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Banks - 2018 Q3 Earnings Roundup

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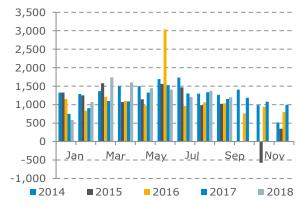
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A roundup of the Polish bank sector's performance in September and the whole third quarter of 2018, published by the financial regulator KNF, shows declines across the board in the monthly net interest income, coupled with a continued rise in costs and provisioning. Compared to the previous quarter, aggregate Q3 net income in the sector registered a 15% drop led by weaker fee income and higher risk reserves. Nevertheless the aggregate earnings for the nine months to 30 September 2018 were up by a creditable 11% compared to the same year-ago period, indicating the sector is on track to top the PLN 15 billion mark with 2018 FY earnings last crossed in 2014. When it comes to the banks in our coverage universe, which have all released third-quarter earnings except for Getin Noble Bank, their aggregate net income for Q3 2018 was up 2.9% quarter on quarter and 5.9% year over year, with further growth anticipated in Q4. All in all, Polish banks are trading at attractive multiples given their strong prospects, showing 20% upside potential to our price targets.

September Roundup

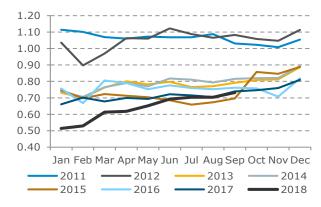
At PLN 1,202m, the aggregate net income of Polish banks for September as calculated by the KNF showed a 12.6% drop

Net Income Evolution (PLN m)



Source: KNF, Dom Maklerski mBanku

Cumulative Cost of Risk (%)



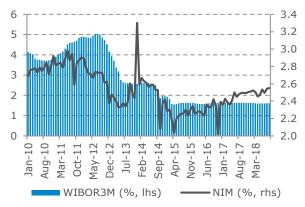
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from August, but it was up 4.0% relative to September 2017. The monthly contraction was driven mainly by falling net interest income, combined with rapid expansion in risk reserves. Interest revenues for the month were down 1.8% m/m (but up 7.7% y/y), but so were interest expenses, which posted a 1.1% m/m decline (+4.8% y/y). The monthly net interest margin widened by 1bp to 2.55%. As for costs, the aggregate payroll and administrative expenses grew 8% versus the same month in 2017, and the costs/income ratio increased to 55.5% from 53.9% in August. Cost of risk was 98bp as of 30 September 2018 vs. 71bp in August and 103bp in September 2017.

2018 Q3 Roundup

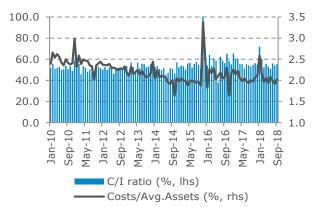
The bank sector generated aggregate net income of PLN 3,788m in the third quarter of 2018, an amount similar to the year-ago figure but down 14.9% from the quarter before after a drop led by a 4% fall in net interest income and a 6% rebound in risk reserves. NIM reached 2.53% in Q3 after expanding by 6bp q/q and 4bp y/y. Banks experienced a surge in cost of risk to 81bp in the period, the highest level since Q4'16 (100bp), however the increase was driven by one-time adjustments to better match risks associated with certain corporate loans, and in Q4 cost of risk should go back to normal.

Net Interest Margin vs. WIBOR 3M (%)



Source: KNF, Dom Maklerski mBanku

Cost Ratios (%)



Source: KNF, Dom Maklerski mBanku



Non-Consolidated financial results for 9M 2018

(PLN m)	Sep' 17	Aug'18	Sep'18	Y/Y	M/M	9M'17	9M'18	Y/Y
Interest revenue	4,862	5,331	5,237	7.7%	-1.8%	43,065	46,237	7.4%
Interest expenses	1,278	1,355	1,340	4.8%	-1.1%	11,570	12,015	3.9%
Net interest income	3,584	3,976	3,897	8.7%	-2.0%	31,495	34,222	8.7%
Fee income	1,145	972	1,032	-9.8%	6.2%	10,322	9,827	-4.8%
Dividends	8	21	130	n.m.	n.m.	1,096	1,572	43.4%
Other income	681	575	526	-22.8%	-8.5%	4,508	4,579	1.6%
Noninterest income	1,834	1,568	1,688	-8.0%	7.6%	15,926	15,977	0.3%
Total income	5,418	5,544	5,585	3.1%	0.7%	47,421	50,199	5.9%
Payroll costs	1,373	1,457	1,477	7.6%	1.3%	12,387	13,107	5.8%
Administrative expenses	1,253	1,283	1,348	7.6%	5.0%	12,261	13,012	6.1%
Other costs	254	248	276	8.7%	11.5%	2,173	2,216	2.0%
Total costs	2,879	2,989	3,101	7.7%	3.7%	26,821	28,335	5.6%
Operating income before provisioning	2,539	2,555	2,484	-2.1%	-2.8%	20,600	21,864	6.1%
Loan loss provisions	999	744	1,005	0.6%	35.1%	6,439	6,704	4.1%
Operating income	1,540	1,811	1,479	-3.9%	-18.3%	14,160	15,160	7.1%
Extraordinary gains/losses	0	-4	-1	n.m.	-66.5%	0	-28	n.m.
Pre-tax income	1,540	1,808	1,478	-4.0%	-18.2%	14,160	15,132	6.9%
Tax	368	399	270	-26.5%	-32.2%	3,711	3,293	-11.3%
Equity in profits of associates	17	24	15	-9.3%	-37.4%	-43	210	n.m.
Discontinued operations	0	9	-9	n.m.	n.m.	0	-1	n.m.
Net income	1,155	1,375	1,202	4.0%	-12.6%	10,492	11,629	10.8%

Source: KNF, Dom Maklerski mBanku, PAP

Key monthly ratios

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(%)	Sep' 17	Mar'18	Apr'18	May'18	Jun'18	Jul'18	Aug'18	Sep' 18
NIM (over avg. assets)	2.49	2.51	2.45	2.47	2.53	2.50	2.54	2.55
Cost or Risk	1.03	0.77	0.64	0.79	0.91	0.73	0.71	0.98
Costs / Income	53.15	52.37	55.55	53.09	50.86	55.98	53.91	55.52
Costs / Avg. Assets	2.00	1.96	2.06	1.94	2.09	1.98	1.91	2.03
ROE	7.19	10.22	9.65	8.40	8.49	7.07	7.94	7.12

Source: KNF, Dom Maklerski mBanku, PAP

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

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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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