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DGB Financial Group

Sustainability of earnings growth needs to be confirmed

| (Maint | | Target price W9,900 ▲ | | Upside 24.2% | | Current price (10/30/23) W7,970 | |
|--------|----------|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-----|--|------|
| KOSPI | 2,310.55 | Market cap (Wbn) | 1,348 | Shares outstanding (mn) | 169 | Foreign ownership (%) | 45.0 |

Report summary

3Q23 review

For 3Q23, DGB Financial Group (DGBFG) announced net profit of W114.9bn (+6% YoY, -19% QoQ), missing the consensus by 7%. Interest income grew at a decent pace, and gains from loan sales were booked. However, unrealized losses on marketable securities weighed on non-interest income, and one-off expenses (operating loss related to fund sales and preemptive provisions) were recognized. CET1 ratio dipped 16bps to 11.1% due to the robust growth of the banking business and stock buyback effects.

Attractive valuation and dividends, but earnings stability needs to improve further

The stock is clearly undervalued, trading at a 12-month forward P/B of 0.24x. However, DGBFG still needs to prove that its earnings growth is sustainable. We believe the recovery of the brokerage business will be key. The brokerage business needs new sources of income, given its high reliance on real estate project financing (PF).

DGBFG offers the highest dividend yield among bank stocks under our coverage (9.9% for 2023F and 10.5% for 2024F). We expect the stock's dividend appeal to come into focus heading into the end of the year (as the group distributes dividends once at the end of the year). We lift our target price by 11% to W9,900 (applying a P/B of 0.29x to our 2024F BVPS of W34,222).

Key data

Price performance



| Earnings and valuation metrics | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| (Dec.) | 2021 | 2022 | 2023F | 2024F | 2025F | | | | |
| Net interest income (Wbn) | 1,601 | 1,830 | 1,644 | 1,736 | 1,774 | | | | |
| Net non-interest income (Wbn) | 486 | 231 | 558 | 571 | 655 | | | | |
| OP (Wbn) | 749 | 607 | 666 | 738 | 793 | | | | |
| NP (Wbn) | 503 | 402 | 483 | 508 | 547 | | | | |
| EPS (W) | 2,974 | 2,374 | 2,853 | 3,001 | 3,235 | | | | |
| EPS growth (%) | 47.1 | -20.2 | 20.2 | 5.2 | 7.8 | | | | |
| P/E (x) | 2.7 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.5 | | | | |
| P/PPOP (x) | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | | | | |
| P/B (x) | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.25 | 0.23 | 0.22 | | | | |
| ROE (%) | 10.4 | 8.1 | 9.4 | 9.1 | 9.1 | | | | |
| Dividend yield (%) | 7.9 | 8.2 | 9.9 | 10.5 | 11.5 | | | | |

Notes: Under consolidated K-IFRS; NP is attributable to owners of the parent Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research estimates

3Q23 review

Net profit of W114.9bn (+6% YoY, -19% QoQ), 7% below consensus

1) Net interest income was W429.1bn (-9% YoY, +7% QoQ). Interest income grew at a decent pace on a rebound in net interest margin (NIM) and robust lending growth. Bank NIM inched up 2bps QoQ as lending rate repricing effects outweighed deposit rate repricing. Management expects NIM to continue improving in 4Q23, supported by the repricing of high-interest-rate deposits, a sufficient liquidity coverage ratio (LCR), and a healthy loan-to-deposit ratio. Won-denominated loans grew 4.2% QoQ—faster than at peers. Household loans expanded 7.3% QoQ, led by mortgage loans, and corporate loans grew 2.5% QoQ, helped by the utilization of partner relationship management (PRM) channels in the Seoul capital area. Household lending increased sharply despite recent regulatory efforts to curb household debt growth, as the bank moved preemptively in anticipation of large-scale debt repayments (interim payment loans) in 1Q-2Q24.

- 2) Non-interest income was W72.8bn (+1,386% YoY, -57% QoQ). Fee/commission income shrank to W48.5bn (-36% YoY, -15% QoQ). Non-interest income also included W27.7bn related to reclassification adjustments (IFRS 17) and W11.5bn in gains from loan sales.
- 3) Credit costs were W113.8bn (+126% YoY, -9% QoQ). The group set aside preemptive provisions of W35.9bn (W27.2bn for the bank and W8.7bn for brokerage PF), after booking W40.6bn in 2Q23 and W59.7bn in 1Q23. Credit cost ratio was 0.74% (annualized; +39bps YoY, -10bps QoQ), or 0.5% when excluding non-recurring items. Group NPL ratio and delinquency rate climbed 3bps and 6bps, respectively, but remained stable (similar to 1Q23 levels).

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The stock is clearly undervalued, trading at a 12-month forward P/B of 0.24x. However, DGBFG still needs to prove that its earnings growth is sustainable. We believe the recovery of the brokerage business will be key. The brokerage business needs new sources of income, given its high reliance on real estate PF. And while DGBFG plans to focus on trading and traditional investment banking going forward, a rapid recovery seems unlikely given heightened stock market volatility. DGBFG offers the highest dividend yield among bank stocks under our coverage (9.9% for 2023F and 10.5% for 2024F). We expect the stock's dividend appeal to come into focus heading into the end of the year. We lift our target price by 11% to W9,900, applying a P/B of 0.29x (sustainable ROE and COE) to our 2024F BVPS of W34,222.

Table 1. DGBFG: 3Q23 review

(Wbn)

| | 3Q22 | 4Q22 | 1Q23 | 2Q23 | 3Q23 | YoY (%, %p) | QoQ (%, %p) |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| Net interest income | 470.7 | 490.5 | 388.1 | 400.9 | 429.1 | -8.8 | 7.0 |
| Net fees/commissions | 75.4 | 74.7 | 67.4 | 57.4 | 48.5 | -35.7 | -15.4 |
| Net other non-interest income | -70.5 | -16.5 | 126.3 | 112.6 | 24.3 | TTB | -78.4 |
| Total net operating income | 475.6 | 548.7 | 581.8 | 570.8 | 501.9 | 5.5 | -12.1 |
| SG&A expenses | 265.5 | 311.1 | 242.5 | 254.1 | 229.7 | -13.5 | -9.6 |
| PPOP | 210.1 | 237.6 | 339.3 | 316.8 | 272.2 | 29.5 | -14.1 |
| Provisions | 50.4 | 212.9 | 110.0 | 124.8 | 113.8 | 125.8 | -8.8 |
| OP | 159.7 | 24.7 | 229.3 | 191.9 | 158.3 | -0.9 | -17.5 |
| Non-operating income | -1.3 | -7.0 | -4.3 | 0.8 | -2.7 | RR | TTR |
| Pretax profit | 158.4 | 17.7 | 225.0 | 192.7 | 155.6 | -1.8 | -19.3 |
| NP | 108.9 | 7.2 | 168.0 | 141.8 | 114.9 | 5.5 | -18.9 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total assets | 93,986 | 91,011 | 91,414 | 92,289 | 93,477 | -0.5 | 1.3 |
| Total loans/receivables | 59,426 | 60,179 | 58,888 | 59,880 | 61,955 | 4.3 | 3.5 |
| Won-denominated loans (both banks) | 49,687 | 50,517 | 50,524 | 51,953 | 54,114 | 8.9 | 4.2 |
| Total credit | 58,213 | 58,957 | 58,579 | 59,823 | 61,905 | 6.3 | 3.5 |
| Total deposits | 52,756 | 53,641 | 52,875 | 53,957 | 55,932 | 6.0 | 3.7 |
| Total shareholders' equity | 6,140 | 6,211 | 6,499 | 6,577 | 6,567 | 7.0 | -0.1 |
| | | | | | | | |
| (%) | | | | | | | |
| NIM (group-level) | 2.17 | 2.24 | 2.07 | 2.01 | 2.03 | -0.15 | 0.02 |
| Cost-to-income ratio | 55.8 | 56.7 | 41.7 | 44.5 | 45.8 | -10.1 | 1.3 |
| NPL ratio | 0.52 | 0.95 | 1.03 | 0.97 | 1.00 | 0.48 | 0.03 |
| NPL coverage ratio | 288.8 | 230.3 | 228.0 | 228.0 | 228.0 | -60.8 | 0.0 |
| ROA (based on avg. value) | 0.12 | 0.01 | 0.18 | 0.15 | 0.12 | 0.01 | -0.03 |
| ROE (based on avg. value) | 2.06 | 0.13 | 3.04 | 2.44 | 1.92 | -0.14 | -0.52 |
| Credit costs to total credit | 0.09 | 0.36 | 0.19 | 0.21 | 0.18 | 0.10 | -0.02 |
| BIS ratio | 13.74 | 13.93 | 14.06 | 14.13 | 13.80 | 0.06 | -0.33 |
| Tier 1 ratio | 12.54 | 12.59 | 12.70 | 12.78 | 12.48 | -0.06 | -0.30 |
| CET1 ratio | 11.22 | 11.24 | 11.46 | 11.26 | 11.10 | -0.12 | -0.16 |

Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research

Table 2. DGBFG: Earnings forecast revisions

(Wbn)

| | Revised | | | Previous | | % chg. | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|----------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2023F | 2024F | 2025F | 2023F | 2024F | 2025F | 2023F | 2024F | 2025F |
| Net interest income | 1,644 | 1,736 | 1,774 | 1,598 | 1,689 | 1,775 | 2.8 | 2.8 | -0.1 |
| Net fees & commissions | 260 | 320 | 409 | 297 | 369 | 413 | -12.5 | -13.2 | -1.0 |
| Net other non-interest income | 298 | 251 | 246 | 314 | 251 | 246 | -5.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total net operating income | 2,202 | 2,307 | 2,429 | 2,209 | 2,309 | 2,434 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| SG&A expenses | 1,067 | 1,108 | 1,163 | 1,116 | 1,158 | 1,231 | -4.4 | -4.3 | -5.5 |
| PPOP | 1,135 | 1,199 | 1,265 | 1,093 | 1,150 | 1,203 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 5.2 |
| Provisions | 469 | 461 | 472 | 428 | 422 | 438 | 9.5 | 9.2 | 7.7 |
| OP | 666 | 738 | 793 | 665 | 728 | 765 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 3.7 |
| Non-operating income | -9 | -2 | 0 | -5 | -2 | 0 | RR | RR | - |
| Pretax profit | 657 | 736 | 793 | 660 | 726 | 765 | -0.4 | 1.3 | 3.7 |
| NP (owners of the parent) | 483 | 508 | 547 | 477 | 501 | 528 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 3.7 |

Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research

Figure 1. DGBFG: Bank NIM trend Figure 2. DGBFG: QoQ chg. in bank NIM (%) (%p) 0.20 2.8 0.15 2.6 2.4 0.10 2.2 0.05 2.0 0.00 1.8 -0.05 1.6 -0.10 1.4 -0.15 1.2 -0.20 3Q13 3Q15 3Q17 3Q19 3Q21 3Q23

Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research

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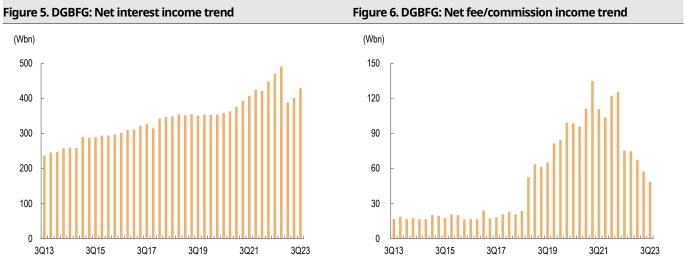
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Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research

Figure 3. DGBFG: Won-denominated bank loan trends Figure 4. DGBFG: Won-denominated bank loan mix (%) (Wtr) Public/other ■ Household (mortgage) ■ Household (general) 2.0 ■ SME Large corp. 60 Large cor 8.2 Household Public/other (general) 50 17.0 40 Household 30 (mortgage) 19.2 20 SME 10 0 3Q13 3Q15 3Q17 3Q19 3Q21 3Q23

Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research

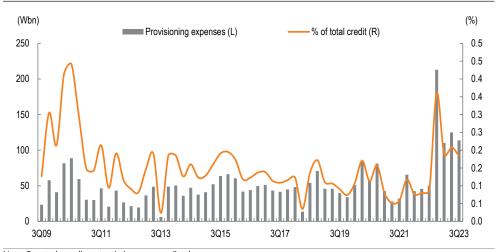
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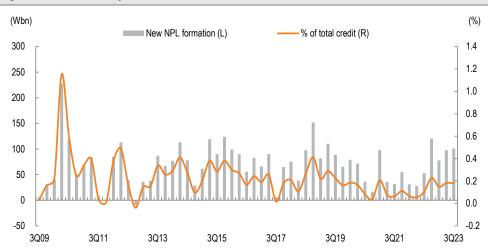
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Figure 7. DGBFG: Group-level provisioning expenses and credit cost ratio



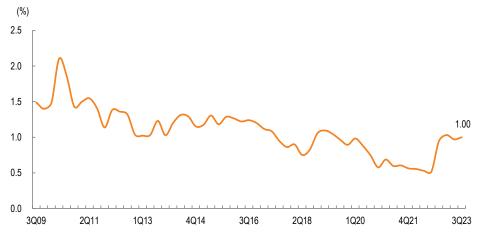
Note: Quarterly credit cost ratio is non-annualized. Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research

Figure 8. DGBFG: Group-level new NPL formation



Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research

Figure 9. DGBFG: Group-level NPL ratio



Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research

Figure 10. DGBFG: 12-month forward P/B band chart Figure 11. DGBFG: 12-month forward P/B chart (±2 SD) (W) (x) 0.81x 25,000 1.0 0.64x 20,000 0.8 +2 SD 0.47x 15,000 0.6 +1 SD 0.30x 10,000 0.4 Avg. -1 SD 5,000 0.2 0.13x

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Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research

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Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research

Figure 13. DGBFG: 12-month forward P/PPOP band chart Figure 12. DGBFG: 12-month forward P/E band chart (W) (W) 3.8x 9.6x 4.8x 25,000 25,000 7.6x 20,000 20,000 2.8x 5.6x 15,000 15,000 1.8x 3.6x 10,000 10,000 5,000 5,000 1.6x 0 0 2013 2015 2017 2019 2021 2023 2015 2017 2019 2021 2023 2013

Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research

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DGB Financial Group (139130 KS)

| Income statement (summariz | rod) | | | | Balance sheet (summarized) | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------|---------|
| (Wbn) | 2022 | 2023F | 2024F | 2025F | (Wbn) | 2022 | 2023F | 2024F | 2025F |
| Interest income | 2,904 | 4,010 | 4,214 | 4,377 | Cash & dues | 3,973 | 4,632 | 4,734 | 4,839 |
| _ | 1,074 | | 2,478 | | | 22,564 | | 24,887 | 26,696 |
| Interest expenses | 1,074 1,830 | 2,367 | 2,476 1,736 | 2,604 | Securities Net loans & receivables | 60,179 | 23,255 62,072 | 65,208 | 68,538 |
| Net interest income | - | 1,644 | 320 | 1,774 | Tangible assets | | 976 | 985 | 995 |
| Net fees & commissions | 398 -167 | 260 298 | 251 | 409 246 | • | 996 3,299 | 3,158 | 3,839 | 4,666 |
| Net other non-interest income | | | | | Other assets | | | | |
| Total net operating income | 2,061 | 2,202 | 2,307 | 2,429 | Total assets | 91,011 | 94,093 | 99,653 | 105,734 |
| G&A expenses | 1,102 | 1,067 | 1,108 | 1,163 | Deposits | 53,641 | 56,213 | 59,195 | 62,336 |
| PPOP | 959 | 1,135 | 1,199 | 1,265 | Borrowings | 13,250 | 13,302 | 13,748 | 14,214 |
| Total provisioning expenses | 352 | 469 | 461 | 472 | Debentures | 7,489 | 7,514 | 7,790 | 8,078 |
| OP | 607 | 666 | 738 | 793 | Other liabilities | 10,919 | 11,164 | 12,599 | 14,327 |
| Net non-operating income | -10 | -9 | -2 | 0 | Total liabilities | 85,298 | 88,193 | 93,333 | 98,955 |
| Pretax profit | 598 | 657 | 736 | 793 | Capital stock | 846 | 846 | 846 | 846 |
| Income tax | 161 | 145 | 184 | 198 | Hybrid securities | 498 | 614 | 614 | 614 |
| NP | 436 | 512 | 552 | 595 | Capital surplus | 1,563 | 1,563 | 1,563 | 1,563 |
| NP attributable to owners | 402 | 483 | 508 | 547 | Retained earnings | 3,023 | 3,279 | 3,699 | 4,157 |
| Normalized NP | 402 | 483 | 518 | 547 | Capital adj. | 0 | -21 | -21 | -21 |
| | | | | | Other comprehensive income | -548 | -298 | -298 | -298 |
| Core income | 2,228 | 1,904 | 2,056 | 2,183 | Minority interests | 830 | 532 | 532 | 532 |
| Core PPOP | 1,126 | 837 | 948 | 1,019 | Total shareholders' equity | 5,712 | 5,900 | 6,320 | 6,779 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| DuPont analysis (%) | 2022 | 2023F | 2024F | 2025F | Key ratios/growth metrics (%) | 2022 | 2023F | 2024F | 2025F |
| Interest income | 3.28 | 4.33 | 4.35 | 4.26 | Growth (YoY) | | | | |
| Interest expenses | 1.21 | 2.56 | 2.56 | 2.54 | Won-denominated loan growth (bank) | 5.4 | 7.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| Net interest income | 2.07 | 1.78 | 1.79 | 1.73 | Net loan & receivables growth | 7.1 | 3.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| Net commission income | 0.45 | 0.28 | 0.33 | 0.40 | Deposit growth | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| Net other non-interest income | -0.19 | 0.32 | 0.26 | 0.24 | Shareholders' equity growth | -2.0 | 3.3 | 7.1 | 7.3 |
| Total net operating income | 2.33 | 2.38 | 2.38 | 2.37 | Total asset growth | 5.9 | 3.4 | 5.9 | 6.1 |
| G&A expenses | 1.25 | 1.15 | 1.14 | 1.13 | Net interest income growth | 14.3 | -10.2 | 5.6 | 2.2 |
| PPOP | 1.08 | 1.23 | 1.24 | 1.23 | Net commission income growth | -13.7 | -34.6 | 23.1 | 27.7 |
| Total provisioning expenses | 0.40 | 0.51 | 0.48 | 0.46 | PPOP growth | 4.6 | 18.4 | 5.6 | 5.5 |
| Net non-operating income | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | OP growth | -18.9 | 9.7 | 10.7 | 7.5 |
| Pretax profit | 0.68 | 0.71 | 0.76 | 0.77 | NP growth | -20.2 | 20.2 | 5.2 | 7.8 |
| Income tax | 0.18 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.19 | Profitability | | | | |
| NP attributable to minority interests | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.05 | NIS (bank) | 2.48 | 2.44 | 2.43 | 2.43 |
| ROA | 0.45 | 0.52 | 0.53 | 0.53 | NIM (bank) | 2.10 | 2.05 | 2.04 | 2.04 |
| Leverage (x) | 17.9 | 18.1 | 17.4 | 17.1 | PPOP margin | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| ROE | 8.13 | 9.41 | 9.10 | 9.09 | ROA | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Asset quality (%) | 2022 | 2023F | 2024F | 2025F | ROE | 8.1 | 9.4 | 9.1 | 9.1 |
| NPL ratio | 0.95 | 0.98 | 0.99 | 1.03 | Liquidity | | | | |
| Broad NPL ratio | 1.90 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.24 | Won-denominated LDR ex-CDs (bank) | 94.3 | 95.8 | 95.8 | 95.8 |
| NPL coverage ratio | 230.3 | 235.1 | 239.9 | 244.7 | Loan/assets | 66.1 | 66.0 | 65.4 | 64.8 |
| Reserves/total credit | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | Capital adequacy | 3011 | 30.0 | 20.1 | |
| Credit costs/total loans | 0.58 | 0.76 | 0.71 | 0.69 | Total CAR | 13.9 | 13.6 | 13.7 | 13.6 |
| Credit costs/total redit | 0.60 | 0.75 | 0.70 | 0.68 | Tier 1 CAR | 12.6 | 12.3 | 12.4 | 12.3 |
| Per-share items (W) | 2022 | 2023F | 2024F | 2025F | Tier 2 CAR | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| EPS (reported) | 2,374 | 2,853 | 3,001 | 3,235 | Operating efficiency | 1,5 | 1,5 | 11 | |
| EPS (normalized) | 2,374 | 2,853 | 3,060 | 3,235 | Cost-to-income ratio | 53.5 | 48.4 | 48.0 | 47.9 |
| BPS | 2,374 28,867 | 2,055 31,738 | 34,222 | 36,934 | Cost-to-asset ratio | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| DPS (common) | 650 | 31,736 790 | 3 4 ,222 840 | 920 | Dividends | 1,2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| PPOP/share | 5,668 | 6,711 | 7,088 | 7,480 | Dividends Dividend payout ratio | 27.4 | 27.7 | 28.0 | 28.4 |
| Source: Company data Mirae Asset Sec | | | | 7,-00 | Dividend payout rado | 27.4 | 21.1 | 20.0 | 20.4 |

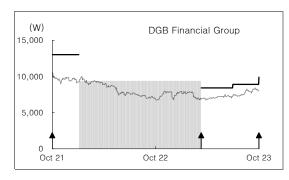
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Two-year rating and TP history

| Company | Date | Rating | TP (W) |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------|--------|
| DGB Financial Group (139130) | 10/31/23 | Buy | 9,900 |
| | 07/31/23 | Buy | 8,900 |
| | 04/10/23 | Buy | 8,400 |
| | 02/03/22 | No Coverage | |
| | 10/19/21 | Buy | 13,000 |



| Stock rating | s | Sector ratings | 5 |
|--------------|--|----------------|--|
| Buy | Expected 12-month performance: +20% or greater | Overweight | Expected to outperform the market over 12 months |
| Trading Buy | Expected 12-month performance: +10% to +20% | Neutral | Expected to perform in line with the market over 12 months |
| Hold | Expected 12-month performance: -10% to +10% | Underweight | Expected to underperform the market over 12 months |
| Sell | Expected 12-month performance: -10% or worse | | |

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- * The TP was determined by the research analyst through valuation methods discussed in this report, in part based on estimates of future earnings.
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Ratings distribution and investment banking services

| - | Buy | Trading Buy | Hold | Sell |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------------|-------|-------|
| Ratings distribution | 88.81% | 7.24% | 3.29% | 0.66% |
| Investment banking services | 95.65% | 4.35% | 0% | 0% |

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