

## LIENVIET POST BANK (LPB) - UPDATE

<b>Market Price</b> VND9,400	<b>Target Price</b> VND13,500	<b>Dividend Yield</b> 7.4%	<b>Rating</b> ADD	<b>Sector</b> FINANCIALS
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### Outlook – Short term



### Outlook – Long term



### Valuation



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### Key changes in the report

- FY18-19F EPS reduced by 39.3% - 36.8%

### Price performance



Source: VNDIRECT

### Key statistics

52w high (VND)	18,000
52w low (VND)	9,200
3m Avg daily volume (shares)	1.8mn
3m Avg daily value (VNDmn)	19,818
Market cap (VNDbn)	7,050
Outstanding shares (m)	750
Free float (%)	20
TTM P/E (x)	5.8x
Current P/B (x)	0.7x

### Ownership

Vietnam Post	12.5%
Nguyen Duc Huong (Chairman)	4.9%
H.T.H Co., Ltd	4.8%
Nguyen Dinh Thang	4.3%
Khai Hung Co., Ltd	2.5%
Others	70.9%

Source: VNDIRECT

**First half 2018 performance dealt double blows of higher funding costs and a fall in LDR on the back of retail network expansion.**

**1H18 results were disappointing as network expansion increased costs but has yet to reap earnings.** 1H18 pretax profit fell 32.1% yoy to VND618bn, fulfilling 34% of the bank's FY18F pretax profit target and 28% of our FY18F forecasts. Net Interest Income (NII) dropped 8.7% yoy, while non-Interest Income (non-II) losses widened to VND163bn from VND57bn in 1H17. On a positive note, the bank clocked 143.2% yoy growth in Net Fee Income (NFI), although NFI only contributed 2% to the Total Operating Income (TOI).

**NII plummeted due to NIM compression (-44bp yoy).** Lower NIM was driven by a 68bp increase yoy in funding costs, outpacing the 15bp increase in asset yields. The sharp increase in funding costs was driven by: 1) CASA ratio decreasing to 21.9% at end-1H18 from 30.5% at end-1H17; 2) VND4.2trl of new valuable papers with tenure of 1 to 5 years and higher interest rates (from 6.6% - 9.0%) issued in 1H18; and 3) interbank funding dropping by 88.5% yoy. Deposit growth of 35.3% yoy outpaced 23.8% yoy loan growth, and we believe the rapid branch network expansion attracted more individual deposits while loan growth through these branches needs more time to catch up.

**Non-II posted bigger loss than the same period last year.** LPB posted a loss of VND163bn in 1H18 versus a VND57bn loss in 1H17. In 1H18, LPB booked VND81bn in provisions for the bank's investment in banking stocks due to the recent sharp stock market re-rating. Consequently, income from investment securities posted a loss of VND50bn compared to VND304bn profit in 1H17. In 1H18, LPB incurred VND217bn of other expenses, lower than VND408bn incurred in 1H17.

**FY18F guidance lowered as the State Bank of Vietnam (SBV) tightens credit growth.** In the 2018 AGM, management expected LPB would be allowed to increase its credit growth quota from 14% to 20%. However, the SBV started to tighten credit growth to combat inflation. This means the SBV will not increase the credit growth quota for banks in FY18F. As a result, the bank's management revised guidance for FY18F, reducing pretax profit target by 33% from VND1,800bn previously to VND1,200bn.

**We lower our target price from VND19,000 to VND13,500, but maintain ADD rating,** on the back of: 1) the benefits of network expansion materialising in the medium term; 2) high dividend yield of 7.4%; 3) cheap valuation at FY18F P/B of 0.7x versus peer average of 1.8x. Our TP has been cut by 29% as we lowered our loan growth forecast for FY18F from 20% to 14% on stricter credit control from SBV and also lower our NIM forecast for FY18F by 43bp.

Financial summary (VND)	12-16A	12-17A	12-18E	12-19E
Net interest income (bn)	4,024	5,227	5,224	5,988
Net interest margin	3.5%	3.6%	3.2%	3.3%
Total operating income (bn)	3,872	5,103	4,872	5,784
Total provision charges (bn)	(492)	(522)	(469)	(530)
Net profit (bn)	1,063	1,368	1,032	1,201
Net profit growth	203.8%	28.7%	(24.6%)	16.4%
Adjusted EPS	1,467	1,740	1,236	1,428
BVPS	12,168	13,074	14,058	15,059
ROAE	13.3%	15.4%	10.4%	11.0%

Source: VNDIRECT

**1H18: SLUGGISH PERFORMANCE AS NETWORK EXPANSION INCREASED COSTS WITHOUT RESULTING BENEFITS YET**

Figure 1: Results comparison (VND bn, otherwise noted)

FYE (VNDbn)	2QFY18	% yoy	1HFY18	% yoy	vs. old forecasts	vs. revised forecasts	Comments
Net interest income	1,126	-12%	2,321	-9%	38%	44%	Below our old forecasts due to NIM compression.
Non-interest income	(172)	nm	(163)	nm	nm	46%	Below our old forecasts due to provision expense for stocks in LPB's investment portfolio and other expenses were higher than our previous forecasts.
Operating revenue	954	-25%	2,158	-13%	35%	44%	
Operating expenses	(709)	1%	(1,344)	11%	39%	44%	
Pre-provision profit	246	-57%	814	-36%	30%	45%	Below our old forecasts.
Provision expenses	(87)	-35%	(196)	-46%	41%	42%	Below our old forecasts as 1H18 provisioning was slow due to weak performance in 1H18.
Pretax profit	159	-64%	618	-32%	28%	46%	
Net profit	129	-64%	508	-28%	30%	49%	Below our old forecasts.

Source: VNDIRECT, Company reports

**Net interest income plummeted due to NIM compression (-44bp yoy).** Lower NIM was driven by a 68bp yoy increase in funding costs, outpacing the 15bp increase in asset yields. In our view, LPB has been expanding its network in the first six months via the postal channel and, as a result, customer deposits have grown quickly, but lending via the postal channel is taking a longer time to catch up. 1H18 deposit growth of 35.3% yoy outpaced loan growth of 23.8% yoy. All of the new deposits were from individual customers, lifting the contribution of individual deposits to total deposits from 46% as of end-FY17 to 57% as of end-2Q18. Meanwhile, CASA ratio decreased to 21.9% by end-1H18 from 30.5% by end-1H17 largely due to the increased preference of retail customers to put their money into term deposits.

In 1H18, LPB also issued VND4.2trl valuable papers with tenure of 1 to 5 years at higher interest rates (from 6.6% - 9.0%) in order to raise medium and long-term funds to reduce the ratio of short-term funds used for medium/long-term loans. Meanwhile, the robust customer deposits growth led interbank borrowings balance to drop 88.5% yoy, and its contribution to the total funding mix shrank from 11% at end-1H17 to just 1% at end-1H18. The change in funding mix to a higher cost resulted in a 68bp yoy hike in funding costs, resulting in lower NIMs. However, customer deposit is a more stable source of fund as individuals often place idle cash as term deposits for long period of time and the interest rates on customer deposits are less fluctuate than interest rates on interbank market.

**Non-interest income posted bigger losses than in the same period last year.** LPB posted a loss of VND163bn in 1H18 versus VND57bn in losses in 1H17. In 1H18, LPB booked a VND81bn provision for the bank's investment in banking stocks due to the recent sharp market re-rating which hit banking names particularly hard. Consequently, investment securities posted a loss of VND50bn compared to VND304bn in profits in 1H17. In 1H18, LPB incurred VND217bn of other expenses, lower than VND408bn incurred in 1H17.

**OPEX increased 11.2% yoy due to network expansion while provision expenses dropped 46.5% yoy as provisioning was slow in 1H18.** In our view, the slow pace of provisioning was due to weak operating income in 1H18. New provisions booked for on-balance sheet loans in 1H18 was 26.8% lower than the amount booked in the same period last year. The new provision booked for VAMC loans in 1H18 was minimal at around VND12bn. We expect provision

expenses will be higher in 2H18 as the bank needs to increase provisioning for VAMC bonds.

### OUTLOOK

**In our view, 2H18 performance should be better** led by: 1) higher fee income as LPB has raised its service fees since Jun 1, 2018; 2) LPB would not incur additional provisions for its equity investments in 2H18 thanks to the recovery in the stock market. However, as NIM dropped in 1H18, we reduce our NIM forecasts for FY18-20F by 43bp, 39bp and 34bp, for each year, respectively.

In addition, SBV will not be lifting its credit growth quota in FY18F and we expect credit growth will be under stricter control in the coming years. Thus, we lower loan growth forecasts for FY18F from 20% to 14% and for FY19-20F from 18% to 15%. We also revise down our non-II forecasts as LPB incurred VND81bn provision expense for investment securities in 1H18 and other expenses incurred in 1H18 were higher than our expectations. Accordingly, FY18/19/20F net profit forecasts are reduced by 39.3%, 36.8% and 30.1%, respectively.

Figure 2: Changes in our forecasts (VNDbn, otherwise noted)

FYE (VNDbn)	2017A	2018F			Comments
		Old	New	% change	
Net interest income	5.227	6.113	5.224	-15%	We revise down our NII forecasts as NIM decreased in 1H18 and the credit growth quota will not be lifted this year.
Non-interest income	(124)	16	(352)	n/m	We lower non-II forecasts as LPB booked VND81bn of provision for investment securities in 1H18 and 1H18 other expenses were higher than our expectations.
Operating revenue	5.103	6.129	4.872	-21%	
Operating expenses	(2.813)	(3.451)	(3.069)	-11%	
Pre-provision profit	2.290	2.678	1.803	-33%	
Provision expenses	(522)	(480)	(469)	-2%	Sluggish performance prompted us to slightly lower provision expense in FY18F because we expect new provision for on-balance sheet loan will slow down.
Pretax profit	1.768	2.198	1.333	-39%	
Net profit	1.368	1.701	1.032	-39%	

Source: VNDIRECT, Company reports

## VALUATION

We lower our target price by 29% from VND19,000 to VND13,500, as we reduced our FY18F/FY19F net profit projections by 39.3%/36.8% respectively. We also lower our target P/B from 1.4x to 1.0x due to the recent re-rating of banking stocks and LPB's sluggish performance in 1H18. But we believe that this poor performance in 1H18 has been priced-in as LPB currently trades at a FY18F P/E of 7.6x, a 41% discount to the peer average. We still maintain our Add recommendation on LPB, for the following reasons: 1) the benefits of network expansion will materialise in the medium term as deposits raised via postal channels will be used for retail lending which carries high yields; 2) high dividend yield of 7.4%; 3) cheap valuation at FY18F P/B of 0.7x versus the peer average of 1.8x.

Figure 3: Our target price calculation

Approach	Weighting	Fair value (VND/share)	Contribution (VND/share)
Residual income	70%	12,752	8,927
P/B multiple (at 1.0x FY19F P/B)	30%	15,059	4,518
<b>Target price (VND/share)</b>			<b>13,444</b>
<b>Target price (VND/share, rounded)</b>			<b>13,500</b>

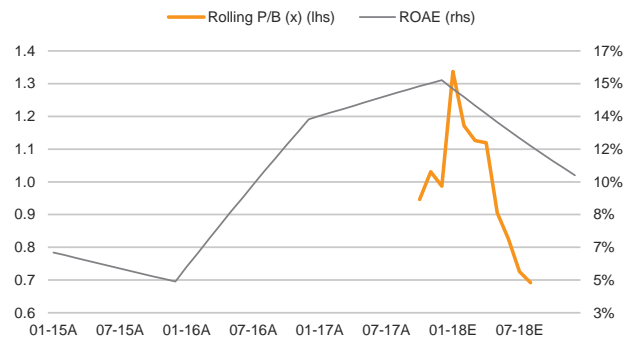
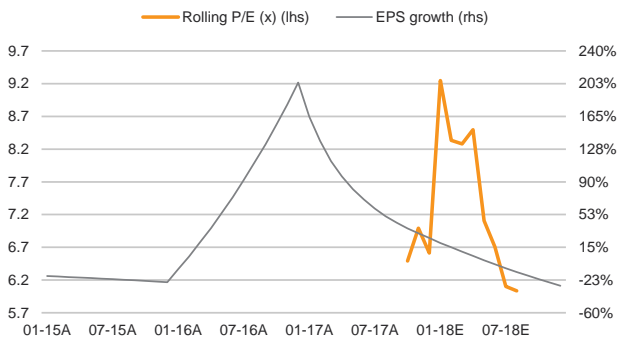
Source: VNDIRECT

Figure 4: Bank multiple comparison

Banks	Market cap (VND bn)	TTM ROA	TTM ROE	Current P/B	TTM P/E	FY18 P/B	FY18 P/E
BID	116,236	0.7%	16.3%	2.3	14.3	2.2	19.2
CTG	101,277	0.7%	11.9%	1.5	13.0	1.4	13.1
MBB	51,635	1.4%	15.1%	1.5	11.5	1.6	9.8
ACB	42,078	1.2%	21.5%	2.4	13.1	2.1	11.2
VIB	12,933	1.4%	19.1%	1.6	8.8	1.5	11.3
<b>Average</b>	<b>64,832</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>16.8%</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>12.9</b>
<b>LPB</b>	<b>7,050</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>

Source: Bloomberg, VNDIRECT

**Valuation**



**Income statement**

(VNDbn)	12-17A	12-18E	12-19E
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>5,227</b>	<b>5,224</b>	<b>5,988</b>
<b>Non interest income</b>	<b>(124)</b>	<b>(352)</b>	<b>(204)</b>
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>5,103</b>	<b>4,872</b>	<b>5,784</b>
Total operating costs	(2,813)	(3,069)	(3,702)
<b>Pre-provision operating profit</b>	<b>2,290</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>2,082</b>
<b>Total provision charges</b>	<b>(522)</b>	<b>(469)</b>	<b>(530)</b>
Income from associates & JVs			
Net other income			
<b>Pre-tax profit</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>1,552</b>
Tax expense	(400)	(302)	(351)
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>1,201</b>
Minority interest	0	0	0
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>1,201</b>

**Balance sheet**

(VNDbn)	12-17A	12-18E	12-19E
Gross loans to customers	100,621	114,708	131,914
Loans to banks			
<b>Total gross loans</b>	<b>100,621</b>	<b>114,708</b>	<b>131,914</b>
Securities - total	32,650	35,692	40,199
Other interest earning assets	23,292	19,491	21,441
<b>Total gross IEAs</b>	<b>156,563</b>	<b>169,891</b>	<b>193,554</b>
<b>Total provisions</b>	<b>(2,015)</b>	<b>(2,284)</b>	<b>(2,673)</b>
<b>Net loans to customers</b>	<b>99,392</b>	<b>113,431</b>	<b>130,448</b>
<b>Total net IEAs</b>	<b>154,548</b>	<b>167,608</b>	<b>190,880</b>
Cash and deposits	893	1,607	1,768
Total investments	325	357	393
Other assets	7,668	8,435	9,279
<b>Total non-IEAs</b>	<b>8,886</b>	<b>10,399</b>	<b>11,439</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>163,434</b>	<b>178,007</b>	<b>202,319</b>
Customer deposits	128,275	148,799	172,607
Cds outstanding	6,157	10,159	10,159
Customer interest-bearing liabilities	134,433	158,959	182,767
Bank deposits	1,332	1,931	1,545
Broad deposits	135,764	160,889	184,311
Other interest-bearing liabilities	14,709	2,524	2,321
<b>Total IBLs</b>	<b>150,473</b>	<b>163,414</b>	<b>186,632</b>
Deferred tax liability			
Other non-interest bearing liabilities	3,577	4,050	4,393
<b>Total non-IBLs</b>	<b>3,577</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>4,393</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>154,050</b>	<b>167,464</b>	<b>191,025</b>
Share capital	6,460	7,500	7,500
Additional paid-in capital	0	0	0
Treasury shares			
Retained earnings reserve	1,794	1,978	2,729
Other reserves	1,129	1,066	1,066
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>	<b>9,383</b>	<b>10,544</b>	<b>11,294</b>
Minority interest	0	0	0
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>9,383</b>	<b>10,544</b>	<b>11,295</b>
<b>Total liabilities &amp; equity</b>	<b>163,434</b>	<b>178,007</b>	<b>202,319</b>

	12-17A	12-18E	12-19E
<b>Growth rate (yoy)</b>			
Cust deposit growth	15.6%	16.0%	16.0%
Gross cust loan growth	26.3%	14.0%	15.0%
Net interest income growth	29.9%	(0.1%)	14.6%
Pre provision operating profit growth	24.4%	(21.3%)	15.5%
Net profit growth	28.7%	(24.6%)	16.4%
Growth in IEAs	15.8%	8.5%	13.9%
<b>Share value</b>			
Basic EPS (VND)	1,951	1,385	1,601
BVPS (VND)	13,074	14,058	15,059
DPS (VND)	1,000	600	600
EPS growth	25.7%	(29.0%)	15.6%

**Key ratios**

	12-17A	12-18E	12-19E
Net interest margin	3.6%	3.2%	3.3%
Cost-income ratio	(55.1%)	(63.0%)	(64.0%)
Reported NPLs / gross cust loans	1.1%	0.9%	0.9%
Reported NPLs / net cust loans	1.1%	0.9%	0.9%
GP charge / average cust loans	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%
Total CAR	11.0%	10.5%	10.0%
Loan deposit ratio	74.8%	72.2%	72.2%
<b>Margins and spreads</b>			
Return on IEAs	7.9%	8.2%	8.4%
Cost of funds	4.5%	5.2%	5.3%
Interest return on average assets	3.4%	3.1%	3.1%
ROAE	15.4%	10.4%	11.0%

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