Getting to Know BankExec Exercise

Initial Login

1. Open your internet browser and go to https://bx30.aba.com
2. Your first time using BankExec©, click on "Forgot Password?"
    a. Enter your email listed in the "Bank Groups" document.
    b. You will receive an email from bxsupport@aba.com with a link to reset your password.
        i. **Passwords must be at least <u>8</u> characters; include at least 1 upper & 1 lower-case letter, a number, and a special character/punctuation. It cannot contain your first or last name.**
        ii. Write your password down for future use.

Starting Position and Online Resources

Use your email and password to log into BankExec. Click on the menu icon to the left of the BankExec label at the top of the page and choose "Bank Reports." Click on "Print All PDF." The resulting report is the starting financial position for the bank your team will manage. It is the financial report you will use to complete the Starting Point Exercise. You probably will want to print the report and/or download it.

Navigate the BankExec Screens and Create an Action Plan

This **<u>test</u>** presession will not affect your team's simulated bank. Feel free to try any entries beyond those listed below.

1. Click on the menu icon and choose "Home." Click "Play the Game."
    a. The first time you click "Play the Game" you will be required to create an Action Plan.
    b. Under the "Create a New Action Plan" heading, enter your last name in the box and click "Create New." This will create an Action Plan based on your last name. **(This is how we know you completed this assignment.)**
    c. When you meet with your team, you can choose any naming convention you prefer. Since you can create multiple Action Plans, you will want to make it easy to determine the order of creation. For example, names like Plan1, Plan2, etc. work well.
2. Click on **Security Inputs**.
    a. Note that as you move your cursor over each input box, a dialogue box will open that indicates the information to be entered. (Note: For further details, access the related section in the Participant Decision Manual available in Help Resources.)
    b. Purchase a $10 million Treasury Bill with a three-quarter maturity.
    c. Purchase an Agency Bond with a par value of $25 million and a 20-quarter maturity.
    d. Sell all of Securities #129 and #106.

    >> >> Remember to click the "Save Changes" button before leaving each Input screen. << <<

3. Click on **Loan Inputs**.
    a. Move your cursor over the top of each input box to see how to enter data.
    b. For Commercial Real Estate Loans: raise the Interest Rate by 50 basis points, change Credit Policy to 2, change Business Development to High (H - the highest level), and increase Maximum Outstanding to 300. (Note: Business development allocations apply to Loans and Deposits.)
    c. Sell Loan #203.
4. Click on **Deposit Inputs**.
    a. Move your cursor over the top of each input box to see how to enter data.

b. For Individual Savings: raise the standard rate 100 basis points, raise the premium rate 75 basis points, and increase Business Development to the highest level.

c. Increase your Business Development Budgets Salaries to 450 and increase your Advertising and Promotion to 150. (Note: Business Development budgets are in thousands of dollars and apply to loans and deposits.)

5. Click on **Treasury Inputs**.
   a. Move your cursor over the top of each input box to see how to enter data.
   b. Purchase $25 million in Repos.
   c. Decrease Dividends per share by $0.10 and set the Earnings per share forecast to $0.45.
   d. You may now experiment with other entries before logging out of the system. (Note: You do not need to click on the “Submit Final Plan” button in the presession.)
6. Notes:
   a. In the presession you cannot use your Action Plan to run a Forecast as discussed in the fourth presentation. That function will be available when you meet as a team.
   b. When the presession deadline passes, you will not be able log back into the BankExec portal until it is reopened for the first actual simulation session.