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RATINGS

Bank of Ireland Group plc

Domicile	Dublin, Ireland
Long Term CRR	Not Assigned
Long Term Debt	Baa1
Type	Senior Unsecured - Fgn Curr
Outlook	Stable
Long Term Deposit	Not Assigned

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Bank of Ireland Group plc

Interim Update

Summary

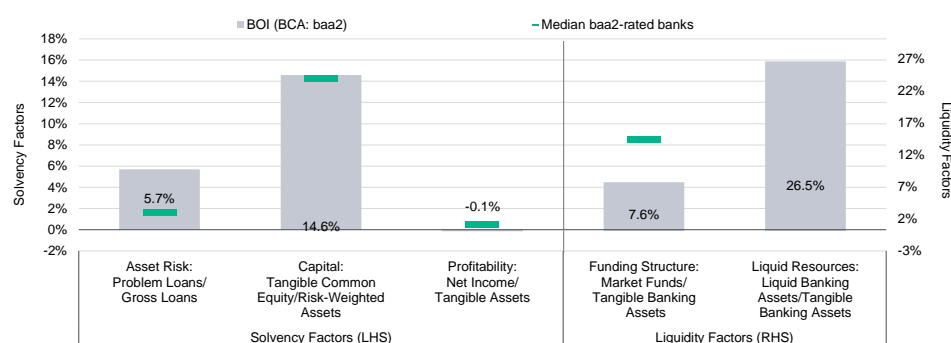
[Bank of Ireland's](#) (BOI) A2 long-term bank deposit and long-term senior unsecured debt ratings are driven by (1) the bank's Baseline Credit Assessment (BCA) of baa2; (2) the results of our Advanced Loss Given Failure (LGF) analysis, which result in an uplift of three notches; and (3) a moderate probability of government support, which results in no additional uplift, given the ratings are already at the same level as the ratings of the [Government of Ireland](#) (A2 positive). BOI's Counterparty Risk (CR) Assessments are A2(cr)/Prime-1(cr) and CR Ratings (CRR) are A2/Prime-1.

BOI's baa2 BCA reflects its (1) much reduced legacy impairments forming a sound base for the coronavirus-related asset stress; (2) moderate core profitability, though weaker due to coronavirus economic stress, is on track to recover; (3) strong capitalisation and leverage; and (4) strong liquidity, with low market funding reliance.

The outlook on BOI's deposit rating and BOI Group's senior unsecured debt ratings is stable.

Exhibit 1

Rating Scorecard - Key financial ratios



Source: Moody's Banking Financial Metrics

Credit strengths

- » Leading domestic franchise in Ireland and established position in the UK
- » Much reduced legacy impairments forms a sound base for the coronavirus-related asset stress
- » Sound capitalisation, supported by sustained earnings and conservative capital management
- » Ample customer deposits and sufficient liquidity buffers

Credit challenges

- » Asset risk sensitive to economic downturn due to sizeable forborne loans, leveraged finance and real estate construction exposures
- » Coronavirus pandemic induced macro-economic disruption constraining credit demand and revenues
- » Moderate core profitability, though weaker due to coronavirus economic stress is on track to recover

Outlook

The outlooks on BOI's and BOI Group's ratings are stable. This reflects our expectation that the bank will gradually reduce its legacy problem loans further, despite some deterioration in the near-term, while maintaining its strong capitalisation. Furthermore, the stable outlook reflects our expectation that BOI will continue to report moderate profitability, which remains structurally lower than that of its main Irish peer because of its higher share of tracker mortgages, lower share of small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) loans, and higher operating costs.

Factors that could lead to an upgrade

- » BOI's debt and deposit ratings and BOI Group's debt ratings could be upgraded if the bank's BCA were upgraded.
- » The bank's BCA could be upgraded if there were (1) a significant improvement in its core profitability; and (2) an improvement in the resilience of its capitalisation under stress.

Factors that could lead to a downgrade

- » BOI's and BOI Group's ratings could be downgraded if the bank's BCA were downgraded or its maturing subordinated instruments redeemed without replacement.
- » BOI's BCA could be downgraded if there were a significant deterioration in the bank's solvency or liquidity profile.

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Key indicators

Exhibit 2

Bank of Ireland Group plc (Consolidated Financials) [1]

	12-20 ²	12-19 ²	12-18 ²	12-17 ²	CAGR/Avg. ³
Total Assets (EUR Million)	131,617.0	129,357.0	121,784.0	120,111.0	3.1 ⁴
Total Assets (USD Million)	161,040.8	145,203.0	139,216.7	144,229.0	3.7 ⁴
Tangible Common Equity (EUR Million)	7,239.3	8,373.6	7,913.7	7,157.1	0.4 ⁴
Tangible Common Equity (USD Million)	8,857.7	9,399.4	9,046.4	8,594.2	1.0 ⁴
Problem Loans / Gross Loans (%)	5.7	4.0	5.9	5.2	5.2 ⁵
Tangible Common Equity / Risk Weighted Assets (%)	14.6	16.4	16.2	15.6	15.7 ⁶
Problem Loans / (Tangible Common Equity + Loan Loss Reserve) (%)	47.1	33.0	47.4	42.5	42.5 ⁵
Net Interest Margin (%)	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7 ⁵
PPI / Average RWA (%)	0.9	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.5 ⁶
Net Income / Tangible Assets (%)	-0.1	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.5 ⁵
Cost / Income Ratio (%)	83.3	70.7	72.5	71.9	74.6 ⁵
Market Funds / Tangible Banking Assets (%)	7.6	9.3	9.6	13.7	10.1 ⁵
Liquid Banking Assets / Tangible Banking Assets (%)	26.5	23.0	22.5	22.6	23.7 ⁵
Gross Loans / Due to Customers (%)	89.3	97.0	99.8	105.4	97.9 ⁵

[.] Further to the publication of our revised methodology in July 2021, for issuers that have "high trigger" additional Tier 1 instruments outstanding, not all ratios included in this report reflect the change in treatment of these instruments. [1] All figures and ratios are adjusted using Moody's standard adjustments. [2] Basel III - fully loaded or transitional phase-in; IFRS.

[3] May include rounding differences because of the scale of reported amounts. [4] Compound annual growth rate (%) based on the periods for the latest accounting regime. [5] Simple average of periods for the latest accounting regime. [6] Simple average of Basel III periods.

Sources: Moody's Investors Service and company filings

Profile

The Bank of Ireland Group Plc (BOI Group), the holding company of Bank of Ireland (BOI), operates mainly in Ireland through BOI but also has 27% of its operations by assets in the [United Kingdom](#) (Aa3 stable) via [Bank of Ireland \(UK\) plc](#) (BOI UK, Baa1 stable, baa2)¹ and in international markets. It distributes its products and services through around 182 branches in Ireland, as well as branches in the UK, France, Germany, Spain and the US.

BOI was established in 1783 and, between 1922 and 1971, was the official bank of the Irish government. Effective 7 July 2017, BOI Group became the group's holding company and the new parent entity of BOI following stockholders' and regulatory approvals. BOI Group's ordinary shares are listed on the Irish Stock Exchange (ticker: BIRG) and the London Stock Exchange (ticker: BIRG). As of 26 February 2021, BOI Group's largest shareholder was the Irish government, through the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund, which owned 13.95% of the bank's total share capital.

BOI is an Irish retail and commercial bank. Its products and services include deposit-taking, current accounts, personal loans, business and corporate lending, leasing, international asset finance, financial advice, mortgages, foreign exchange, life assurance, pensions and credit cards. As of year-end 2020, BOI accounted for around 28% of the domestic market assets held by Irish credit institutions, based on its reported total consolidated assets of €133.8 billion.

Recent developments

Disparities in controlling the COVID-19 pandemic and in levels of policy support are resulting in an asynchronous global economic recovery (see May 2021 update of [Global Macro Outlook 2021-22: Recovery solidifies in the US and Europe, while emerging markets face multiple risks](#)). We regard the coronavirus outbreak as a social risk under our environmental, social and governance (ESG) framework, given the substantial implications for public health and safety.

We expect Ireland's GDP to grow by 5.2% in 2021, up from 3.4% in 2020, though lower than the pre-pandemic rate of 5.6% in 2019. However, according to the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI), domestic demand will expand by 3.4% in 2021 and 5.6% in 2022 after a 5.4% contraction last year. This will drive an improvement in lending growth, tempered somewhat by an anticipated rise in unemployment as government support measures come to an end. Ultra-low interest rates will limit the repayment risk for borrowers, but will also continue to constrain banks' net interest margins.

BOI reported a €341 million net profit as of H1 2021, an improvement from a €725 million net loss reported 12 months ago. The improvement is due to a much lower loan loss provisioning charge of €1 million versus €937 million a year ago. The reported net interest margin was 1.90% down from 2.02% in H1 2020, which we expect to remain under pressure, and was amplified by use of TLTRO (-10 basis points) which further increased excess liquidity on the balance sheet. The non-performing exposures ratio reduced to 5.5% from 5.7% as of December 2020, supported by the sale (via securitisation) of a portfolio of c.€344 million of non-performing mortgages in H1 2021. The fully loaded Common Equity Tier 1 ratio was strong at 14.1%, up from 13.4% as of December 2020, driven by profit generation and non performing portfolio sales, offset by risk weighted assets increase due to higher corporate lending. The bank has ample liquid asset holdings given the subdued credit demand and ample deposits, that results in a loan to deposit ratio of 85% and a liquidity coverage ratio of 177%, putting it in a strong position to finance new lending and some loan portfolio and business acquisitions.

On 23 June 2021, Ireland's government announced the intent to sell down part of its 13.9% shareholding in BOI over the next six months. This is the first state sale of any bank shares since 2017.

On 22 July 2021, BOI [announced that it will acquire J&E Davy \(Davy\)](#), a leading wealth management and capital markets service provider in Ireland. The acquisition will give the bank an additional source of fee income to help reduce the cyclicity of its earnings and its sensitivity to the protracted low interest rate environment.

On 16 April 2021, BOI announced that it had [entered a memorandum of understanding with KBC Bank Ireland to acquire all of its performing loan assets and liabilities](#) as KBC Group withdraws from the Irish market. KBC's performing mortgage book in Ireland totaled €8.9 billion as of year-end 2020, compared with BOI's €22.9 billion. As a result, the acquisition would increase BOI's mortgage market share to around 36% from 26%. We expect BOI's mortgage book acquisition to lower its CET1 capital ratio by 80 basis points from a reported transitional 14.9% at year-end 2020, all other things being equal.

Detailed credit considerations

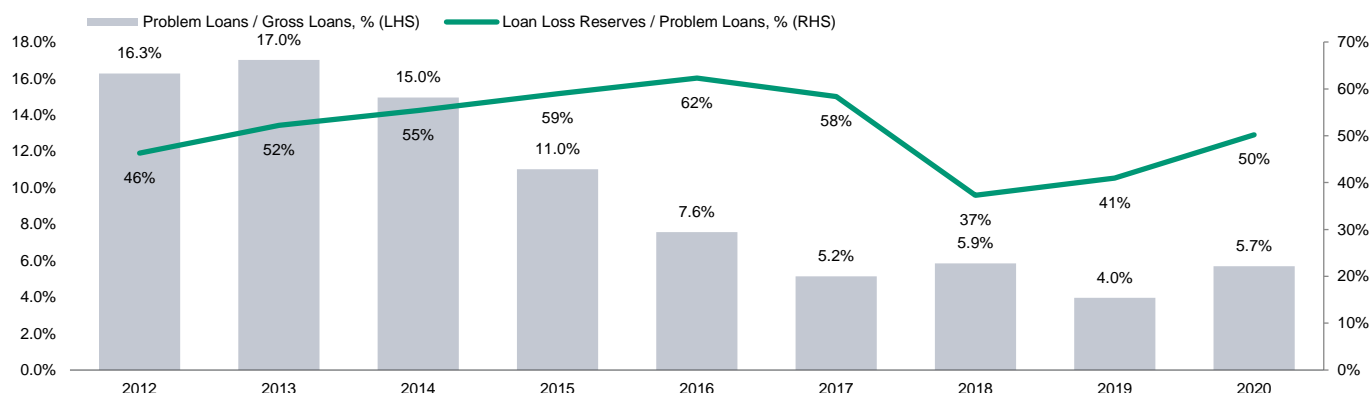
The financial data in the following sections are sourced from BOI Group's consolidated financial statements unless otherwise stated.

Asset risk improved to moderate levels, positioning the group better to absorb additional impairments from the coronavirus-related stress

We view BOI's Asset Risk as moderate and assign a score of ba1, one notch below the Macro-Adjusted score. The assigned score reflects the bank's sizeable stock of forborne loans and loans in negative equity, as well as relatively higher leveraged finance and real estate construction exposures, elevates the bank's sensitivity to the adverse macroeconomic environment, as well as, the sizeable balance of stage 2 loans. The level of problem loans (stage 3) will depend on the recently resumed non-performing portfolio disposals after a pandemic-induced hiatus last year.

BOI's asset quality deteriorated sharply in 2020 as the coronavirus pandemic triggered a steep economic contraction. This prompted large scale loan migration to IFRS 9 Stage 2 from Stage 1, with the proportion of Stage 2 loans increasing to 20.1% as of December 2020 from 6.9% as of December 2019. The problem loans (PL) ratio also increased to 5.7% from 4.0% over the same period driven by credit migration in property and construction portfolios and the European Union's (EU) new harmonised definition of default rules, while the overall loan book contracted by 2.6% during 2020. Problem loans decreased €0.1 billion in H1 2021 compared to December 2020, driven by BOI's €0.3 billion PL sale transaction announced in June 2021 and a €0.2 billion increase in PL, this reduced the PL ratio to 5.5%, while the stage 2 loans increased to 22.5% mainly driven by updated management adjustment assumptions. We expect problem loans to further increase in 2021 as the government phases out pandemic-related support measures for borrowers.

Exhibit 3

BOI entered covid-induced crisis with much improved problem loans ratio and adequate provisioning

Pre-2018 data is under IAS39, while 2018 and 2019 data is under IFRS9.

Source: Moody's Investors Service

Irish residential property prices have recovered strongly from their post-crisis low in 2013, but remain below their peak. Prices fluctuated slightly in 2020 and are prone to softening given the context of the pandemic. As a result, the proportion of negative-equity mortgages², which was 3.0% as end December 2020 (down from 3.2% as of December 2019), constrains our asset risk assessment. The bank reported €2.5 billion of loans in forbearance, but outside of Stage 3 assets, in December 2020, or 3.2% of gross loans, which we view as more vulnerable to economic deterioration. The corporate book recorded a nonperforming exposure (NPE) ratio of 2.3% (2019: 2.0%), while the NPE ratio for the Irish SME portfolio was 9.7% (2019: 7.5%). The property and construction portfolio which is still a weak spot, with 12.7% NPEs as of December 2020, materially increased from the 7.3% as of December 2019.

Capitalisation likely to remain strong, supported by sustained earnings

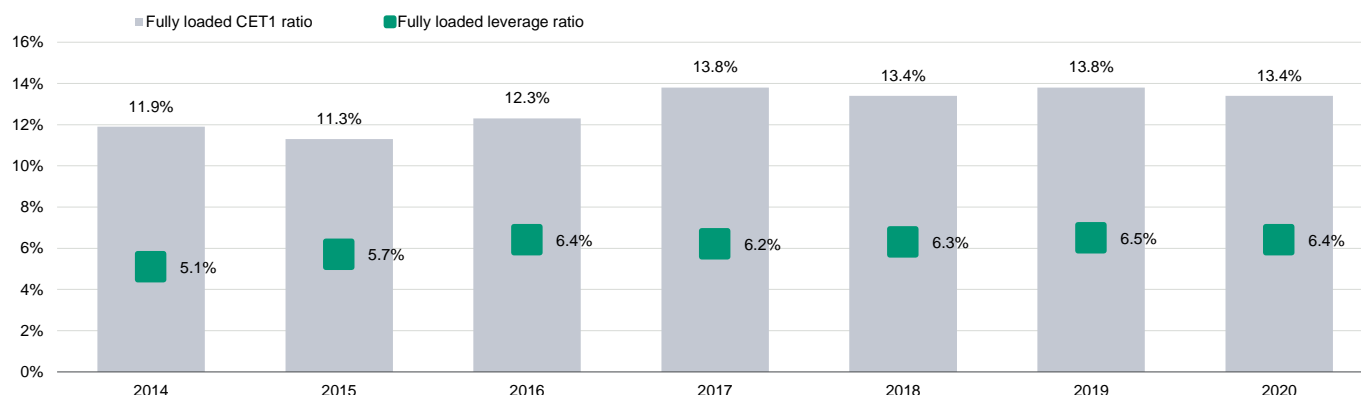
We view BOI's Capital as strong and assign an a3 score, one notch below the Macro-Adjusted score, corresponding to its tangible common equity (TCE) to risk-weighted assets (RWA) medium term target ratio, as well as our expectation that the bank will maintain a solid capital level, but also takes into account the downside risks arising from NPEs in negative equity and RWA increase due to deterioration in credit and counterparty risk and new lending, partially offset by problem loan sales.

Following the update of the Banks Methodology our TCE/RWA ratio now excludes high trigger Additional Tier 1 notes; the ratio was 14.6% as of December 2020, which is strong and equivalent to an a2 Macro-Adjusted score. The TCE/TBA leverage ratio is also strong at 6.6% as of December 2020.

BOI's fully loaded CET1 ratio of 14.1% as of June 2021 has increased by 70bps from 13.4% at December 2020, reflecting organic capital generation and PL sales, partially offset by on-going investment in transformation and RWA increase associated with new lending. During 2020 the ratio fell by 40bps from 13.8% at December 2019, weighed by credit quality deterioration, impact of regulatory change and costs related to the bank's transformation programme. BOI's 2020 capitalisation incorporated 40 bps of uplift related to the [so-called "quick fix" to the European Union's \(EU\) Second Capital Requirements Regulation \(CRR2\)](#) and 40 bps of uplift from the withdrawal of the 2019 dividend. In May 2020, the BOI Group issued €675 million high trigger³ AT1 notes ([Ba2\(hyb\)](#)) equating to 140bps boost to capital, which replaced the lower trigger notes⁴ that had a call date of June 2020. BOI Group issued a further €300 million high trigger AT1 notes in September 2020.

The [change in the composition of the Pillar 2 requirement](#) and the removal of the countercyclical buffers in Ireland and the UK driven by the coronavirus outbreak, as well as the lowered CET1 component⁵ of the Pillar 2 requirement reduced the bank's minimum regulatory CET1 requirement to 9.27% as of 2020 and 9.77% from July 2021 onwards from 10.65% in 2019⁶. The group's regulatory CET1 ratio of 15.3% as of June 2021 comfortably exceeded its CET1 requirement. The bank's fully loaded leverage ratio was strong at 6.0% as of June 2021 (6.4% as of December 2020).

Exhibit 4

Regulatory capital ratios remain strong

Source: BOI financial reports

The board of BOI canceled the proposed ordinary dividend of €189 million for 2019 following the ECB's recommendation, in light of the coronavirus outbreak, for European banks to suspend accrued dividends for 2019 and to not pay dividends until January 2021. In December 2020, the ECB revised its recommendation and asked banks to refrain from or limit dividends and share buy-backs² until September 2021. In 2019, BOI paid out a dividend of €173 million in respect of its 2018 earnings.

Bank's future dividend payouts and capitalisation will depend on amount of acquisition of UBIDAC's loan book and its pro-forma capitalisation levels.

Profitability on track to recover from its dip due to COVID-19 but expected to remain below historical levels due to margin pressure

We view BOI's Profitability as moderate. We assign a score of b1, three notches above the Macro-Adjusted score that reflects the losses reported in 2020 due to sizeable front loading of loan-loss provisions and limited new lending due to coronavirus-induced economic disruption. As a result, our assigned score reflects a more normalized bottom line and on going recovery in performance. However, the impact of the low interest rate environment on liquid-asset yields and expected higher costs of funding related to MREL issuance⁸ will continue to pressure margins and we do not expect BOI's profitability to readily return to its historical level.

In line with our expectations, the total income increased 14% in the first half of 2021 compared to the same period in 2020 driven by (1) 2% higher net interest income, (2) 8% higher business income and (3) valuation items benefitting from recovering bond and equity markets (€36 million income versus €107 million charge in H1 2020). Lower operating expenses (-4%) and significantly lower impairment charge (€1 million versus 937 million in H1 2020) also contributed to the bank's return to profitability.

BOI's revenues fell by 8% during 2020, helped by a 30% recovery in new lending during the second half of the year. This helped offset a 21% reduction in non-interest income, including wealth management and insurance revenues, during the same period. BOI's NII fell by just 2% as lower funding costs helped counterbalance a 19% decline in new lending volumes and lower lending rates. The bank expects total income in 2021 to be broadly in line with last year, with growth in non-interest income offsetting continued pressure on NII. In 2020 BOI announced that it would more than halve its branch network in Northern Ireland to 13 by the end of 2021, and invest £7 million in the remaining branches.

For year-end 2020 the bank's reported net interest margin was 2.00%, 14 bps lower compared with year-end 2019. The decline during 2020 reflected an increased proportion of low-interest bearing securities, persistently low interest rates, and the competitive pressure in the UK mortgage market.

BOI reported a loss before tax of €760 million during 2020 (profit in 2019: €645 million) and net income/tangible assets of -0.53% (2019: 0.34%) driven by a €1,133 million coronavirus related impairment charge and also by lower pre-provision income due to reduced new lending and lower interest rates.

BOI is transforming its technology platforms and processes, which will drive efficiencies. Moody's-calculated cost-to-income ratio for the bank was weak at 83.3% in 2020, up from 70.7% a year-earlier period (vs. 64% reported by BOI, which excluded levies and regulatory charges).

Strong liquidity profile with relatively low use of wholesale funding and sufficient liquidity asset holdings

We view BOI's Funding Structure as a relative strength, and we assign an a3 score for this factor, one notch below the Macro-Adjusted score, to reflect the expected trend as the bank issues MREL-eligible debt.

The bank's market funding reliance is relatively low, with a market funds-to-tangible banking assets ratio of 7.6% as of end-December 2020 (9.3% as of year-end 2019). We expect a gradual increase in market funding as the bank intends to issue senior debt at the holding company level towards its interim binding MREL requirements, to be met by 1 January 2022, of 24.95% on RWA basis, versus the bank's MREL ratio of 24.6% based on December 2020 RWA. In March 2021 BOI accessed €10.8 billion funding from European Central Bank's (ECB) TLTRO III which will provide buffers for BOI to withstand liquidity pressures, helping it support government-directed lending to small businesses.

The bank's gross loans-to-customer deposits (LtD) ratio was 89% in end-December 2020, 7.7% improvement since December 2019 driven by loan book contraction and higher retail deposits due to the impact of coronavirus related restrictions and lower consumer spending.

BOI has a sufficient stock of good-quality liquid assets in both Ireland and the UK. As of December 2020, the bank had a liquid banking assets-to-tangible banking assets ratio of 26.5% (23.0% as of December 2019). It also comfortably meets regulatory liquidity requirements, reporting a net stable funding ratio of 138% and a liquidity coverage ratio of 153% as at the end of 2020. We assign a Liquid Resources score of baa2, one notch below the Macro-Adjusted score, to reflect our expectation that the level of liquid resources will decline because of new lending.

Environmental, social and governance considerations

In line with our general view for the banking sector, BOI has a low exposure to environmental risks. See our [Environmental heat map](#) for further information.

Overall, we expect banks to face moderate social risks, which in particular applies to BOI. See our [Social risks heat map](#), for further information. As of December 2020, BOI held a €74 million provision related to the [Tracker Mortgage Examination Review](#) (Dec 2019: €75 million). The provision represents the bank's best estimate of the redress and compensation to be paid to impacted customers and the costs related with the examination. The risk of further provisions over the outlook period is reduced but still exists.

Furthermore, we consider the spread of the coronavirus outbreak also as a social risk given the substantial implications for public health and safety and given that its business continues to be impacted by the coronavirus crisis.

Governance is highly relevant for BOI, as it is to all banks in the industry. Corporate governance weaknesses can lead to a deterioration in a bank's credit quality, while governance strengths can benefit its credit profile. Governance risks are largely internal rather than externally driven, and for BOI, we do not have any particular governance concern. The bank's risk governance infrastructure is adequate and has not shown any shortfall in recent years. Nonetheless, corporate governance remains a key credit consideration and requires ongoing monitoring.

Support and structural considerations

Loss Given Failure analysis

BOI is subject to the EU Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive, which we consider an operational resolution regime. We assume residual tangible common equity of 3%, post-failure losses of 8% of consolidated tangible banking assets, a 25% runoff in "junior" wholesale deposits and a 5% runoff in preferred deposits, and assign a 25% probability to deposits being preferred to senior unsecured debt. We also assume that the junior proportion of BOI's deposits is in line with our estimated EU-wide average of 26%. These are in line with our standard assumptions.

Our Advanced LGF analysis indicates that BOI's deposits are likely to face extremely low loss-given-failure because of the loss absorption provided by subordinated debt and, potentially, by senior unsecured debt should deposits be treated preferentially in a

resolution, as well as the substantial volume of deposits themselves. This results in a Preliminary Rating (PR) Assessment of a2, three notches above the BCA.

BOI's senior unsecured debt is likely to face extremely low loss-given-failure because of the loss absorption provided by its own volume and the amount of debt subordinated to it. This results in a PR Assessment of a2, three notches above the BCA.

The senior unsecured debt issued by BOI Group is likely to face low loss-given-failure because of the small amount of debt subordinated to it. We assume that the holding company's senior obligations benefit from the subordination of both the holding company's and the bank's subordinated instruments. However, we believe that the holding company's senior unsecured debt is economically junior to the bank's senior unsecured debt, based on our forward-looking view that it will eventually fund debt which is contractually, structurally or statutorily subordinated to the operating company's external senior debt. This results in a baa1 PR Assessment for the senior unsecured debt issued by the holding company to be positioned one notch above BOI's BCA.

BOI's and BOI Group's subordinated instruments are likely to face high loss-given-failure according to our LGF analysis, given the relatively small volume of debt and limited protection from more subordinated instruments and residual equity. The ratings of BOI's and BOI Group's subordinated debt and BOI's junior subordinated debt are Baa3 and Ba1(hyb), respectively.

Government support considerations

Given its systemic importance for Ireland, we believe that there is a moderate probability of government support for BOI should the bank fail; however, this currently does not result in any uplift from the PR Assessments for both deposits and senior unsecured ratings since these ratings are already at the same level as Ireland's rating. Furthermore, an upgrade of the sovereign's rating by a notch will not result in a rating uplift due to the narrow rating differential between the support provider and bank's PR Assessment and our moderate likelihood of support assumption.

We consider the probability of government support for BOI Group's liabilities to be low, providing no rating uplift to the assigned ratings. This is because such support, if needed, would likely only be provided to the operating entity, to enable it to maintain critical functions and mitigate risks to financial stability from its failure.

For other junior securities, we continue to believe that the probability of government support is low, and, as such, the ratings for these instruments do not include any related uplift.

Counterparty Risk (CR) Assessment and Counterparty Risk Ratings (CRRs)

BOI's CR Assessment is A2(cr)/Prime-1(cr). The CR Assessment is positioned three notches above the BOI's Adjusted BCA of baa2, based on the buffer against default provided to the senior obligations represented by the CR Assessment by subordinated instruments, without taking into account of the volume of the instrument class. The CR Assessment does not benefit from government support additional notch uplift given it is already positioned at the same level as Irish Government's rating.

BOI's CRRs are A2/Prime-1. The counterparty risk rating of A2 reflects the Adjusted BCA of baa2, three notches of uplift reflecting the extremely low loss given failure from the high volume of instruments that are subordinated to CRR liabilities. The CRR does not benefit from government support additional notch uplift given it is already the same as that of Ireland itself. The short-term CRR is P-1.

Methodology and scorecard

About Moody's Bank Scorecard

Our scorecard is designed to capture, express and explain in summary form our Rating Committee's judgement. When read in conjunction with our research, a fulsome presentation of our judgement is expressed. As a result, the output of our scorecard may materially differ from that suggested by raw data alone (though it has been calibrated to avoid the frequent need for strong divergence). The scorecard output and the individual scores are discussed in rating committees and may be adjusted up or down to reflect conditions specific to each rated entity. LGF analysis includes our forward-looking assumptions.

Note: Below scorecard's historic ratios are as of year-end 2020 financials; while our assigned scores reflect Moody's assessment and expected trends, which BOI's H1 results are in line with.

Rating methodology and scorecard factors

Exhibit 5

Bank of Ireland Group plc

Macro Factors							
Weighted Macro Profile	Strong	100%					
Factor	Historic Ratio	Initial Score	Expected Trend	Assigned Score	Key driver #1	Key driver #2	
Solvency							
Asset Risk							
Problem Loans / Gross Loans	5.7%	baa3	↔	ba1	Quality of assets	Expected trend	
Capital							
Tangible Common Equity / Risk Weighted Assets (Basel III - fully loaded)	14.6%	a2	↓	a3	Stress capital resilience		
Profitability							
Net Income / Tangible Assets	-0.1%	caa1	↑↑	b1	Expected trend		
Combined Solvency Score		baa3		baa3			
Liquidity							
Funding Structure							
Market Funds / Tangible Banking Assets	7.6%	a2	↓	a3	Expected trend		
Liquid Resources							
Liquid Banking Assets / Tangible Banking Assets	26.5%	baa1	↓	baa2	Expected trend		
Combined Liquidity Score		a3		baa1			
Financial Profile				baa2			
Qualitative Adjustments				Adjustment			
Business Diversification				0			
Opacity and Complexity				0			
Corporate Behavior				0			
Total Qualitative Adjustments				0			
Sovereign or Affiliate constraint				A2			
BCA Scorecard-indicated Outcome - Range				baa1 - baa3			
Assigned BCA				baa2			
Affiliate Support notching				0			
Adjusted BCA				baa2			
Balance Sheet		in-scope (EUR Million)	% in-scope	at-failure (EUR Million)	% at-failure		
Other liabilities		13,945	12.6%	21,652	19.6%		
Deposits		87,816	79.5%	78,859	71.4%		
Preferred deposits		64,984	58.8%	61,735	55.9%		
Junior deposits		22,832	20.7%	17,124	15.5%		
Senior unsecured bank debt		462	0.4%	462	0.4%		
Dated subordinated bank debt		286	0.3%	286	0.3%		
Junior subordinated bank debt		84	0.1%	84	0.1%		
Senior unsecured holding company debt		2,538	2.3%	3,288	3.0%		
Dated subordinated holding company debt		1,044	0.9%	1,544	1.4%		
Preference shares(holding company)		975	0.9%	975	0.9%		
Equity		3,314	3.0%	3,314	3.0%		
Total Tangible Banking Assets		110,464	100.0%	110,464	100.0%		

Debt Class	De Jure waterfall		De Facto waterfall		Notching		LGF	Assigned	Additional	Preliminary
	Instrument	Sub-ordination	Instrument	Sub-ordination	De Jure	De Facto	Notching Guidance vs. Adjusted BCA	LGF notching	Notching	Rating Assessment
Counterparty Risk Rating	24.5%	24.5%	24.5%	24.5%	3	3	3	3	0	a2
Counterparty Risk Assessment	24.5%	24.5%	24.5%	24.5%	3	3	3	3	0	a2 (cr)
Deposits	24.5%	8.6%	24.5%	9.0%	3	3	3	3	0	a2
Senior unsecured bank debt	24.5%	8.6%	9.0%	8.6%	3	1	2	3	0	a2
Senior unsecured holding company debt	8.6%	5.6%	8.6%	5.6%	0	0	0	1	0	baa1
Dated subordinated bank debt	5.6%	4.0%	5.6%	4.0%	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	baa3
Dated subordinated holding company debt	5.6%	4.0%	5.6%	4.0%	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	baa3
Junior subordinated bank debt	4.0%	3.9%	4.0%	3.9%	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	ba1
Non-cumulative bank preference shares	3.9%	3.0%	3.9%	3.0%	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	ba2
Holding company non-cumulative preference shares	3.9%	3.0%	3.9%	3.0%	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	ba2

Instrument Class	Loss Given Failure notching	Additional notching	Preliminary Rating Assessment	Government Support notching	Local Currency Rating	Foreign Currency Rating
Counterparty Risk Rating	3	0	a2	0	A2	A2
Counterparty Risk Assessment	3	0	a2 (cr)	0	A2(cr)	
Deposits	3	0	a2	0	A2	A2
Senior unsecured bank debt	3	0	a2	0	A2	A2
Senior unsecured holding company debt	1	0	baa1	0	Baa1	Baa1
Dated subordinated bank debt	-1	0	baa3	0	(P)Baa3	
Dated subordinated holding company debt	-1	0	baa3	0	Baa3	Baa3
Junior subordinated bank debt	-1	-1	ba1	0		Ba1 (hyb)
Non-cumulative bank preference shares	-1	-2	ba2	0	Ba2 (hyb)	Ba2 (hyb)
Holding company non-cumulative preference shares	-1	-2	ba2	0	Ba2 (hyb)	

[1] Where dashes are shown for a particular factor (or sub-factor), the score is based on non-public information.

Source: Moody's Investors Service

Ratings

Exhibit 6

Category	Moody's Rating
BANK OF IRELAND GROUP PLC	
Outlook	Stable
Issuer Rating	Baa1
Senior Unsecured	Baa1
Subordinate	Baa3
Pref. Stock Non-cumulative -Dom Curr	Ba2 (hyb)
BANK OF IRELAND (UK) PLC	
Outlook	Stable
Counterparty Risk Rating	A3/P-2
Bank Deposits	Baa1/P-2
Baseline Credit Assessment	baa2
Adjusted Baseline Credit Assessment	baa2
Counterparty Risk Assessment	A2(cr)/P-1(cr)
BANK OF IRELAND	
Outlook	Stable
Counterparty Risk Rating	A2/P-1
Bank Deposits	A2/P-1
Baseline Credit Assessment	baa2
Adjusted Baseline Credit Assessment	baa2
Counterparty Risk Assessment	A2(cr)/P-1(cr)
Issuer Rating	A2
Senior Unsecured	A2
Subordinate MTN -Dom Curr	(P)Baa3
Jr Subordinate	Ba1 (hyb)
Pref. Stock Non-cumulative	Ba2 (hyb)
Commercial Paper	P-1
Other Short Term	(P)P-1

Source: Moody's Investors Service

Endnotes

- [1](#) The bank ratings shown in this report are the bank's deposit rating and Baseline Credit Assessment.
- [2](#) Loan-to-value ratios above 100%.
- [3](#) The principal of the security will be written-down if BOI's Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio falls below 7%
- [4](#) The principal write-down feature triggered if the group's or the bank's Core Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital ratio falls below 5.125%, at or close to the point of non-viability.
- [5](#) ECB announcement on 12 March allows banks to meet 56.25% of P2R in CET1 capital and 75% in Tier 1 capital, as a minimum.
- [6](#) Excluding Pillar 2 guidance, CET1 requirements consist of a Pillar 1 requirement of 4.5%, a Pillar 2 requirement 2.25% where 1.27% is composed of CET1, a capital conservation buffer of 2.50%, and an Other Systemically Important Institution (O-SII) buffer of 1.5% from July 2021. Countercyclical capital buffer (CCyB) is reduced to 0% from 0.3% in UK and 0.6% in Republic of Ireland
- [7](#) The ECB recommended dividends and share buy-backs to remain below 15% of cumulated 2019-20 profits or not higher than 20 basis points of CET1 ratio, whichever is lower.
- [8](#) Minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities

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