

Equity Research

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| AGO | \$41.76 |
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| 12 month target | \$52.00 |
| BUY | |
| 52 week range | \$34.49 - \$42.72 |
| Market Cap (m) | \$4,331 |
| Price Performance | |
| — AGO | 46.99 |
| SPX | 43.41 |
| | 39.84 |
| | 36.26 |
| - | 32.68 |
| | 29.10 |
| F-18 M-18 A-18 M-18 J-18 J-18 A-18 S-18 | O-18 N-18 D-18 J-19 F-19 (\$) |

Financials

Assured Guaranty Ltd.

Takeaways from 4Q18 Call: Opportunity in Puerto Rico After First Circuit Ruling; Reiterate Buy and \$52 PT

After Assured Guaranty (AGO) yesterday following the market close posted a 4Q18 adjusted earnings beat and announced a new \$300mm share buyback authorization, the company this morning hosted a conference call.

- As has been the case for the past six-plus years, much of the commentary and several of the questions on AGO's call were focused on Puerto Rico's debt restructuring given the company's \$4.77bn of net insured exposure to the island's debt as of YE18.
- ▶ Management said they viewed the First Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling last month that the appointment of the members of Puerto Rico's financial oversight board had been unconstitutional would impact the island's debt restructuring as an opportunity inasmuch as President Trump and the U.S. Senate would appoint and confirm a new oversight board that would more closely follow the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA) and the rule of law in general.
- We are reiterating our Buy recommendation on Assured Guaranty (AGO) and price target of \$52 based on 0.60x our YE19E adjusted book value (ABV) per share of \$92.39, minus \$5.23 per share representing the estimated impact of potential losses related to AGO's insured exposure to Puerto Rico's debt (see page 3).
- In light of the confirmation of the plan of adjustment for Puerto Rico's COFINA sales tax bonds on February 12 which resulted in holders of the senior bonds receiving a recovery of 93 cents on the dollar, management said they believed the island's general obligation (GO) bonds AGO's largest net insured exposure to the island's debt at \$1.34bn as of YE18 have a stronger legal claim.
- ▶ Valuation: Our \$52 price target is based on 0.60x our YE19E adjusted book value (ABV) per share of \$92.39, minus \$5.23 per share representing the estimated impact of potential losses related to AGO's insured exposure to Puerto Rico's debt.

Estimates

Source: IDC

| | 1Q18 A | 2Q18 A | 3Q18 A | 4Q18 A | FY18 A | 1Q19 E | 2Q19 E | 3Q19 E | 4Q19 E | FY19 E | FY20 E |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Adj. BVPS | 79.45 | 82.84 | 84.54 | 86.06 | 86.06 | 87.81 | 89.38 | 90.92 | 92.39 | 92.39 | 99.07 |
| Operating Income | 155 | 74 | 161 | 92 | 482 | 82 | 82 | 81 | 80 | 324 | 301 |
| Oper. Inc. Per Share | 1.33 | 0.66 | 1.47 | 0.86 | 4.33 | 0.80 | 0.81 | 0.82 | 0.83 | 3.26 | 3.34 |

Source: BTIG Estimates and Company Documents (\$ in millions, except per share amount)



- Moreover, they said, the COFINA deal bodes well for a positive outcome for creditors at the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA), where AGO had \$848mm of net insured exposure as of YE18. Relative to COFINA, the PREPA situation should be easier to resolve inasmuch as it is a separate legal entity with a discrete revenue stream, they said.
- ▶ Management said the resolution of Puerto Rico's debt restructuring likely would accelerate AGO's ongoing consolidation of the municipal bond insurance industry. They added that even in advance of such a resolution the company is well positioned to provide capital relief and acquire insured portfolios as they had done last year with Syncora Holdings (SYCRF, Not Rated).
- ▶ Given the slowdown in the rapid amortization of AGO's insured portfolio and the company's new business production, management estimated that in late 2019 or early 2020 it would hit an inflection point at which portfolio run-off would be slower than the addition of new business.
- ▶ AGO, which continues to target \$500mm in annual share repurchases, requires a special dividend from its regulators in New York and/or Maryland to achieve its goal. While the company in past years had filed for a special dividend during the fourth quarter of a given year, it did not do so during 4Q18 because it had sufficient cash to fund buybacks in the near term. With that said, management noted that after the company filed its 10-K (which it did today) that the regulators would have the information they would need to make a decision about its special dividend request.



Assured Guaranty: Puerto Rico Insured Exposures and Loss Estimates

| Discount rate | 3.25% |
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| Assumed tax rate | 16.0% |
| Diluted shares outstanding | 106.60 |
| Estimated present value impairment per share | \$11.69 |
| Current estimates reserves for Puerto Rico per share | \$5.46 |
| Net estimated reserve strengthening per share after reserve assumption per share | \$6.23 |
| Net after-tax reserve per share | \$5.23 |
| | |

| Present value impairment of principal and interest (in \$mm) | Assumed Impairment | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 2032 | 2033 | 2034 | 2035 | 2036 | 2037 | 2038 | 2039 | 2040 | 2041 | 2042 | 2043 | 2044 | 2045 | 2046 | 2047 | Total | Total per share |
|--|-----------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------|-----------------------|
| Highways and Transportation Authority (Transportation Rev Bonds) | 40.0% | 30.4 | 26.0 | 22.1 | 24.7 | 25.2 | 16.0 | 21.8 | 18.0 | 10.5 | 10.8 | 16.7 | 15.5 | 16.2 | 12.1 | 12.1 | 20.6 | 18.8 | 17.6 | 16.0 | 14.7 | 8.4 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 6.6 | 6.0 | | _ | | | 417.2 | 3.91 |
| Electric Power Authority | 5.0% | | 4.2 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 3.8 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | | - ' | | | - | - | - | - | | 47.7 | 0.45 |
| Aqueduct and Sewer Authority | 10.0% | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 49.7 | 0.47 |
| Highways and Transportation Authority (Highway Rev Bonds) | 40.0% | 18.8 | 17.8 | 21.8 | 9.8 | 18.3 | 17.4 | 16.8 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 7.5 | 13.3 | 12.3 | 11.3 | 10.4 | 9.6 | 8.3 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 6.0 | - | - ' | - ' | - | | | | | | 230.7 | 2.16 |
| Convention Center District Authority | 40.0% | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 8.1 | 1.8 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4-3 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.6 | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | | 72.5 | 0.68 |
| Subtotal | | 57-3 | 52.5 | 51.3 | 41.6 | 53-4 | 40.7 | 48.3 | 35.1 | 40.3 | 35-4 | 37-7 | 34.8 | 32.1 | 29.6 | 27.1 | 34.6 | 32.0 | 29.5 | 27.2 | 24.9 | 9.1 | 8.5 | 7.8 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 3.6 | 3-3 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 817.7 | 7.67 |
| Commonwealth - GO | 16.5% | 25.7 | 32.9 | 11.5 | 14.1 | 10.3 | 18.0 | 16.2 | 10.8 | 17.4 | 9.0 | 13.5 | 12.5 | 11.5 | 10.6 | 9.7 | 10.3 | 9.5 | 8.8 | 8.1 | 7.4 | | | | | | | | | | 267.7 | 2.51 |
| Municipal Finance Agency | 25.0% | | 14.0 | 11.7 | 10.9 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 7.4 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | | 83.6 | |
| Sales Tax Finance Corp. (COFINA) | 0.0% | - | | | | - | - | - | | - ' | - | | | - ' | | | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | | | 0.00 |
| Public Buildings Authority | 40.0% | 4.0 | 4.6 | 7-5 | 2.2 | 4.6 | 2.0 | 4-3 | 5.4 | 13.6 | 1.2 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 68.8 | 0.65 |
| Infrastructure Financing Agency | 40.0% | - | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | - | - | - | - | 8.3 | 0.08 |
| University of Puerto Rico | 40.0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.3 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal | | 47.2 | 52.0 | 31.1 | 27.5 | 21.7 | 25.3 | 25.2 | 24.0 | 34.0 | 12.6 | 17.5 | 16.1 | 14.9 | 13.7 | 12.6 | 11.9 | 11.0 | 10.1 | 9-3 | 8.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | - | - | - | | 428.7 | 4.02 |
| Total | | 104.5 | 104.5 | 82.3 | 69.1 | 75.2 | 66.0 | 73-5 | 59.1 | 74.4 | 48.0 | 55.1 | 51.0 | 47.0 | 43-3 | 39-7 | 46.5 | 43.0 | 39-7 | 36.5 | 33-5 | 9-7 | 9.0 | 8.3 | 7.6 | 7.0 | 3.6 | 3-3 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 1,246.4 | 11.69 |

| Scheduled amortization of principal and interest (in \$mm) | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 2032 | 2033 | 2034 | 2035 | 2036 | 2037 | 2038 | 2039 | 2040 | 2041 | 2042 | 2043 | 2044 | 2045 | 2046 | 2047 | Total |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|---------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Highways and Transportation Authority (Transportation Rev Bonds) | 76.0 | 67.0 | 59.0 | 68.0 | 72.0 | 41.0 | 66.0 | 59.0 | 63.0 | 66.0 | 57.6 | 55.0 | 52.4 | 49.8 | 47.2 | 82.3 | 78.5 | 74.8 | 71.1 | 67.3 | 39.6 | 37.8 | 36.0 | 34.2 | 32.4 | - | - | - | - | 1,453.0 |
| Electric Power Authority | 66.0 | 87.0 | 63.0 | 62.0 | 128.0 | 121.0 | 91.0 | 126.0 | 122.0 | 80.0 | 43.6 | 41.6 | 39.6 | 37.6 | 35.6 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,154.0 |
| Aqueduct and Sewer Authority | 20.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 21.0 | 44.0 | 44.0 | 44.0 | 44.0 | 15.0 | 14.3 | 13.6 | 12.9 | 12.2 | 15.4 | 14.7 | 14.0 | 13.3 | 12.6 | 15.0 | 14.3 | 13.6 | 12.9 | 12.2 | 79-5 | 76.5 | 73-5 | 70.5 | 799.0 |
| Highways and Transportation Authority (Highway Rev Bonds) | 47.0 | 46.0 | 58.0 | 27.0 | 52.0 | 51.0 | 51.0 | 17.0 | 15.0 | 25.0 | 45.8 | 43.7 | 41.6 | 39.5 | 37-4 | 33-4 | 31.9 | 30.4 | 28.9 | 27.4 | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | 749.0 |
| Convention Center District Authority | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 26.0 | 6.0 | 17.2 | 16.4 | 15.6 | 14.8 | 14.0 | 20.0 | 19.1 | 18.2 | 17.3 | 16.4 | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | | 257.0 |
| Subtotal | 216.0 | 226.0 | 206.0 | 183.0 | 278.0 | 241.0 | 259.0 | 253.0 | 270.0 | 221.0 | 179.1 | 170.9 | 162.8 | 154.7 | 146.5 | 153.3 | 146.4 | 139.4 | 132.4 | 125.5 | 54.6 | 52.1 | 49.6 | 47.1 | 44.6 | 79-5 | 76.5 | 73-5 | 70.5 | 4,412.0 |
| Commonwealth - GO | 156.0 | 206.0 | 74.0 | 94.0 | 71.0 | 128.0 | 119.0 | 82.0 | 136.0 | 73.0 | 112.6 | 107.5 | 102.4 | 97-3 | 92.2 | 100.5 | 96.0 | 91.4 | 86.8 | 82.3 | | | | | | | | | | 2,108.0 |
| Municipal Finance Agency | 70.0 | 58.0 | 50.0 | 48.0 | 28.0 | 23.0 | 21.0 | 37.0 | 14.0 | 11.0 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.0 | | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 371.0 |
| Sales Tax Finance Corp. (COFINA) | 12.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 16.0 | 15.0 | 12.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 20.9 | 20.0 | 19.0 | 18.1 | 17.1 | 16.7 | 16.0 | 15.2 | 14.4 | 13.7 | 65.1 | 62.2 | 59.2 | 56.2 | 53-3 | | | - | - | 600.0 |
| Public Buildings Authority | 10.0 | 12.0 | 20.0 | 6.0 | 13.0 | 6.0 | 13.0 | 17.0 | 44.0 | 4.0 | 11.2 | 10.7 | 10.2 | 9.7 | 9.2 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.1 | - | | - | - | | - | - | - | | 219.0 |
| Infrastructure Financing Agency | | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.2 | - | | - | | 32.0 |
| University of Puerto Rico | | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | | - " | - ' | | | - | . " | - ' | | - | - | - | - | | 1.0 |
| Subtotal | 248.0 | 290.0 | 158.0 | 162.0 | 130.0 | 173.0 | 166.0 | 150.0 | 208.0 | 102.0 | 148.1 | 141.3 | 134.6 | 127.9 | 121.1 | 123.9 | 118.2 | 112.6 | 107.0 | 101.3 | 67.8 | 64.7 | 61.6 | 58.5 | 55-4 | - | - | - | - | 3,331.0 |
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| Total | 161.0 | r16 0 | 26/ 0 | 3/50 | 1080 | /1/ 0 | /25.0 | (02.0 | / 78 o | 222.0 | 227.1 | 212.2 | 207 / | 282 5 | 267.7 | 277.2 | 26/ 6 | 252.0 | 220 / | 226.8 | 122.2 | 116.8 | 111 2 | 105 6 | 100 1 | 70.5 | 76 - | 72.5 | 70.5 | 77/20 |

Total

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Income Statement

| Assured Guaranty - Operating Model | Dec-15 | Dec-16 | Mar-17 | Jun-17 | Sep-17 | Dec-17 | Dec-17 | Mar-18 | Jun-18 | Sep-18 | Dec-18 | Dec-18 | Mar-19 | Jun-19 | Sep-19 | Dec-19 | Dec-19 | Dec-20 |
|--|---------|---------------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------|---------------|---------------|
| \$ millions | 2015A | 2016A | 1Q17A | 2Q17A | 3Q17A | 4Q17A | 2017A | 1Q18A | 2Q18A | 3Q18A | 4Q18A | 2018A | 1Q19E | 2Q19E | 3Q19E | 4Q19E | 2019E | 2020E |
| Not considered | 766 | 064 | 164 | 162 | 100 | 170 | 600 | 145 | 126 | 1.40 | 125 | F 4 0 | 104 | 100 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 200 | 240 |
| Net earned premiums | 766 | 864 408 | 164 | 162 | 186 | 178 96 | 690 | 145 | 136 99 | 142 | 125 | 548 398 | 104 | 100 106 | 98 | 96 | 398 424 | 349 436 |
| Net investment income | 423 | | 122 | 101 | 99 | | 418 | 101 | | 98 | 100 | | 105 | | 106 | 107 | | |
| Net realized investment gains (losses) | -26 | -29 | 32 | 15 | 7 | -14 | 40 | -5 | -2 | -7 | -18 | -32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Realized gains (losses) and other settlements | -18 | 29 | 15 | 5 | -1 | -29 | -10 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net unrealized gains (losses) | 746 | 69 | 39 | -11 | 59 | 34 | 121 | 32 | 47 | 20 | 9 | 108 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net change in fair value of credit derivatives | 728 | 98 | 54 | -6 | 58 | 5 | 111 | 34 | 48 | 21 | 9 | 112 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fair value gains (losses) on committed capital securities (CCS) | 27 | 0 | -2 | 2 | -4 | 2 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fair value gains (losses) on FG VIEs | 38 | 38 | 10 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 30 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bargain purchase gain and settlement of pre-existing relationships | 214 | 259 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other income (loss) | 37 | 39 | 89 | 22 | 274 | 9 | 394 | 13 | -62 | 14 | -5 | -40 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 20 | 20 |
| Total revenue | 2,207 | 1,677 | 527 | 308 | 623 | 281 | 1,739 | 293 | 221 | 274 | 214 | 1,002 | 214 | 211 | 209 | 208 | 842 | 805 |
| Loss and loss adjustment expense (LAE) | 424 | 295 | 59 | 72 | 223 | 34 | 388 | -18 | 44 | 17 | 21 | 64 | 24 | 23 | 23 | 22 | 92 | 78 |
| Amortization of deferred acquisition costs | 20 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 34 6 | 19 | -18 5 | 44 4 | 3 | 21 Δ | 16 | 4 | 23 4 | 23 4 | 23 4 | 16 | 16 |
| Interest expense | 101 | 102 | 24 | 4 25 | 24 | 24 | 97 | 24 | 24 | 23 | 23 | 94 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 92 | 92 |
| Other operating expenses | 231 | 245 | 68 | 23 57 | 58 | 61 | 244 | 65 | 62 | 56 | 65 | 248 | 66 | 63 | 63 | 64 | 256 | 261 |
| Total expenses | 776 | 660 | 155 | 158 | 310 | 125 | 748 | 76 | 134 | 99 | 113 | 422 | 116 | 113 | 113 | 113 | 456 | 447 |
| Total expenses | //6 | 880 | 155 | 136 | 310 | 125 | 740 | / " | 154 | 33 | 113 | 422 | 116 | 115 | 113 | 115 | 430 | 447 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 1,431 | 1,017 | 372 | 150 | 313 | 156 | 991 | 217 | 87 | 175 | 101 | 580 | 98 | 97 | 96 | 95 | 386 | 358 |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes | 375 | 136 | 55 | -3 | 105 | 104 | 261 | 20 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 59 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 62 | 57 |
| Net income (loss) | 1,056 | 881 | 317 | 153 | 208 | 52 | 730 | 197 | 75 | 161 | 88 | 521 | 82 | 82 | 81 | 80 | 324 | 301 |
| Common shares outstanding | 148.1 | 133.0 | 125.3 | 121.3 | 118.7 | 117.1 | 120.6 | 115.2 | 111.7 | 108.0 | 105.2 | 110.0 | 102.2 | 99.5 | 97.0 | 94.6 | 98.4 | 89.0 |
| Diluted shares outstanding | 149.0 | 134.1 | 127.1 | 122.7 | 120.7 | 118.9 | 122.3 | 116.6 | 112.9 | 109.3 | 106.4 | 111.3 | 103.4 | 100.7 | 98.2 | 95.8 | 99.6 | 90.2 |
| End of period shares outstanding | 137.9 | 128.0 | 123.0 | 119.7 | 117.9 | 116.0 | 116.0 | 113.7 | 109.6 | 106.6 | 103.7 | 103.7 | 100.7 | 98.0 | 95.5 | 93.1 | 93.1 | 84.3 |
| Operating income per share | \$4.77 | \$6.67 | \$2.15 | \$1.15 | \$1.29 | \$0.77 | \$5.40 | \$1.33 | \$0.66 | \$1.47 | \$0.86 | \$4.33 | \$0.80 | \$0.81 | \$0.82 | \$0.83 | \$3.26 | \$3.34 |
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| Tax rate | 26.2% | 13.4% | 14.8% | -2.0% | 33.5% | 66.7% | 26.3% | 9.2% | 13.8% | 8.0% | 12.9% | 10.2% | 16.0% | 16.0% | 16.0% | 16.0% | 16.0% | 16.0% |
| | 20.270 | | 14.070 | 2.070 | 33.370 | 00.770 | | 3.270 | 13.070 | 0.070 | 12.570 | | 10.070 | 10.070 | 10.070 | 10.070 | | |
| GAAP book value per share | \$43.97 | \$50.81 | \$53.96 | \$56.39 | \$58.34 | \$58.96 | \$58.96 | \$59.67 | \$60.53 | \$61.75 | \$63.23 | \$63.23 | \$64.47 | \$65.62 | \$66.70 | \$67.74 | \$67.74 | \$71.59 |
| Operating book value per share | \$42.97 | \$49.89 | \$52.52 | \$54.32 | \$55.89 | \$56.22 | \$56.22 | \$57.97 | \$58.60 | \$60.23 | \$61.17 | \$61.17 | \$62.30 | \$63.40 | \$64.41 | \$65.40 | \$65.40 | \$69.01 |
| Adjusted book value per share | \$60.88 | \$66.45 | \$71.53 | \$73.46 | \$74.81 | \$77.76 | \$77.76 | \$79.45 | \$82.84 | \$84.54 | \$86.06 | \$86.06 | \$87.81 | \$89.38 | \$90.92 | \$92.39 | \$92.39 | \$99.07 |
| Net par outstanding | 358,571 | 296,318 | 298,243 | 290,620 | 275,767 | 264,952 | 264,952 | 252,685 | 257,804 | 246,940 | 241,802 | 241,802 | 236,193 | 232,260 | 229,399 | 225,765 | 225,765 | 223,222 |
| Gross par written | 17,336 | 17,854 | 4,691 | 5,140 | 3,417 | 4,776 | 18,024 | 2,202 | 4,691 | 3,001 | 4,850 | | 4,287 | 5,593 | 6,418 | 5,488 | 21,786 | 30,668 |
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Source: BTIG Estimates and Company Documents



BTIG Covered Companies Mentioned in this Report

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD. (AGO, Buy, \$52.00 PT; Current Price: \$41.76; Analyst: Mark.Palmer)



Appendix: Analyst Certification and Other Important Disclosures

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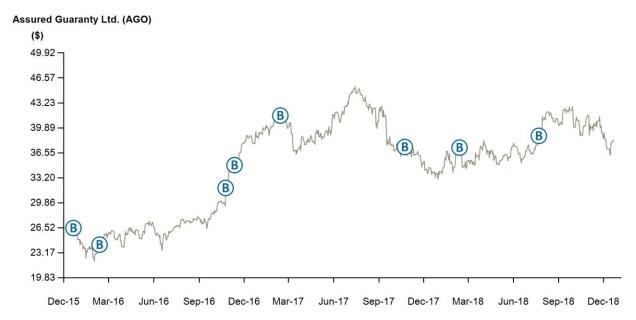
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Risks: The primary risk to achieving our target price include ratings downgrade risks, credit risk related to municipal bond and structured product exposures, and exposures to troubled Puerto Rico credits.





Note: Closing Price and Target Price have been adjusted for corporate actions.

| Date | Closing Price (\$) | Target Price (\$) | Analyst | Rating |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------|
| 08-Aug-13 | 21.91 | 37 | Mark Palmer | Buy |
| 07-Nov-14 | 24.53 | 39 | Mark Palmer | Buy |
| 25-Feb-15 | 26.37 | 40 | Mark Palmer | Buy |
| 07-May-15 | 26.11 | 41 | Mark Palmer | Buy |
| 29-Jun-15 | 23.76 | NA | Mark Palmer | Neutral |
| 08-Jul-15 | 24.49 | 34 | Mark Palmer | Buy |
| 05-Nov-15 | 28.49 | 35 | Mark Palmer | Buy |
| 04-Nov-16 | 31.80 | 37 | Mark Palmer | Buy |
| 22-Nov-16 | 34.84 | 41 | Mark Palmer | Buy |
| 23-Feb-17 | 41.48 | 49 | Mark Palmer | Buy |
| 03-Nov-17 | 37.29 | 50 | Mark Palmer | Buy |
| 22-Feb-18 | 37.19 | 51 | Mark Palmer | Buy |
| 02-Aug-18 | 38.77 | 52 | Mark Palmer | Buy |

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