

How to Buy a Bank?

If you yearn to incorporate new ideas into the running of a banking organization, it is time to reflect on buying a bank.

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The acquisition process became easy, and the sector needs a serious new capital injection. Currently, the regulatory environment makes it more convenient to buy an existing bank than to start a new banking institution. The rest of this post tries to demystify how much money is needed to buy a bank and the key processes involved.

How much money is needed to buy a bank?

The cost of buying a bank will mainly depend on the total assets and liabilities of the bank in question as well as its profit ratios. The prices may vary significantly based on these and many other parameters in the banking industry. Typically, you will need to part with approximately \$12 to \$20 million when buying a bank. For new investors in the banking sector, the firm you will hire to carry out due diligence may charge some professional work fees.

You will also need to reach out to the regulatory authorities that govern the banking industry to assess the status, history, and compliance of the bank before you initiate the buying talks. The price of acquiring the bank will also vary if it has invested in heavily IT and other facilities that promote or facilitate its banking activities.

If the bank has assets, you will need to add their value to the base price and then deduct liabilities during valuation. The valuation process is more complicated than this approach, but it will give you invaluable clues of the overall cost you are likely to incur.

Buying a bank is quite an intricate process, but you need to have substantial capital with you for a seamless acquisition. Most of the intermediaries involved will request you to deposit some cash or give proof of funds for bidding into any transactions before proceeding to the sale negotiations.

The valuation

It is crucial to view banks differently in the market because they also work differently. There are

two significant matrices that help in valuing banks: price to tangible book and price to earnings. Small community banks are normally valued using tangible book value, while large banking institutions are valued based on their earnings.

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Buying a bank may not be as simple as purchasing other companies. The regulations in the banking sector are strict, and the buying process needs the help of experienced lawyers, accounting, and strategic advisory team. The acquisition process will involve the following steps:

Identify a viable bank for sale

The first step into purchasing a bank is identifying a financial institution willing to surrender its market share due to distress or liquidity. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has made it easy for prospective investors to buy a failing bank before the regulator seizes it. If you find out that the bank struggles are exaggerated or assets improperly undervalued, you can inject your capital to save it from a downturn.

Carry out due diligence

You will need to hire an experienced team of experts to help you unearth the ins and outs of the bank you need to buy. The experts should help you to investigate the following:

Audited financial statements for at least the last three years.

Ensure they also assess the maturity, types, and terms of rates of all loans.

The types of deposits and rates of breakdown

The type of charter state, national or federal

The description of customers and the list of shareholders

Analyzing the CAMEL- Capital Management, Asset, Earning, Sensitivity, and Liquidity concerning market risks.

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