

Mid Cap
 Diversified Financial Services
 Equity – Germany

Overweight (V)

Target price (EUR)	2.80
Share price (EUR)	2.00
Potential return (%)	40

Note: Potential return equals the percentage difference between the current share price and the target price

Performance	1M	3M	12M
Absolute (%)	-2.4	6.4	-2.4
Relative ^A (%)	-1.9	-3.9	-10.7

Index^A DAX-100

RIC BLMG.DE
 Bloomberg BWB GR

Market cap (USDm) 122.6
 Market cap (EURm) 91.8

Free float (%) 33

Note: (V) = volatile (please see disclosure appendix)

Baader Bank (BWB GR)

OW(V): Improving outlook not only due to Helvea deal

- ▶ **Baader Bank should show decent FY2012 although Q4 likely to be barely profitable – we expect a dividend yield of 3%**
- ▶ **We change our EPS forecasts to reflect prevailing weak trading activity into our numbers – we have not factored in any profit contribution from Helvea deal so far**
- ▶ **We raise our target price from EUR2.5 to EUR2.8 as we shift the time horizon to 2014e and reiterate our OW(V) rating**

The outlook for Baader Bank is improving despite a difficult market environment due to prevailing low trading volumes, largely reflecting the diversification of the business which continues to improve. The company is shifting trading activity from order book trading towards customer trading business. Furthermore, the recent Helvea acquisition strengthens the equities franchise. Although 95% of Helvea shareholders have approved the deal according to CFO Brichmann, Baader still needs regulatory approval. We have not included this deal into our model yet as financial disclosure remains low and closing is expected at end-March 2013.

We are still cautious however, and reduce our forecasts to factor in the difficult market environment. We expect the Q4 2012 results on 4 March to show a small net profit of EUR0.9m (down 67% q-o-q and down 82% y-o-y) and FY2012 profit of EUR8.9m, translating into EPS of EUR0.19 and DPS of EUR0.06. The later is in line with dividend policy to pay-out roughly one third of earnings.

Valuation: We increase our target price to EUR2.8 from EUR2.5 as we shift the period towards our reduced 2014 forecasts. Our new target price implies a 40% potential return and we maintain our Overweight (V) rating.

Catalysts and risks: Any significant change in equity and bond trading volumes often has some effect on the stock price. Furthermore, quarterly results can often surprise as the stock is not followed by many analysts or investors. The main risks are a severe decline in trading activity and an unexpected change in interest rates, which could negatively impact the company's treasury operations. Furthermore, a failure of the bank's IT platform could lead to client concerns and damage its business model as this is one of its critical success factors (also for the success of Helvea deal). The low liquidity of Baader Bank's own shares is also a risk. Transparency has been reduced with the shift in reporting standard from IFRS to German GAAP (HGB). Lastly, the high degree of control by, as well dependence on, the management family (CEO Uto Baader and his son and fellow board member Nico Baader) remains an investment risk.

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Financials & valuation

Financial statements

Year to	12/2011a	12/2012e	12/2013e	12/2014e
P&L summary (EURm)				
Net interest income	6.9	6.8	7.6	8.4
Net fees/commissions	31.2	37.2	42.8	48.4
Trading profits	46.3	36.0	46.0	56.0
Other income	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total income	85.9	80.0	96.4	112.8
Operating expense	-90.6	-93.2	-97.6	-103.0
Bad debt charge	5.7	24.0	12.0	6.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HSBC PBT	1.0	10.8	10.8	15.8
Exceptionals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PBT	1.0	10.8	10.8	15.8
Taxation	-0.1	-1.6	-1.3	-1.9
Minorities + preferences	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5
Attributable profit	0.7	8.9	9.1	13.4
HSBC attributable profit	0.7	8.9	9.1	13.4

Balance sheet summary (EURm)

Ordinary equity	103.2	110.7	117.0	130.4
HSBC ordinary equity	103.2	110.7	117.0	130.4
Customer loans	21.1	21.0	26.0	31.0
Debt securities holdings	213.6	250.0	265.0	280.0
Customer deposits	316.6	320.0	340.0	360.0
Interest earning assets	391.7	320.4	336.0	366.0
Total assets	535.8	525.0	570.0	615.0

Capital (%)

RWA (EURm)	275.4	302.7	323.9	345.2
Total capital	33.1	33.6	33.3	35.1

Ratio, growth & per share analysis

Year to	12/2011a	12/2012e	12/2013e	12/2014e
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Year-on-year % change

Total income	-20.2	-6.8	20.5	17.0
Operating expense	2.3	2.9	4.7	5.5
Pre-provision profit	-124.9	179.1	-90.9	-916.7
EPS	-95.9	1236.7	2.5	47.2
HSBC EPS	-95.9	1236.7	2.5	47.2
DPS	-74.6	100.0	0.0	50.0
NAV (including goodwill)	-39.9	7.3	5.7	11.5

Ratios (%)

Cost/income ratio	105.5	116.5	101.2	91.3
Bad debt charge	-20.6	-114.0	-51.1	-21.1
Customer loans/deposits	6.7	6.6	7.6	8.6
ROE (including goodwill)	0.5	8.2	7.9	10.7

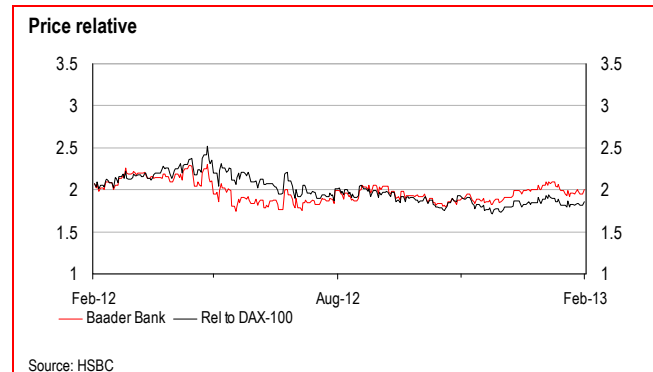
Per share data (EUR)

EPS reported (fully diluted)	0.01	0.19	0.20	0.29
HSBC EPS (fully diluted)	0.01	0.19	0.20	0.29
DPS	0.03	0.06	0.06	0.09
NAV	1.33	1.56	1.70	1.99
NAV (including goodwill)	2.25	2.41	2.55	2.84

Valuation data

Year to	12/2011a	12/2012e	12/2013e	12/2014e
PE*	138.2	10.3	10.1	6.8
Pre-provision multiple				9.4
P/NAV	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0
Equity cash flow yield (%)	4.4	7.6	8.3	13.0
Dividend yield (%)	1.5	3.0	3.0	4.5

Note: * = Based on HSBC EPS (fully diluted)



Note: price at close of 18 Feb 2013

Good outlook not only due to Helvea deal

The Helvea acquisition seems a good deal for Baader because it combines two complementary cash equity businesses with very little overlap in terms of customer reach and stock coverage. Furthermore, there seem to be good synergies. First of all, the company expects significant synergies from transferring the Helvea back office activities away from their previous service provider onto Baader's own and currently not fully utilised systems. Secondly and probably even more important but more difficult to measure is that it saves Baader the expense of internationalising its own business and applying for respective regulatory licences in the UK, US and Canada. Although 2013 could see some integration expense, Baader's management expects positive earnings contribution from 2014 on. We estimate that this deal could add at least EUR5m or more to pre-tax profit in two or three years. However, we have not included this deal into our yet as financial disclosure remains low and closing is expected at end-March 2013.

Changes to our forecasts for Baader

EURm	New 12e	Old 12e	diff.	New 13e	Old 13e	diff.	New 14e	Old 14e	diff.
Net interest income	6.8	7.6	-11%	7.6	8.4	-10%	8.4	9.2	-9%
Risk provisions	24.0	21.6	11%	12.0	13.2	-9%	6.0	7.0	-14%
Net fees/commissions	37.2	37.2	0%	42.8	43.2	-1%	48.4	49.0	-1%
Trading profits	36.0	39.0	-8%	46.0	48.0	-4%	56.0	59.0	-5%
Total income	104.0	105.4	-1%	108.4	112.8	-4%	118.8	124.2	-4%
Operating expenses	-93.2	-92.8	0%	-97.6	-98.6	-1%	-103.0	-105.0	-2%
PBT	10.8	12.6	-14%	10.8	14.2	-24%	15.8	19.2	-18%
Net profit	8.9	10.8	-18%	9.1	12.1	-25%	13.4	16.4	-18%
EPS (EUR)	0.19	0.23	-18%	0.20	0.26	-25%	0.29	0.36	-18%
DPS (EUR)	0.06	0.08	-25%	0.06	0.09	-33%	0.09	0.12	-25%

Source: Company data, HSBC estimates

CFO Brichmann stated that December was weak due to low activity levels but January started well. We reduce our trading result forecasts due to lower market making activities. Nevertheless, we lift our risk provisions forecasts as gains from the sale of previously impaired bonds are booked in this P+L line under German HGB accounting standards. According to CFO Brichmann, all new business lines remain profitable and in line with business plan. Nevertheless, we are changing our forecasts to reflect ongoing low market volumes. But we still expect an uplift in profitability over the next two years as well as higher dividend payments, driven by dividend policy.

Valuation

We use an equity value model to compute our target price of EUR2.8 (versus EUR2.5 before), which is now based on our 2014 instead of the 2013 forecasts. We divide our ROE estimate of 10.8% (was 10.5%) by our slightly lower cost of equity (COE) of 11.3% (11.7% before), which is calculated using the CAPM approach, including a risk-free rate of 3.0%, a 6.0% risk premium and a beta of 1.39 (versus 1.45 before) owing to the changing risk profile. We multiply this factor by the estimated book value of EUR2.84 per share and add the 2012e dividend estimate of EUR0.06 to arrive at our rounded target price of EUR2.8. Under our research model, for stocks with a volatility indicator, the Neutral band is 10 percentage points above and below the hurdle rate for eurozone stocks of 9.0%. Our 12-month target price of EUR2.8 implies a potential return of 40% which is above the Neutral band; we therefore reiterate our Overweight (V) rating. Potential return equals the percentage difference between the current share price and the target price, including the forecast dividend yield when indicated.

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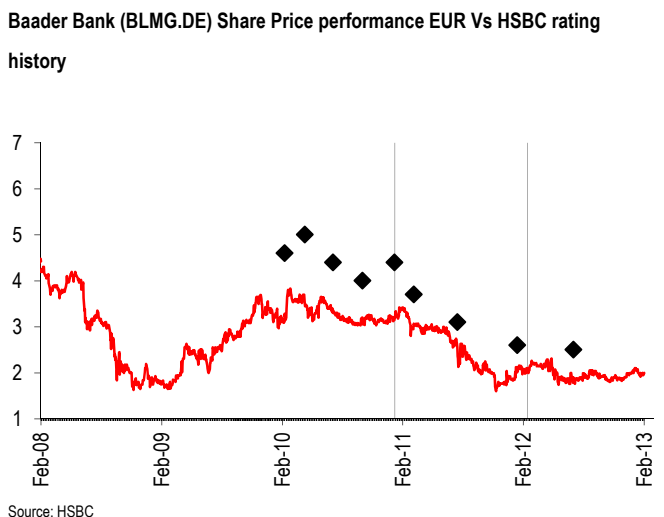
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From	To	Date
Overweight (V)	Overweight	25 January 2011
Overweight	Overweight (V)	02 March 2012
Target Price	Value	Date
Price 1	4.60	26 February 2010
Price 2	5.00	28 April 2010
Price 3	4.40	22 July 2010
Price 4	4.00	20 October 2010
Price 5	4.40	25 January 2011
Price 6	3.70	24 March 2011
Price 7	3.10	03 August 2011
Price 8	2.60	31 January 2012
Price 9	2.50	19 July 2012

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