

Argenta Spaarbank N.V.

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Issuer Credit Rating
A/Stable/A-1
Resolution Counterparty Rating
A+/-/A-1

SACP: bbb+ 			Support: +2 		Additional factors: 0	
Anchor	bbb+		ALAC support	+2	Issuer credit rating	
Business position	Moderate	-1	GRE support	0		
Capital and earnings	Very strong	+2	Group support	0	Resolution counterparty rating	
Risk position	Moderate	-1	Sovereign support	0		
Funding	Adequate	0			A+/A-1	
Liquidity	Adequate					
CRA adjustment		0				

ALAC--Additional loss-absorbing capacity. CRA--Comparable ratings analysis. GRE--Government-related entity. ICR--Issuer credit rating. SACP--Stand-alone credit profile.

Credit Highlights

Overview	
Key strengths	Key risks
Focused retail-banking strategy, with the insurance and asset management businesses gradually gaining more importance.	Retail business concentration and limited geographical reach compared with its largest peers.
Low credit risk profile in the regions where it operates.	Still higher reliance on net interest income than larger and more diversified peers.
Very strong capitalization and sound funding and liquidity profiles.	

Our analysis focuses on the consolidated accounts of Argenta bank – en Verzekeringsgroep N.V. (Argenta or the group; not rated), Argenta Bank's ultimate parent. Argenta Bank provides the group's banking operations and will likely continue to account for a significant portion of its total assets (about 89% as of end-2024) and operating revenue (about 80%). We therefore view Argenta Bank as a core entity of the group.

Outlook

The stable outlook on Argenta Bank reflects our view that the bank will remain financially sound despite the challenging macroeconomic environment, with stable asset quality metrics over the next 18-24 months. We also expect that Argenta Bank will maintain its RAC ratio above 15% over the next 18-24 months, as well as a comfortable buffer of bail-in-able instruments of above 8% over the same period.

Downside scenario

We could lower our ratings if the bank is unable to maintain its additional loss-absorbing capacity (ALAC) buffer above 8% of our projected risk-weighted assets (RWAs).

Though not our base case, we could also lower our ratings on Argenta Bank if the bank's capitalization weakens, with the RAC ratio falling below 15%, and it becomes less resilient to the evolving macroeconomic, operating, and competitive environment.

Upside scenario

An upgrade is remote at this time.

Key Metrics

Argenta Bank - en Verzekeringsgroep N.V.--Key ratios and forecasts

	--Fiscal year ended Dec. 31--				
(%)	2022a	2023a	2024e	2025f	2026f
Growth in operating revenue	(3.0)	11.9	1.1-1.3	0.0-(1.0)	0.8-1.1
Growth in customer loans	7.2	3.3	3.0-3.3	3.2-3.9	3.1-3.8
Growth in total assets	7.4	1.3	3.5-4.0	2.4-2.9	2.3-2.8
Cost-to-income ratio	65.6	58.3	56.5-59.5	58.1-61.1	57.5-60.5
Return on average common equity	7.3	9.0	8.3-9.2	7.7-8.4	7.4-8.2
Return on assets	0.4	0.5	0.5-0.6	0.4-0.5	0.4-0.5
New loan loss provisions/ average customer loans	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0-0.1	0.1-0.1
Gross nonperforming assets/ customer loans	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4-0.4	0.4-0.4
Risk-adjusted capital ratio	16.2	16.3	16.4-17.3	16.6-17.4	16.7-17.5

All figures include S&P Global Ratings' adjustments. a--Actual. e--Estimate. f--Forecast. NIM--Net interest margin.

We believe Argenta Bank's profitability will remain solid despite its ongoing IT-related investments and the relatively high competitiveness of the Belgian and Dutch banking sectors. We expect the group to generate quite stable and recurring revenue from its loan book, and we foresee further fee and commission income potential coming from daily banking packages, insurance distribution, and asset management. Cross-selling remains a key strategic focus for Argenta Bank as domestic competition, particularly for mortgages and deposits in Belgium, remains quite high. We

expect the bank will continue to focus on cost controls and efficiencies. That said, limiting inflation in the cost base while keeping up with needed investments will remain an important challenge in the coming years. Therefore, we expect Argenta Bank's cost-to-income ratio to stay within 58%-60% (S&P Global Ratings-adjusted) over the next two years.

We expect Argenta Bank's risk profile to remain resilient over the forecast horizon. Our assessment balances the group's low-risk retail profile and its high geographic and sector concentrations. The group has a good loan loss track record with cost of risk consistently below 10 basis points (bps). The bank's loan portfolio is primarily composed of fixed-rate mortgages with a loan-to-value ratio on its total stock of 52%. Additionally, 42% of the Dutch mortgages (or 21% of total loan portfolio) are covered by the National Mortgage Guarantee (NHG) as of end-2024. Therefore, we expect nonperforming exposures to remain stable at 0.4% of the total customer loan portfolio and cost of risk to be about 5 bps.

Capitalization will remain the bank's key strength. We estimate that Argenta Bank's risk-adjusted capital (RAC) ratio will be 16.5%-17.5% over the next two years, slightly up from the 16.4% we calculate at year-end 2023 thanks to retained profits. In particular, we calculate that Argenta Bank will achieve a 7.5%-8.2% return on equity in 2025-2026, while distributing about 45%-50% of annual net income, in line with its dividend policy. We assume that S&P Global Ratings RWAs could increase by 4%-5% over the same period, mostly reflecting the bank's organic growth.

Anchor: 'bbb+' Based On The Weighted Average Of Economic Risk For The Bank's Countries Of Operation

Argenta Bank's 'bbb+' anchor reflects the blended Banking Industry Country Risk Assessment (BICRA) economic risk scores of the countries where the bank operates and Belgian industry risk. The bank's exposures are almost equally split between Belgium and the Netherlands, resulting in weighted-average economic risk score of '2.5', on a scale of 1-10 (where '1' is the lowest risk and '10' is the highest). Our economic risk trend for the bank's two key markets is stable.

Our assessment of Argenta Bank's industry risk is based solely on that of Belgium, which is its domicile and the jurisdiction responsible for its regulation. Our assessment of the industry risk trend for Belgium-based banks is stable. The decreasing interest-rate environment is expected to negatively impact Belgium banks' net interest margins while supporting lending volumes and asset quality. Nevertheless, we expect Belgium banks' profitability to have peaked in 2023 and we forecast systemwide returns on average assets to reduce to 65-70 bps in 2025-2026 from 81 bps in 2023 due to still-elevated albeit receding inflation, ongoing investment in IT and digital applications, and strong competition for domestic retail mortgage and deposits. Still, Belgium banks' bancassurance models will continue to underpin their resiliency. Customer deposits remain at the core of banks' funding, fully financing outstanding loans. We anticipate the loan-to-deposit ratio--as per our calculation--will stabilize to about 87%-88%. We consider Belgian systemwide funding benefits from a robust domestic financial market and potential funding support from the ECB, among other factors.

Business Position: A Savings Bank Growing At A Sustained Pace

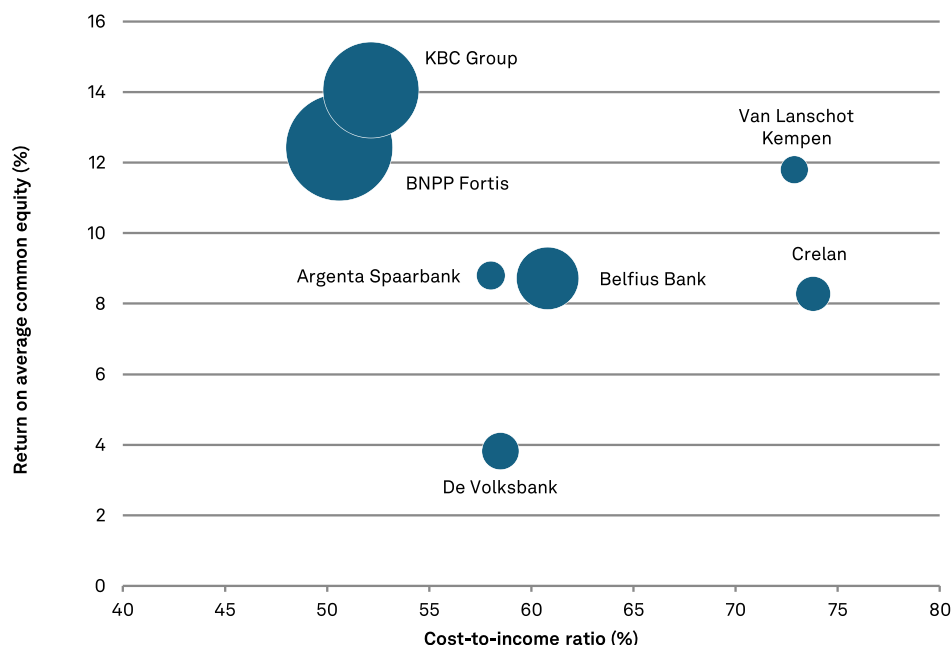
We view Argenta Bank's business position, with its less diversified business profile and smaller geographical footprint, as a relative weakness compared to that of the larger banks dominating the Belgian and Dutch markets. Its peer group in these two markets includes BNP Paribas Fortis SA/NV, KBC Group N.V., and Belfius Bank SA/NV in Belgium and De Volksbank N.V. in the Netherlands.

Argenta Bank is a savings bank with total assets of €55.8 billion as of end-2024. The bank has been growing at a sustained pace, essentially by maintaining its market share in a segment it knows very well--mortgage loans (about 6.6% market share in Belgium and 2.5% in the Netherlands). It provides financial services related to savings and life insurance products and for retail investment funds. The bank generates stable and recurring revenue from its loan book, and we foresee further revenue potential from insurance distribution and asset management given that cross-selling remains a key strategic focus for Argenta Bank, which should support revenue generation and client retention.

While advancing its general business strategy, the group continues to focus on further improving Argenta Bank's digital capabilities and, in our view, adequately caters for customers' digital preferences. The focus is on customer relevance in terms of product offering and optimal distribution channel for each client segment and proposition. The group is moving more and more to an app as a main portal for all clients, with personal advice if need arises. Currently, in addition to its digital presence, Argenta Bank operates through a network of local agents and advisors. It is also enhancing its digitizing processes and documents to bring simplicity to all operations and, along with cost controls, improve its efficiency. That said, limiting inflation in the cost base while keeping up with needed investments remains an important challenge for the coming years, in our view.

Chart 1

Argenta Bank's profitability and efficiency ratios are in the middle of its peer group



Bubble size represents revenue. Data represent actual 2024 for KBC and De Volksbank, end-2023 for BNPP Fortis and 2024 estimates for the rest. Source: S&P Global Ratings.

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Capital And Earnings: Solid Profitability Supports Capital Build-Up

We view Argenta Bank's capital and earnings position as a rating strength. Its prudent capital management and stable retained earnings preserves its sound solvency level and supports our RAC calculation. We expect its RAC to remain flat and hover around 16.5%-17.5% over the next two years. Our RAC ratio is lower than the regulatory Tier 1 ratio of 26.9% (the regulatory requirement was 14.92% at mid-2024) mainly because of our higher risk weights on corporate and retail exposures (Argenta uses an internal ratings-based approach for credit risk) and because we deduct the insurance participation from our measure of capital (rather than risk weight it at 370% as allowed by the "Danish Compromise" regulatory approach). At the same time, we also estimate that the insurance subsidiary has an overcapitalization under a "substantial stress" scenario (99.8% insurance risk-based capital requirement). We apply a 375% risk weight to the overcapitalization of insurance subsidiaries and then deduct it from our RWAs. This resulted in an about 140 bps positive effect on Argenta Bank's RAC at year-end 2023.

We forecast the bank's S&P Global Ratings RWAs will increase by about 4%-5% in 2025-2026. This is largely in line with the expected loan book growth reflecting that we anticipate its loan portfolio composition will remain largely stable over our forecast period. We forecast the bank's net interest income to reduce by 1%-2% over 2025-2026 as its

net interest margin will likely reduce slightly alongside interest rates. However, we also expect its lending origination and asset management and insurance income will support its revenue generation. We forecast costs to increase only moderately resulting in its cost-to-income ratio remaining about 57%-60% over 2025-2026. We anticipate resilient asset quality, with cost of risk contained below 10 bps, supporting the bank's profitability. We expect a return on average common equity of about 7.5%-8.2% over the next two years.

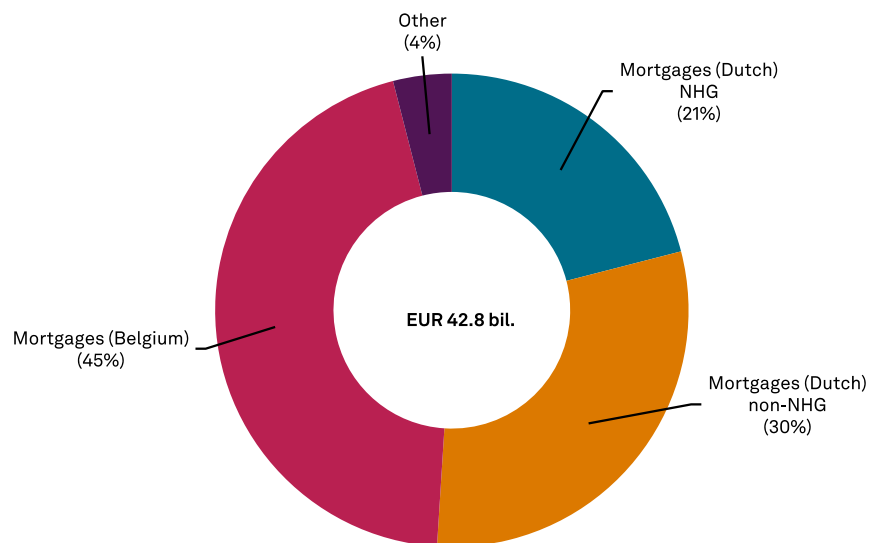
Risk Position: Low Credit Risk But Concentrated Exposures

We think that Argenta Bank's risk management capabilities are solid, supporting good underwriting standards and stable asset quality metrics. Its credit losses remain low as it is predominantly exposed to Belgian and Dutch mortgages (97% of the loan book as of end-2024), which we view as low-risk asset classes. That said, we see concentration on a single asset class in Belgium and the Netherlands as a constraining factor in our risk position assessment, because this concentration exposes Argenta Bank to potential weakness in the domestic real estate markets.

We expect the bank's nonperforming assets to remain stable over the next two years, at around 0.40% (0.44% as of end-2023; as per S&P Global Ratings' calculation), and cost of risk to be contained at 5-7 bps. The bank's asset quality is supported by its prudent underwriting approach and the Belgian and Dutch economies with their stable unemployment and growing disposable incomes amid declining inflation, normalizing interest rates, and the wage-indexation mechanism in Belgium. Good asset quality partly reflects the bank's focus on Flanders, the wealthiest of the two main regions in Belgium, and one of the wealthiest regions in Europe when measured by GDP per capita. Furthermore, the NHG guarantee covers 42% of mortgages in the Netherlands (or about 21% of total loan portfolio), limiting the potential net loss for the bank in case of adverse macroeconomic and residential real estate developments.

Chart 2

Argenta's loan book composition (%)



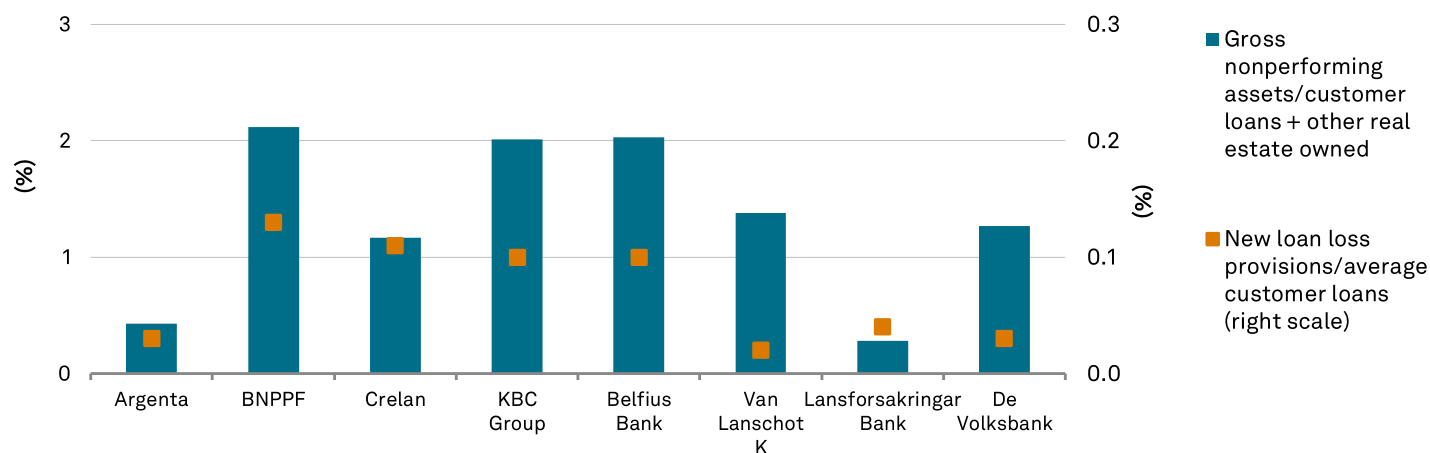
Source: S&P Global Ratings.

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Chart 3

Argenta Bank's NPAs and credit losses remain low compared to peers

Gross nonperforming assets to customer loans and new loan loss provisions



Source: S&P Global Ratings.

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We also consider the credit risk embedded in Argenta Bank's investment portfolio (€12.1 billion or 19% of total assets as of end-2024) to be low. The portfolio is almost exclusively investment grade (48% in the 'AA' category and above) with unrealized losses reducing to €37 million at end-2024 (from €72 million as of mid-2024).

The bank's exposure to interest-rate risk in its banking book is structural and stems from having a large proportion of fixed-rate assets (mortgage loans and bonds) and being mainly retail funded. We think Argenta Bank's prudent asset-liability management and hedging strategies have helped it manage the implications of fluctuating interest rates, monitor the pace of repricing its loan books, and adapt to a higher cost of funding, especially on the back of the disruptive issuance of Belgian state bonds in third-quarter 2023. That said, hedging strategies can be costly, potentially weighing on the NIM, and can result in profit and loss volatility due to hedging inefficiencies. At mid-year 2024, Argenta estimated that a 200 bps decrease in the rate curve would affect its net interest income by negative €62 million (reduced from negative €97.8 million as of end-2023).

Funding And Liquidity: Balanced Profile With High Share Of Deposit Funding

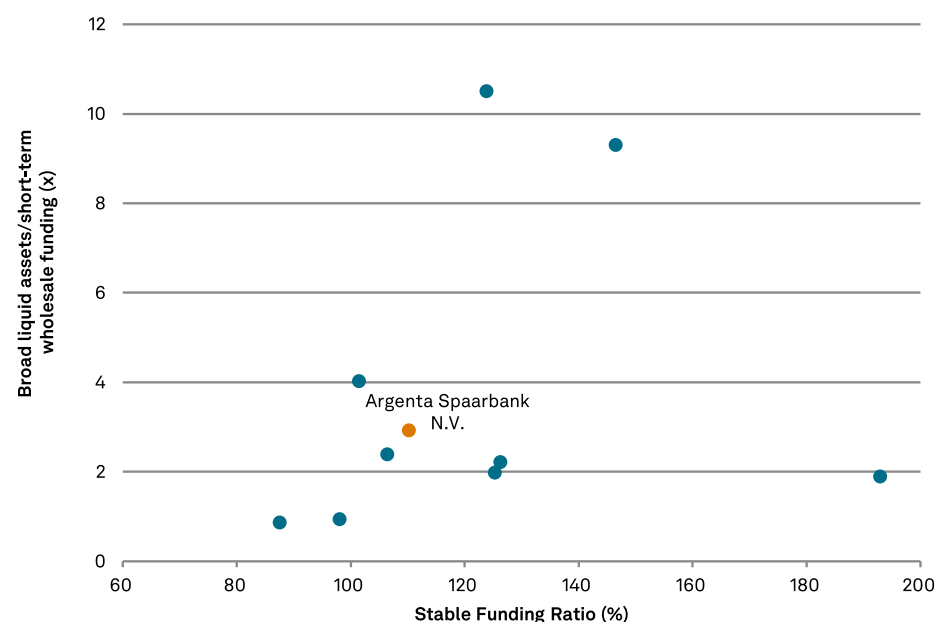
We view Argenta Bank's funding and liquidity profile to be sound, overall, in line with domestic peers' and neutral to our ratings. The bank has a very good deposit franchise and we anticipate it will maintain a comfortable liquidity buffer, with limited recourse to short-term debt.

We note the granularity of the deposit base (representing about 84% of the funding base), the bank's strong retail franchise in Flanders, and the stability of the deposit base over the past few decades, even in challenging times for Belgian banks. The bank benefits from a decent franchise in capital markets and its wholesale funding, representing about 15% of the funding mix, has shifted to covered bonds from RMBS over the past few years in line with market trends. Our loan-to-deposit ratio stays at around 98% while our stable funding ratio is steady (between 100% and 102% since 2018), pointing to a well-matched asset-liability profile.

Chart 4

Argenta Bank's funding and liquidity profile remains balanced

Stable funding ratio (%) and broad liquid assets/short-term wholesale funding (x)



Source: S&P Global Ratings.

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About 22% of the bank's balance sheet (€12.1 billion) comprises cash and high-quality liquid securities in its bond portfolio, essentially level 1 assets that are eligible collateral in ECB open market operations.

Support: Two Notches Of Uplift For ALAC Support

Since 2022, we have not seen Argenta's preferred strategy of a sale of the business as implying additional risks for senior creditors in a resolution scenario versus an open bank bail-in. Although the bank could contemplate a partial sale in a resolution scenario, we consider a sale of the whole business as more likely. This reflects the noncomplex nature of the business itself--with its focus on mortgages--and the existence of banking players, both in Belgium and

the Netherlands, that would be willing to complete a deal and be capable of doing so.

Furthermore, the substantial amount of subordinated bail-inable liabilities would facilitate both the bank's loss-absorption and its recapitalization, reducing the risk of senior creditors facing losses in a resolution scenario. Therefore, we give full credit (two notches of support) to the bank's ALAC buffer, which we estimate will stay at 12.3% as of end-2024, and we expect that it will remain comfortably above 8.0% of S&P Global Ratings' forecasted RWAs over the next two years. The threshold we apply for Argenta Bank is above our standard 6% as the bank's ALAC buffer is supported by a limited number of instruments--four SNP issuances as of end-year 2024--along with the relatively short maturities for the SNPs, which we view as slightly negative.

Environmental, Social, And Governance

In our view, environmental, social, and governance factors have no material influence on our credit rating analysis of Argenta Bank. Environmental factors for Argenta Bank are broadly in line with those for banking industry in Belgium. The bank plans to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 and aims for a sustainable mortgages portfolio (representing most of its loan portfolio) and to focus on positive impacts via a sustainable investment strategy for its asset management funds and investment portfolios. Social factors remain important as the group focuses on retail customers while regulators keep paying significant attention to customer protection. We think Argenta Bank has good conduct risk management of its products and sales processes.

In terms of governance, we view Argenta Bank as having a good record of strategic planning and execution, and sound risk management. Its management structure has been stable, enabling the bank to maintain its stable financial performance.

Group Structure, Rated Subsidiaries, And Hybrids

Argenta Bank is owned by Argenta Bank- en Verzekeringsgroep NV, a holding company 87.4% owned by Investar NV (representing the interests of the Belgian founding family) and 12.6% owned by Argen-Co (representing about 70,000 cooperative shareholders). The holding company has full control of Argenta Bank and its sister company and insurance arm Argenta Assuranties (not rated). Governance standards are in place and we do not see instances of the family's interference in operations. Rather, the bank has historically led a prudent strategy, focused more on the predictability of earnings than on profit maximization, and operated a simple, customer-centric savings banks business model.

We notch down our ratings on Argenta Bank's hybrid debt from the stand-alone credit profile because we expect these instruments to be written down or converted into equity in a resolution scenario. Therefore, they do not benefit from the bank's ALAC buffer.

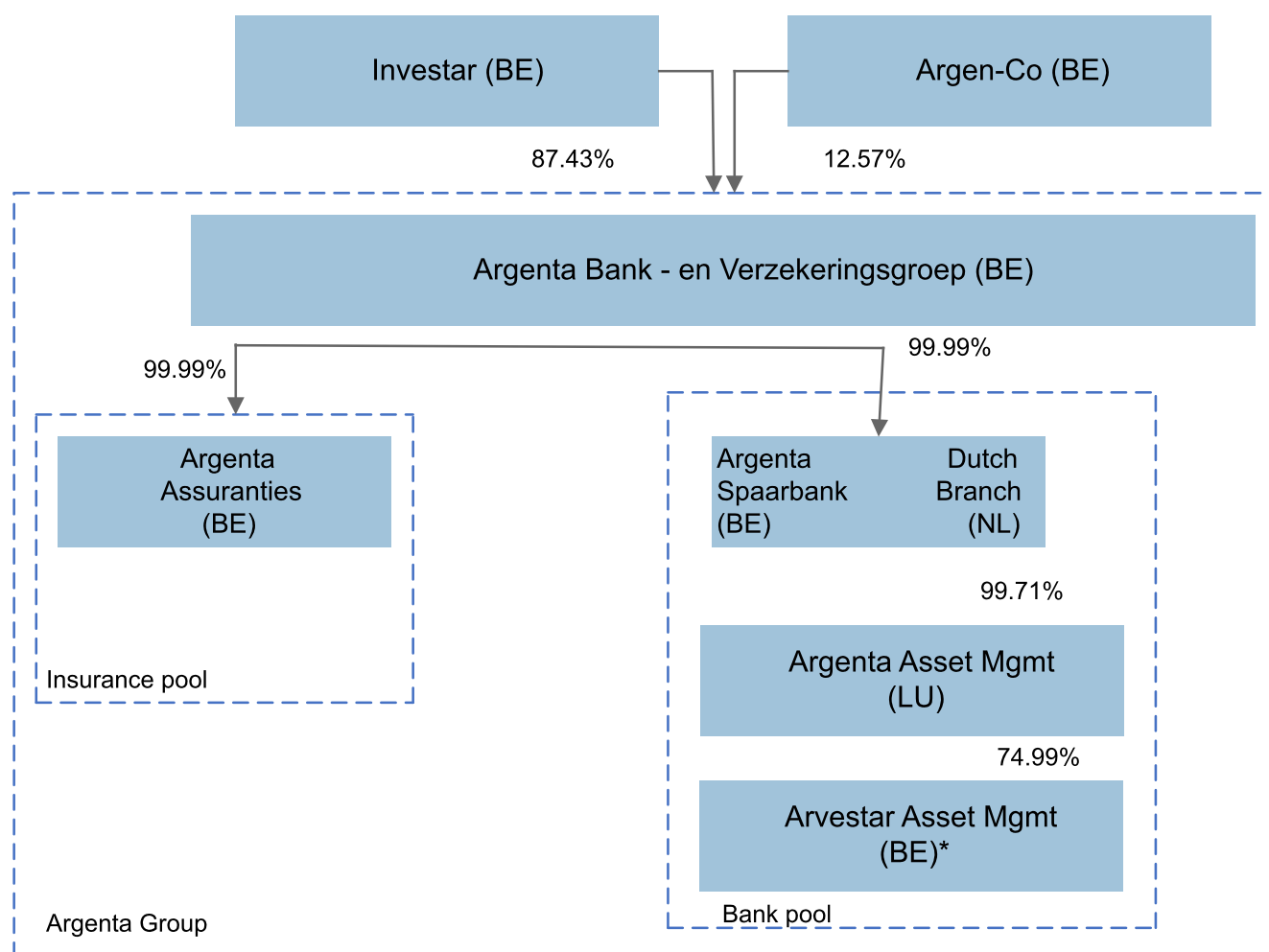
Resolution Counterparty Ratings (RCRs)

Our 'A+' long-term RCR on Argenta Bank is one notch above the long-term issuer credit rating. The RCR reflects our typical approach under our framework when the ICR ranges from 'BBB-' to 'A+' along with our jurisdiction assessment for Belgium.

An RCR is a forward-looking opinion of the relative default risk of certain senior liabilities that may be protected from default through an effective bail-in resolution process for the issuing financial institutions. RCRs apply to issuers in jurisdictions where we assess the resolution regime to be effective and we consider the issuer likely to be subject to a resolution that entails a bail-in if it reaches nonviability.

Argenta Group consists of an insurance arm and a banking arm

Argenta group structure, as of Dec. 31, 2024



*Arvestar Asset Management (AAM) is a consolidated joint venture with Bank Degroof Petercam Asset Management N.V. (DPAM).

Key Statistics

Table 1

Argenta Spaarbank N.V.--Key figures					
--Year-ended Dec. 31--					
(Mil. €)	2024*	2023	2022	2021	2020
Adjusted assets	55,745	53,818	53,361	48,700	46,184

Table 1

Argenta Spaarbank N.V.--Key figures (cont.)					
	--Year-ended Dec. 31--				
(Mil. €)	2024*	2023	2022	2021	2020
Customer loans (gross)	41,925	40,858	39,506	36,653	33,920
Adjusted common equity	2,822	2,736	2,507	2,322	2,184
Operating revenues	410	829	698	645	609
Noninterest expenses	277	476	433	401	391
Core earnings	86	243	196	182	139

*Data as of June 30 2024, not adjusted for International Financial Reporting interpretations Committee 21.

Table 2

Argenta Spaarbank N.V.--Business position					
	--Year-ended Dec. 31--				
(%)	2024*	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total revenues from business line (currency in millions)	410	829	699	645	609
Retail banking/total revenues from business line	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Commercial and retail banking/total revenues from business line	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Return on average common equity	6.12	9.32	8.04	7.71	6.17

*Data as of June 30 2024, not adjusted for International Financial Reporting interpretations Committee 21.

Table 3

Argenta Spaarbank N.V.--Capital and earnings					
	--Year-ended Dec. 31--				
(%)	2024*	2023	2022	2021	2020
Tier 1 capital ratio	26.91	22.01	21.45	21.59	23.32
Adjusted common equity/total adjusted capital	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Net interest income/operating revenues	82.19	89.36	82.30	89.77	93.51
Fee income/operating revenues	9.91	6.04	7.16	2.58	(2.41)
Market-sensitive income/operating revenues	(1.42)	(1.31)	4.31	0.50	0.81
Cost to income ratio	67.44	57.40	61.95	62.20	64.20
Preprovision operating income/average assets	0.49	0.66	0.52	0.51	0.49
Core earnings/average managed assets	0.31	0.45	0.38	0.38	0.31

*Data as of June 30 2024, not adjusted for International Financial Reporting interpretations Committee 21.

Table 4

Argenta Bank - en Verzekeringsgroep N.V.--Risk-adjusted capital framework data					
	Exposure*	Basel III RWA	Average Basel III RW (%)	S&P Global Ratings' RWA	Average S&P Global Ratings' RW (%)
Credit risk					
Government and central banks	4,647,235,983	130,835,223	3	174,519,598	4
Of which regional governments and local authorities	757,744,467	68,366,095	9	30,490,195	4
Institutions and CCPs	4,370,117,700	744,414,187	17	655,280,009	15

Table 4

Argenta Bank - en Verzekeringsgroep N.V.--Risk-adjusted capital framework data (cont.)					
Corporate	5,645,937,082	2,519,800,763	45	4,375,577,522	77
Retail	41,685,892,906	3,389,382,125	8	9,456,336,371	23
Of which mortgage	40,421,812,177	3,046,551,198	8	8,621,009,579	21
Securitization	507,670,080	72,780,661	14	102,277,556	20
Other assets	494,665,877	333,150,399	67	-547,201,412	-111
Of which deferred tax assets	9,284,428	--	--	34,816,605	4
Of which amount of over (-) or under (+) capitalization of insurance subsidiaries	287,000,000	--	--	(1,076,250,000)	0
Total credit risk	57,351,519,627	7,190,363,359	13	14,216,789,644	25
Credit valuation adjustment					
Total credit valuation adjustment	--	31,507,011	--	0	--
Market risk					
Equity in the banking book	197,237,774	673,619,392	342	1,699,840,185	862
Trading book market risk	--	0	--	0	--
Total market risk	--	673,619,392	--	1,699,840,185	--
Operational risk					
Total operational risk	--	1,355,565,224	--	1,772,144,055	--
Basel III RWA			S&P Global Ratings' RWA	% of S&P Global Ratings' RWA	
Diversification adjustments					
RWA before diversification	--	12,765,911,166	--	17,688,773,884	100
Single name(On Corporate Portfolio) (5)	--	--	--	673,327,140	15
Sector(On Corporate Portfolio)	--	--	--	151,467,140	3
Geographic	--	--	--	1,558,697,388	9
Business and Risk Type	--	--	--	200,690,120	1
Total diversification/ Concentration adjustments	--	--	--	2,584,181,788	15
RWA after diversification	--	12,765,911,166	--	20,272,955,672	115
		Tier 1 capital	Tier 1 ratio (%)	Total adjusted capital	Standard & Poor's Global Ratings' RAC ratio (%)
Capital ratio					
Capital ratio before adjustments		2,860,248,081	22.4	2,873,344,505	16.2
Capital ratio after adjustments (6)		2,860,248,081	22.4	2,873,344,505	14.2

*Exposure at default. §Securitization Exposure includes the securitization tranches deducted from capital in the regulatory framework. †Exposure and S&P Global Ratings' risk-weighted assets for equity in the banking book include minority equity holdings in financial institutions. ‡Adjustments to Tier 1 ratio are additional regulatory requirements (e.g. transitional floor or Pillar 2 add-ons). RWA--Risk-weighted assets. RW--Risk weight. RAC--Risk-adjusted capital. Sources: Company data as of Dec. 31, 2023, S&P Global Ratings.

Table 5

Argenta Spaarbank N.V.--Risk position					
	--Year-ended Dec. 31--				
(%)	2024*	2023	2022	2021	2020
Growth in customer loans	5.23	3.42	7.78	8.06	6.60
Total managed assets/adjusted common equity (x)	19.76	19.68	21.29	20.99	21.17
New loan loss provisions/average customer loans	(0.00)	0.03	0.05	(0.02)	0.06
Net charge-offs/average customer loans	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Gross nonperforming assets/customer loans + other real estate owned	0.45	0.44	1.43	0.47	0.51
Loan loss reserves/gross nonperforming assets	22.30	24.97	7.96	19.82	22.14

*Data as of June 30 2024, not adjusted for International Financial Reporting interpretations Committee 21.

Table 6

Argenta Spaarbank N.V.-Funding and liquidity					
	--Year-ended Dec. 31--				
(%)	2024*	2023	2022	2021	2020
Core deposits/funding base	84.87	84.25	83.58	88.47	89.55
Customer loans (net)/customer deposits	93.93	95.77	93.55	90.91	88.42
Long-term funding ratio	95.78	95.87	96.11	99.08	98.01
Stable funding ratio	113.12	110.20	111.64	113.23	117.88
Short-term wholesale funding/funding base	4.44	4.35	4.08	0.97	2.09
Regulatory net stable funding ratio	145.58	139.90	141.86	145.16	N/A
Broad liquid assets/short-term wholesale funding (x)	3.53	2.93	3.38	12.68	8.00
Broad liquid assets/total assets	14.78	12.00	13.03	11.45	15.50
Broad liquid assets/customer deposits	18.48	15.16	16.49	13.86	18.70
Net broad liquid assets/short-term customer deposits	13.84	10.44	11.78	13.02	16.85
Regulatory liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) (%)	242.31	218.61	186.00	164.27	N/A
Short-term wholesale funding/total wholesale funding	29.35	27.62	24.82	8.39	20.02

*Data as of June 30 2024, not adjusted for International Financial Reporting interpretations Committee 21. N/A--Not applicable.

Argenta Spaarbank nv--Rating component scores	
Issuer credit rating	A/Stable/A-1
SACP	bbb+
Anchor	bbb+
Economic risk	3
Industry risk	3
Business position	Moderate
Capital and earnings	Very strong
Risk position	Moderate
Funding	Adequate
Liquidity	Adequate
Comparable ratings analysis	0
Support	+2
ALAC support	+2

Argenta Spaarbank nv--Rating component scores (cont.)

Issuer credit rating	A/Stable/A-1
GRE support	0
Group support	0
Sovereign support	0
Additional factors	0

ALAC--Additional loss-absorbing capacity. GRE--Government-related entity. SACP--Stand-alone credit profile.

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Ratings Detail (As Of April 17, 2025)***Argenta Spaarbank N.V.**

Issuer Credit Rating	A/Stable/A-1
Resolution Counterparty Rating	A+/--/A-1
Senior Secured	AAA/Stable
Senior Subordinated	BBB
Senior Unsecured	A
Subordinated	BBB-

Ratings Detail (As Of April 17, 2025)*(cont.)

Issuer Credit Ratings History

25-Oct-2022	A/Stable/A-1
26-Oct-2020	A-/Stable/A-2
23-Apr-2020	A-/Negative/A-2

Sovereign Rating

Belgium	AA/Stable/A-1+
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