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Banks – Regulator Tightens Capital Requirements for Banks

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As warned, Poland's financial regulator KNF has ordered five banks with large Swiss-franc mortgage loan portfolios to set aside more capital to cover the FX risk. According to available data the five banks told to increase their total capital ratios (TCR) and Tier-1 ratios are mBank (TCR: 4.39%; Tier 1: 3.29%), Bank Millennium (TCR: 3.83%; Tier 1: 2.87%), Getin Noble Bank (TCR: 2.03%; Tier 1: 1.52%), PKO BP (TCR: 0.76%; Tier 1: 0.57%), and BZ WBK (TCR: 0.72%; Tier 1: 0.54%). According to our estimates (there is no information on standalone capital ratios available for BZ WBK or Millennium), mBank, PKO BP, and BZ WBK meet the minimum capital requirements and the requirements needed to be able to distribute 50% of annual income as dividends. On the other hand Millennium has insufficient Tier 2 capital and GNB lacks the Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital to satisfy the minimum capital requirements. Note that as of 1 January 2016 the KNF is planning to raise the Tier 1 and total capital requirements by 1.25ppts to 10.25%

and 13.25%, respectively, for all Polish banks. The regulator did not specify in its press release whether next year's capital requirements will be calculated based on Tier 1 of 9% and TCR of 12% or based on respective levels of 10.25% and 13.25%. The tighter capital adequacy rules may affect the share price of GNB today as they increase the likelihood of a capital raise. Millennium should be able to set aside the new TCR without having to issue shares.

Getin Noble Bank

GNB's standalone capital adequacy ratios as of 30 June 2015 stood at 9.41% Tier 1 and 12.57% TCR, which means they fell short of the respective KNF requirements of 10.52% and 14.03%. We have calculated that in order to achieve the required Tier 1 ratio GNB needs about PLN 564m of additional capital. The Bank can probably fill the gap by retaining earnings, selling receivables, and restructuring RWAs, but its owners may opt for a share issue as well.

Overview of bank capital ratios

	mBank	PKO BP	BZ WBK	Millennium	GNB
Actual consolidated capital ratios at 30 June 2015					
Tier 1	13.45%	12.60%	13.80%	14.60%	9.92%
TCR	16.38%	13.88%	14.28%	15.16%	13.05%
Actual standalone capital ratios at 30 June 2015					
Tier 1	15.35%	13.00%	14.25%	13.70%	9.41%
TCR	18.85%	14.26%	14.83%	14.26%	12.57%
Additional capital cushion requirement					
Tier 1	3.29%	0.57%	0.54%	2.87%	1.52%
TCR	4.39%	0.76%	0.72%	3.83%	2.03%
New individual capital requirements					
Tier 1	12.29%	9.57%	9.54%	11.87%	10.52%
TCR	16.39%	12.76%	12.72%	15.83%	14.03%
Deadline	-	-	-	-	June 2016
Capital ratios needed to make 50% net income distribution					
Tier 1	15.29%	12.57%	12.54%	14.87%	13.52%
TCR	16.89%	13.26%	13.22%	16.33%	14.53%
Capital ratios needed to make 100% net income distribution					
Tier 1	15.29%	12.57%	12.54%	14.87%	13.52%
TCR	19.89%	16.26%	16.22%	19.33%	17.53%
Current regulatory minimum capital requirements					
Tier 1	9.00%	9.00%	9.00%	9.00%	9.00%
TCR	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%
Regulatory capital requirements as of 2016					
Tier 1	10.25%	10.25%	10.25%	10.25%	10.25%
TCR	13.25%	13.25%	13.25%	13.25%	13.25%
Individual capital requirements as of 2016					
Tier 1	13.54%	10.82%	10.79%	13.12%	11.77%
TCR	17.64%	14.01%	13.97%	17.08%	15.28%

Source: Banks, Dom Maklerski mBanku; the standalone figures for BZ WBK and Millennium are estimates

List of abbreviations and ratios contained in the report.

EV – net debt + market value (EV – economic value)
EBIT – Earnings Before Interest and Taxes
EBITDA – EBIT + Depreciation and Amortisation
PBA – Profit on Banking Activity
P/CE – price to earnings with amortisation
MC/S – market capitalisation to sales
EBIT/EV – operating profit to economic value
P/E – (Price/Earnings) – price divided by annual net profit per share
ROE – (Return on Equity) – annual net profit divided by average equity
P/BV – (Price/Book Value) – price divided by book value per share
Net debt – credits + debt papers + interest bearing loans – cash and cash equivalents
EBITDA margin – EBITDA/Sales

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