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OP Financial Group

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Ratings

OP Corporate Bank plc

	Rating	Outlook
Fitch	-	-
Moody's	Aa3	Stable
S&P	AA-	Stable

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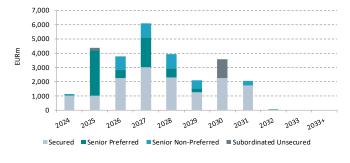
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The OP Financial Group (OP FG) is the largest banking and insurance group in Finland as measured by market shares and the second largest in terms of assets. It comprises a wide range of subsidiaries as well as 101 independent member institutions. OP FG serves 2.1m customers, who are also the owners of the group (H1 2024). The subsidiaries include OP Corporate Bank plc (OP CB) and OP Mortgage Bank (OP MB). The Group reports across the following segments: Retail Banking (H1 2024: 56% of operating profit excl. Group Functions and Eliminations), Insurance (22%), Corporate Banking (22%). The Group boasts market shares of 39% and 38% for private mortgage loans and corporate loans respectively (H1 2024). In the insurance sector, market penetration stands at 33% for non-life insurance and 19% for life insurance. In addition, OP FG has a market share of 39% for deposits. The major share of the loan portfolio of OP FG is made up of loans for CRE financing (H1 2024: 51%) and home loans (30%). Customer deposits account for the most significant share of the funding mix at 48% of the balance sheet total (H1 2024). Covered bonds, which are issued via the subsidiary OPMB, comprise around 35% of wholesale funding. OP MB has already supported the sustainability strategy of OP FG with two covered bonds (2021: EUR 750m; 2022: EUR 1bn), which were issued under the Green Bond Framework. In March 2024, OPCB published an updated Green Bond Framework, which was adapted in line with the new EU standard for green bonds.

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(EURm)	2022Y	2023Y	2024H1
Net Loans to Customers	98,546	98,316	97,146
Total Securities	24,149	24,470	25,136
Total Deposits	81,468	77,178	77,207
Tier 1 Common Capital	12,569	14,111	14,902
Total Assets	175,691	160,047	158,560
Total Risk-weighted Assets	72,327	73,511	71,598

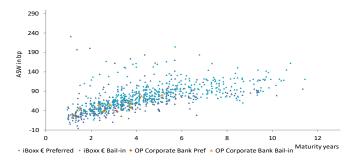
Redemption Profile



Income Statement

(EURm)	2022Y	2023Y	2024H1
Net Interest Income	1,618	2,654	1,407
Net Fee & Commission Inc.	942	870	400
Net Trading Income	-2,938	1,729	1,025
Operating Expense	1,734	1,655	842
Credit Commit. Impairment	115	269	66
Pre-tax Profit	1,120	2,050	1,229

Senior Unsecured Bonds (EUR BMK)



Company Ratios

	2022Y	2023Y	2024H1		2022Y	2023Y	2024H1
Net Interest Margin	1.06	1.87	2.00	Liquidity Coverage Ratio	217.00	199.00	193.00
ROAE	6.45	10.71	11.86	IFRS Tier 1 Leverage Ratio	7.39	9.05	9.63
Cost-to-Income	58.27	41.00	39.40	NPL/Loans at Amortised Cost	2.78	3.47	3.52
Core Tier 1 Ratio	17.38	19.20	20.81	Reserves/Loans at Amort. Cost	0.71	0.89	0.94

As at: 26.09.2024; Source: Bloomberg, S&P Global Market Intelligence, NORD/LB Floor Research

Strengths / Opportunities

- Market penetration in Finland
- Capitalisation
- Association of cooperatives

Risks / Weaknesses

- Dependency on capital market funding
- Geographical concentration
- Cost efficiency





Covered Bonds

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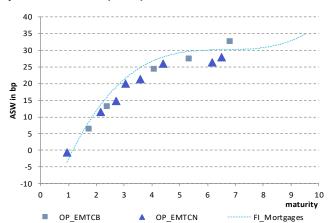
New issues exclusively from Euro Medium Term Covered Bond Programme

OP Mortgage Bank has two programmes for issuing EUR covered bonds, but since 8 July 2022 all new issues have been run under the Euro Medium Term Covered Bond (Premium) Programme (EMCTB). The Euro Medium Term Covered Note Programme (EMTCN) applies to all issues prior to this date. In total, OP Mortgage Bank has 13 Mortgage Covered Bonds with a total volume of EUR 13.5bn in the current composition of the iBoxx EUR Covered. As at the reporting date of 30 June 2024, the volume of the cover pool of the EMTCN programme amounted to EUR 12.0bn with outstanding bonds of EUR 9.7bn. In the following, we focus on the characteristics of the EMTCB cover pool.

Programme data

30 June 2024 Mortgage (EMTCB) Mortgage (EMTCN) Covered bonds outstanding EUR 5,250m EUR 9,665m Cover pool volume EUR 5,782m EUR 12,013m Current OC (nominal / legal) 10.1% / 2.0% 24.3% / 2.0% 100% Residential 100% Residential Type Country 100% Finland 100% Finland Number of loans 106,075 181,891 0.3% 0.1% 10 largest exposures 54.4% / 49.9% 59.2% / 53.3% ØLTV (unindexed / indexed) 0.0% / 100.0% 0.0% / 96.9% Fixed interest (Cover Pool / CBs) WAL (Cover Pool / CBs) 9.0y / 4.2y 8.9y / 3.5y NPIs 0.0% 0.0% CB Rating (Fitch / Moody's / S&P) - / Aaa / --/Aaa/AAA

Spread overview (BMK) - Finland



Source: Issuer, rating agencies, Bloomberg, NORD/LB Floor Research

Granular cover pool with exclusively Finnish assets

As at the reporting date of 30 June 2024, the cover pool for the bonds issued under the EMCTB programme consisted exclusively of primary cover assets. In turn, this cover consisted entirely of residential assets, all of which are geographically attributable to Finland. This involves 106,075 individual loans, of which the ten largest exposures account for just 0.3% of the total volume. The average loan in the cover pool is EUR 54,500, which reflects the granularity of the cover pool. Almost 85% of the loans fall into the <EUR 100,000 category. In addition, 96% of the financed properties are classified as owner-occupied residential property. The average LTV in the indexed case is 49.9% (unindexed: 54.4%) and therefore below the statutory lending limit of 80%.

Rating and regulation

The EUR benchmarks in the EMTCB programme have the highest rating from Moody's (Aaa). The Moody's Collateral Score, which is regularly used to assess the quality of the cover assets, is 4.0%, which is also low by international standards and indicates high credit quality. In our opinion, the benchmark bonds are suitable as Level 1 assets in the context of LCR management and benefit from a preferred risk weight of 10% in accordance with the CRR. Newly placed issues from OP Mortgage Bank can also be marketed under the "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label



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