

RBL Bank Limited

December 31, 2021

Ratings

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹
Tier II Bonds	800.00	CARE AA-; Stable (Double A Minus; Outlook: Stable)
Total Long Term Instruments	800.00 (Rs. Eight Hundred Crore Only)	

Details of instruments in Annexure-1

Material Event Update

RBL Bank, vide its announcement to the stock exchanges on December 25, 2021, informed that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Mr. Yogesh K Dayal (Chief General Manager of RBI) as an Additional Director on the Board of Directors of the bank for a period of two years w.e.f. December 24, 2021 till December 23, 2023 or till further orders, whichever is earlier. Further, the Board of Directors of RBL, at its meeting held on December 25, 2021, accepted the request of Mr. Vishwavir Ahuja (Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) to proceed on leave with immediate effect and appointed Mr. Rajeev Ahuja, who was the Executive Director of the bank as interim MD & CEO of the bank with immediate effect, subject to the regulatory and other approvals. Subsequently on December 27, 2021, RBI vide its press statement mentioned the following:

There has been speculation relating to the RBL Bank Ltd. in certain quarters which appears to be arising from recent events surrounding the bank.

The Reserve Bank would like to state that the bank is well capitalised and the financial position of the bank remains satisfactory. As per half yearly audited results as on September 30, 2021, the bank has maintained a comfortable Capital Adequacy Ratio of 16.33 per cent and Provision Coverage Ratio of 76.6 per cent. The Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) of the bank is 153 per cent as on December 24, 2021 as against regulatory requirement of 100 per cent.

Further, it is clarified that appointment of Additional Director/s in private banks is undertaken under Section 36AB of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 as and when it is felt that the board needs closer support in regulatory / supervisory matters. As such, there is no need for depositors and other stakeholders to react to the speculative reports. The bank's financial health remains stable.

CARE Ratings has taken cognizance of the above developments and would continue to engage with the management of the bank and monitor the developments. We understand that the board of the bank has constituted a search committee (comprising of the Chairman of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee, two members of the Board and one external expert) to identify and evaluate candidates for the position of MD & CEO both from within and outside the Bank and decided to appoint a reputed recruitment firm for the same.

The bank reported comfortable Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) at 17.50% with Core Equity Tier I (CET I) Ratio of 16.64% as on March 31, 2021 and CAR of 16.33% with CET I Ratio of 15.5% as on September, 2021. Due to the impact of the second wave of Covid-19, all the banks (and NBFC) with higher exposure to retail segment has seen asset quality pressures including RBL whose Gross NPA and Net NPA ratio stood at 5.40% and 2.14% respectively as on September 30, 2021. The bank reported net loss of Rs.429 crore on total income of Rs.5,247 crore during H1FY22 (refers to period from April 01 to September 30) as compared to profit after tax (PAT) of Rs.285 crore on total income of Rs.5,115 crore during H1FY21 owing to high credit provisions towards NPAs of micro finance, credit card and other unsecured retail and SMA 1 and SMA 2 accounts during the first quarter of FY22 on unsecured.

The detailed press release on RBL Bank is as below:

https://www.careratings.com/upload/CompanyFiles/PR/06102021062358 RBL Bank Limited.pdf

Liquidity: Adequate

Liquidity position remains satisfactory with Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) of 155% for the quarter ended September 30, 2021. The Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) of the bank is 153 per cent as on December 24, 2021 as against regulatory requirement of 100 per cent. Further, the bank reported excess SLR investments of Rs.16,532 as on September 30, 2021.

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¹Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at www.careedge.in and other CARE Ratings Ltd.'s publications



Analytical approach:

Standalone

Applicable Criteria

Criteria on assigning Outlook and Creditwatch to Credit Ratings

CARE Policy on Default Recognition

CARE's Rating Methodology For Banks

Bank - Rating framework for Basel III instruments (Tier I & Tier II)

About the Company

RBL Bank Limited is a Kolhapur-based small sized private sector bank which was incorporated in 1943 by Shri Babgonda Patil, an advocate from Sangli and Shri Gangaram Chougule, a merchant from Kolhapur. The bank gained the status of a scheduled commercial bank in 1959. In FY11, the bank initiated a radical transformation in areas like ownership, management and organization structure. In FY11, the shareholding structure underwent a change with capital infusion of Rs.727 crore from a host of private equity funds. There has been regular capital infusion in the bank to fund its growth in the last five years. As on September 30, 2021, the Bank had a network of 445 branches, 1,435 business correspondence and 386 ATMs in the country.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	31-03-2020 (A)	31-03-2021 (A)	H1FY22 (UA)
Total operating income	10,425	10,272	5,247
PAT	506	508	-429
Total Assets	88,701	1,00,247	1,04,474
Net NPA (%)	2.05	2.12	2.14
ROTA (%)	0.60	0.54	-0.86
Total operating income	10,425	10,272	5,247

A: Audited; UA: Unaudited

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:

Not Applicable

Any other information:

Not Applicable

Rating History for last three years: Please refer Annexure-2

Covenants of rated instrument / facility: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instruments/facilities is given in Annexure-3

Complexity level of various instruments rated for this company: Annexure 4

Annexure-1: Details of Instruments

Name of the Instrument	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. crore)	Rating along with Rating Outlook
Tier II Bonds Basel III Proposed	-	-	-	-	800.00	CARE AA-; Stable

Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

		Current Ratings		Rating history				
Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Туре	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2021-2022	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2020-2021	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-2020	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-2019
1	Bonds-Tier II Bonds	LT	800.00	CARE AA-; Stable	1)CARE AA-; Stable (06-Oct-21)	1)CARE AA-; Stable (08-Oct-20)	1)CARE AA-; Stable (09-Oct-19)	1)CARE AA-; Stable (08-Oct-18)

^{*} Long Term / Short Term

Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instrument / facilities - Not Available

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Annexure 4: Complexity level of various instruments rated for this company

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Sr. No	Name of instrument	Complexity level
1	Bonds-Tier II Bonds	Complex

Annexure 5: Bank Lender Details for this Company

To view the lender wise details of bank facilities please click here

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: CARE Ratings Ltd. has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careedge.in for any clarifications.

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