

Outcomes Statement

Year End April 30th 2021

Introduction

In accordance with COBS 18.12.21R, Crowd2Fund must publish an outcomes statement in order to detail expected and actual default rates by risk category. This document outlines in detail the outcomes statement, defines the methodology used to calculate the forecast default rate and also ongoing work for additional analysis during COVID-19. In line with the requirement of COBS 18.12.21R the platform default rate, default rate by risk category and estimated default rate is published on the Fund Statistics page which can be accessed here: www.crowd2fund.com/fund-statistics.

We adopted a default rate modelling methodology in April 2020 details of which can be found on the 2020 Outcomes Statement. For our 2021 estimates, we have simply looked at changes in the size of the portfolio and taken into account COVID government funding payment obligations likely to fall due for businesses in the next period and also the economic outlook post COVID19.

Outcomes statement comment

It is important to recognise that the rates calculated are not annualised and are a percentage of the all-time total lent. Any change is not necessarily a reflection of the performance over the past year where there have been significant changes to our credit review and recovery methodology.

The default rate has increased on a like for like basis slightly from 6.01% to 6.10% which is less than predicted (6.58%). For April 2021 we have made an adjustment to the defaulted population to include loans which were in administration at year end. Any loans which were in default and in administration over the 12 month period but were written off are included so as to ensure the default rate is not understated as a result of the write offs. We believe this more accurately reflects the defaulted portfolio position.

Consequently, the adjusted actual default balance for the period to April 2021 is 8.41% which is the most prudent default calculation and the write off rate for the period is 1.75%.

We have also included a table which shows the amount written off in that period by risk category.

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Category	Actual default rate April 2020	Expected default rate April 2021	Actual default balance April 2021	Actual default rate April 2021	Expected default Rate April 2022
Interest Only	0.00%	0.02%	£0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Loans	4.67%	4.90%	£2,078,883	5.99%	5.99%
Revenue Loans	1.00%	1.25%	£739,388	2.13%	2.13%
Venture Debt	0.35%	0.42%	£100,489	0.29%	0.29%
Total	6.01%	6.58%	£2,918,760	8.41%*	8.41%

*This figure includes loans which are in default and administration. It also includes any loans that were in default within the period and were subsequently written off. This higher figure reflects the new calculation methodology. On a like for like basis the default rate is 6.10%.

Category	Actual write offs during 2020/2021	Expected write offs during 2021/2022
Interest Only	0.00%	0.00%
Loans	1.37%	2.21%
Revenue Loans	0.38%	0.61%
Venture Debt	0.00%	0.00%
Total	1.75%	2.82%

Actual write offs are calculated as a percentage of the total loan book as at 30th April 2021, during the period May 2020 to April 2021.

We have looked at the growth in the portfolio for the first three months of the new period which is approximately £500,000 per month and increasing smoothly. Assuming the rate of growth continues, write offs as a percentage of the portfolio at April 2022 is estimated to be 2.82% for the period (May 2021 to April 2022).

This is an increase on the previous year to consider the longer term COVID impacts on selected businesses and also taking into account those businesses that may have repayable COVID loans obligations elsewhere creating potential financial distress when they fall due.

Crowd2Fund has made the following assumptions when reviewing the loan book and applying those insights to expected default rate.

- We assume that economic recovery from COVID-19 continues to progress in line with the current trends.
- We assume there will be no further economic shocks in the next 12 months.
- Given continued COVID-19 recovery and improvements in the underwriting and recoveries processes we do not expect the default rate to increase.

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