

Strong foundations, measured upside

We initiate coverage on Arab National Bank (ANB) with a Neutral rating and a PT of SAR24.4. ANB is a leading mid-tier bank, representing a market share of c6-8% of the Saudi banking assets and deposits, with a strong corporate tilt (2025: 74%). Structured financial expertise along with active engagement in Vision 2030 aligned projects and government sponsored SME lending programs are the bank's key value proposition. However, its structurally high C/I ratio and relatively lower contribution of Fee and other income vs peers create a drag on the return profile. We expect the bank to record a 2025-2030f earnings CAGR of 5.3% (adjusted for Tier 1 sukuk), implying an average ROE of 12.0%. The stock is trading at a 2026f P/B of 1.0x against the peer group average of 1.4x and conventional banks average of 1.1x.

- A diversified universal bank with a strong corporate franchise**

ANB is a leading mid-sized bank, with a market share of 6-8% of the total Saudi banking assets & deposits. It has a predominate corporate tilt with the segment accounting for c74% of the total loan book (2025 market share of c8%) and anchored by project finance and lending to mid-corporate and SMEs. The retail segment is relatively smaller and represents c26% of the loan book, focused mainly on affluent and middle-income segment. As of 2025, ANB operates a network of 121 branches, alongside 54 remittance centres (under the TeleMoney brand), 3 corporate service centres, 14 SME centres and one branch in London.

- Renewed focus on MSMEs as the primary loan book driver**

ANB's loan portfolio remains anchored by corporate but is increasingly driven by rapid SME expansion, with the MSME book growing 23% yoy to SAR32.3bn in 2025 (c16% of the total loan book) along with mega-project related financing. Going forward, we expect loan growth to be driven largely by the corporate book, benefiting from Vision 2030's focus on increasing lending to MSMEs, while selective mega-project participation remains part of the strategy. Overall, we forecast a loan book CAGR of c6.9% between 2025-2030f from SAR195bn in 2025 to SAR273bn in 2030f.

- Funding room provides capacity**

In 2025, total deposits increased by 14.9% to SAR209bn; of which 89% of the growth came from term deposits. However, in broader context, this is still better than the industry peers as term deposits accounted for c51% of the total deposit mix (45% in 2024) vs the sector average (ex-Rajhi and SNB) of 58.1% (45.1% in 2024). This organic funding advantage is not only allowing it to gradually reducing its cost of funds but also provides the bank with a strategic flexibility to capture high yield lending opportunities as it arises without compromising its margin profile. Accordingly, ANB's NIMS remain robust both in absolute terms and relative to peers, supported by a focus towards MSME and better deposit mix. We expect NIMS to compress from 3.4% in 2025 to 3.3% in 2026f (impact of the prior year rate cuts come through) and thereafter marginally easing to 3.1% by 2030f.

- C/I ratio above sector average but on a structural improvement path**

Improving efficiency is one the core areas which could unlock returns by delivering meaningful C/I improvement through operating leverage. Amongst similar sized peers, ANB is broadly similar to BSF but trails Alinma (31.2%) as of 2025. In absolute terms, ANB wage bill is higher as compared to its two main peers, despite a lower average monthly cost per employee. Going forward, we expect the C/I ratio to rationalize, declining to c33.0% in 2026f and reaching c31.5% in 2030f, as we believe ANB can streamline its cost base while it continues to invest in human capital and digital transformation.

- Initiate coverage on ANB with a Neutral rating and PT of SAR24.4**

We initiate coverage on ANB with a Neutral rating and a PT of SAR24.4. We believe the focus on MSME's would continue to be the main growth driver while higher C/I ratio is the main risk. The stock is trading at a 2026f P/B of 1.0x vs sector average of 1.4x and the conventional banks average of 1.1x.

Summary Financials

SAR mn	2025	2026f	2027f	2028f	2029f	2030f
Banking income	9,883	10,671	11,370	11,730	12,332	12,977
Net Income	7,927	8,097	8,817	9,368	9,597	10,107
NIMS (%)	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1
C-I Ratio (%)	33.8	33.0	32.9	32.9	32.1	31.5
COR (%)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Loans & advances (bn)	195	210	228	242	257	273
Deposits (bn)	209	230	246	260	273	287
EPS (SAR) – Post Tier 1	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.2

Source: The company, SNB Capital Research estimates

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NEUTRAL

Price target (SAR) **24.4**

Current price (SAR) 21.7

Upside/Downside (%) 12.8%

VALUATION MULTIPLES

	25	26f	27f
P/E (x)	8.7	8.6	8.0
P/B (x)	1.1	1.0	0.9
Div Yield (%)	5.7	5.4	5.8

Source: SNB Capital Research estimates

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS

Investor	% Ownership
Arab Bank PLC	40.0%
Foreign Investors	12.3%

Source: Saudi Exchange, SNB Capital Research. As of 18 Jun 2026

STOCK DETAILS

M52-week range H/L (SAR)	26.0/20.0
Market cap (USD mn)	11,552
Shares outstanding (mn)	2,000
Listed on exchanges	Tadawul

Price perform (%)	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	3.8	2.3	5.4
Rel. to market	2.2	(4.2)	0.3

Avg daily turnover (mn)	SAR	US\$
3m	34.6	9.2
12m	37.6	10.0

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