Seacoast Banking Corp. of Florida (SBCF)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	$29	**5 Year Annual Expected Total Return:**	14.0%	**Market Cap:**	$2.83 B
Fair Value Price:	$43	**5 Year Growth Estimate:**	4.0%	**Ex-Dividend Date:**	06/13/2026[1]
% Fair Value:	68%	**5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:**	7.9%	**Dividend Payment Date:**	06/30/2026
Dividend Yield:	2.6%	**5 Year Price Target**	$52	**Years Of Dividend Growth:**	4
Dividend Risk Score:	D	**Sector:**	Financials	**Rating:**	Hold

Overview & Current Events

Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida is a bank holding company for the Seacoast National Bank. Through its operating companies, it provides integrated financial services to retail and commercial customers in Florida. The portfolio includes traditional products such as various deposit and savings accounts, as well as construction and land loans, commercial and residential real estate, automobiles, personal loans, and other related products. It also has a wealth management division, as well as insurance product lines. The company was founded in 1926 in Stuart, Florida, produces about $850 million in annual revenue, and has a current market cap of $2.83 billion.

Seacoast posted fourth quarter and full-year earnings on January 30th, 2026, and results capped what was a second consecutive year of strong growth. Adjusted net income for the quarter, which excludes merger-related charges, was $47.7 million. Pre-tax pre-provision earnings on an adjusted basis reached $93.2 million.

Net interest income was $174.6 million, which was up 31% from the prior quarter. Net interest margin was up 12 basis points to 3.44%. Loan yields were up six basis points to 6.02%, implying cost of funds fell six basis points.

Noninterest income was $28.6 million, a 20% increase from the prior quarter. Wealth management income was up 21%, while total assets under management rose 37% year-over-year.

Noninterest expense was $130.5 million for the quarter, which included $18.1 million in merger and integration costs, as well as $23.4 million in additional credit provisions related to the Villages acquisition. The adjusted efficiency ratio was 54.5%.

We start 2026 with an estimate of $2.50 in adjusted earnings-per-share. We think this year will see much better margins as the Villages acquisition is fully digested, and the benefits of additional scale fall to the bottom line.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
EPS	$0.81	$0.99	$1.38	$1.90	$1.44	$2.18	$1.66	$1.23	$1.42	$1.83	***$2.50***	***$3.04***
DPS	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.39	$0.64	$0.71	$0.72	$0.73	***$0.76***	***$0.84***
Shares[2]	38	43	49	52	54	57	64	84	85	89	***93***	***110***

We have set our initial growth estimate at 4% annually, which is reflective of the bank's uneven growth over the past decade, as well as the high estimated base for 2026. We note that this year will see a 20-year high in earnings if our estimate is achieved. We see an ever-rising share count as a headwind, although the bank does have a modest share repurchase program in place. Revenue growth should continue to be in the mid-single digits on a normalized basis, but much higher in 2026 due to the acquisition.

Seacoast ended 2025 with very strong loan portfolio growth, and good leverage on adjusted expenses. With merger costs declining very sharply this year, we should see more of that growth accrue to the bottom line. So long as credit quality remains intact, we think Seacoast is set up very well for 2026. We note non-lending revenue such as wealth

[1] Estimated date
[2] Share count is in millions.

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management and insurance continue to grow nicely as well. These tend to be high-margin businesses, so growth in noninterest income is something shareholders should keep an eye on.

Valuation Analysis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Now	2031
Avg. P/E	20.5	24.0	20.6	14.1	15.5	15.9	20.3	20.0	18.2	15.4	***11.6***	***17.0***
Avg. Yld.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	1.9%	2.9%	2.8%	2.6%	***2.6%***	***1.6%***

The valuation has been quite elevated for some time based on our coverage universe of regional banks. Today, higher earnings estimates have the P/E ratio at just 11.6, which is a decade low. While the average P/E ratio is just above 18, we start coverage at 17X earnings, reflecting the bank's strong forward outlook, but also peer valuations.

The dividend is yielding 2.6% today, which is also elevated. We see it falling over time because recent dividend growth has been modest, while we expect a higher valuation and higher earnings, both of which would drive the yield lower.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Payout	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	18%	39%	58%	51%	40%	***30%***	***28%***

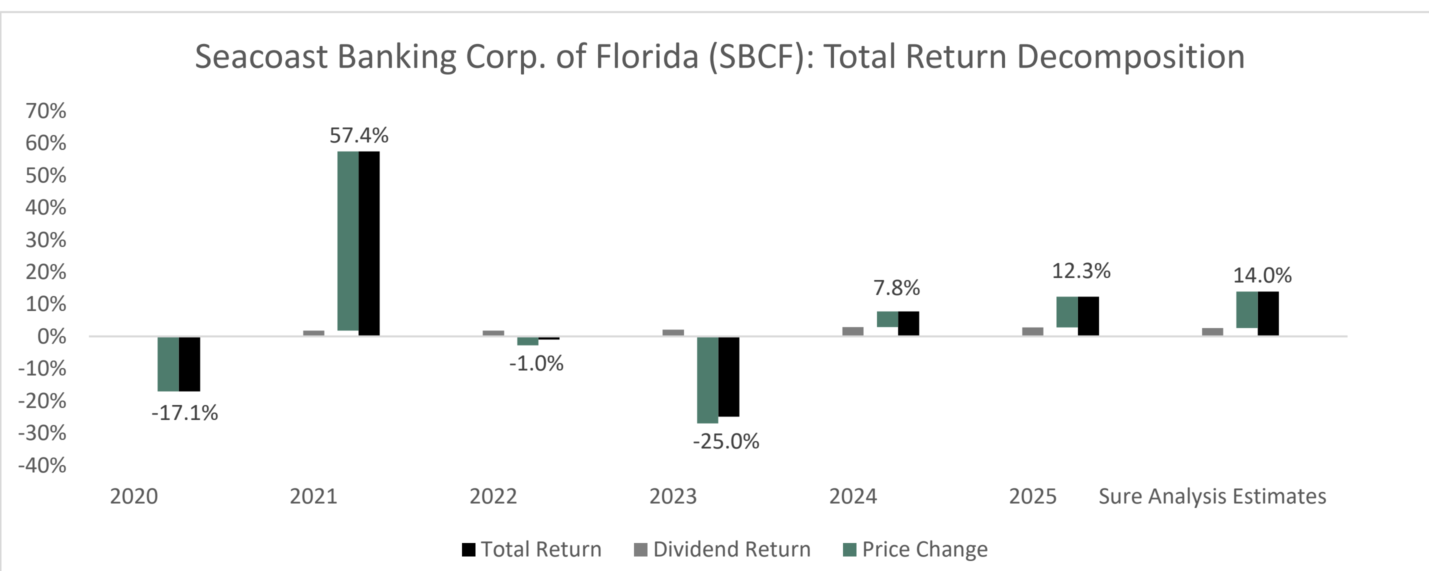
The payout ratio is quite manageable at 30%, and we see it remaining around that level for the foreseeable future, meaning Seacoast should not need to cut the payout except in the most extreme recession scenario.

Speaking of recessions, Seacoast had its earnings decimated during the Great Recession, falling from $6.39 per share in 2006 to a loss of $18.21 per share in 2009. Cumulative earnings-per-share for that four-year period were -$20.37, highlighting that investors should keenly watch for signs of slowdowns in Seacoast's businesses. Indeed, for 2008 and 2009 combined, Seacoast lost more than $30 per share, and it took several years before the bank was solidly profitable again. As a regional bank, we don't see any meaningful competitive advantages for Seacoast.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

We see 14% total annual returns looking forward, consisting of the 2.6% yield, 4% growth, and a strong tailwind from the valuation. We note very high risk of earnings declines in recessions, but a cheap valuation and a safe yield that is double that of the S&P 500. Seacoast is initiated at a hold rating.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Revenue	186	251	291	347	346	355	449	767	809	936
D&A Exp.	5	6	6	11	10	10	13	16	17	19
Operating Profit	46	79	88	118	90	159	138	134	173	219
Operating Margin	24.6%	31.6%	30.1%	34.1%	26.0%	44.7%	30.8%	17.5%	21.4%	23.4%
Net Profit	29	43	67	99	78	124	107	104	121	142
Net Margin	15.7%	17.1%	23.1%	28.5%	22.5%	35.0%	23.7%	13.6%	15.0%	15.2%
Free Cash Flow	7	15	103	111	94	37	124	137	172	172
Income Tax	15	36	20	30	23	34	32	30	35	42

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Assets	4,688	5,816	6,756	7,122	8,360	9,698	12,183	14,624	15,211	20,912
Cash & Equivalents	83	104	92	90	87	239	121	168	172	181
Goodwill & Int. Ass.	79	167	230	224	236	265	552	828	804	1,230
Total Liabilities	4,252	5,126	5,891	6,136	7,230	8,387	10,575	12,516	13,027	17,856
Long-Term Debt	485	282	451	411	94	103	276	200	386	997
Shareholder's Equity	435	690	864	986	1,130	1,311	1,608	2,108	2,183	2,713
LTD/E Ratio	1.58	0.72	0.77	0.51	0.19	0.18	0.28	0.28	0.29	0.46

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Return on Assets	0.7%	0.8%	1.1%	1.4%	1.0%	1.4%	1.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%
Return on Equity	7.4%	7.6%	8.7%	10.7%	7.4%	10.2%	7.3%	5.6%	5.6%	5.4%
ROIC	3.3%	3.7%	5.0%	6.5%	5.5%	8.6%	5.9%	4.4%	4.4%	3.9%
Shares Out.	38	43	49	52	54	57	64	84	85	89
Revenue/Share	4.97	5.78	5.97	6.66	6.42	6.22	6.98	9.10	9.51	10.50
FCF/Share	0.19	0.35	2.12	2.13	1.74	0.65	1.92	1.62	2.02	1.93

Note: All figures in millions of U.S. Dollars unless per share or indicated otherwise.