

Navigating the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank

Update from the Liquidity Management team at UBS Asset Management

What you need to know.

Across our UBS US Money Market Funds and UBS Ultra Short Duration Income Fund – we do not have any exposure to Silicon Valley Bank (SVB), Silvergate, First Republic nor Signature Bank.

What happened to SVB?

Technology start-ups and the broader venture capital community were key clients of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) and through the pandemic the deposit base of the bank surged from \$55 billion for FY2019, to \$173 billion for FY 2022. Signature Bank historically grew deposits by focusing on attracting successful private businesses and their owners as clients. Its deposit base surged from \$36 billion at YE 2018 to \$89 billion at YE 2022 as it made the strategic decision to accept crypto-exchanges, crypto-coin issuers and bitcoin miners as customers.

The failure of these institutions **was not** driven by traditional credit problems such as poor underwriting or weaker lending standards but by a much more old-fashioned mismatch of assets and liabilities. They invested in long-duration bonds which dropped significantly in value as the Federal Reserve raised interest rates through 2022. Investors should note that even though the US economy has held up so far, it highlights potential fragilities that emerge from the rapid rise in rates, and markets could remain volatile in the near term.

Money Market Funds are NOT bank deposits

There are significant differences between money market funds and bank deposits. Money market funds are highly regulated investments with a specific set of rules which must be met. Bank deposits generally are a means to originate loans by a bank to whomever they feel compelled. It's important to note that money market funds are not bank deposits and therefore are not on the balance sheets of UBS.

Money market funds are:

- Independent investment companies with oversight by a board of directors who are ultimately responsible for the operation of the fund in the best interest of ALL shareholders.
- Market driven since the fund's yield is derived from the underlying securities. Bank deposit rates are administered and have low correlation to market rates.
- Required to be managed by a specific set of SEC rules under the investment company act of 1940 (Rule 2a-7). These rules mandate limits on concentration, minimum liquidity and maximum maturity. This set of rules limits concentration, for example; maximum weighted average maturity (60 days) and maximum final maturity of any one security (397 days). These rules also mandate minimum liquidity requirements, for example; 10% of total assets in daily liquid assets and at least 30% in weekly liquid assets.

UBS Ultra Short Income Fund

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