

Listed Securities	Bloomberg Ticker	Sector	Industry	Market Cap. (USD mn)	Last Price (*)	YTD %	52-Week Range	FFA Recommendation	FFA Fair Value	Disc./Prem. to Fair Value	Div. Yield %	Div. Per Share (***)	Div. Payout Ratio	Diluted EPS (**)	YoY EPS Growth % (**)	FFA EPS 2017e	BVPS (**)	FFA BVPS 2017e	P/E	P/E 2017e	P/B	P/B 2017e	Est. ROE % (**)
Coverage Universe																							
BANK AUDI	AUDI LB	Financials	Commercial Banks	2,330.5	5.83	-14.3	5.80-6.97	Marketweight	7.00	-17%	8.6	0.50	49%	1.02	-15.0	1.11	7.46	8.06	5.7	5.3	0.8	0.7	12.9
BLOM BANK	BLOM LB	Financials	Commercial Banks	2,472.5	11.50	8.5	10.00-12.10	Overweight	13.00	-12%	8.7	1.00	43%	2.31	11.6	2.22	12.51	13.63	5.0	5.2	0.9	0.8	17.2
BYBLOS BANK	BYB LB	Financials	Commercial Banks	904.8	1.60	-5.9	1.57-1.75	Marketweight	1.50	7%	8.3	0.13	66%	0.20	-2.4	0.17	2.38	2.55	8.0	9.4	0.7	0.6	9.3
SOLIDERE - A	SOLA LB	Financials	Real Estate Management & Dev.	1,321.3	8.00	-30.0	7.40-12.48	Marketweight	8.50	-6%	N/A	0.00	NA	0.46	186.8	0.11	12.22	12.23	17.4	72.8	0.7	0.7	3.8
SOLIDERE - B	SOLB LB				8.02	-29.3	7.29-12.32																
Other Lebanese Listed Equities																							
BANK OF BEIRUT	BOB LB	Financials	Commercial Banks	948.8	18.80	0.0	18.80-18.80	Not Covered	N/C	N/C	3.5	0.66	23%	2.93	-1.9	N/C	29.84	N/C	6.4	N/C	0.6	N/C	11.0
BLC BANK	BLC LB	Financials	Commercial Banks	198.2	0.93	-6.1	0.93-1.69	Not Covered	N/C	N/C	9.3	0.09	N/A	0.25	-99.9	N/C	2.74	N/C	3.7	N/C	0.3	N/C	N/A
BEMO BANK	BEMO LB	Financials	Commercial Banks	116.1	1.55	-8.8	1.40-1.72	Not Covered	N/C	N/C	3.4	0.05	21%	0.25	17.8	N/C	2.62	N/C	6.1	N/C	0.6	N/C	11.0
HOLCIM (LIBAN)	HOLC LB	Materials	Const. Materials	253.9	13.01	10.7	10.28-15.87	Not Covered	N/C	N/C	6.5	0.85	33%	2.60	179.2	N/C	N/A	N/C	5.0	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A
CIMENTS BLANCS BEARER	CBB LB	Materials	Const. Materials	28.6	3.85	18.5	2.20-3.85	Not Covered	N/C	N/C	15.3	0.48	100%	0.49	58.4	N/C	2.10	N/C	6.5	N/C	1.5	N/C	24.2
CIMENTS BLANCS NOMINAL	CBN LB				1.82	15.9	1.57-3.10																
RASAMNY-YOUNIS MOTOR	RYM LB	Cons. Disc.	Specialty Retail	88.7	3.25	0.0	3.23-3.25	Not Covered	N/C	N/C	3.4	0.11	49%	0.22	101.4	N/C	1.91	N/C	14.7	N/C	1.7	N/C	9.5

N/A: Not Available, N/C: Not Covered

Source: FFA Private Bank, Company Reports, BSE website, Bloomberg

Market close on September 29, 2017

Currency: USD

(*) - Listed shares market price

(**) - Diluted EPS, EPS growth and ROE for covered companies are TTM, to common and based on latest reported results

- BVPS for covered companies is to common and based on latest reported results

- Diluted EPS, EPS growth, BVPS, and ROE for non-covered companies are from Bloomberg and may not refer to common

INVESTMENT OPINION:

Bank Audi

We value Bank Audi’s domestic leadership, asset quality and margins, and expect investors to gain confidence in its growth plan as higher quality earnings accelerate and risk diversifies away from its domestic market

Bank Audi is the largest Alpha bank in Lebanon in terms of balance sheet size with a demonstrated franchise and the confidence of its clients in Lebanon and abroad. We value its fundamentals mainly from the preservation of its asset quality and interest margins as well as an ambitious expansion strategy in Turkey that is materializing into assets diversifying away from Lebanon’s risk and towards gradually higher margins and trade finance driving higher quality core income despite some room for improvement on Tier 1 capital. We continue to rate Bank Audi shares at Marketweight although we see upside on account of: i) Turkey expansion with balance sheet expected to increase from one-quarter to one-third of total balance sheet by M-T ii) Egypt balance sheet expansion potentially reaching USD 10 billion by M-T iii) international expansion coupled with continued growth in domestic market should drive assets to target USD 55 billion by M-T, which on improved profitability should accelerate earnings and diversify risk.

Blom Bank

We view Blom Bank’s higher returns and solid liquidity and capitalization levels as a reflection of a prudent management team and highlight the Bank’s ability to propose higher dividends on account of lower than average payouts and excess capital buffers

We recognize Blom Bank’s solid positioning in its domestic market. We highlight the firm’s conservative strategy focusing on preserving asset quality and higher capitalization ratios which translates in lower cost of risk and excess common equity Tier 1 capital respectively. We highlight Blom Bank’s superior profitability and return ratios relative to its domestic peers from relatively higher operating efficiencies and margins, despite sizeable liquidity buffers. We also value Blom Bank’s higher quality core income which translates into steady earnings growth while dividends should continue to benefit from lower than average payouts and above average excess Tier 1 common equity capital.

Byblos Bank

While we like Byblos Bank’s solid domestic retail franchise with strong risk management practices, we believe additional value could be generated for investors by providing additional visibility on its growth plan via geographic diversification and new business segments

We recognize Byblos Bank’s position in its domestic retail market as well as its capacity to show sizeable liquidity buffers and superior asset/liability management practices, a validation of management’s risk practices although at the detriment of profitability ratios. We also recognize the firm’s leadership at better managing its asset/liability mismatch with the issuance of costlier longer term liabilities. We believe Byblos Bank’s shares could generate more value once the firm provides visibility on its business plan. We favor further efforts towards both organic and inorganic growth targeting geographical expansion and new business segments with focus on new markets and private banking/asset management which would respectively improve interest margins and core income.

Solidere

We remain cautious on Solidere shares given lack of visibility on cashflow for the medium term despite recent political developments. Expect tougher operating environment to limit land sales and weigh on credit quality, provisions and financing costs which may require the monetization of receivables and/or capital raise

We remain cautious on Solidere shares as marginal improvement in political/economic factors impacting the Lebanese property market have yet to translate into a more stable environment for investors and tourism and material rebound in demand for high-end land sales. We expect tougher operating environment to limit land sales and weigh on credit quality with higher provisions, while capex for land sales/investment properties, maturing term debt and increasing financing costs may require the monetization of receivables and/or capital raise. Longer term, we believe Solidere should benefit from renewed investor interest in the Lebanese high-end property market through rebound in land sales and as the company resumes completion of developed properties in the pipeline. Upside risks include a reactivation of political institutions through parliamentary elections and budget ratification, and improved political tensions regarding Syrian crisis.

Contacts

Head of Research: Anna Maria Chaaraoui

a.chaaraoui@ffaprivatebank.com +961 1 985195

Analyst: Nadine Mezher

n.mezher@ffaprivatebank.com +961 1 985195

Sales and Trading, FFA Private Bank (Beirut)

+961 1 985225

Sales and Trading, FFA Dubai Ltd (DIFC)

+971 4 3230300



Disclaimer

This document has been issued by FFA Private Bank ("FFA") for informational purposes only. It does not constitute an offer or a solicitation to buy or sell the securities mentioned or to participate in any particular trading or investment strategy. Although the information herein is believed to be reliable and has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, FFA makes no guarantee or warranty to the accuracy and thoroughness of the information mentioned and accepts no responsibility or liability for damages incurred as a result of opinions formed and decisions made based on information or opinions presented in this document. FFA makes reasonable efforts to provide accurate information and projections. However, certain statements in this document may constitute forward-looking statements or statements which may be deemed or construed to be forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve, and are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause the actual results, performance (financial or operating) or achievements to differ from the future results, performance (financial or operating) or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Therefore, FFA accepts no responsibility or liability for damages incurred as a result of opinions formed and decisions made based on these forward-looking statements, estimates and projections. The financial instruments discussed in this document may not be suitable for all investors and this document does not take into account particular investment objectives, financial situation or specific needs. Therefore, investors must make their own informed investment decisions. Investment transactions can lead to losses as a result of price fluctuations and other factors. One should therefore consider the appropriateness of the information provided herein in light of his own objectives, financial situation or needs before acting on the information. Opinions, estimates and projections expressed herein constitute the current judgment of the author as of the date of this document. They are subject to change without prior notice. FFA has no obligation to update, modify or amend this document or to otherwise notify a recipient thereof if any opinion, forecast, projection or estimate contained herein changes or subsequently becomes inaccurate.

FFA Private Bank s.a.l.

- One FFA Gate - Marfaa 128 - Foch Street
- Beirut Central District
- PO Box 90-1283 - Beirut - Lebanon
- Tel: +961.1.985 195
- Fax: +961.1.985 193
- <http://www.ffaprivatebank.com>

FFA Dubai Ltd

- Building 5 – Office 410
- Gate Precinct
- Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC)
- PO Box 506567 - Dubai - UAE
- Tel: +971.4.363 74 70
- Fax: +971.4.363 74 71
- <http://www.ffadubai.com>