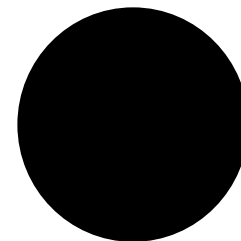




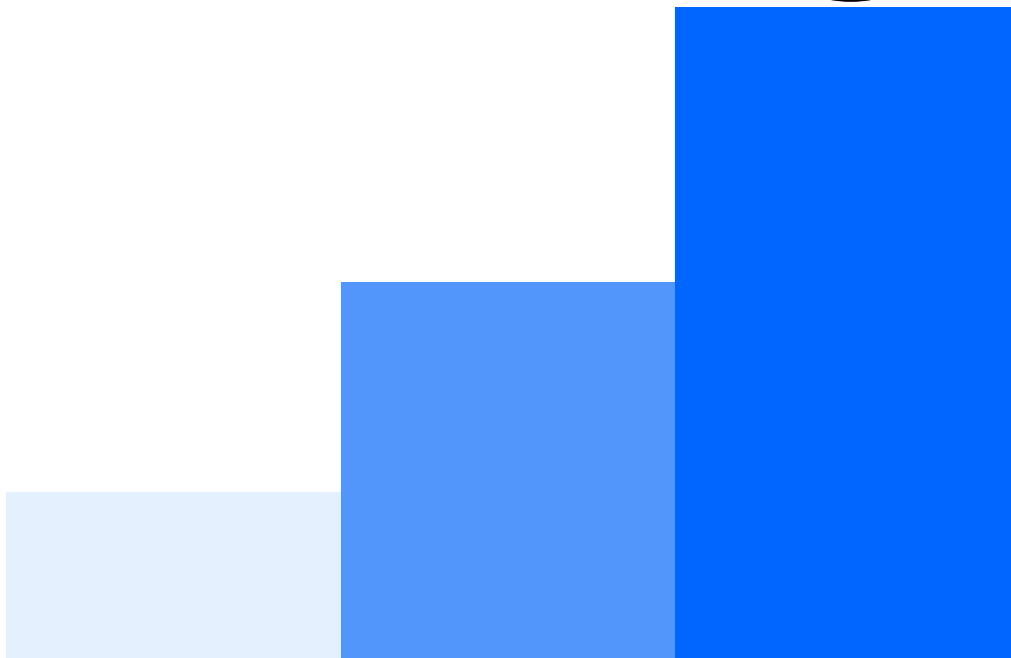
'HICS': THE HILBERT ISSUER AND COUNTERPARTY SCORECARDS

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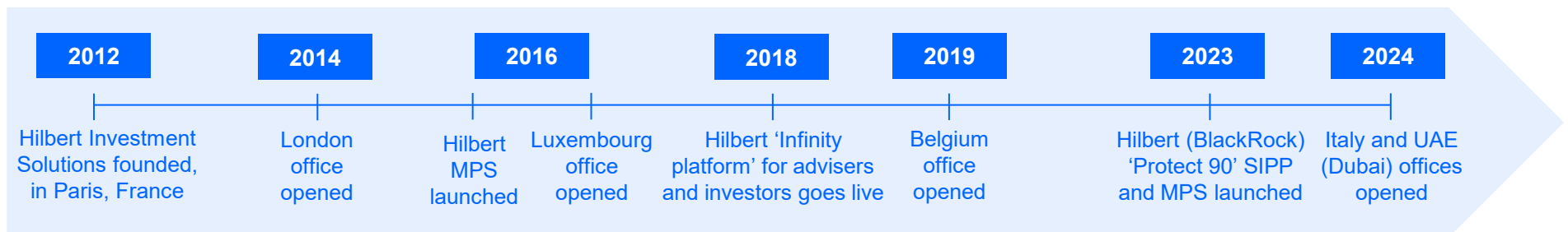
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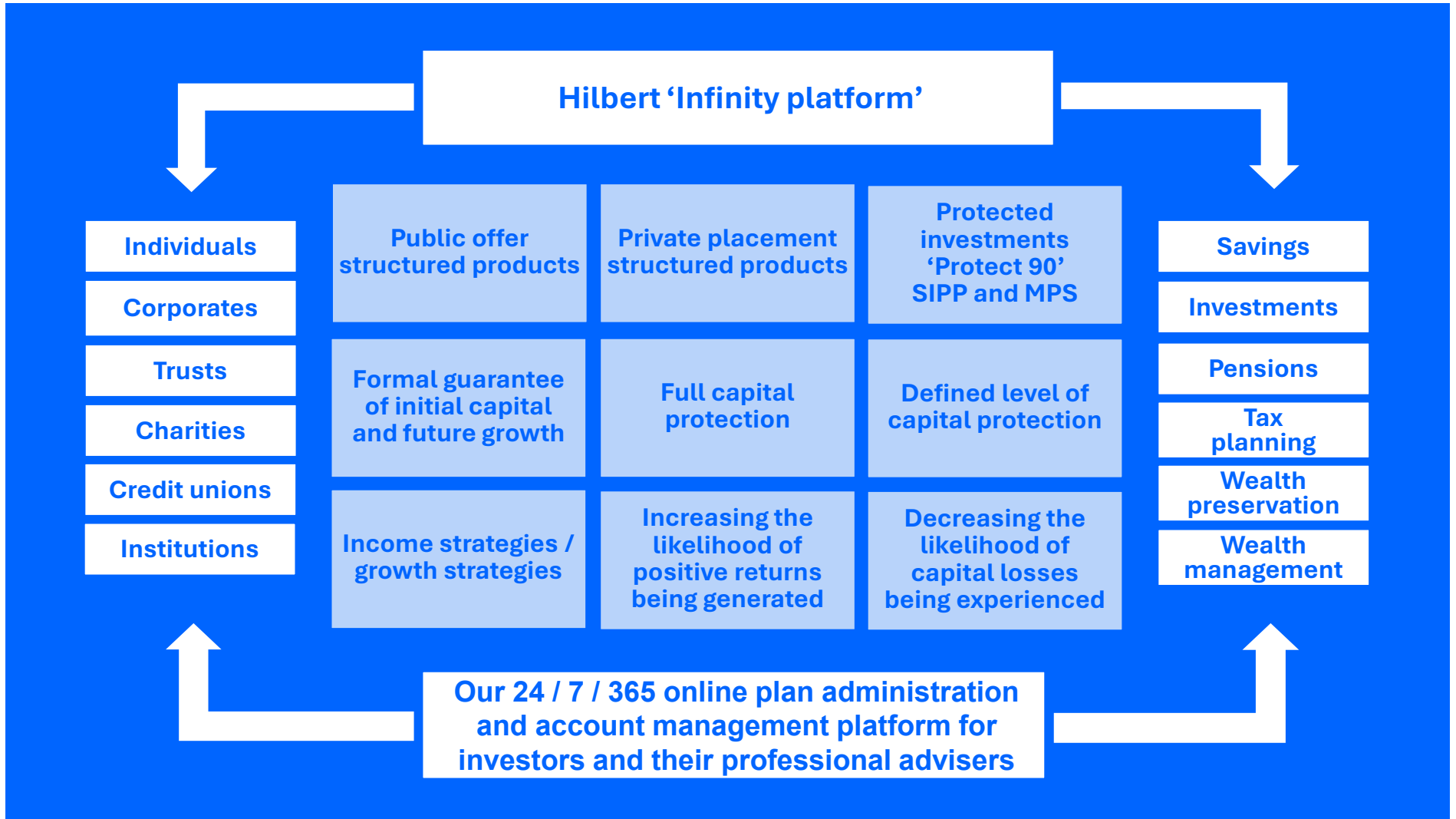


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4. HICS Category Scorecard - Fundamentals (market indicators)
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 - we draw attention to any issuer / counterparty that moves up or down by more than 5 places

- **HICS Amalgamated Scorecard**

- overall, the HICS Amalgamated scores for February remained broadly unchanged compared to January
- none of the bank(s) moved up by 5 places or more
- none of the bank(s) moved down by 5 places or more

- **HICS Category Scorecard - Credit ratings**

- none of the bank(s) moved up by 5 places or more
- the following bank(s) moved down by 5 places or more: ING Bank

- **HICS Category Scorecard - CDS**

- the following bank(s) moved up by 5 places or more: HSBC, Bank of China, ING Bank
- the following bank(s) moved down by 5 places or more: BNP Paribas, RBC, Mizuho

- **HICS Category Scorecard - Fundamentals (balance sheet):**
 - none of the bank(s) moved up by 5 places or more
 - none of the bank(s) moved down by 5 places or more

- **HICS Category Scorecard - Fundamentals (market indicators):**
 - the following bank(s) moved up by 5 places or more: Barclays, ING Bank
 - the following bank(s) moved down by 5 places or more: Nordea

- **HICS Category Scorecard - Systemic importance:**
 - the following bank(s) moved up by 5 places or more: Credit Agricole
 - the following bank(s) moved down by 5 places or more: Unicredit Group

HICS Monthly Movement: February 2025 ...

HICS AMALGAMATED SCORECARD				
ISSUER / COUNTERPARTY	MOVEMENT + / -	PREVIOUS RANK	NEW RANK	COMMENT
N/A				

HICS CATEGORY SCORECARD: CREDIT RATINGS				
ISSUER / COUNTERPARTY	MOVEMENT + / -	PREVIOUS RANK	NEW RANK	COMMENT
ING Bank	-6	26	32	Worsened credit rating

HICS CATEGORY SCORECARD: CDS				
ISSUER / COUNTERPARTY	MOVEMENT + / -	PREVIOUS RANK	NEW RANK	COMMENT
Bank of China	+12	26	14	Improved 1 year and 5 year CDS
HSBC	+10	11	1	Improved 1 year and 5 year CDS
ING Bank	+10	13	3	Improved 1 year and 5 year CDS
BNP Paribas	-5	6	11	Worsened 1 year and 5 year CDS
Mizuho	-9	18	27	Worsened 1 year and 5 year CDS
RBC	-12	10	22	Worsened 1 year and 5 year CDS

HICS Monthly Movement: February 2025 (contd.) ...

HICS CATEGORY SCORECARD: FUNDAMENTALS (BALANCE SHEET)				
ISSUER / COUNTERPARTY	MOVEMENT + / -	PREVIOUS RANK	NEW RANK	COMMENT
N/A				

HICS CATEGORY SCORECARD: FUNDAMENTALS (MARKET INDICATORS)				
ISSUER / COUNTERPARTY	MOVEMENT + / -	PREVIOUS RANK	NEW RANK	COMMENT
Barclays	+7	31	24	Improved price to book ratio
ING Bank	+5	26	21	Improved market capitalization
Nordea	-8	20	26	Worsened price to book ratio

HICS CATEGORY SCORECARD: SYSTEMIC IMPORTANCE				
ISSUER / COUNTERPARTY	MOVEMENT + / -	PREVIOUS RANK	NEW RANK	COMMENT
Credit Agricole	+7	19	12	Counterparty moved up to bucket 2 for required additional capital buffers
Unicredit group	-6	29	35	Counterparty no longer considered a GSIB

HICS Amalgamated Scorecard - Monthly Movement: February 25...



	Bank / Institution	Region	Sovereign	February 2025			January 2025			December 2024		
				Amalg. Score	Rank	+/- Rank change	Amalg. Score	Rank	+/- Rank change	Amalg. Score	Rank	+/- Rank change
1	JP Morgan	North America	USA	377.4	1	0	377.4	1	0	373.7	1	1
2	HSBC	UK	UK	395.9	2	1	407.2	3	-1	405.7	2	-1
3	Credit Agricole	Europe	France	410.3	3	-1	402.5	2	1	407.8	3	6
4	Bank of China	Asia	China	414.6	4	4	425.8	8	-3	414.6	10	-1
5	BNP Paribas	Europe	France	417.5	5	-1	411.0	4	3	425.3	7	1
6	Bank of America	North America	USA	419.1	6	1	422.8	7	-1	417.6	5	0
7	RBC	North America	Canada	421.0	7	-2	414.3	5	-1	409.3	4	0
8	ICBC	Asia	China	429.8	8	2	429.8	10	-1	429.8	3	0
9	Nordea	Europe	Sweden	431.6	9	-3	420.1	6	4	434.6	25	-3
10	Toronto Dominion	North America	Canada	433.0	10	-1	429.3	9	-1	429.3	8	-1
11	ABC	Asia	China	438.8	11	1	444.8	12	0	438.6	32	0
12	BONYM	North America	USA	449.7	12	-1	436.9	11	0	436.9	11	-1
13	Morgan Stanley	North America	USA	456.2	13	0	459.9	13	0	457.7	13	0
14	BPCE_Natixis	Europe	France	461.6	14	1	463.8	15	2	472.8	24	3
15	Wells Fargo	North America	USA	463.8	15	2	468.0	17	-2	468.8	14	0
16	Deutsche Bank	Europe	Germany	466.5	16	0	465.8	16	0	468.8	18	0
17	Danske Bank	Europe	Denmark	467.5	17	-3	463.0	14	0	459.5	26	0
18	Societe Generale	Europe	France	476.3	18	4	483.6	22	0	486.6	23	2
19	Citi	North America	USA	480.0	19	1	482.8	20	-1	479.0	19	0
20	Goldman Sachs	North America	USA	480.2	20	1	482.9	21	0	482.9	21	0
21	Santander	Europe	Spain	480.7	21	-2	482.7	19	1	482.7	20	0
22	State Street	North America	USA	482.0	22	-4	482.0	18	0	476.8	12	0
23	UBS AG	Europe	Switzerland	485.8	23	0	489.5	23	0	489.5	15	0
24	Lloyds	UK	UK	496.2	24	0	495.4	24	1	497.7	34	0
25	CCB	Asia	China	498.3	25	2	500.9	27	0	500.9	6	0
26	Standard Chartered	UK	UK	500.9	26	0	500.9	26	0	500.2	29	-1
27	Mizuho	Asia	Japan	513.6	27	-2	495.6	25	-1	495.6	22	1
28	ING Bank	Europe	Netherlands	531.6	28	0	517.8	28	0	512.1	28	1
29	MSIP	UK	UK	544.1	29	0	544.1	29	0	544.1	16	0
30	RBS	UK	UK	551.4	30	0	545.4	30	0	549.2	33	0
31	Mitsubishi	Asia	Japan	563.1	31	1	564.6	32	0	563.1	27	-3
32	Unicredit Group	Europe	Italy	581.8	32	-1	560.8	31	0	560.8	35	0
33	Sumitomo	Asia	Japan	591.8	33	0	591.8	33	0	591.8	17	0
34	Barclays	UK	UK	615.3	34	0	616.6	34	0	618.1	30	0
35	Nomura	Asia	Japan	656.7	35	0	658.9	35	0	658.9	36	0
36	Bank of Ireland	Europe	Ireland	669.9	36	1	692.1	37	0	692.1	39	0
37	Investec Bank plc	UK	UK	683.2	37	-1	683.2	36	0	683.2	37	0
38	Prudential	UK	UK	1000.0	38	0	1000.0	38	0	1000.0	38	0
39	Aviva	UK	UK	1000.0	39	0	1000.0	39	0	1000.0	31	0

HICS Credit ratings - Monthly Movement: February 25 ...

	Bank / Institution	Region	Sovereign	February 2025			January 2025			December 2024		
				Cred. rat. Score	Cred. rat. rank	+/- rank change	Cred. rat. Score	Cred. rat. rank	+/- rank change	Cred. rat. Score	Cred. rat. rank	+/- rank change
1	JP Morgan	North America	USA	4.92	5	2	4.92	7	0	4.92	7	4
2	HSBC	UK	UK	5.67	13	0	5.67	13	0	5.67	13	-6
3	Credit Agricole	Europe	France	5.00	7	-1	4.75	6	0	4.75	6	0
4	Bank of China	Asia	China	5.83	16	0	5.83	16	0	5.83	16	1
5	BNP Paribas	Europe	France	5.00	6	-1	4.75	5	0	4.75	5	0
6	Bank of America	North America	USA	5.33	11	0	5.33	11	0	5.33	11	1
7	RBC	North America	Canada	4.33	2	0	4.33	2	0	4.33	2	0
8	ICBC	Asia	China	6.50	25	0	6.50	25	0	6.50	25	-6
9	Nordea	Europe	Sweden	3.92	1	0	3.92	1	0	3.92	1	0
10	Toronto Dominion	North America	Canada	5.08	10	0	5.08	10	0	5.08	10	-7
11	ABC	Asia	China	5.83	17	0	5.83	17	0	5.83	17	19
12	BONYM	North America	USA	4.67	4	0	4.67	4	0	4.67	4	4
13	Morgan Stanley	North America	USA	5.67	14	0	5.67	14	0	5.67	14	2
14	BPCE_Natixis	Europe	France	5.33	12	0	5.33	12	0	5.33	12	1
15	Wells Fargo	North America	USA	6.00	19	0	6.00	19	0	6.00	19	3
16	Deutsche Bank	Europe	Germany	6.00	20	0	6.00	20	0	6.00	20	3
17	Danske Bank	Europe	Denmark	5.00	8	0	5.00	8	0	5.00	8	1
18	Societe Generale	Europe	France	6.08	21	0	6.08	21	0	6.08	21	0
19	Citi	North America	USA	7.00	30	1	7.00	31	0	7.00	31	-1
20	Goldman Sachs	North America	USA	6.67	26	1	6.67	27	0	6.67	27	2
21	Santander	Europe	Spain	5.92	18	0	5.92	18	0	5.92	18	2
22	State Street	North America	USA	5.00	9	0	5.00	9	0	5.00	9	1
23	UBS AG	Europe	Switzerland	6.75	27	1	6.75	28	0	6.75	28	-14
24	Lloyds	UK	UK	5.67	15	0	5.67	15	0	5.67	15	16
25	CCB	Asia	China	7.42	34	-1	7.42	33	0	7.42	33	-15
26	Standard Chartered	UK	UK	6.92	29	1	6.92	30	0	6.92	30	2
27	Mizuho	Asia	Japan	6.33	22	0	6.33	22	0	6.33	22	3
28	ING Bank	Europe	Netherlands	7.33	32	-6	6.58	26	0	6.58	26	2
29	MSIP	UK	UK	4.50	3	0	4.50	3	0	4.50	3	1
30	RBS	UK	UK	6.92	28	1	6.92	29	0	6.92	29	4
31	Mitsubishi	Asia	Japan	6.33	23	0	6.33	23	0	6.33	23	1
32	Unicredit Group	Europe	Italy	8.25	36	0	8.25	36	0	8.25	36	3
33	Sumitomo	Asia	Japan	6.33	24	0	6.33	24	0	6.33	24	2
34	Barclays	UK	UK	7.33	33	-1	7.33	32	0	7.33	32	3
35	Nomura	Asia	Japan	7.67	35	-1	7.67	34	0	7.67	34	3
36	Bank of Ireland	Europe	Ireland	7.08	31	4	7.75	35	0	7.75	35	3
37	Investec Bank plc	UK	UK	8.33	37	0	8.33	37	0	8.33	37	-10
38	Prudential	UK	UK	10.00	39	0	10.00	39	0	10.00	39	-5
39	Aviva	UK	UK	10.00	38	0	10.00	38	0	10.00	38	-23

HICS CDS - Monthly Movement: February 25 ...



	Bank / Institution	Region	Sovereign	February 2025			January 2025			December 2024		
				CDS Score	CDS rank	+/- rank change	CDS Score	CDS rank	+/- rank change	CDS Score	CDS rank	+/- rank change
1	JP Morgan	North America	USA	3.50	10	-1	3.50	9	-4	3.25	5	6
2	HSBC	UK	UK	2.95	1	10	3.70	11	3	3.80	14	-13
3	Credit Agricole	Europe	France	3.40	6	-1	3.30	5	4	3.55	9	1
4	Bank of China	Asia	China	3.75	14	12	4.50	26	-13	3.75	13	14
5	BNP Paribas	Europe	France	3.55	11	-5	3.45	6	19	4.30	25	-19
6	Bank of America	North America	USA	4.00	18	4	4.25	22	-4	3.90	18	0
7	RBC	North America	Canada	4.00	22	-12	3.55	10	-3	3.55	7	-3
8	ICBC	Asia	China	N/A	36	0	N/A	36	0	N/A	36	0
9	Nordea	Europe	Sweden	3.05	2	0	2.95	2	0	2.95	2	27
10	Toronto Dominion	North America	Canada	3.45	8	-4	3.20	4	0	3.20	4	27
11	ABC	Asia	China	6.00	29	0	6.25	29	-1	5.50	28	6
12	BONYM	North America	USA	3.40	5	-4	2.85	1	0	2.55	1	27
13	Morgan Stanley	North America	USA	4.00	21	3	4.25	24	-1	4.10	23	-4
14	BPCE_Natixis	Europe	France	5.80	28	0	5.95	28	1	6.55	29	1
15	Wells Fargo	North America	USA	4.00	24	-3	4.15	21	0	4.00	21	0
16	Deutsche Bank	Europe	Germany	3.70	12	0	3.75	12	3	3.85	15	17
17	Danske Bank	Europe	Denmark	3.30	4	-1	3.00	3	0	3.10	3	0
18	Societe Generale	Europe	France	4.00	23	-3	4.15	20	4	4.25	24	-11
19	Citi	North America	USA	4.00	19	4	4.25	23	-4	4.00	19	4
20	Goldman Sachs	North America	USA	4.00	20	-1	4.15	19	-3	3.85	16	8
21	Santander	Europe	Spain	3.45	7	0	3.45	7	1	3.55	8	-1
22	State Street	North America	USA	N/A	39	0	N/A	39	0	N/A	39	0
23	UBS AG	Europe	Switzerland	3.75	16	1	3.85	17	0	3.85	17	-3
24	Lloyds	UK	UK	3.70	13	3	3.85	16	4	4.00	20	-15
25	CCB	Asia	China	N/A	35	0	N/A	35	0	N/A	35	0
26	Standard Chartered	UK	UK	3.75	15	0	3.75	15	-3	3.70	12	3
27	Mizuho	Asia	Japan	4.95	27	-9	4.05	18	4	4.05	22	-14
28	ING Bank	Europe	Netherlands	3.10	3	10	3.75	13	-3	3.70	10	-1
29	MSIP	UK	UK	N/A	38	0	N/A	38	0	N/A	38	0
30	RBS	UK	UK	3.85	17	-3	3.75	14	-3	3.70	11	1
31	Mitsubishi	Asia	Japan	10.00	32	0	10.00	32	0	10.00	32	-7
32	Unicredit Group	Europe	Italy	3.45	9	-1	3.45	8	-2	3.45	6	11
33	Sumitomo	Asia	Japan	10.00	34	0	10.00	34	0	10.00	34	-32
34	Barclays	UK	UK	4.60	26	-1	4.35	25	1	4.45	26	-4
35	Nomura	Asia	Japan	4.55	25	2	4.70	27	0	4.70	27	-1
36	Bank of Ireland	Europe	Ireland	10.00	31	0	10.00	31	0	10.00	31	2
37	Investec Bank plc	UK	UK	N/A	37	0	N/A	37	0	N/A	37	0
38	Prudential	UK	UK	10.00	33	0	10.00	33	0	10.00	33	-13
39	Aviva	UK	UK	10.00	30	0	10.00	30	0	10.00	30	-14

HICS Credit ratings (65%) and CDS (35%) combined - Monthly Movement: February 25...



	Bank / Institution	Region	Sovereign	February 2025			January 2025			December 2024		
				ASP Credit/CDS Score	ASP Credit/CDS Rank	+/- rank change	ASP Credit/CDS Score	ASP Credit/CDS Rank	+/- rank change	ASP Credit/CDS Score	ASP Credit/CDS Rank	+/- rank change
1	JP Morgan	North America	USA	4.42	5	2	4.42	7	-2	4.33	5	2
2	HSBC	UK	UK	4.72	10	1	4.98	11	0	5.01	11	-9
3	Credit Agricole	Europe	France	4.44	6	-2	4.24	4	0	4.33	4	0
4	Bank of China	Asia	China	5.10	16	2	5.37	18	-4	5.1	14	9
5	BNP Paribas	Europe	France	4.49	7	-2	4.3	5	4	4.59	9	-6
6	Bank of America	North America	USA	4.87	11	-1	4.95	10	0	4.83	10	1
7	RBC	North America	Canada	4.22	2	1	4.06	3	0	4.06	3	-2
8	ICBC	Asia	China	6.50	30	0	6.5	30	0	6.5	30	0
9	Nordea	Europe	Sweden	3.61	1	0	3.58	1	0	3.58	1	5
10	Toronto Dominion	North America	Canada	4.51	9	-1	4.42	8	-1	4.42	7	2
11	ABC	Asia	China	5.89	27	0	5.98	27	-5	5.72	22	17
12	BONYM	North America	USA	4.22	3	-1	4.03	2	0	3.93	2	10
13	Morgan Stanley	North America	USA	5.08	15	0	5.17	15	0	5.12	15	1
14	BPCE_Natixis	Europe	France	5.50	20	1	5.55	21	3	5.76	24	-4
15	Wells Fargo	North America	USA	5.30	18	-1	5.35	17	0	5.3	17	4
16	Deutsche Bank	Europe	Germany	5.20	17	-1	5.21	16	0	5.25	16	12
17	Danske Bank	Europe	Denmark	4.41	4	2	4.3	6	0	4.34	6	-1
18	Societe Generale	Europe	France	5.35	19	0	5.41	19	-1	5.44	18	-1
19	Citi	North America	USA	5.95	28	0	6.04	28	0	5.95	28	4
20	Goldman Sachs	North America	USA	5.73	22	2	5.79	24	-3	5.68	21	5
21	Santander	Europe	Spain	5.05	14	0	5.05	14	-1	5.09	13	0
22	State Street	North America	USA	5.00	13	-1	5	12	20	6.67	32	-14
23	UBS AG	Europe	Switzerland	5.70	21	2	5.74	23	0	5.74	23	-13
24	Lloyds	UK	UK	4.98	12	1	5.03	13	-1	5.08	12	12
25	CCB	Asia	China	7.42	33	0	7.42	33	0	7.42	33	-2
26	Standard Chartered	UK	UK	5.81	23	2	5.81	25	1	5.79	26	3
27	Mizuho	Asia	Japan	5.85	25	-5	5.53	20	-1	5.53	19	0
28	ING Bank	Europe	Netherlands	5.85	26	-4	5.59	22	-2	5.57	20	2
29	MSIP	UK	UK	4.50	8	1	4.5	9	-1	4.5	8	0
30	RBS	UK	UK	5.84	24	2	5.81	26	-1	5.79	25	2
31	Mitsubishi	Asia	Japan	7.62	35	-1	7.62	34	2	8.7	36	-11
32	Unicredit Group	Europe	Italy	6.57	31	0	6.57	31	-4	5.92	27	10
33	Sumitomo	Asia	Japan	7.62	34	1	7.62	35	0	8.7	35	-20
34	Barclays	UK	UK	6.38	29	0	6.29	29	0	6.32	29	5
35	Nomura	Asia	Japan	6.58	32	0	6.63	32	-1	6.63	31	4
36	Bank of Ireland	Europe	Ireland	8.10	36	1	8.54	37	-3	8.54	34	4
37	Investec Bank plc	UK	UK	8.33	37	-1	8.33	36	1	9.25	37	-1
38	Prudential	UK	UK	10.00	39	0	10	39	0	10	39	-6
39	Aviva	UK	UK	10.00	38	0	10	38	0	10	38	-24

HICS Fundamentals (balance sheet) - Monthly Movement: February 25 ...



	Bank / Institution	Region	Sovereign	February 2025			January 2025			December 2024		
				Bal. sheet Score	Bal. sheet rank	+/- rank change	Bal. sheet Score	Bal. sheet rank	+/- rank change	Bal. sheet Score	Bal. sheet rank	+/- rank change
1	JP Morgan	North America	USA	3.45	10	0	3.45	10	0	3.45	10	4
2	HSBC	UK	UK	2.90	2	0	2.90	2	0	2.75	2	9
3	Credit Agricole	Europe	France	3.10	6	0	3.10	6	0	3.10	6	12
4	Bank of China	Asia	China	3.10	4	0	3.10	4	0	3.10	4	2
5	BNP Paribas	Europe	France	3.55	13	0	3.55	13	0	3.55	13	8
6	Bank of America	North America	USA	3.90	18	2	3.90	20	0	3.90	20	-7
7	RBC	North America	Canada	4.60	33	0	4.60	33	0	4.60	33	2
8	ICBC	Asia	China	2.55	1	0	2.55	1	0	2.55	1	1
9	Nordea	Europe	Sweden	4.15	24	1	4.15	25	4	4.30	29	8
10	Toronto Dominion	North America	Canada	3.90	19	3	3.90	22	-1	3.90	21	-6
11	ABC	Asia	China	2.95	3	0	2.95	3	0	2.95	3	1
12	BONYM	North America	USA	4.90	34	0	4.75	34	0	4.90	34	-27
13	Morgan Stanley	North America	USA	4.25	27	2	4.25	29	-2	4.25	27	-7
14	BPCE_Natixis	Europe	France	3.45	11	0	3.45	11	0	3.45	11	15
15	Wells Fargo	North America	USA	4.40	31	-3	4.25	28	3	4.40	31	-12
16	Deutsche Bank	Europe	Germany	3.45	12	0	3.45	12	0	3.45	12	-9
17	Danske Bank	Europe	Denmark	4.00	21	2	4.00	23	-1	4.00	22	14
18	Societe Generale	Europe	France	3.40	9	0	3.40	9	0	3.40	9	13
19	Citi	North America	USA	3.35	8	-1	3.20	7	0	3.20	7	-2
20	Goldman Sachs	North America	USA	3.80	17	-1	3.65	16	1	3.80	17	-1
21	Santander	Europe	Spain	4.30	29	-3	4.15	26	-1	4.15	25	4
22	State Street	North America	USA	4.60	32	0	4.60	32	0	4.45	32	-24
23	UBS AG	Europe	Switzerland	3.60	15	0	3.60	15	0	3.60	15	8
24	Lloyds	UK	UK	4.00	22	-3	3.85	19	0	3.85	19	14
25	CCB	Asia	China	3.10	5	0	3.10	5	0	3.10	5	-4
26	Standard Chartered	UK	UK	3.20	7	1	3.20	8	0	3.20	8	4
27	Mizuho	Asia	Japan	3.95	20	-2	3.80	18	0	3.80	18	10
28	ING Bank	Europe	Netherlands	4.30	28	2	4.30	30	-2	4.30	28	-3
29	MSIP	UK	UK	6.14	36	0	6.14	36	0	6.14	36	-19
30	RBS	UK	UK	4.05	23	-2	3.90	21	2	4.05	23	7
31	Mitsubishi	Asia	Japan	3.70	16	1	3.70	17	-1	3.70	16	15
32	Unicredit Group	Europe	Italy	3.55	14	0	3.55	14	0	3.55	14	-4
33	Sumitomo	Asia	Japan	4.25	26	1	4.25	27	-1	4.25	26	-2
34	Barclays	UK	UK	6.25	37	0	6.25	37	0	6.25	37	-28
35	Nomura	Asia	Japan	5.75	35	0	5.75	35	0	5.75	35	-8
36	Bank of Ireland	Europe	Ireland	4.25	25	-1	4.10	24	0	4.10	24	8
37	Investec Bank plc	UK	UK	4.35	30	1	4.35	31	-1	4.35	30	4
38	Prudential	UK	UK	N/A	39	0	N/A	39	0	N/A	39	0
39	Aviva	UK	UK	N/A	38	0	N/A	38	0	N/A	38	0

HICS Fundamentals (market indicators) - Monthly Movement: February 25 ...



	Bank / Institution	Region	Sovereign	February 2025			January 2025			December 2024		
				Mkt. ind. Score	Mkt. ind. rank	+/- rank change	Mkt. ind. Score	Mkt. ind. rank	+/- rank change	Mkt. ind. Score	Mkt. ind. rank	+/- rank change
1	JP Morgan	North America	USA	1.75	3	0	1.75	3	-1	1.75	2	1
2	HSBC	UK	UK	2.75	10	-1	2.75	9	0	2.90	9	0
3	Credit Agricole	Europe	France	5.25	26	1	5.40	27	1	5.55	28	0
4	Bank of China	Asia	China	1.95	6	-1	1.95	5	0	1.95	5	0
5	BNP Paribas	Europe	France	4.55	17	4	5.05	21	3	5.20	24	-4
6	Bank of America	North America	USA	1.90	5	-1	1.90	4	-1	1.90	3	3
7	RBC	North America	Canada	3.45	13	-1	3.45	12	-1	2.95	11	-3
8	ICBC	Asia	China	1.60	2	0	1.60	2	-1	1.60	1	0
9	Nordea	Europe	Sweden	6.25	33	-8	5.25	25	8	6.25	33	-15
10	Toronto Dominion	North America	Canada	4.60	19	-2	4.60	17	0	4.60	17	-4
11	ABC	Asia	China	1.45	1	0	1.45	1	3	1.95	4	-2
12	BONYM	North America	USA	4.60	20	-2	4.60	18	0	4.60	18	3
13	Morgan Stanley	North America	USA	2.40	8	0	2.40	8	0	2.40	8	3
14	BPCE_Natixis	Europe	France	4.15	15	0	4.15	15	0	4.15	15	17
15	Wells Fargo	North America	USA	1.75	4	3	2.40	7	0	2.25	7	0
16	Deutsche Bank	Europe	Germany	5.40	27	-3	5.25	24	2	5.40	26	-1
17	Danske Bank	Europe	Denmark	5.60	32	0	5.60	32	-9	5.10	23	-4
18	Societe Generale	Europe	France	5.40	30	3	5.90	33	-1	6.05	32	5
19	Citi	North America	USA	2.90	11	0	3.25	11	1	3.25	12	2
20	Goldman Sachs	North America	USA	2.40	9	1	2.90	10	0	2.90	10	0
21	Santander	Europe	Spain	4.55	18	4	5.20	22	0	5.05	22	1
22	State Street	North America	USA	5.25	25	-2	5.25	23	2	5.25	25	4
23	UBS AG	Europe	Switzerland	3.90	14	0	3.90	14	0	3.90	14	2
24	Lloyds	UK	UK	5.40	29	0	5.55	29	0	5.55	29	1
25	CCB	Asia	China	2.10	7	-1	2.10	6	0	2.10	6	-2
26	Standard Chartered	UK	UK	5.40	28	0	5.40	28	-1	5.40	27	-1
27	Mizuho	Asia	Japan	4.90	22	-3	4.90	19	0	4.90	19	-2
28	ING Bank	Europe	Netherlands	4.75	21	5	5.40	26	-6	4.90	20	4
29	MSIP	UK	UK	N/A	39	0	N/A	39	0	N/A	39	0
30	RBS	UK	UK	5.55	31	-1	5.55	30	0	5.55	30	1
31	Mitsubishi	Asia	Japan	3.40	12	1	3.55	13	0	3.40	13	-1
32	Unicredit Group	Europe	Italy	4.90	23	-3	5.05	20	1	5.05	21	1
33	Sumitomo	Asia	Japan	4.40	16	0	4.40	16	0	4.40	16	-1
34	Barclays	UK	UK	5.05	24	7	5.55	31	0	5.55	31	3
35	Nomura	Asia	Japan	6.35	34	0	6.35	34	0	6.35	34	-1
36	Bank of Ireland	Europe	Ireland	6.55	35	0	6.55	35	0	6.55	35	0
37	Investec Bank plc	UK	UK	7.15	36	0	7.15	36	0	7.15	36	2
38	Prudential	UK	UK	10.00	38	0	10.00	38	0	10.00	38	-2
39	Aviva	UK	UK	10.00	37	0	10.00	37	0	10.00	37	-10

HICS Systemic importance - Monthly Movement: February 25 ...



	Bank / Institution	Region	Sovereign	February 2025			January 2025			December 2024		
				Syst. imp. Score	Syst. imp. rank	+/- rank change	Syst. imp. Score	Syst. imp. rank	+/- rank change	Syst. imp. Score	Syst. imp. rank	+/- rank change
1	JP Morgan	North America	USA	1.45	1	0	1.45	1	0	1.45	1	0
2	HSBC	UK	UK	2.10	4	0	2.10	4	0	2.10	4	0
3	Credit Agricole	Europe	France	2.75	12	7	3.20	19	0	3.20	19	-1
4	Bank of China	Asia	China	2.50	7	0	2.50	7	0	2.50	7	-1
5	BNP Paribas	Europe	France	2.45	5	0	2.45	5	0	2.45	5	3
6	Bank of America	North America	USA	1.95	2	0	1.95	2	0	1.95	2	0
7	RBC	North America	Canada	3.04	17	-1	3.04	16	0	3.04	16	-2
8	ICBC	Asia	China	2.50	6	0	2.50	6	0	2.50	6	-1
9	Nordea	Europe	Sweden	8.44	32	1	8.44	33	0	8.44	33	0
10	Toronto Dominion	North America	Canada	2.99	15	-1	2.99	14	0	2.99	14	-1
11	ABC	Asia	China	2.50	9	2	2.95	11	0	2.95	11	1
12	BONYM	North America	USA	3.80	27	0	3.80	27	0	3.80	27	0
13	Morgan Stanley	North America	USA	3.60	25	0	3.60	25	0	3.60	25	-1
14	BPCE_Natixis	Europe	France	3.25	20	0	3.25	20	0	3.25	20	0
15	Wells Fargo	North America	USA	2.85	13	-4	2.85	9	0	2.85	9	1
16	Deutsche Bank	Europe	Germany	2.70	11	-3	2.70	8	0	2.70	8	-1
17	Danske Bank	Europe	Denmark	8.40	31	1	8.40	32	0	8.40	32	3
18	Societe Generale	Europe	France	3.40	22	0	3.40	22	0	3.40	22	0
19	Citi	North America	USA	2.10	3	0	2.10	3	0	2.10	3	0
20	Goldman Sachs	North America	USA	3.10	19	-1	3.10	18	0	3.10	18	-1
21	Santander	Europe	Spain	3.56	23	0	3.56	23	0	3.56	23	-2
22	State Street	North America	USA	3.85	28	0	3.85	28	0	3.85	28	0
23	UBS AG	Europe	Switzerland	2.50	10	3	2.95	13	0	2.95	13	3
24	Lloyds	UK	UK	8.00	30	0	8.00	30	0	8.00	30	2
25	CCB	Asia	China	2.50	8	2	2.95	10	0	2.95	10	1
26	Standard Chartered	UK	UK	3.60	24	0	3.60	24	0	3.60	24	-1
27	Mizuho	Asia	Japan	3.70	26	0	3.70	26	0	3.70	26	0
28	ING Bank	Europe	Netherlands	3.05	18	-1	3.05	17	0	3.05	17	8
29	MSIP	UK	UK	8.76	34	1	8.76	35	0	8.76	35	1
30	RBS	UK	UK	8.00	29	2	8.00	31	0	8.00	31	3
31	Mitsubishi	Asia	Japan	2.95	14	-2	2.95	12	0	2.95	12	-3
32	Unicredit Group	Europe	Italy	8.90	35	-6	4.40	29	0	4.40	29	0
33	Sumitomo	Asia	Japan	3.40	21	0	3.40	21	0	3.40	21	-2
34	Barclays	UK	UK	3.00	16	-1	3.00	15	0	3.00	15	0
35	Nomura	Asia	Japan	9.15	37	0	9.15	37	0	9.15	37	0
36	Bank of Ireland	Europe	Ireland	8.71	33	1	8.71	34	0	8.71	34	5
37	Investec Bank plc	UK	UK	8.95	36	0	8.95	36	0	8.95	36	2
38	Prudential	UK	UK	10.00	38	0	10.00	38	0	10.00	38	-8
39	Aviva	UK	UK	10.00	39	0	10.00	39	0	10.00	39	-8

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- the value of structured deposits during the deposit term may be affected by various factors: while accessing a structured deposit is usually possible, during normal market conditions, this is not guaranteed
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