

Rank	Institution	Parent / Ultimate Parent	Long Term Rating	Agency	Score	Parent Core Tier 1 Capital	Score	Parent Tier 1 Capital Ratio*	Score	Parent Total Shareholders' Funds	Score	Further information	Adjust Score	Other Information / Potential Future Events	Adjust Score	Total Score
1	HSBC Bank International Limited / HSBC Bank plc	HSBC Holdings plc	Aa2	Moody's	3	8.50%	8	9.80%	10	£81.2 bn	1	Hugely diversified and stable capital - no significant impairments	-6	Recent Rights Issue 97% subscribed	-2	14
2	Nationwide International Limited	Nationwide Group	Aa3	Moody's	3	8.40%	9	10.00%	8	£9.8 bn (capital)	6	Largest UK mutual	-4	none	0	22
3	Alliance & Leicester International Limited and Bradford & Bingley International Limited	Alliance & Leicester plc & Abbey plc / Grupo Banco Santander	Aa1	Moody's	2	7.50%	13	9.10%	14	£56.0 bn	3	large capital base	-6	Spanish Govt Gtee not taken up, but available	-2	24
4	Zurich Bank International Limited	Zurich Bank / Zurich Financial Services Group	A1	Moody's	7	10.60%	5	10.60%	7	£17.4 bn	5	capital ratios pertain to Zurich Bank whilst shareholder's fund pertain to Zurich Financial Services Group	-5	parent outside EU	5	24
5	Bank of Ireland (I.O.M.) Limited	Bank of Ireland	Aa3	Moody's	3	9.50%	6	12.00%	5	£6.1 bn	11	Irish Govt Guarantee for deposits affording Aaa rating	-5	capability of Irish Govt to cover the guarantee if called	4	24
6	Isle of Man Bank Limited & Nat West Offshore & Royal Bank of Scotland International Limited & Coutts Offshore	Royal Bank of Scotland plc	A1	Moody's	7	7.00%	15	9.90%	9	£58.9 bn	2	Have taken UK Govt Assistance £20bn and now has large capital base	-6	70% UK Govt Owned	-2	25
7	Barclays Private Clients International Limited	Barclays Bank Plc	A1	Moody's	7	6.70%	16	9.70%	11	£47.4 bn	4	Have decided not take any UK Govt bail out monies and has raised additional capital	-6	can still participate in UK Govt Scheme if necessary	-2	30
8	Close Bank (Isle of Man) Limited	Close Brothers Group	A2	Moody's	11	14.40%	4	16.10%	4	£720.4 m	16	relatively small player	2	none	0	37
9	Standard Bank Isle of Man Limited	Standard Bank Group	Baa1	Moody's	13	8.40%	9	12.00%	5	£8.6 bn	10	mid sized balance sheet	-4	mid sized parent but in South Africa - political risk & outside EU	5	38
10	Irish Permanent (IOM) Limited	Irish Life & Permanent	A1	Moody's	7	9.20%	7	9.20%	13	£2.0 bn	13	Irish Govt Guarantee for deposits affording Aaa rating	-5	capability of Irish Govt to cover the guarantee if called	4	39
11	Lloyds TSB Offshore Limited & Bank of Scotland International Limited	Lloyds Banking Group	Aa3	Moody's	3	5.60%	19	8.00%	17	£9.7 bn	7	Have taken UK Govt assistance	-4	60% UK Govt Owned	-2	40
12	Duncan Lawrie (IOM) Limited	Camellia Group Plc	n/a	N/A	16	20.42%	3	20.42%	3	£8.3 m	19	Small independent that lays off deposits with other institutions only rated AA- or above max 5% per house	3	only lends its own capital - no risk to deposits from loan defaults but relatively small capital base	-2	42
13	Fairbairn Private Bank (IOM) Limited	Nedbank Limited / Old Mutual Plc	Baa1	Moody's	13	8.20%	11	9.60%	12	£9.6 bn	8	capital ratios pertain to Nedbank whilst shareholder's fund pertain to Old Mutual plc	-4	Strong ultimate parent but South African - political risk & non EU.	3	43
14	Anglo Irish Bank Corporation (International) PLC	Anglo Irish Bank Corporation	Aaa	Moody's	1	5.90%	17	8.40%	15	£3.2 bn	12	Irish Govt Owned	-6	capability of Irish Govt to cover in the event of a run	4	43
15	Cayman National Bank and Trust Company (Isle of Man) Limited	Cayman National Bank	n/a	N/A	16	21.15%	1	21.15%	1	£3.5 m	20	Small independent	4	max loan to deposit ratio is 30% but parent outside EU	4	46
16	Allied Irish Offshore (AIB Bank (CI) Limited)	Allied Irish Banks plc	Aa3	Moody's	3	5.80%	18	7.40%	18	£9.0 bn	9	Irish Govt Guarantee for deposits affording Aaa rating	-5	capability of Irish Govt to cover the guarantee if called	4	47
17	Conister Trust Limited	Conister Financial Group	n/a	N/A	16	20.50%	2	20.50%	2	£12.9 m	18	Small independent with deposits used to fund niche lending book	5	deposits maintained in house and on comparatively small capital base	5	48
18	Britannia International Limited	Co-operative Bank plc	A2	Moody's	11	7.60%	12	8.30%	16	£780.0 m	15	now merged with Co-op and run as a mutual	-1	none	0	53
19	Irish Nationwide (IOM) Limited	Irish Nationwide Building Society	Baa3	Moody's	15	7.20%	14	7.20%	19	£1.3bn (implied capital)	14	Irish Govt Guarantee for deposits affording Aaa rating	-5	capability of Irish Govt to cover the guarantee if called	4	61
20	Habib European Bank Limited	Habib Bank AG Zurich		N/A	16	n/a	20	n/a	20	£416 m	17	No Ratings or Tier 1 Capital Figures available	5	parent outside EU	5	83

Notes

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The Tier 1 capital ratio is the ratio of a bank's core equity capital to its total risk-weighted assets. Risk-weighted assets are the total of all assets held by the bank which are weighted for credit risk according to a formula determined by the Regulator (usually the country's Central Bank). Most central banks follow the Bank of International Settlements (BIS) guidelines in setting formulae for asset risk weights. Assets like cash and coins usually have zero risk weight, while debentures might have a risk weight of 100%. A good definition of Tier 1 capital is that it includes equity capital and disclosed reserves, where equity capital includes instruments that can't be redeemed at the option of the holder (meaning that the owner of the shares cannot decide on his own that he wants to withdraw the money he invested and so cannot leave the bank without the risk coverage). Reserves are, as they are held by the bank, by their nature not an amount of money on which anybody but the bank can have an influence on.

Over recent years, banks have looked for cost-effective ways of raising good quality capital and have increasingly tested the boundaries of what may be included in Tier 1 capital. In October 1998, in response to these market innovations, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision issued new requirements that divided Tier 1 capital into innovative and non-innovative instruments. Innovative Tier 1 instruments (which were only partly defined by Basel) are limited to 15% of total Tier 1 capital. As banks have moved closer to their limit of 15% in innovative Tier 1 instruments, the focus has increasingly turned to the boundary between non-innovative (core) and innovative Tier 1.

