General Principles of Bank Management

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Outline

1. What Does a Bank Manager Do?
   - Liquidity Management
   - Asset Management
   - Liability Management
   - Capital Adequacy Management

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Excess reserves are an insurance for the bank

Asset Management

How to get the most of the bank assets with the least risk?

1. Borrow to firms and people with low risk of default
2. Try to set a competitive interest rate on loans
3. Purchase securities with low risk and high return (?)
4. Diversify
5. Hold luquid securities to meet reserve requirements easily

Liability Management

How to make the most out of the bank liabilities?

1. Borrow to other banks at the federal funds market
2. Issue new instruments: CoD
3. Invest the newly aquired funds using asset management

Capital Adequacy Management

Why a bank banager needs to manage the bank's capital?

1. Because the regulators say so (Capital Adequacy Ratios)
2. Because it affects the owners' return on investment
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Therefore, the regulators step in and set the **capital requirements: BASEL II agreement**.