

China Construction Bank (939 HK)

FUNDAMENTAL VIEW ¹

As of 09 Nov 2022

- Our credit view on China Construction Bank (CCB; ratings: A1/A/A) is based on the strong likelihood of state support in event of distress, given its large size, systemic importance and majority government ownership.
- Its systemic importance is enhanced by the key role it plays in financing China's economic development and its close government links (and large government shareholding).
- CCB has maintained relatively stronger financial metrics in recent years as the Big 4 are generally more prudently managed than their more aggressive smaller competitors.

RISKS & CATALYSTS

As of 09 Nov 2022

- China's sovereign ratings (A1/A+/A+) underpin CCB's credit standing. Any deterioration in the sovereign ratings could negatively affect CCB's ratings.
- Asset quality pressure is rising amid flagging economic momentum and risks stemming from the property sector. CCB has the largest balance of inclusive finance loans which may come under greater stress when relief measures end.
- CCB may be asked by the government to perform "national service" that overrides profitability considerations, e.g. supporting troubled property developers and extending loans at lower rates during the pandemic. We would not regard such actions as credit-negative as they reflect close government links that also underpin the bank's credit standing.

CREDIT QUALITY SCORE (CQS)²

As of 20 Feb 2023

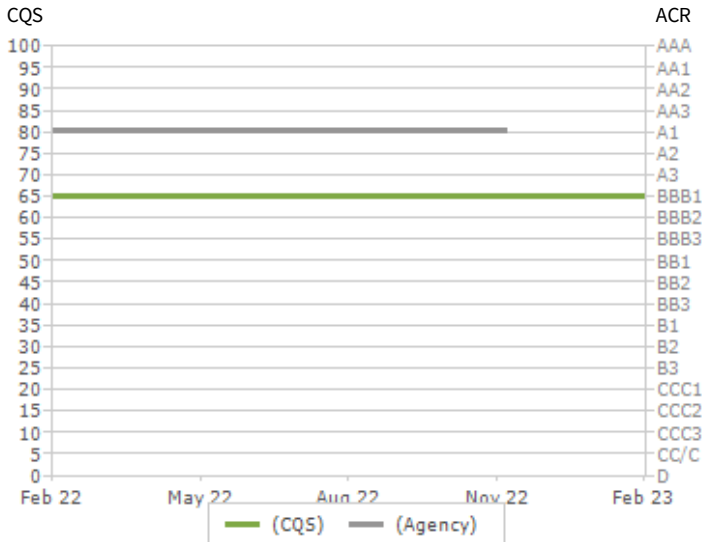
CURRENT CQS

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CQS OUTLOOK ³

NEGATIVE STABLE POSITIVE

HISTORICAL RATINGS: AVERAGE AGENCY RATING (ACR)⁴ VS CQS



KEY METRICS

As of 09 Nov 2022

RMB BN	9M22	9M21	FY21	FY20	FY19
PPOP ROA	1.79%	1.99%	1.87%	1.96%	2.01%
Reported ROA	1.02%	1.07%	1.04%	1.02%	1.11%
Reported ROE	12.8%	13.2%	12.6%	12.1%	13.2%
Equity/Assets	8.1%	8.4%	8.6%	8.4%	8.7%
CET1 Ratio	13.9%	13.4%	13.6%	13.6%	13.9%
NPL Ratio	1.40%	1.51%	1.42%	1.56%	1.42%
Provisions/Average Loans	0.95%	1.08%	0.95%	1.19%	1.14%
Loan-Deposit Ratio	84%	82%	84%	81%	82%

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

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- CCB was originally formed in 1954 as a subsidiary of China's MOF to disburse funds intended for fixed asset investment. In the early 1980s, it started taking deposits and making loans outside of direct MOF control. In 1998, its NPLs were transferred to Cinda AMC in exchange for RMB 247 bn of Cinda bonds.
- The bank was re-capitalised again in 2003 with an injection of \$23 bn by the PBOC. It was listed in 2005 but the Chinese government remains its controlling shareholder with a 57% stake held through state-owned Central Huijin.
- The bank owns CCB Asia and CCB International in Hong Kong as well as operations in a number of countries.
- CCB is the second-largest of the Big 4 and is classified as a G-SIB requiring an additional capital surcharge of 1.5%.

GLOSSARY

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

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

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