

# UBS (UBSG SW)

## FUNDAMENTAL VIEW <sup>1</sup>

As of 07 Feb 2025

- UBS agreed to acquire Credit Suisse in March 2023 after the latter collapsed following a severe liquidity crisis.
- CS was a large and complex organisation, so the integration, and the inevitable associated losses and costs, will dominate UBS's strategic outlook and financial performance for several years.
- However, UBS was able to negotiate substantial downside protection which should shield it from losses at CS.
- Away from CS, UBS has reshaped its business model, with a greater emphasis on wealth management and less focus on investment banking, particularly fixed income.
- Its earnings remain somewhat dependent on capital market conditions, but its capital, asset quality and profitability ratios have been among the strongest for European banks.

## RISKS & CATALYSTS

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- The acquisition of CS will be a long and complex process, and the necessary restructuring is likely to result in heavy losses and costs, although UBS has substantial protection, not least in the large negative goodwill.
- Litigation costs have been a feature of UBS's results in recent years, although it has agreed settlements in various cases recently.
- A French court imposed fines and civil damages of €4.5 bn (\$5.1 bn) in February 2019, which UBS appealed. The Court of Appeal retried the case de novo in March 2021 and reduced the fine to €3.75 mn plus civil damages of €800 mn and confiscation of €1 bn. UBS has appealed again and has set aside reserves of €1.1 bn (\$1.2 bn) so far.

## CREDIT QUALITY SCORE (CQS)<sup>2</sup>

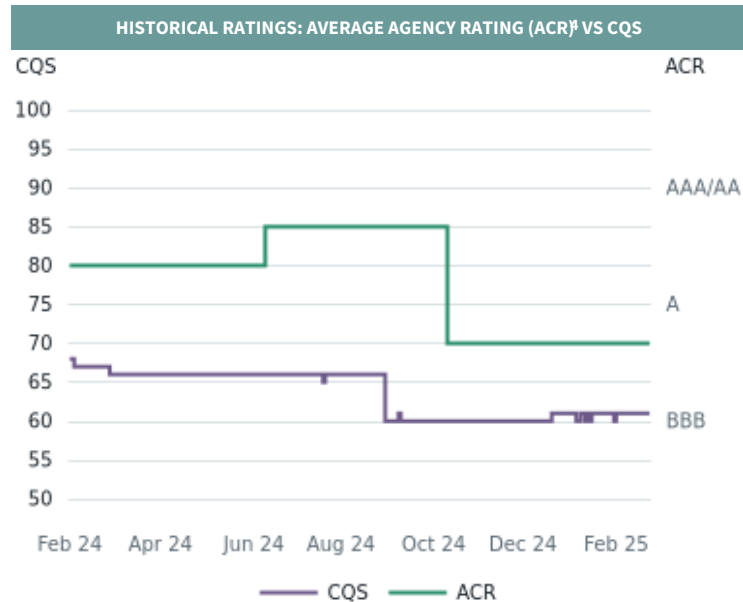
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### CURRENT CQS

61

### CQS OUTLOOK <sup>3</sup>

NEGATIVE STABLE POSITIVE



## KEY METRICS

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\$ MN	4Q24	Y24	Y23	Y22	Y21
Return On Equity	(1.3%)	6.0%	38.4%	13.0%	12.4%
Total Revenues Margin	2.6%	3.0%	2.9%	3.1%	3.2%
Cost/Income	105.7%	84.8%	95.0%	72.1%	73.6%
CET1 Ratio (Transitional)	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%	14.2%	15.0%
CET1 Ratio (Fully-Loaded)	14.4%	14.4%	14.4%	14.2%	15.0%
Leverage Ratio (Fully-Loaded)	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	5.7%	5.7%
Liquidity Coverage Ratio	216%	216%	216%	164%	155%
Impaired Loans (Gross)/Total Loans	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%

## BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

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- Headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland, UBS has private, corporate and institutional clients worldwide and retail clients in Switzerland. It is one of the world's largest wealth managers.
- It completed the acquisition of CS on 12 June 2023. It has merged CS's domestic Swiss bank (Credit Suisse Schweiz AG) with its own domestic bank (UBS Switzerland AG) in 2024, keeping the CS brand "for the time being".
- CS's holding company (Credit Suisse Group AG) has been merged into UBS Group AG, so that the group has a single holding company, and the operating subsidiaries, including UBS AG and Credit Suisse AG, were merged on 31 May 2024.
- UBS operates through its Corporate Center and four business divisions: Global Wealth Management, Personal & Corporate Banking, Asset Management, and the Investment Bank, plus a new Non-core and Legacy division following the acquisition of CS.
- The Investment Bank has been restructured in recent years to scale back fixed income trading and focus on equities trading and origination & advisory business.

## GLOSSARY

<sup>1</sup> The **Fundamental View** is our current assessment of credit quality and our expectation of how credit quality will trend over the next year or longer.

<sup>2</sup> The **Credit Quality Score (CQS)** is a number between 5 and 100. It is a medium-term credit score for corporates and financial institutions that utilizes a combination of sector fundamental scores and equity market signals. Values of CQS above 50 generally indicate investment grade credit quality.

<sup>3</sup> The **Credit Quality Score (CQS) Outlook** is the near-term (3 month) outlook for the CQS, based on its trend, volatility and distance from the adjacent CQS risk bucket.

<sup>4</sup> The **Agency Composite Rating (ACR)** is the average senior unsecured rating from one or more major rating agencies.

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