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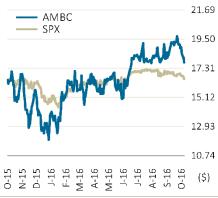
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## AMBC

## **NEUTRAL**

52 week range Market Cap (m)

Price Performance



Source: IDC

## **Financials**

## Ambac Financial Group, Inc.

## While Investors Await Catalyst, AMBC Posts Emphatic 3Q16 Earnings Beat Driven by Self-Help Initiatives

Ambac Financial Group (AMBC) with the 3Q16 report it released yesterday after the market close continued to lay the groundwork for a fuller valuation for its stock as it once again created substantial value through various self-help initiatives.

- AMBC reported 3Q16 operating earnings per share of \$3.23, significantly outpacing the consensus estimate of \$0.68 and our estimate of \$0.84. The company during the quarter also reported a 7.3% sequential increase in its adjusted book value (ABV) per share to \$32.12.
- The earnings beat was enabled in part by AMBC's 23% sequential reduction in operating expenses during 3Q16 to \$21.5mm that was driven in part by a reduction in headcount.
- AMBC also reduced its risk book by 8.4% to \$86.4bn while reducing its adversely classified credits by 3.4% to \$17.4bn. The company also invested \$287mm in the company's insured securities during the quarter.
- We are reiterating our Neutral rating on AMBC. While we continue to believe that significant additional appreciation in AMBC shares would require a catalyst in the form of either a settlement of the company's representation and warranty (R&W) litigation with Bank of America (BAC) or the announcement of a deal that would facilitate the exit of its Segregated Account from rehabilitation, the company's strong performance in accelerating the run-off of its insured portfolio over multiple quarters has fulfilled a prerequisite for the significant jump in its stock price that its investors have been awaiting.
- Valuation: Based on our ABV per share multiple valuation and our recovery analysis, we believe AMBC's valuation is within +/- 15% from current levels over the next 12 months. BTIG does not put price targets on Neutral-rated stocks.

#### Estimates

	1Q15 A	2Q15 A	3Q15 A	4Q15 A	FY15 A	1Q16 A	2Q16 A	3Q16 A	4Q16 E	FY16 E	FY17 E
Sales	155	231	88	171	645	17	107	145	139	408	520
Net Income (Adj.)	215	282	(391)	387	493	9	58	101	72	241	216
Diluted EPS (Adj.)	4.57	6.05	(8.65)	8.56	10.72	0.21	1.29	2.22	1.56	5.25	4.70

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

\$17.75

\$805

\$11.94 - \$19.72

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- AMBC's loss and loss expenses was a benefit of \$69.2mm during 3Q16, including a \$38.7mm increase in its estimate of R&W subrogation recoveries on insured RMBS. The company also recorded a \$36.3mm benefit in student loan loss and loss expenses incurred as management's risk remediation efforts resulted in an improved outlook for those insured exposures. AMBC posted \$6.5mm in domestic public finance loss and loss expenses due to an increase in its reserves against its \$2.085bn of net insured exposure to Puerto Rico's debt as of September 30.
- AMBC announced that its Board of Directors had authorized a \$10mm increase in its warrant repurchase program. Including the 62,582 warrants the company bought back during 3Q16 for \$0.49mm, the company had \$12.55mm remaining under its authorization to repurchase additional warrants. AMBC as of September 30 had bought back 922,682 warrants for \$7.48mm, leaving 4,116,319 warrants outstanding.



#### Income Statement

Net investment income     35-5       Total other than temporary impairment losses     (9)       Portion of loss recognized in other comprehensive income     20       Net other than temporary impairment losses recognized in earnings     (6)       Net other than temporary impairment losses recognized in earnings     (6)       Net realized involve of credit derivatives:     (6)       Realized gains and other settlements     11       Unrealized gains (losses)     32       Derivative products     (28)       Vet unrealized gains (losses) on extinguishment of debt     21       Derivative products     (21)       Vet unrealized gains (losses) on extinguishment of debt     22       Losses and loss expense     14       Income (loss) on variable interest entities     22       Losses and loss expense     14       Insurance intangible amortization interest     21       Losses and loss expense     122       Goodwill impairment     21       Total expenses before reorganization items     21,22       Reorganization items     21,22       Pretax loss from continuing operations before reorganization items     44	5.97 1.80 0.36) 5.51 <b>3.84</b> 7.35 7.00 1.03 <b>3.03</b> 3.03 3.03 3.12 5.54 1.37) 5.54	2012A 414.60 382.90 (15.66) 9.67 (5.99) 72.10 13.71 (22.93) (9.22) (125.00) (177.58) 106.10 27.78 685.69	2013A 313.77 231.89 (47.42) 0.65 (46.76) 50.53 12.29 193.37 205.66 114.20 - 13.86 (10.30)	2014A 246.36 300.95 (26.63) 0.84 (25.79) 58.78 3.04 20.86 23.91 (181.09) (74.72)	1015A 65.72 72.98 (10.36) 7.24 (3.12) 54.10 0.42 (2.92) (2.50) (37.77)	2Q15A 60.88 64.75 (1.39) 0.37 (1.02) (5.35) 0.41 9.89 10.29	3Q15A 71.54 64.20 (31.74) 22.59 (9.15) 2.11 1.69 35.26 35.26	4Q15A 114.46 64.36 (23.20) 10.83 (12.37) 2.62 0.27	2015A 312.60 266.29 (66.69) 41.03 (25.66) 53.48 2.79	1Q16A 52.80 60.82 (48.07) 38.74 (9.33) 1.10	2016A 41.40 70.76 (18.88) 11.44 (7.44) 14.90	3Q16A 53.22 90.92 (15.91) 13.05 (2.85) 11.75	4Q16E 50.56 86.37 - - - -	2016E 197.98 308.87 (82.86) 63.23 (19.63) 27.75	1Q17E 48.03 84.21 - - - -	2Q17E 45.63 83.79 - - - - -	3Q17E 43.35 83.37 - - - -	4Q17E 41.18 82.95 - - - -	2017E 178.18 334.33 - - - -
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Reorganization items       4:         Pre-tax loss from continuing operations       (1,88:         Provition for income taxes       7:	3.09)	(249.29)	797.78	493.46	216.58	286.10	(388.18)	395.58	510.07	12.85	61.51	116.72	71.85	262.94	57.56	55.17	52.89	50.73	216.35
Provition for income taxes 7	9.86	7.22	2.55	0.21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2.95)	(256.51)	795.23	493.25	216.58	286.10	(388.18)	395.58	510.07	12.85	61.51	116.72	71.85	262.94	57.56	55.17	52.89	50.73	216.3
lat income (less)	7.42	2.85	8.17	9.56	1.71	3.92	2.84	8.90	17.36	3.44	3.16	15.28	-	21.88	-	-	-	-	-
	0.37)	(259.35)	787.05	483.70	214.87	282.18	(391.02)	386.68	492.70	9.41	58.36	101.44	71.85	241.06	57.56	55.17	52.89	50.73	216.35
	0.06	(2.68)	(0.46)	(0.38)	0.16	(0.52)	(0.04)	(0.31)	(0.71)		(0.29)	(0.04)	-	(0.33)	-	-	-	-	-
Net income (loss) attributable to shareholders (1,96	0.43)	(256.68)	787.52	484.07	214.71	282.70	(390.98)	386.98	493.41	9.41	58.65	101.47	71.85	241.39	57.56	55.17	52.89	50.73	216.35
Net loss (1,96	27	(259.35)	787.05	483.70	214.87	282.18	(391.02)	386.68	492.70	9.41	58.36	101.44	71.85	241.06	57.56	55.17	52.89	50.73	216.3
	0.64	221.15	133.44	252.60	(17.45)	(113.84)	8.38	(20.06)	(159.73)	59.79	48.17	-	-	107.96	-	-	-	-	
	3.61)	54.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-
	1.53	(0.54)	42.74	(43.60)	(33.81)	40.49	(30.91)	(82.62)	(45.03)	(17.78)	(55.15)	-	-	(72.93)	-	-	-	-	-
Amortization of postretirement benefit	0.75	(3.79)	11.03	(0.82)	(0.03)	(0.22)	(0.22)	(0.66)	(0.69)	0.79	(0.26)	-	-	0.53	-	-	-	-	-
Total other comprehensive income net of tax 17	L.53	161.92	187.21	208.19	(51.28)	(73.57)	(22.75)	(103.34)	(205.44)	42.80	(7.24)		-	35.56	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income (loss) (1,78	3.84)	(97.43)	974.26	691.88	163.59	208.61	(413.77)	283.34	287.26	52.21	51.12	101.44	71.85	276.62	57.56	55.17	52.89	50.73	216.35
Less: comprehensive income (loss) attributable to the noncontrolling interest																			1
	0.06	(2.68)	(0.46)	(0.38)	0.16	(0.52)	(0.04)	(0.31)	(0.71)	-	(0.29)	(0.04)	-	(0.33)	-	-	-	-	-
	0.05	(0.21)	0.67	(0.43)	(0.33)	0.40	(0.27)	(0.72)	(0.37)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Ambac financial group (1,78)	3.95)	(94.55)	974.05	692.69	163.76	208.73	(413.45)	284.36	288.34	52.21	51.41	101.47	71.85	276.95	57.56	55.17	52.89	50.73	216.35
Diluted EPS (\$	5.48)	(\$0.85)	\$17.11	\$10.31	\$4.57	\$6.05	(\$8.65)	\$8.56	\$10.72	\$0.21	\$1.29	\$2.22	\$1.56	\$5.25	\$1.24	\$1.19	\$1.13	\$1.08	\$4.70
Diluted shares outstanding 302	2.44	302.47	46.04	46.93	46.95	46.70	45.17	45.19	46.01	45.24	45.38	45.79	46.02	46.01	46.25	46.48	46.71	46.95	46.01
GAAP Book Value per Share - Diluted (\$10		(\$10.73)	\$21.25	\$35.66	\$39.14	\$43.83	\$36.06	\$43.33	\$43.33	\$44.46	\$45.46	\$47.53	\$49.09	\$49.09	\$50.33	\$51.52	\$52.65	\$53.73	\$53.73
Adjusted Book Value per Share - Diluted \$:	).41)	(\$1.55)	\$59.07	\$60.35	\$61.91	\$65.54	\$67.68	\$71.67	\$71.67	\$70.83	\$70.21	\$70.43	\$71.99	\$71.99	\$73.24	\$74.42	\$75.55	\$76.64	\$76.64

Source: BTIG Estimates and Company Documents



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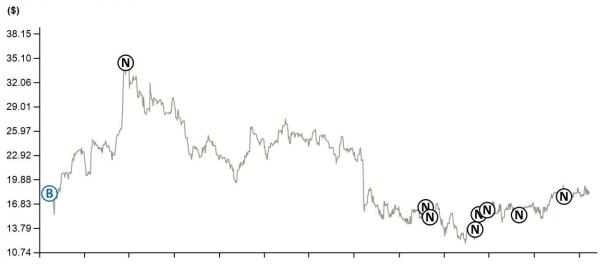
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