### Creditreform C Rating

öRating Object		Rating Information	
Bayerische Land	desbank AöR (Group)	Long Term Issuer Rating / Outlook:	Short Term:
		A / stable	L2
Creditreform ID: 81700033	388	Stand Alone Rating: A	
		Type: Update / Unsolicited	
Rating Date: 23 Octobe Monitoring until: withdrawa Rating Methodology: CRA "Bank	al of the rating	Rating of Bank Capital and Unsecured Deb	t Instruments:
	ng of Bank Capital and Unsecured Debt Instruments v.2.1"	Preferred Senior Unsecured (PSU):	Α
	ronmental, Social and Governance Score for Banks v.1.0" ng Criteria and Definitions v.1.3"	Non-Preferred Senior Unsecured (NPS):	A-
	tutional Protection Scheme Banks v1.0"	Tier 2 (T2):	BBB-
CRA "Gove	ernment-Related Banks v.2.1"	Additional Tier 1 (AT1):	-
Rating History: www.credi	litreform-rating.de		

Our rating of DKB AG is reflected by our rating opinion of Bayerische Landesbank AöR due to its group structure. Therefore we refer to our rating report of Bayerische Landesbank AöR (Group) from 17 October 2023.

#### **Rating Action**

### Creditreform Rating upgrades Bayerische Landesbank's (Group) Long-Term Issuer Rating to A (Outlook: stable)

Creditreform Rating (CRA) upgrades BayernLB's (Group) Long-Term Issuer Rating to A. The rating outlook is stable.

CRA upgrades BayernLB's Preferred Senior Unsecured Debt to A, Non-Preferred Senior Unsecured Debt to A- and Tier 2 Capital to BBB-.

CRA upgrades the Long-Term Issuer Rating of the Group's subsidiary Deutsche Kreditbank AG to A, which reflects BayernLBs (Group) Long-Term Issuer Rating, in line with our methodology.

Please find a complete list of rating actions regarding the bank and its affected subsidiaries at the end of this rating update.

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#### **Key Rating Drivers**

- Stable profits excluding non-recurring items in 2022, stark increase in first half of 2023 as a result of higher interest rates
- New interest rate environment reinvigorates earnings potential for BayernLB
- Continued excellent asset quality in key ratios, despite negative rating migrations of real estate exposures and relatively high problem loan ratio
- Low distributions and solid earnings strengthen already good capital base
- High exposure to the real estate sector amid high interest rate environment leads to higher risk; current developments are subject to significant uncertainties
- BayernLB benefits from the institutional protection system of Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe

#### **Executive Summary**

The rating of Bayerische Landesbank AöR (hereinafter: BayernLB) is prepared on the basis of group consolidated accounts.

Creditreform Rating (CRA) upgrades BayernLB's Long-Term Issuer Rating to A. The rating outlook is stable. The rating upgrade is mainly due to the significantly improved earnings potential under the new interest rate regime, while asset quality remains excellent in key areas and capitalization is good, with a moderate dividend policy. As with the other Landesbanks, BayernLB also benefits from the institutional protection system of the Sparkassen Finanzgruppe.

In the Institutional Support Assessment, Creditreform Rating examines the extent to which an existing cross-guarantee system or IPS can have an influence on BayernLB's rating. As a result, Creditreform Rating comes to the conclusion that in the case of BayernLB's Long-Term Issuer Rating, there is a strong connection between Sparkassen Finanzgruppe (SFG) and BayernLB due to Sparkassenunterstützungsfonds of the regional Sparkassen and Giroverbände, the Guarantee Fund of the Landesbausparkassen and the Guarantee Reserve of the Landesbanks and Girozentralen. This enables additional notching. In the opinion of Creditreform Rating, a standalone rating of BayernLB is thus not appropriate due to its affiliation with SFG.



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#### **Company Overview**

Bayerische Landesbank was founded on June 27, 1972 through the merger of Bayerische Gemeindebank-Girozentrale and the state-owned Bayerische Landesbodenkreditanstalt. BayernLB is one of the leading commercial banks for SMEs and large corporate customers in Germany with a regional focus and an emphasis on corporate financing and commercial real estate financing. Private customers are also served directly through the wholly owned subsidiary Deutsche Kreditbank AG (DKB). In addition to its headquarters in Munich, BayernLB maintains offices throughout Germany and Europe, as well as a branch in New York.

BayernLB's main segments are *Corporates & Markets*, responsible for business with corporate and key accounts, as well as in structured finance and capital market issues, *Real Estate & Savings Banks/FI*, real estate financier and service provider, as well as central bank of the Bavarian savings banks and partner of ÖH / FI, including BayernLabo, and its subsidiaries Real I.S. AG and BayernInvest. In addition, *DKB*, a digital bank focusing on essential banking business for private customers.

As a public-sector credit institution, 75% of BayernLB Holding AG is held by the Free State of Bavaria and the remaining 25% by the Association of Bavarian Sparkassen. BayernLB is a member of the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe. The Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe (hereinafter: SFG) has an institution-specific protection system (IPS). This has been recognized as a deposit guarantee system under the German Deposit Guarantee Act (Einlagensicherungsgesetz - EinSiG) since July 3, 2015. Under the statutory deposit protection scheme, customers are entitled to reimbursement of their deposits of up to EUR 100,000 against the protection scheme.

The Joint Liability Scheme of the SFG consists of three elements: the Sparkassen Guarantee Fund of the regional Sparkassen and Giro associations, the Guarantee Fund of the Landesbausparkassen and the Guarantee Reserve of the Landesbanks and Girozentralen. Together, these three guarantee funds ensure the continued existence of each individual Sparkasse and Landesbanks.

The primary objective of the IPS is to avoid a support case and to protect the institutions themselves, i.e. to ensure liquidity and solvency. The protection of the institutions can be ensured, for example, by the following measures: Injection of equity capital, assumption of guarantees and sureties, and compliance with third-party claims. Mergers with other institutions may also occur. The regional Sparkassen associations have a total of 11 Sparkassen guarantee funds. The individual guarantee funds are interlinked. There is a supra-regional equalization between them, which takes place if the funds available in a region are not sufficient for a so-called support case of an institution. In this case, the resources of all funds are available if required. If necessary, all the guarantee funds will stand together as part of the system-wide equalization process: all the Sparkassen guarantee funds, the guarantee reserve of the Landesbanks and the guarantee fund of the Landesbausparkassen. This applies in the event that the resources of one of the three protection schemes concerned are insufficient. This equalization means that all the funds of all the protection schemes are available for action in the event of a crisis.

The members of the protection scheme pay annual contributions to the Sparkassen deposit guarantee scheme. These are pooled in a special fund that is used to rescue the affected member institution in the event of a crisis.

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(LT Issuer) Rating, there is a strong connection due to the membership in SFG's cross-guarantee system/IPS, which in turn enables additional notching. SFG's IPS has far-reaching competencies in monitoring and crisis situations as well as an extensive catalog of measures at its disposal. Support cases are linked to restructuring agreements and conditions. In the opinion of Credit-reform Rating, a stand-alone rating of BayernLB is not appropriate due to its membership in SFG and its IPS. BayernLB does not receive any further upnotching as a result of its membership in SFG/IPS.

Since the end of 2019, BayernLB has adopted a strategic realignment concept for the Group. This essentially involves focusing on the high-growth areas of the future while at the same time reducing the cost base. The *Fokus 2024* transformation process remains on track for the half-year 2023.

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#### **Business Development**

#### **Profitability**

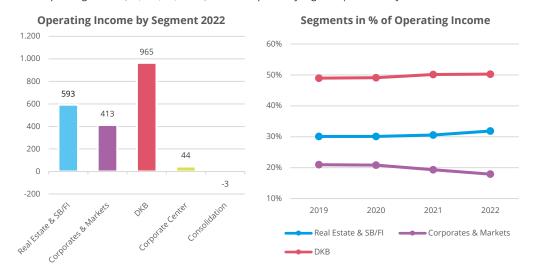
Creditreform Rating AG follows a structural approach in the presentation of the income statement and balance sheet as well as in the calculation of key ratios. The presentation may therefore differ from that of the bank. Creditreform Rating pursues the goal of making financial statements of different banks as well as within the scope of consolidation as comparable as possible. Certain key ratios are also taken or calculated from the Bank's Pillar III Report for reasons of comparability. Balance sheet and income statement figures are taken from the consolidated financial statements of the respective years. One-off or exceptional items are, where possible, relegated to the line items non-recurring revenue and expense. For 2022, restructuring gains as well as the sale of buildings at the Munich location were relegated to non-recurring revenue.

BayernLB was able to achieve a result of EUR 1.1bn in FY 2022, almost double that of FY 2021. This improvement is mainly due to exceptional items, but BayernLB also made progress in operational terms. Before non-recurring items and impairments, the operating result increased slightly, but CRA identified significant non-recurring income of EUR 0.4bn, namely from the sale of non-operational real estate at the Munich location (EUR 0.3bn) and reversals of provisions (EUR 0.1bn) in the course of finalizing the restructuring efforts. In addition, the tax burden in 2022 was significantly lower, mainly due to revaluation and correction effects. In total, net profit increased by EUR 0.5bn.

Operating profit increased slightly by 2.9% to EUR 2.6bn. Net interest income jumped from EUR 1.9bn to EUR 2.1bn, or by 14.5%. The second half of the year benefited from the rapid rise in interest rates in the Euro area and general business expansion. Net fee and commission income increased in contrast to many competitors, which generally recorded declines in the past fiscal year. DKB's *Card business* in particular achieved significant improvements, followed by fees in the *Credit business*. This positive development was offset by fair value and net trading income; losses had to be accepted in the difficult market environment of war, inflation and sharp interest rate increases.

Chart 1 shows BayernLB's operating income per segment. At first glance, it is clear how important DKB is within the BayernLB Group as a whole, accounting for almost half of total operating income. Over the past four years, *Corporates & Markets* has lost some ground to the other two main business areas, *DKB* and *Real Estate & Savings Banks/Financial Institutions*.

Chart 1: Operating income (NII, NCI, FV, Other) and development by segment | Source: BayernLB



Operating expenses also increased slightly by 2.7%. Investments in the IT landscape had an increasing effect, while costs at BayernLB Core Bank decreased overall as part of the cost-cutting measures under *Fokus 2024*, while the build-up of personnel and investments at DKB resulted in higher operating expenses. Other expenses decreased in particular due to significantly lower payments to the deposit guarantee theme. As a result of DKB's switch to the Entschädigungseinrichtung deutscher Banken (EdB - Compensation Scheme of German Banks) and the termination of the letter of comfort and the control and profit and loss transfer agreement, BayernLB already meets the target volume of the institutional deposit guarantee theme.

Risk costs remained low at EUR 70mn in 2022.

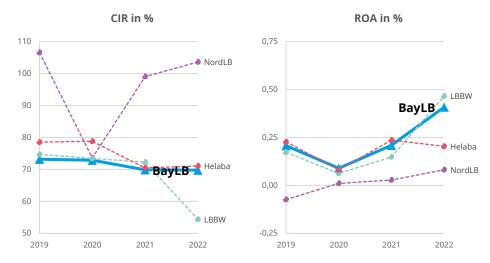
As already mentioned at the beginning, exceptional items contributed significantly to the improvement in net profit. EUR 299mn resulted from the sale of real estate not required for operations. With the completion of the *Fokus 2024* staff reduction program, restructuring provisions were reversed. In total, more than EUR 0.4bn in non-recurring revenue was generated.

Excluding any special items in 2022 and 2021, the pre-tax profit for both years would have been comparable.

In view of the substantial improvement in net profit due to special items, the key earnings figures improved significantly across the board, but would have remained essentially unchanged without them. The cost-income ratio (CIR) remained almost unchanged at a fairly high 69.8%. The rest of the indicators improved to average to slightly above-average levels.

Chart 2 shows the development of key earnings indicators in a Landesbank peer group. Compared with the other major Landesbanks, the cost-income ratio developed only moderately positively, while LBBW and NordLB are outliers in both positive and negative terms. In terms of earnings power, BayernLB is one of the best Landesbanks in the comparison.

Chart 2: CIR & ROA in comparison to the peer group | Source: eValueRate / CRA



BayernLB expected net profit before taxes for 2023 of EUR 0.6bn to 0.8bn at year end 2022. However, the bank already had to revise this plan upward by the end of the first half of the year, and currently expects a pre-tax result of EUR 1.1bn to 1.3bn. This forecast could also be revised upwards, as the half-year result was already just under EUR 0.9bn. The reason for this is the extremely strong net interest income, which increased by 68% compared with the first half of the previous year. Net fee and commission income also increased slightly, while the fair value result recovered after the earlier disruptions in connection with the Ukraine war as well. Risk costs increased only marginally; the impact of the sharp rise in interest rates has so far had only a minor effect, but the bank's earnings forecast from the current standpoint reads conservatively in this respect.

#### **Asset Situation and Asset Quality**

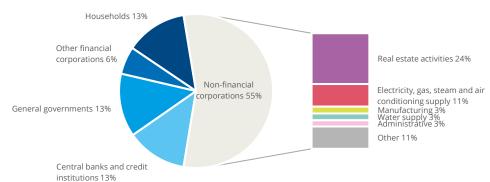
Total assets decreased slightly by EUR 7.2bn in the reporting year 2022. Lending volume increased robustly by EUR 8bn, with the overall decline largely attributable to the decrease in cash and cash equivalents (EUR -15.4bn). At the end of 2021, BayernLB (through its subsidiary DKB) drew down TLTRO III funds in the amount of EUR 26.8bn; by the end of 2022, EUR 18.3bn had been repaid.

BayernLB's credit portfolio continues to be located mainly in Germany, with just under 80% of the on-balance sheet exposure. As a commercial bank, 55% of the exposure of loans and advances is to non-financial corporations; private households account for only 13%. Real estate activities account for the largest share of non-financial exposure at 44%, while the capital-intensive energy sector accounts for almost 20%. In the new interest rate environment, this is associated with increased risk; per mid-year 2023 there was a significant negative rating migration of the real estate portfolio. Overall, however, NPLs increased only marginally, as the share of investment-grade exposures actually increased due to conservative risk management. The current development remains subject to considerable uncertainties.

Chart 3 shows a detailed run-down of the loans and advances exposure in 2022:

Chart 3: Exposure: Loans and Advances | Source: Pillar 3 (EU CR1, CQ5)

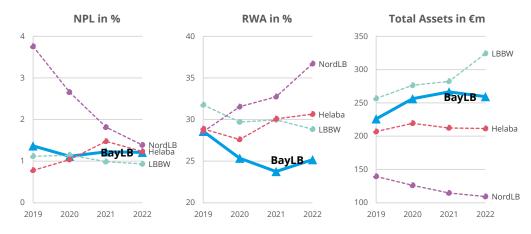
#### Exposure: Loans and advances



BayernLB's asset quality remains very good. Although the NPL ratio increased in the first half of 2023, it remains at a low level. Risk costs also remain at a very low level. The RWA ratio is at a very low 25.2%.

In a peer group comparison, all major German Landesbanks were very close to each other in terms of the standardized NPL ratio, with NordLB significantly improving its asset quality in the period under review. The development of the RWA ratio was very heterogeneous; in regulatory terms, BayernLB has the lowest implied business risk and the second-highest total assets, with all Landesbanks except LBBW consolidating their business model.

Chart 4: NPL and RWA ratios and Total Assets of BayernLB in comparison to the peer Group | Source: eValueRate / P3



#### **Refinancing, Capital Quality and Liquidity**

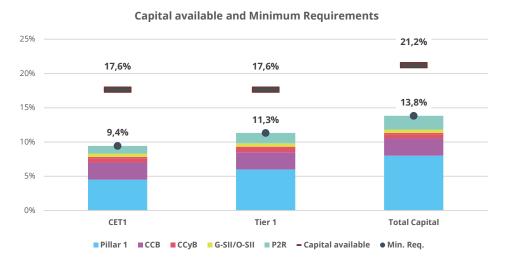
On the liabilities side, deposits from banks decreased by EUR 15.4bn, mainly due to the prepayment of TLTRO III funds. Deposits from customers increased moderately by EUR 4bn, and debt securities by EUR 1.7bn. In addition to the net profit of EUR 1.1bn, other comprehensive income amounted to EUR 0.3bn, which was only slightly reduced by distributions (EUR -0.1bn). As a result, equity increased strongly by EUR 1.2bn, which corresponded to an increase of 10%.

As a result, the balance sheet equity ratio increased substantially from 4.6 to 5.2%, but the regulatory equity ratios remained virtually unchanged due to the increase in RWA.

The leverage ratio decreased sharply with the expiry of Corona transitional arrangements, but

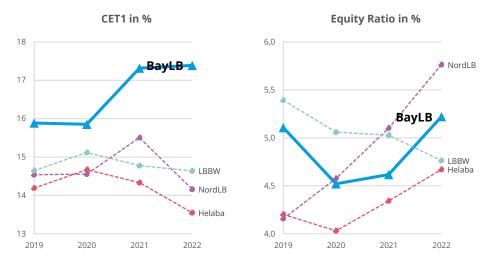
at 4.5% remained well above the minimum requirement of 3%. Overall, the ratios are to be regarded as high, especially in comparison with other universal banks in Europe. The capital ratios increased again in the first half of 2023 and despite the significantly higher capital requirements (including increases under the anti-cyclical buffer and systemic risk buffer), the CET1 buffer is a very high 8.2%.

Chart 5: Available Capital and Minimum Requirements per H1-23 | Source: P3 (EU KM1)



In comparison with the peer group, BayernLB maintains very good capital ratios, especially in regulatory terms. The CET1 ratio is almost three percentage points higher compared to the next competitor and only NordLB, due to its riskier portfolio, has BayernLB beat in terms of balance sheet equity ratio.

Chart 6: CET1 and Equity ratios of BayernLB in comparison to the peer group | Source: CRA, P3 (EU KM1)



Due to the upgrade of the Long-Term Issuer Rating by one notch to A, all existing debt and capital ratings are notched up by one. Due to BayernLB's bank capital and debt structure, as well as its status as an O-SII, the Group's Preferred Senior Unsecured Debt is not notched down in comparison to the Long-Term Issuer Rating and is rated A. Due to the seniority structure, BayernLB's Non-Preferred Senior Unsecured debt is rated A-. BayernLB's Tier 2 Capital is rated

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BBB- based on BayernLB's capital structure and seniority in accordance with our rating methodology.

#### **Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Score Card**

Bayerische Landesbank has one significant and two moderate ESG rating drivers

Corporate Governance is identified as a highly significant rating driver. The relevance for the credit rating results from the impact of the Corporate Governance factor on all other ESG factors and the overall well-being of the bank. This sub-factor is rated positive due to BayLB's strong and sustainable earning figures, the widespread ESG policies and its ambitious ESG targets.

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ESG Bank Score

• Corporate Behaviour and Green Financing / Promoting are identified as moderate rating driver. While Green Financing / Promoting is rated neutral due to relatively low amount of green bonds, Coporate Behaviour is rated positive.

Score Guidance							
	Outstanding						
	Above-average						
>2,5 - 3,5	Average Substandard						
>1,75 - 2,5	Substandard						
<= 1,75	Poor						

Factor Sub-Factor		Sub-Factor	Consideration S		e 2 Eval.
	ental		The sub-factor "Green Financing/Promoting" has a moderate relevance for the credit rating, and is rated neutral in terms of the CRA ESG criteria.	3	( )
	ronm	· '	The sub-factor "Exposure to Environmental Factors" has a low relevance for the credit rating, and is rated neutral in terms of the CRA ESG criteria.	2	( )
	Envi	1.3 Resource Efficiency	The sub-factor "Resource Efficiency" has no significant relevance for the credit rating, and is rated positive in terms of the CRA ESG criteria.	1	(+)

cial	2.1 Human Capital	The sub-factor "Human Capital" has low relevance for the credit rating, and is rated neutral in terms of the CRA ESG criteria.	2	( )
Soc	2.2 Social Responsibility	The sub-factor "Social Responsibility" has no significant relevance for the credit rating, and is rated neutral in terms of the CRA ESG criteria.	1	( )

e	3.1 Corporate Governance The sub-factor "Corporate Governance" is highly relevant for the credit rating, and is rated positive in terms of the CRA ESG criteria.		4	(+)
vernan	3.2 Corporate Behaviour	The sub-factor "Corporate Behaviour" has a moderate relevance for the credit rating, and is rated positive in terms of the CRA ESG criteria.	3	(+)
9	3.3 Corporate Transparency	The sub-factor "Corporate Transparency" has no significant relevance for the credit rating, and is rated very positive in terms of the CRA ESG criteria.	1	(+ +)

	ESG Relevance Scale				
5	Highest Relevance				
4	High Relevance				
3	Moderate Relevance				
2	Low Relevance				
1	No significant Relevance				

ESG Evaluation Guidance				
(+ +) Strong positive				
(+)	Positive			
( )	Neutral			
(-)	Negative			
()	Strong negativ			

The ESG Score is based on the Methodology "Environmental, Social and Governance Score of Banken (Version 1.0)" of Creditreform Rating AG, which is available on our homepage https://creditreform-rating.de/en/about-us/regulatory-requirements.html. In addition, we refer to CRA's position paper "Consodering the Impact of ESG Factors".

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#### **Outlook**

The outlook of the Long-Term Issuer Rating of BayernLB is stable. In the medium term, CRA expects earnings power to increase significantly in the wake of the new interest rate environment. At the same time, the very high exposure to Commercial Real Estate is subject to risk in the current market environment. However, we do not expect any material deterioration in asset quality at the overall bank level; moreover, capitalization is considered more than adequate with continued moderate distributions. DKB continues to be an important pillar of the bank as a whole, both in terms of earnings capacity and from a diversification perspective.

Best-case scenario: A+

Worst-case scenario: A-

Please note:

The scenarios are based on information available at the time of the rating. Within the forecast horizon, circumstances may occur that could lead to a change of the rating out of the indicated range.

#### **Scenario Analysis**

In a scenario analysis, the bank is able to reach a Long-Term Issuer Rating of A+ in the "Best-Case-Scenario" and a Long-Term Issuer Rating of A- in the "Worst-Case-Scenario". The ratings of Bank Capital and Senior Unsecured Debt would respond similarly based on our rating methodology. These ratings are especially sensitive to changes in total equity and to the bank capital and debt structure in general. Likewise, material change with regard to the IPS and/or Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe may precipitate up- or down-notching.

We may upgrade BayernLB's Long-Term Issuer and Bank Capital and Senior Unsecured debt ratings if we see a long-term increase in profitability, along with continued excellent asset quality and at least maintained capital position.

On the other hand, BayernLB's Long-Term Issuer Rating, Bank Capital Rating and Unsecured Debt Rating could be downgraded if BayernLB's earnings were to decline significantly. In addition, a downgrade could be appropriate if asset quality were to deteriorate significantly in a high-interest-rate environment, e.g. in the commercial real estate segment.

#### **Appendix**

#### **Bank ratings Bayerische Landesbank**

The bank ratings are dependent on a host of quantitative and qualitative factors. An improvement in either sub-category may result in a higher rating score.

Long-Term Issuer / Outlook / Short-Term A / L2 / stable

#### Bank Capital and Debt Instruments Ratings Bayerische Landesbank

The ratings for bank capital and debt instruments are inter alia dependent on subordination and relative size of the instrument class, based on the long-term issuer rating of the bank.

Preferred Senior Unsecured (PSU):

Non-Preferred Senior Unsecured (NPS):

Tier 2 (T2):

BBB
Additional Tier 1 (AT1):

#### **Rating History**

Please consult our website www.creditreform-rating.de for additional information regarding the dates of publication.

Figure 1: Rating History

Bank Issuer Rating	Rating Date	Result
Initialrating	12.06.2018	A- / stabil / L2
Update	17.09.2019	A- / stabil / L2
Monitoring	24.03.2020	A- / NEW / L2
Update	02.10.2020	A- / stabil / L2
Monitoring	05.07.2021	A- / stabil / L2 (UNW)
Update	24.09.2021	A- / stabil / L2
Update	11.11.2022	A- / stabil / L2
Update	17.10.2023	A / stabil / L2
Bank Capital and Debt Instruments	Rating Date	Result
Senior Unsecured / T2 / AT1 (Initial)	12.06.2018	BBB+ / BB+ / -
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PSU / NPS / T2 / AT1	17.09.2019	A- / BBB+ / BB+ / -
PSU / NPS / T2 / AT1 Monitoring	17.09.2019 24.03.2020	A- / BBB+ / BB+ / - A- / BBB+ / BB+ / - (NEW)
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Update	24.09.2021	A- / stabil / L2
Update	11.11.2022	A- / stabil / L2
Update	17.10.2023	A / stabil / L2
Bank Capital and Debt Instruments of DKB		
Senior Unsecured / T2 / AT1 (Initial)	12.06.2018	BBB+ / BB+ / -
PSU / NPS / T2 / AT1	17.09.2019	A- / BBB+ / BB+ / -
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PSU / NPS / T2 / AT1	24.09.2021	A- / BBB+ / BB+ / -
PSU / NPS / T2 / AT1	11.11.2022	A- / BBB+ / n.r. / -
PSU / NPS / T2 / AT1	17.10.2023	A / A- / - / -

#### **Tables Group (if applicable)**

Figure 2: Income statement<sup>1</sup> | Source: eValueRate / CRA

Income Statement (EUR m)	2022	%	2021	2020	2019
Income					
Net Interest Income	2.137	+14,5	1.866	1.772	1.726
Net Fee & Commission Income	423	+11,3	380	331	287
Net Insurance Income	-	-	-	-	-
Net Trading & Fair Value Income	-126	< -100	220	146	27
Equity Accounted Results	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends from Equity Instruments	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	156	> +100	52	131	272
Operating Income	2.590	+2,9	2.518	2.380	2.312
Expense					
Depreciation and Amortisation	96	+7,9	89	79	64
Personnel Expense	837	-0,8	844	856	771
Tech & Communications Expense	387	+11,5	347	333	321
Marketing and Promotion Expense	39	+5,4	37	35	40
Other Provisions	-	-	-40	-30	-31
Other Expense	448	-7,1	482	461	527
Operating Expense	1.807	+2,7	1.759	1.734	1.692
Operating Profit & Impairment					
Operating Profit	783	+3,2	759	646	620
Cost of Risk / Impairment	70	+45,8	48	142	-251
Net Income					
Non-Recurring Income	409	> +100	105	5	2
Non-Recurring Expense	0	-100,0	1	311	217
Pre-tax Profit	1.122	+37,7	815	198	656
Income Tax Expense	64	-75,3	259	-31	187
Discontinued Operations	-	-	-	-	-
Net Profit	1.058	+90,3	556	229	469
Attributable to minority interest (non-controlling interest)	-3	+0,0	-3	-3	-3
Attributable to owners of the parent	1.055	+90,8	553	226	466

Figure 3: Key earnings figures  $\mid$  Source: eValueRate / CRA and Pillar III

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2022	%	2021	2020	2019	
69,77	-0,09	69,86	72,86	73,18	
66,53	-10,01	76,54	77,62	74,05	
0,41	+0,20	0,21	0,09	0,21	
7,81	+3,30	4,52	1,98	4,06	
0,43	+0,13	0,31	0,08	0,29	
8,29	+1,66	6,62	1,71	5,69	
1,62	+0,74	0,88	0,35	0,73	
1,72	+0,43	1,29	0,30	1,02	
0,79	-0,00	0,80	0,76	0,79	
0,46	+0,14	0,32	0,14	0,18	
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data by our data provider eValueRate, which is standardized for analytical reasons. Thus, the used data and the resulting figures do not have necessary to match the presentation of the bank, which refers to this and all subsequent tables and figures.

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Figure 4: Development of assets | Source: eValueRate / CRA

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Assets (EUR m)	2022	%	2021	2020	2019	
Cash and Balances with Central Banks	2.151	-87,7	17.542	9.342	8.512	
Net Loans to Banks	61.438	+9,2	56.266	56.177	31.106	
Net Loans to Customers	166.426	+5,0	158.445	152.667	146.102	
Total Securities	19.640	-7,3	21.182	23.537	26.505	
Total Derivative Assets	3.786	-52,2	7.925	10.944	10.348	
Other Financial Assets	21	-12,5	24	25	26	
Financial Assets	253.462	-3,0	261.384	252.692	222.599	
Equity Accounted Investments	-	-	-	-	-	
Other Investments	21	-16,0	25	28	28	
Insurance Assets	233	+0,4	232	229	227	
Non-current Assets & Discontinued Ops	0	-100,0	65	26	-	
Tangible and Intangible Assets	630	+2,4	615	633	646	
Tax Assets	778	+12,8	690	735	786	
Total Other Assets	4.219	+19,1	3.543	1.883	1.679	
Total Assets	259.343	-2,7	266.554	256.226	225.965	

Figure 5: Development of asset quality | Source: eValueRate / CRA and Pillar III

Asset Ratios (%)	2022	%	2021	2020	2019
Net Loans to Customers / Assets	64,17	+4,73	59,44	59,58	64,66
Risk-weighted Assets <sup>1</sup> / Assets	25,18	+1,43	23,75	25,36	0,00
NPL <sup>2</sup> / Loans to Customers <sup>3</sup>	1,21	-0,01	1,22	1,12	1,37
NPL <sup>2</sup> / Risk-weighted Assets <sup>1</sup>	2,61	+0,08	2,54	2,16	2,54
Potential Problem Loans <sup>4</sup> / Loans to Customers <sup>3</sup>	9,50	+1,61	7,89	9,85	-
Reserves <sup>5</sup> / NPL <sup>2</sup>	57,06	-2,65	59,71	66,29	62,63
Cost of Risk / Loans to Customers <sup>3</sup>	0,05	+0,01	0,04	0,11	-0,21
Cost of Risk / Risk-weighted Assets <sup>1</sup>	0,11	+0,03	0,08	0,22	-0,39
Cost of Risk / Total Assets	0,03	+0,01	0,02	0,06	-0,11

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Figure 6: Development of refinancing and capital adequacy | Source: eValueRate / CRA

Liabilities (EUR m)	2022	%	2021	2020	2019
Total Deposits from Banks	60.716	-20,6	76.427	75.532	49.094
Total Deposits from Customers	123.304	+3,4	119.292	109.779	100.436
Total Debt	48.222	+3,5	46.569	44.722	46.677
Derivative Liabilities	10.278	+20,9	8.500	9.530	9.180
Securities Sold, not yet Purchased	-	-	•	1	1
Other Financial Liabilities	1.413	+50,8	937	1.485	3.414
Total Financial Liabilities	243.933	-3,1	251.725	241.048	208.801
Insurance Liabilities	1	-	•	•	
Non-current Liabilities & Discontinued Ops	0	-100,0	28	6	-
Tax Liabilities	118	+20,4	98	122	241
Provisions	1.104	-37,6	1.768	2.894	4.801
Total Other Liabilities	648	+3,3	627	572	584
Total Liabilities	245.803	-3,3	254.246	244.642	214.427
Total Equity	13.540	+10,0	12.308	11.584	11.538
Total Liabilities and Equity	259.343	-2,7	266.554	256.226	225.965

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4. Potential Problem Loans: Stage 2; Households, Non-Financial Corporations, Other Financial Corporations as per Pillar 3, EU CR1

5. Reserves: Impairment & Provisions and Collateral & Guarantees; Households, Non-Financial Corporations, Other Financial Corporations as per Pillar 3, EU CR1

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Figure 7: Development of capital and liquidity ratios | Source: eValueRate / CRA and Pillar III

Capital Ratios and Liquidity (%)	2022	%	2021	2020	2019
Total Equity / Total Assets	5,22	+0,60	4,62	4,52	5,11
Leverage Ratio <sup>1</sup>	4,50	-0,80	5,30	5,53	5,08
Common Equity Tier 1 Ratio (CET1) <sup>2</sup>	17,39	+0,07	17,32	15,85	15,89
Tier 1 Ratio (CET1 + AT1) <sup>2</sup>	17,39	+0,07	17,32	15,86	15,89
Total Capital Ratio (CET1 + AT1 + T2) <sup>2</sup>	21,31	-0,26	21,57	18,46	18,30
CET1 Minimum Capital Requirements <sup>1</sup>	8,68	+0,03	8,65	8,64	9,23
Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) <sup>1</sup>	127,14	-9,97	137,11	-	-
Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) <sup>1</sup>	195,50	-75,69	271,19	212,16	175,00

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