

BOA Cote d'Ivoire

Credit Rating Note

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Category of values	Rating scale	Currency	Current rating	Previous rating	Outlook
Long Term	Regional	CFA	A	A	Positive
Short Term	Regional	CFA	A2	A2	Stable

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Basic financial data

In million CFA	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total balance sheet	355 080	491 246	607 138	623 026
Interbank loans	46 969	53 071	60 280	46 453
Customer loans	155 303	201 268	258 983	294 326
Interbank debt	83 871	166 954	255 094	220 195
Customer deposits	237 119	274 669	301 777	342 367
Equity	22 079	33 174	36 140	40 331
Interest margin	5 597	4 730	3 713	8 053
Net banking product	16 836	24 919	25 269	29 006
Net result	5 051	8 077	8 240	10 149

Introduction

BANK OF AFRICA Cote d'Ivoire BOA-CI) is an Ivorian public limited company with a Board of Directors, established on 29 January 1996.

The company is listed on the Regional Stock Exchange (BRVM) since 7 April 2010.

In 2016, the registered capital of BOA-CI was increased by CFA 1,800 million and amounted to CFA 10,000 million as at 31 December 2016.

Justification of the rating and outlooks

Long term:

High credit quality. Protection factors are good. However, risk factors are more variable and more significant in times of economic pressure.

Short term:

Very high certainty of timely repayment. Liquidity factors are strong and are supported by

good protection factors of key elements. Risk factors are minor.

Key performance factors

The rating is based on the following positive factors:

- Good performance of business supported by the strong increase in intermediation margin;
- Better control of operating expenses leading to an improvement of operating ratio;
- Prudent provisioning policy in line with the continuous improvement of credit risk management;
- Maintained quality of credit portfolio with a stable deterioration rate;
- Continued improvement of internal control and risk management with Convergence;
- Maintenance of the position both in terms of appropriations and resources.

Main factors of fragility of credit quality:

- High concentration of the credit portfolio on big names;
- Deterioration of net commission income;
- Transformation coefficient is to be improved;
- Fragile socio-political and security situation.