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Investec Bank plc

Credit ratings fact sheet  
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## CONTEXTUALISING INVESTEC BANK PLC'S RATINGS

## An overview of Investec Bank plc

Investec Bank plc (IBP) is the main banking subsidiary of Investec plc (United Kingdom holding company listed on the London Stock Exchange). Investec plc owns 100% of the ordinary shares in IBP. IBP operates as a Specialist Bank and Wealth Manager, principally in the United Kingdom, providing a wide array of banking and wealth management products and services to a select client base, largely comprising high net worth individuals, mid-to-large sized corporates and institutions. IBP also generates capital light non-banking income from Investec Wealth & Investment (IW&I), one of the largest private client investment managers in the UK with £41.7bn funds under management as at 31 March 2021.

		Moody's		Fitch	
		Foreign currency		Foreign currency	
		Short-term deposit rating	Long-term deposit rating	Short-term deposit rating	Long-term deposit rating
<b>Feb 2019</b>	>	<b>Prime-1</b>	<b>A1</b>	<b>F2</b>	<b>BBB+</b>
Sept 2017	>	Prime-1	A2	F2	BBB+
Feb 2016	>	Prime-1	A2	F2	BBB
Oct 2015	>	Prime-2	A3	F2	BBB
May 2015	>	Prime-2	A3	F3	BBB-
Nov 2011	>	Prime-3	Baa3	F3	BBB-
Mar 2009	>	Prime-3	Baa3	F3	BBB
Nov 2008	>	Prime-2	Baa1	F3	BBB
Dec 2007	>	Prime-2	Baa1	F2	BBB+
Mar 2007	>	Prime-2	A3	F2	BBB+

## A summary of IBP's ratings

## Moody's

**On 1 February 2019, Moody's upgraded IBP's long-term deposit ratings to A1 (stable outlook) from A2 (positive outlook) and its baseline credit assessment (BCA) to baa1 from baa2. These ratings were affirmed on 13 July 2021.**

The upgrades were the reflection of: IBP's successful de-risking of the balance sheet as its legacy assets continue to run-off, the shift in composition of its revenues towards lower lending risks and more stable revenue streams, primarily in the lower risk wealth management segment and IBP's sound capitalisation and strong liquidity buffers.

## Fitch

**On 14 July 2021, Fitch affirmed IBP's Long Term Issuer Default Rating (IDR) at BBB+ and revised the outlook to Stable from Negative. The revision of the outlook follows the recent revision of the UK sovereign's outlook to Stable, and Fitch's improved expectations for the UK's economic recovery. Fitch believes that downside risks to IBP's earnings and asset quality have subsided, which, combined with healthy capitalisation and a strong liquidity position, will continue to support the bank's rating, despite remaining uncertainties over the next few quarters.**

On 7 September 2017, Fitch upgraded IBP's Long-Term IDR to BBB+ from BBB and its Viability Rating (VR) to bbb+ from bbb. These ratings were affirmed on 14 July 2021. The upgrades were a reflection of: The greater stability of IBP's business model, the progress IBP has made in running down its legacy assets and reducing the concentration of its loan book towards property lending, an increase in capital-light business and hence more stable earnings, while simultaneously maintaining sound capitalisation, strong liquidity and an adequate funding structure.

## IBP rating history

**IBP has been upgraded a number of times over the last few years. Through the previous financial crisis, IBP retained an investment grade rating. A detailed history of IBP's ratings is shown above. During the financial crisis, IBP was downgraded two notches by Fitch, first from BBB+ to BBB in November 2008 and then to BBB- at the end of November 2011.**

Similarly, IBP was downgraded by Moody's from A3 to Baa1 in December 2007 and then to Baa3 in March 2009. We believe that our operating fundamentals remained sound over that time and that these downgrades were largely reflective of a very negative view taken by the rating agencies on the operating environment and economic conditions during that time.

## CONTEXTUALISING INVESTEC BANK PLC'S RATINGS CONTINUED

Moody's	
Long-term deposit rating	A1
Senior unsecured MTN	(P) A1
Counterparty Risk Rating	A1/Prime-1
Baseline credit assessment (BCA) and Adjusted BCA	baa1
Senior subordinate rating	Baa1
Short-term deposit rating	Prime-1
Short-term notes and issuer rating	Prime-1
Outlook	Stable
Fitch	
Long term Issuer Default rating (IDR)	BBB+
Senior unsecured certificates of deposits (long term/short term)	BBB+/F2
Senior unsecured EMTN Programme (long term/short term)	BBB+/F2
Subordinated debt	BBB-
Short term Issuer Default rating (IDR)	F2
Support rating	5
Viability rating	bbb+
Outlook	Stable

### Peer group ratings comparison

Below is a comparison of long-term ratings across some of the banks in the United Kingdom.

Bank name	Investec Bank plc	Barclays Bank plc <sup>^</sup>	Close Brothers Limited	Clydesdale Bank plc	HSBC Bank plc <sup>^</sup>	Lloyds Bank plc <sup>^</sup>	Natwest Bank plc <sup>^</sup>	Santander UK plc <sup>^</sup>	Standard Chartered Bank <sup>^</sup>
Moody's									
Long-term rating	A1	A1	Aa3	Baa1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1
Outlook	Stable	Stable	Negative	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable
BCA (baseline credit assessment)	baa1	baa3	a2	baa2	ba1	a3	a3	baa1	baa2
Fitch									
Long-term rating	BBB+	A+	A-	A-	AA-	A+	A+	A+	A+
Outlook	Stable	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative
Viability rating	bbb+	a	a-	bbb+	a	a	a	a	a

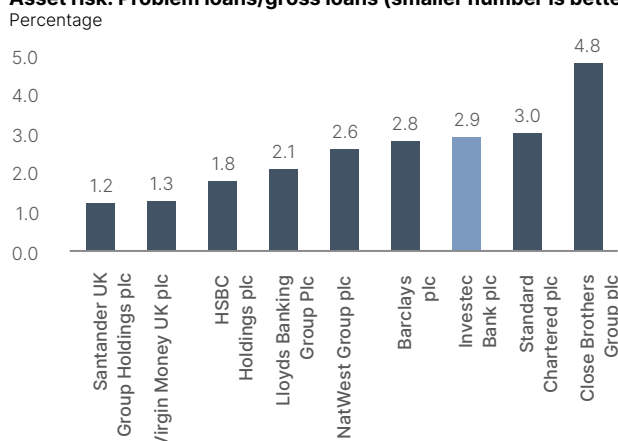
<sup>^</sup> These peer comparative ratings represent the ring-fenced banking entity of their group structure.

Rating definitions: Short-term ratings should be used for investments less than a one year time horizon and long-term ratings for periods greater than a year.

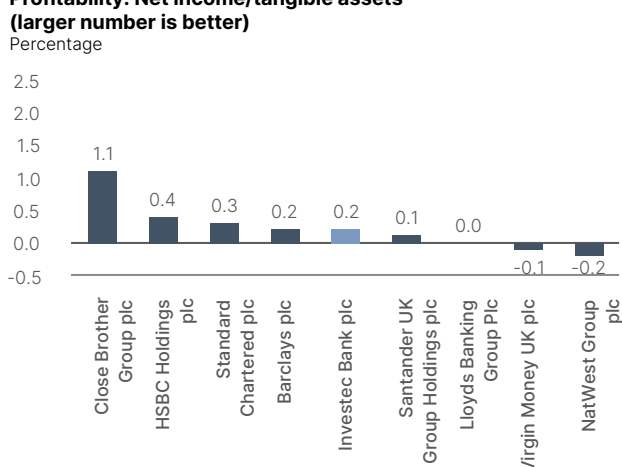
Note: Comparative ratings have been sourced from the Moody's and Fitch websites as at 14 July 2021 and may be subject to changes for which we cannot be held accountable. It is advisable to discuss the ratings of the various companies with the companies themselves as this information merely reflects our interpretation thereof.

PEER COMPARISON OF MOODY'S SCORECARD KEY RATIOS

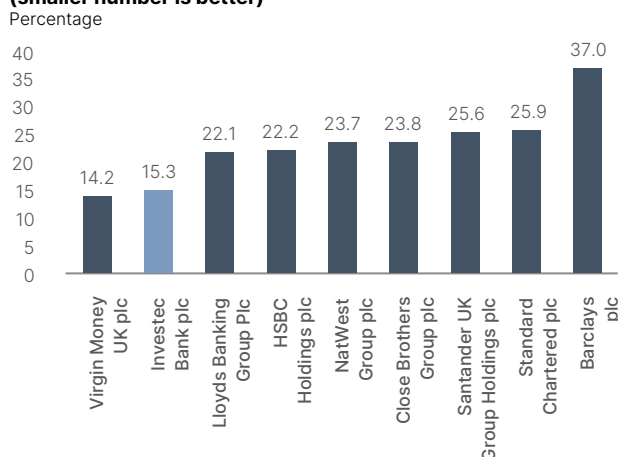
**Asset risk: Problem loans/gross loans (smaller number is better)**



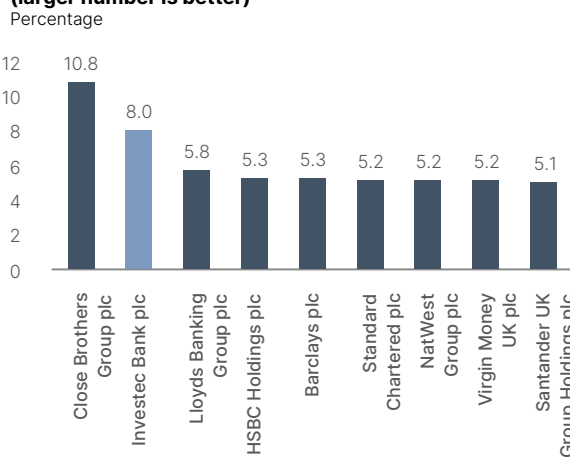
**Profitability: Net income/tangible assets (larger number is better)**



**Funding structure: Market funds\*\*/tangible banking assets (smaller number is better)**



**Leverage ratio^: Regulatory equity/regulatory assets (larger number is better)**

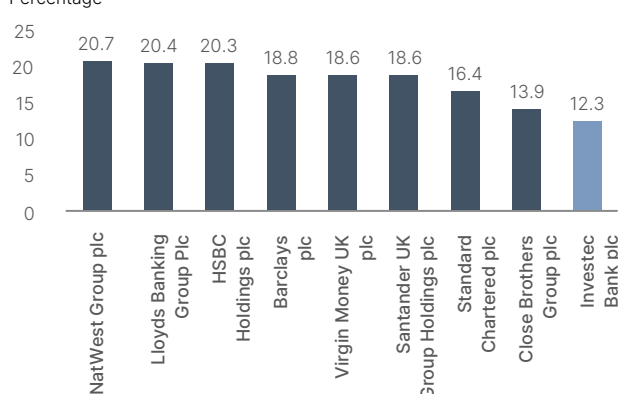


\*\* Where market funds are defined by Moody's as: due to financial institutions + short-term borrowing + trading liabilities + other financial liabilities at FV + senior bonds + due to related parties - 50% of covered bonds

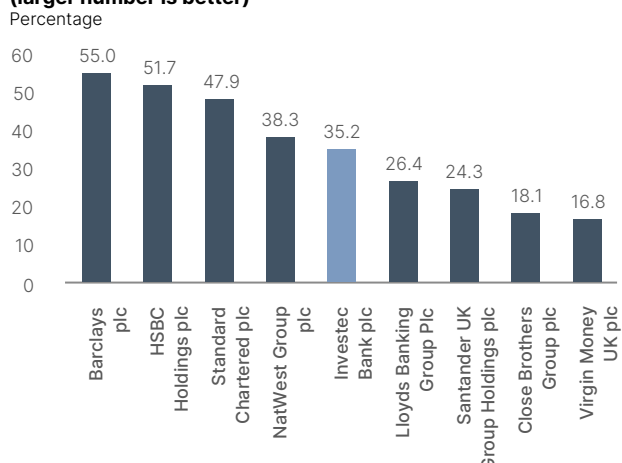
^ IBP is not subject to the UK Leverage Framework, however for comparative purposes, under the current UK leverage ratio framework IBP had a leverage ratio of 9.4% at 31 March 2021

**Capital: Tangible common equity/risk-weighted assets (larger number is better)**

This should be considered relative to banks' minimum regulatory requirements which would generally be higher for systemic banks



**Liquid resources: Liquid banking assets/tangible banking assets (larger number is better)**



Note: IBP applies the standardised approach in the calculation of risk-weighted assets and as a result we inherently hold more capital than our peers who are on the Advanced/Internal Ratings Modelled approach. IBP's Total RWAs/Total assets was 65% at 31 March 2021 (64% at 31 March 2020), which is substantially higher than some other UK banks which have an average RWA intensity of c.30%. Source for all graphs other than the leverage ratio: Moody's published rating reports at 14 July 2021. Leverage ratio graph sourced from company interim/annual financial results as at 14 July 2021 and shown at the entity level at which a leverage ratio has been disclosed.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

IBP has maintained consistently sound operating fundamentals through varying economic cycles as evidenced below:

	<b>31 Mar 2021</b>	31 Mar 2020	31 Mar 2019	31 Mar 2018	31 Mar 2017	% change March 2021 vs 2017
Operating profit before non-operating items, taxation, expected credit loss impairment charges and after non-controlling interests (£'mn)	<b>179.4</b>	249.3	299.8	242.4	236.0	(24%)
Adjusted operating profit (£'mn)	<b>108.3</b>	173.6	274.8	136.3	161.1	(33%)
Earnings attributable to ordinary shareholder (£'mn)	<b>63.8</b>	57.8	161.9	97.8	117.8	(46%)
Cost to income ratio	<b>80.9%</b>	73.9%	72.6%	76.7%	75.9%	
Total capital resources (including subordinated liabilities) (£'mn)	<b>3 136</b>	3 118	2 967	2 789	2 559	23%
Total equity (£'mn)	<b>2 365</b>	2 331	2 163	2 209	1 980	19%
Total assets (£'mn)	<b>24 396</b>	24 571	22 121	20 097	18 381	33%
Net core loans (£'mn)	<b>12 311</b>	11 832	10 487	9 663	8 599	43%
Customer accounts (deposits) (£'mn)	<b>16 241</b>	15 506	13 499	11 970	11 289	44%
Cash and near cash balances (£'mn)	<b>6 857</b>	6 040	6 792	5 598	4 853	41%
Funds under management (£'mn)	<b>41 708</b>	33 465	39 482	37 276	35 941	16%
Risk-weighted assets (£'mn)	<b>15 789</b>	15 808	14 631	13 744	12 716	24%
Total capital ratio (current)	<b>16.4%</b>	16.5%	17.0%	16.5%	16.6%	
Tier 1 ratio (current)	<b>13.4%</b>	13.1%	12.9%	13.2%	12.2%	
Common equity tier 1 ratio	<b>11.8%</b>	11.5%	11.2%	11.8%	12.2%	
Leverage ratio	<b>8.0%</b>	8.0%	7.9%	8.5%	8.0%	
Stage 3 exposure net of ECL/default loans (net of impairments) as a % of net core loans subject to ECL	<b>2.0%</b>	2.4%	2.2%	2.2%	1.6%	
Credit loss ratio	<b>0.56%</b>	0.69%	0.38%	1.14%	0.90%	
Total gearing ratio (i.e. total assets to equity)	<b>10.3x</b>	10.6x	10.2x	9.1x	9.3x	
Loans and advances to customers as a % of customer deposits	<b>75.8%</b>	76.3%	77.7%	80.7%	76.2%	

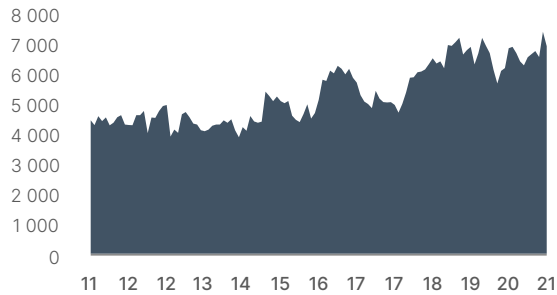
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Liquidity and funding

£6.9 billion

cash and near cash

Cash and near cash trend  
£'million



IBP has a liquidity management philosophy that has been in place for many years. The bank continues to focus on maintaining a high level of readily available high-quality liquid assets targeting a minimum cash to customer deposit ratio of 25%. At 31 March 2021, the bank had £6.9 billion of cash and near cash to support its activities, representing approximately 42.2% of customer deposits.

Furthermore, the bank maintains an appropriate mix of term funding, placing a low reliance on interbank wholesale funding to fund core lending asset growth. IBP targets a diversified funding base, avoiding undue concentrations by investor types, maturity and market source, instrument and currency. Customer deposits amounted to £16.2 billion as at 31 March 2021 (31 March 2020: £15.5 billion).

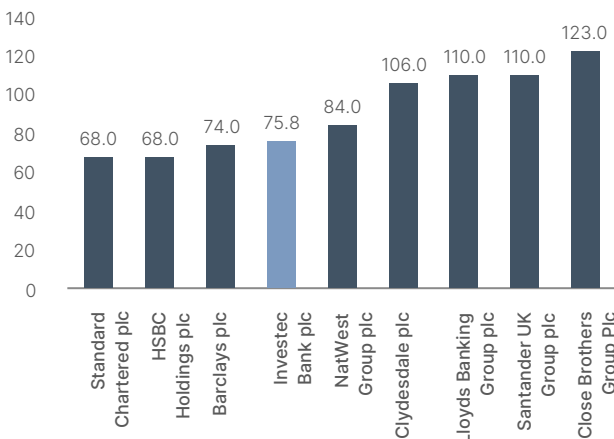
**Deposit guarantees**

In terms of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, the UK government guarantees a maximum deposit of £85 000 per individual per institution.

Loan to customer deposit ratio

75.8%

Loan to customer deposit ratio  
Percentage



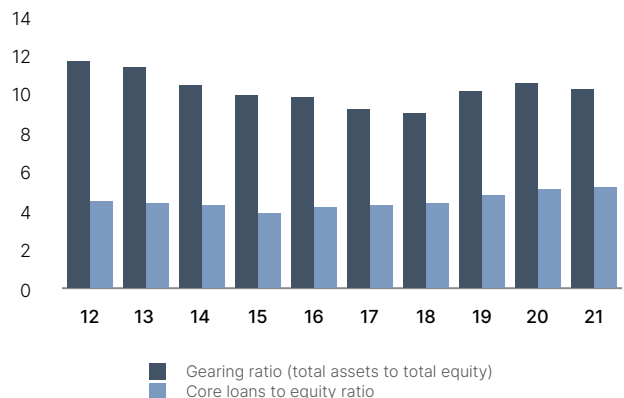
IBP's loan to customer deposit ratio is conservative in comparison to peers and further illustrates IBP's strong liquidity position.

The loan to customer deposit ratio graph is sourced from the latest company interim/annual financial results available as at 14 July 2021 and reflects the balance sheet figures for loans and advances to customers and customer deposits.

Gearing

10.3x

Gearing ratio  
Times



IBP is not a highly geared bank. A number of banks that have come into difficulty in the past have been in excess of 40x geared. IBP's comparative ratio would be 10.3x.

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Capital adequacy

16.4%

total capital ratio

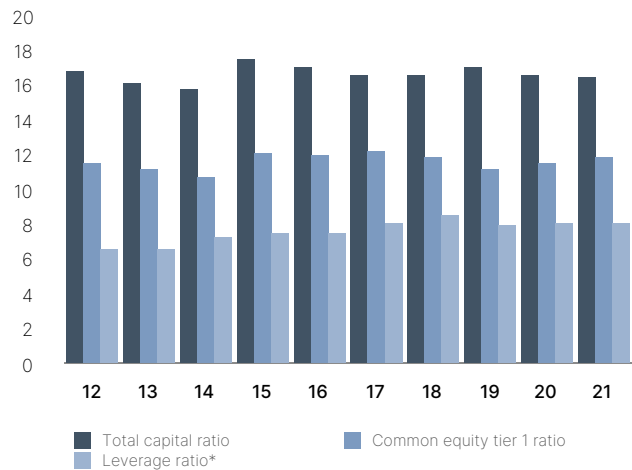
IBP holds capital in excess of regulatory requirements and intends to perpetuate this philosophy and ensure that it remains well capitalised. The bank has never required shareholder or government support. As at 31 March 2021, the total capital ratio of IBP was 16.4% and the common equity tier 1 ratio was 11.8%.

The bank's anticipated 'fully loaded' Basel III common equity tier 1 ratio and leverage ratio are 11.3% and 7.7%, respectively (where 'fully loaded' is based on Basel III requirements as fully phased in by 2022). These disclosures incorporate the deduction of foreseeable charges and dividends as required by the regulations. Excluding this deduction, the common equity tier 1 ratio would be 16bps (31 March 2020: 0bps) higher.

We are on the Standardised Approach in terms of Basel, thus our risk-weighted assets represent a large portion of our total assets.

Basel capital ratios – standardised approach

Percentage



\* The leverage ratio has only been disclosed since 2014. Historic information has been estimated.

Asset quality and exposures

0.56%

credit loss ratio

The bulk of IBP's credit and counterparty risk arises through its private client and corporate client activities. The bank lends to high net worth and high income individuals, mid to large sized corporates, public sector bodies and institutions. The majority of IBP's credit and counterparty exposures reside within its principal operating geography, namely the UK.

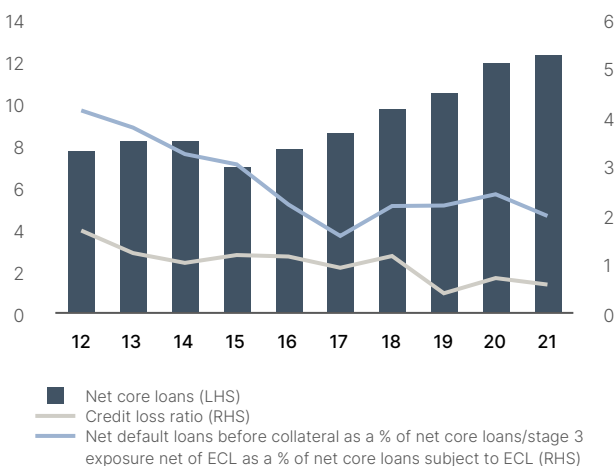
The total ECL impairment charges amounted to £71.1 million for the financial year ended 31 March 2021 (2020: £75.7 million). However, the credit loss ratio decreased from 0.69% at 31 March 2020 to 0.56% at 31 March 2021.

Stage 3 exposure net of ECL at 31 March 2021 amounted to £231 million (31 March 2020: £272 million). Stage 3 exposure net of ECL as a percentage of net core loans subject to ECL at 31 March 2021 amounted to 2.0% (31 March 2020: 2.4%).

Core loans and asset quality

£'billion

Percentage



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