its extensive presence in tier-I cities. The bank is increasing its focus on deployment of advances leading to boost profitability, which has seen dilution. The ratings factor in sound management quality, healthy spreads, efficient operating structure and ample liquidity of the bank. SCBPL's pre-dominantly low cost deposit base enabled the bank to achieve one of the best CASA mix in the industry, while distinguishing it in its peer universe it also facilitates core operating activities. The bank is focused towards enhancing yield, cost efficiency, increasing client revenue and growing retail asset base.

The ratings remain dependent on the bank's ability to maintain its presence in profitable segments, while remaining abreast of changing domestic operating environment. Meanwhile, maintaining spreads whilst not compromising on the asset quality is important for the bank.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	Standard Chartered Bank (Pakistan) Limited
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Entity Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology Correlation between long-term and short-term rating scale(Jun-17),Methodology Criteria Modifiers(Jun-17),Methodology Bank Rating(Jun-17)
Related Research	Sector Study Commercial Bank(Jun-18)
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STANDARD CHARTERED BANK PAKISTAN LIMITED (SCBPL)		INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT
PROFILE		<p>The banking sector has experienced highest growth in terms of advances in 2017 over the last decade. As a consequence, there is mounting pressure on capital adequacy ratio of the banks. The challenge is exacerbated as the internal generation of capital (profits) are witnessing a dip. Some relief on income side is expected with recent uptick in interest rates.</p>
Incorporated	2006	
Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SCBPL is a locally incorporated foreign bank ▪ It is a mid-sized bank. SCBPL has a 3.1% share in customer deposits in its peer universe as at end-Dec17. ▪ The bank operates with a network of 93 branches as at end-Mar18 	
Legal Status	Listed	
Head Office	Karachi	
OWNERSHIP		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SCBPL is ultimately owned (99%) by Standard Chartered PLC ▪ The risk profile of the parent institution has continued to improve since 2016, as the quantum of impairment losses subsided; underlying profitability demonstrated tremendous growth 		
GOVERNANCE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The bank's seven-member BoD includes four representatives of SC Group including the CEO and three independent members ▪ Mr. Ian Bryden is the Chairman of the board. He has previously served in Nepal and India (as Country CRO). He has done masters in law with more than 35 years of international banking experience 		
MANAGEMENT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Shazad Dada, the CEO of the bank, is a seasoned banker and a prominent capital markets professional, with close to three decades of diverse experience with renowned financial institutions in the United States and Pakistan ▪ SCBPL operates along a matrix organizational structure whereby all departmental heads have dual reporting lines. Departmental heads report directly to the CEO along with a dotted reporting line to the regional heads based in Singapore and Dubai 		
RISK MANAGEMENT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SCBPL witnessed a positive trend in advances portfolio (up by 18%), advances book proportion to total assets stood at (CY17: 31%, CY16: 28%) ▪ The bank's ADR improved on YoY basis (CY17: 37%, CY16: 31%), however, SCBPL has the lowest ADR amongst peer group and it is below industry average of 50% ▪ The segment wise breakup of the advances book largely remained intact in comparison to previous year with corporate (79%) followed by Consumer (14%) and SME/Commercial (3%) ▪ Top 20 exposure concentration inched up slightly YoY to 46%, high vis-à-vis peers ▪ Bank in continuation to its prudent strategy maintained high loss coverage ratio (Dec17: 100%, Dec16: 90%) and has completely provided for NPLs. Owing to recoveries and reclassification of accounts to performing; the infection ratio of the bank improved (CY17: 12%, CY16: 16%) ▪ The bank's investment book expanded by 11% during the period and is dominated by T-Bills (98%) 		
BUSINESS RISK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The bank witnessed a decline in its interest markup earned by 6% (CY17: PKR ~27bln, CY16: PKR ~28bln), as asset yield was suppressed owing to the low interest rate environment, maturity of high yielding PIBs and repricing of investment portfolio ▪ Pressure on spreads resulted in decline of 11% in NIMR ▪ Non-interest income improved by decent 14% on a YoY basis positively contributing towards the overall revenue stream. Capital gains evaporated during the year registering a YoY decline of 42% ▪ Lower contribution from capital gains was offset by better performance of two segments (i) fee, commission and brokerage (up 32% YoY) and (ii) income from dealing in foreign currencies (up 33% YoY) ▪ Operational efficiencies allowed the management to curtail operating expenses by 5% ▪ Nevertheless, with higher provisioning expense as compared to reversal in previous year, and lower revenue base; the bank witnessed a dip in profitability by 14% (CY17: PKR 8.2bln, CY16: PKR 9.6bln) ▪ SCBPL will remain focused in providing banking solutions to its specific niche of high net worth individuals and quality commercial & corporate clientele. Going forward, the bank's focus is towards enhancing yield, cost efficiency, increasing client revenue and growing retail asset base 		
CAPITAL & FUNDING		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The bank's strong franchise value helps in maintaining one of the highest CASA ratio in the industry (1QCY18: ~93%, CY17: 92%, CY16: 94%) ▪ Top 20 depositor concentration of 16%, though inched up YoY, it is still comparable with peers and is considered good ▪ The bank's equity remains high in the mid-size banking universe, PKR 57bln at end-Dec17. CAR during the period remained comfortable at ~19% 		



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BALANCE SHEET	31-Mar-18	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-16	31-Dec-15
	3M	Annual	Annual	Annual
Earning Assets				
Advances	147,239	137,693	111,758	104,283
Debt Instruments	272	285	285	285
Total Finances	147,511	137,978	112,043	104,568
Investments	260,314	272,488	245,850	225,033
Others	44,107	19,460	30,654	38,585
	451,932	429,926	388,547	368,187
Non Earning Assets				
Non-Earning Cash	30,914	24,472	35,574	22,166
Net Non-Performing Finances	(341)	(322)	1,908	2,502
Fixed Assets & Others	59,137	59,473	47,303	54,493
	89,710	83,623	84,785	79,161
TOTAL ASSETS	541,642	513,549	473,332	447,348
Interest Bearing Liabilities				
Deposits	406,760	377,576	365,562	327,238
Borrowings	22,400	26,030	16,901	38,401
	429,160	403,606	382,463	365,638
Non Interest Bearing Liabilities				
	50,679	47,006	29,586	19,759
TOTAL LIABILITIES	479,839	450,612	412,050	385,397
EQUITY (including revaluation surplus)	61,802	62,937	61,282	61,950
Total Liabilities & Equity	541,642	513,549	473,332	447,348
INCOME STATEMENT	31-Mar-18	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-16	31-Dec-15
	3M	Annual	Annual	Annual
Interest / Mark up Earned	6,783	26,799	28,395	32,938
Interest / Mark up Expensed	(2,439)	(9,519)	(9,010)	(10,630)
Net Interest / Markup revenue	4,344	17,280	19,385	22,308
Other Income	2,436	8,200	7,163	6,303
Total Revenue	6,780	25,480	26,548	28,611
Non-Interest / Non-Mark up Expensed	(2,895)	(11,736)	(12,344)	(12,417)
Pre-provision operating profit	3,886	13,744	14,204	16,194
Provisions	313	(291)	1,141	(853)
Pre-tax profit	4,199	13,453	15,345	15,341
Taxes	(1,470)	(5,208)	(5,727)	(6,053)
Net Income	2,729	8,245	9,618	9,288
Ratio Analysis	31-Mar-18	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-16	31-Dec-15
	3M	Annual	Annual	Annual
Performance				
ROE	19.2%	14.4%	17.2%	17.0%
Cost-to-Total Net Revenue	42.4%	47.2%	46.6%	42.9%
Provision Expense / Pre Provision Profit	8.1%	-2.1%	8.0%	5.3%
Capital Adequacy				
Equity/Total Assets	10.4%	11.2%	12.0%	12.3%
Funding & Liquidity				
Liquid Assets / Deposits and Borrowings	76.3%	77.2%	78.7%	70.0%
Advances / Deposits	36.2%	36.5%	31.2%	32.6%
CASA deposits / Total Customer Deposits	92.8%	92.1%	93.9%	92.5%
Intermediation Efficiency				
Asset Yield	11.5%	12.4%	16.3%	18.7%
Cost of Funds	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%	3.1%
Spread	3.8%	4.1%	5.1%	6.2%
Outreach				
Branches	93	93	101	101



ENTITY CREDIT RATING SCALE & DEFINITIONS

Credit rating reflects forward-looking opinion on credit worthiness of underlying entity; more specifically it covers relative ability to honor financial obligations. The primary factor being captured on the rating scale is relative likelihood of default.			
LONG TERM RATINGS		SHORT TERM RATINGS	
AAA	Highest credit quality. Lowest expectation of credit risk. Indicate exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments.	A1+: The highest capacity for timely repayment. A1: A strong capacity for timely repayment. A2: A satisfactory capacity for timely repayment. This may be susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions. A3: An adequate capacity for timely repayment. Such capacity is susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions. B: The capacity for timely repayment is more susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions. C: An inadequate capacity to ensure timely repayment.	
AA+	Very high credit quality. Very low expectation of credit risk. Indicate very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.		
AA	Indicate very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.		
AA-	Indicate very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.		
A+	High credit quality. Low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions.		
A	The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions.		
A-	The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions.		
BBB+	Good credit quality. Currently a low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse changes in circumstances or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.		
BBB	The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse changes in circumstances or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.		
BBB-	The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse changes in circumstances or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.		
BB+	Moderate risk. Possibility of credit risk developing. There is a possibility of credit risk developing, particularly as a result of adverse economic or business changes over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met.		
BB	Possibility of credit risk developing. There is a possibility of credit risk developing, particularly as a result of adverse economic or business changes over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met.		
BB-	Possibility of credit risk developing. There is a possibility of credit risk developing, particularly as a result of adverse economic or business changes over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met.		
B+	High credit risk. A limited margin of safety remains against credit risk. Financial commitments are currently being met; however, capacity for continued payment is contingent upon a sustained, favorable business, and economic environment.		
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CCC	Very high credit risk. "CCC" Default is a real possibility. Capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon sustained, favorable business or economic developments. "CC" Rating indicates that default of some kind appears probable. "C" Ratings signal imminent default.		
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D	Obligations are currently in default.		
Rating Watch	Outlook (Stable, Positive, Negative, Developing)	Suspension	Withdrawn
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