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## MUANGTHAI CAPITAL

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## Fewer concerns over credit costs

- MTC delivered an impressive 1Q24 net profit despite the low season due mainly to the better-than-expected credit costs.
- Asset quality was more solid regarding NPLs, credit costs and coverage ratio, prompting an upward revision of 2024-26 forecasts.
- We upgrade our rating to BUY with a new 2024 TP of THB50.

#### Impressive 1Q24 results despite the low season

1Q24 net profit beat our forecast and the Bloomberg consensus by 3-4%. Earnings grew by 2.8% q-q and 29.8% y-y, amounting to THB1.39b and accounting for 22% of our revised full-year net profit forecast. By contrast, PPOP dropped by 3.1% g-g but rose by 18.1% y-y, due mainly to the low season for loan demand and rising operating expenses. Loans continued on the growth path and were better than expected at 3.0% g-g and 17.4% y-y, despite the low season. The loan spread was worse than expected in 1Q24, dropping by 41bp to 13.78% due mainly to the loan yield reduction, whereas the cost of funds rose minimally. The loan yield impact was due to fewer working days and a focus on secured loans. Operating expenses typically peak in 1Q due to the rise in personnel expenses from annual salary adjustments and incentives, accelerating its cost-to-income ratio to 47.8% as expected.

#### Sharply reduced credit costs despite proactive NPL management

MTC continues to demonstrate a proactive approach to asset quality management, debt write-offs, and sales – a strategy that aligns with its 2024 guidance. The 1Q24 NPL ratio continued to drop to 3.06% from 3.15% at the end of 2023, which aligns with MTC's guidance of not exceeding 3.30%. In addition, 1Q24 credit costs reduced sharply to 3.16%, much better than expected. Given the lower NPL ratio and credit costs, its 1Q24 coverage ratio finished at 120.9%, the highest since 1Q22.

### **Upward revision of 2024-26 forecasts**

We raise our 2024-26 earnings forecasts by 5.8-8.6% from the previous assumptions due mainly to the downward revision in credit costs based on the 1Q24 reported figure, which was much better than expected. Consequently, the expected net profit growth rises to 23.1% CAGR (from 19.3%), driven by average loan growth of 14.7-19.5% and lower credit costs, continually declining to an expected 2.67% in 2026, which could offset the expected stable loan spread at an average of 13.84-13.85%.

#### Upgrade to a BUY call; 2024 TP lifted to THB50

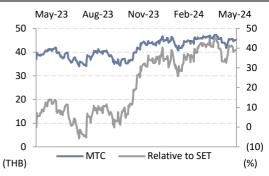
We upgrade our recommendation to BUY. Our 2024 GGM-based TP is raised to THB50 (from THB43), which implies a P/BV of 2.82x (from 2.43x) under the expected L-T ROE of 18.6% (from 17.0%) and COE of 10.0% (from 10.1%).

## FROM HOLD

TARGET PRICE	THB50.00
CLOSE	THB45.25
UP/DOWNSIDE	+10.5%
PRIOR TP	THB43.00
CHANGE IN TP	+16.3%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+4 0%

#### **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Operating profit	6,126	7,866	9,822	11,448
Net profit	4,906	6,292	7,858	9,159
EPS (THB)	2.31	2.97	3.71	4.32
vs Consensus (%)	-	9.9	12.8	8.4
Recurring net profit	4,906	6,292	7,858	9,159
Core EPS (THB)	2.31	2.97	3.71	4.32
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	8.6	5.9	5.8
EPS growth (%)	(3.7)	28.2	24.9	16.6
Core P/E (x)	19.6	15.2	12.2	10.5
Dividend yield (%)	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.9
Price/book (x)	3.0	2.5	2.1	1.8
ROE (%)	16.1	18.1	19.0	18.7
ROA (%)	3.5	3.9	4.1	4.2



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(0.5)	1.7	27.5
Relative to country (%)	(0.6)	3.2	42.0
Mkt cap (USD m)			2,601
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			9.0
Free float (%)			21
Major shareholder	Pet	taumpai Fa	mily (67%)
12m high/low (THB)		4	8.25/33.75
Issued shares (m)			2,120

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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#### Investment thesis

We have upgraded MTC to a BUY rating with a more positive view on its asset quality, summarized as follows:

- The declining trend of the NPL ratio and credit costs could prove its proactive debt management efforts to tackle the vintage bad debts and its prudent credit quality policy of granting new loans in 2023.
- We view the rising cost of funds as contained, which could create an upside risk to our forecast in the case of an expected reduction in the market interest rate.
- We have raised our 2024-26 earnings forecasts by 5.8-8.6% from the previous assumptions due mainly to the downward revision of credit costs based on the 1Q24 reported figure, which was much better than expected.

## Company profile

MTC has provided lending services since 1992, focusing on motorcycle title loans, and commands the highest market share in Thailand. The company has also expanded its business to personal and other title loans such as car, agricultural and land title loans.

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### Principal activities (revenue, 1Q24)

Net interest income - 94.9 %



Non-interest income - 5.1 %

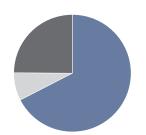
Source: Muangthai Capital

### **Major shareholders**

■ Petaumpai Family - 67.5 %

■ Thai NVDR Co., Ltd. - 7.7 %

■ Others - 24.9 %



Source: Muangthai Capital

## Catalysts

- 1) A faster-than-expected economic recovery in Thailand;
- 2) Government stimulus measures;
- 3) A stronger-than-expected improvement in asset quality;
- 4) Better-than-expected control over operating costs.

## **Key assumptions**

Key assumptions	2024E	2025E	2026E
Loan growth	19.55	16.58	14.68
Interest spread	13.84	13.85	13.85
NPL ratio	3.10	3.00	3.00
Credit cost	3.08	2.75	2.67
Cost to income	46.94	46.94	46.94

Source: FSSIA estimates

# Risks to our call

Downside risks to our GGM-based TP include 1) a further weakening of asset quality that could potentially hit both loan yield and credit cost; and 2) changes in financial regulations by the Bank of Thailand and the Office of Consumer Protection Board.

#### **Event calendar**

Date	Event
9 May 2024	Analyst meeting

#### Earnings sensitivity

			2024E	
Loan growth	±2ppt	17.55	19.55	21.55
% change in net profit		(1.3)		1.3
Interest spread (%)	±5bp	13.79	13.84	13.89
% change in net profit		(0.4)		0.4
Credit cost (bp)	±10bp	2.98	3.08	3.18
% change in net profit		2.0		(2.0)

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 1: MTC – 1Q24 operations summary

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	Cha	nge	% of	2024E	Chang
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	2024E	(THB m)	(y-y%				
Interest income	5,397	5,754	6,063	6,287	6,353	1.1	17.7	23	27,968	19.
Interest expense	(848)	(909)	(1,004)	(1,096)	(1,130)	3.1	33.3	22	(5,240)	35
Net interest income	4,549	4,845	5,059	5,191	5,223	0.6	14.8	23	22,727	15
Fee and other income	233	287	236	269	278	3.3	18.9	25	1,096	6
Total income	4,783	5,132	5,295	5,459	5,500	0.7	15.0	23	23,823	15
Operating expenses	(2,352)	(2,463)	(2,391)	(2,496)	(2,630)	5.4	11.8	24	(11,182)	15
PPOP before taxes	2,431	2,669	2,904	2,963	2,870	(3.1)	18.1	23	12,641	15
Expected credit losses	(954)	(1,017)	(965)	(998)	(858)	(14.0)	(10.0)	22	(3,875)	(1.
Profit after ECL	1,477	1,653	1,939	1,965	2,012	2.4	36.3	23	8,766	24
Gain (loss) from repossessed cars	(112)	(183)	(334)	(278)	(276)	(0.8)	147.3	31	(900)	(0.
Operating profit	1,365	1,469	1,605	1,687	1,736	2.9	27.2	22	7,866	28
Income tax	(295)	(269)	(320)	(336)	(347)	3.2	17.5	22	(1,573)	29
Net profit	1,070	1,200	1,285	1,351	1,389	2.8	29.8	22	6,292	28
EPS (THB)	0.50	0.57	0.61	0.64	0.66	2.8	29.8	22	2.97	28
Loans	124,201	131,257	137,081	141,559	145,859	3.0	17.4		165,408	19
Interest bearing debt	98,536	106,327	112,329	114,770	116,820	1.8	18.6		134,775	17
Key ratios	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24				2024E	
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				(%)	
Yield on loan	17.75	18.02	18.08	18.05	17.68				18.04	
Cost of funds	3.48	3.55	3.67	3.86	3.90				4.20	
Spread	14.26	14.47	14.40	14.19	13.78				13.84	
Cost to Income ratio	49.18	47.99	45.15	45.72	47.82				46.94	
Credit cost (incl. losses from repossessed cars)	3.50	3.76	3.87	3.66	3.16				3.08	
NPL / Loan	3.21	3.41	3.22	3.15	3.06				3.10	
LLR / Loan	3.37	3.58	3.55	3.65	3.70				2.99	
Coverage ratio	105.0	105.1	110.3	115.9	120.9				115.4	
D/E (x)	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6				3.7	
IDBE (x)	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.5				3.6	
S/T debt/total debt (x)	4.9	5.3	7.7	11.1	11.6				5.3	
Loan growth q-q	4.3	5.7	4.4	3.3	3.0					
Loan growth y-y	27.5	23.6	21.1	18.9	17.4				19.5	
Loan growth YTD	4.3	10.2	15.1	18.9	3.0					

Sources: MTC; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: MTC - Staged loans and ECL

мтс	2021	2022	2023	1Q24	2021	2022	2023	1Q24				
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)								
Loans and accrued interest					Staged loans %	Staged loans % of total loans						
Stage 1	85,614	105,097	124,874	129,909	93.2	87.1	87.1	88.0				
Stage 2	4,923	12,009	13,983	13,211	5.4	10.0	9.8	9.0				
Stage 3	1,276	3,507	4,461	4,467	1.4	2.9	3.1	3.0				
Total	91,812	120,613	143,318	147,587	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0				
Expected credit loss (ECL)					ECL % of stage	ed loans						
Stage 1	729	767	1,225	1,490	0.9	0.7	1.0	1.1				
Stage 2	360	682	1,115	1,078	7.3	5.7	8.0	8.2				
Stage 3	743	2,237	2,829	2,831	58.2	63.8	63.4	63.4				
Total	1,832	3,686	5,169	5,399	2.0	3.1	3.6	3.7				
LLR / Loans	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)								
Stage 1	0.9	0.7	1.0	1.1								
Stage 2	7.3	5.7	8.0	8.2								
Stage 3	58.2	63.8	63.4	63.4								
Total	2.0	3.1	3.6	3.7								
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)								
NPL/ TL	1.4	2.9	3.1	3.0								
NPL vs. Stage 2 loans/ TL	6.8	12.9	12.9	12.0								
LLR / NPL	143.6	105.1	115.9	1.2								
LLR / (NPL vs. Stage 2 loans)	29.6	23.8	28.0	0.3								

Sources: MTC; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 3: 2024-26E earnings revisions

		New			Previous			Change	
Key assumptions	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net profit (THB m)	6,292	7,858	9,159	5,796	7,420	8,653	8.6%	5.9%	5.8%
EPS (THB)	2.97	3.71	4.32	2.73	3.50	4.08	8.6%	5.9%	5.8%
Target price (THB)	50.00			43.00			16.3%		
PBV (x)	2.82			2.43					
Long-term ROE	18.6%			17.0%					
Cost of equity	10.0%			10.1%					
Net profit growth (%)	28.2	24.9	16.6	18.1	28.0	16.6			
Average yield	18.04%	18.05%	18.05%	18.04%	18.05%	18.05%			
Cost of funds	4.20%	4.20%	4.20%	4.20%	4.20%	4.20%			
Spread (%)	13.84	13.85	13.85	13.84	13.85	13.85			
Loan growth (%)	19.5	16.6	14.7	19.5	16.6	14.7			
Net interest income growth (%)	15.7	17.9	15.7	15.7	17.9	15.7			
Fee growth (%)	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0			
Credit cost (including losses from repossessed cars) (%)	3.08	2.75	2.67	3.48	3.05	2.97			
Cost to income (%)	46.9	46.9	46.9	46.9	46.9	46.9			

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 4: GGM-based 2024 TP

Gordon Growth Model	New	Previous
Sustainable ROE	18.6%	17.0%
g	5.3%	5.3%
ROE-g	13.3%	11.7%
Beta	1.17	1.16
Risk free rate	3.0%	3.0%
Risk premium	6.0%	6.0%
COE	10.0%	10.10%
COE-g	4.7%	4.8%
ROE-g/COE-g (x)	2.82	2.43

Exhibit 5: Share price performance of non-banks under coverage, as of 7 May 2024

		Pri	ce performa	nce	
	1M	3M	6M	1Y	YTD
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
TIDLOR TB	5.1	(0.4)	5.6	(1.2)	1.4
MTC TB	4.4	6.7	15.2	29.3	5.6
SAWAD TB	(1.6)	5.8	(8.5)	(28.1)	3.9
AEONTS TB	4.1	5.5	5.1	(14.6)	2.2
KTC TB	(5.0)	(1.7)	(7.5)	(20.4)	(1.1)
SAK TB	1.0	13.7	17.4	(7.3)	21.4
ASK TB	(3.5)	(17.9)	(17.1)	(43.6)	(17.1)
JMT TB	(2.8)	(7.5)	(39.1)	(48.1)	(17.6)
BAM TB	(7.6)	9.6	6.4	(24.2)	11.7
CHAYO TB	(3.6)	(15.7)	(27.7)	(43.2)	(20.4)
SETFIN	(0.5)	(0.9)	(5.7)	(20.5)	(2.4)
SET	(0.0)	(1.0)	(2.6)	(12.0)	(2.9)

Source: FSSIA estimates

Source: Bloomberg

## Exhibit 6: MTC – one-year prospective P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 7: MTC – one-year prospective PER band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 8: Peer comparisons, as of 7 May 2024

Company name	code	Rec	Share	Target	Up	PE	≣	PB	V	RO	E	Div	yld
			price	price	side	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)
AEON Thana Sinsap (Thailand)	AEONTS TB	HOLD	164.00	170.00	3.7	12.6	11.9	1.6	1.4	12.8	12.6	3.3	3.5
Muangthai Capital	мтс тв	BUY	45.25	50.00	10.5	15.2	12.2	2.5	2.1	18.1	19.0	0.6	0.7
Krungthai Card	KTC TB	HOLD	43.50	46.00	5.7	14.6	14.0	2.8	2.5	20.3	19.0	3.1	3.2
Srisawad Corp	SAWAD TB	HOLD	40.50	40.00	(1.2)	11.2	9.9	2.0	1.7	18.4	18.2	4.4	1.0
Ngern Tid Lor	TIDLOR TB	BUY	21.70	27.00	24.4	13.5	11.4	2.0	1.7	15.4	16.2	2.2	2.6
JMT Network services	JMT TB	HOLD	21.00	25.70	22.4	12.8	10.9	1.1	1.1	9.0	10.5	6.3	7.4
Asia Sermkij Leasing	ASK TB	HOLD	16.50	18.00	9.1	10.0	8.6	0.8	8.0	8.1	9.1	6.0	5.8
Bangkok Commercial Asset Mgmt.	BAM TB	HOLD	9.10	8.75	(3.8)	16.5	15.5	0.7	0.7	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.2
Saksiam Leasing	SAK TB	HOLD	5.05	5.28	4.5	12.7	11.2	1.7	1.5	13.7	14.4	3.0	1.5
Chayo Group	CHAYO TB	BUY	4.32	6.00	38.9	12.3	10.6	1.3	1.1	11.1	11.3	1.2	1.4
Average						13.2	11.6	1.6	1.5	13.1	13.5	3.4	3.1

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

## **Financial Statements**

Muangthai Capital

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Interest Income	19,199	23,500	27,968	32,908	38,011
nterest expense	(2,813)	(3,857)	(5,240)	(6,102)	(6,990)
Net interest income	16,386	19,644	22,727	26,805	31,021
Net fees & commission	792	921	958	996	1,036
Foreign exchange trading income	-	-	-	-	-
Securities trading income	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend income	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	78	105	138	154	131
Non interest income	869	1,026	1,096	1,150	1,167
Total income	17,255	20,669	23,823	27,955	32,188
Staff costs	(8,069)	(9,702)	(11,182)	(13,122)	(15,109)
Other operating costs	-	-	-	-	
Operating costs	(8,069)	(9,702)	(11,182)	(13,122)	(15,109)
Pre provision operating profit	9,187	10,967	12,641	14,833	17,079
Expected credit loss	(2,433)	(3,934)	(3,875)	(4,011)	(4,632)
Other provisions	(394)	(907)	(900)	(1,000)	(999)
Operating profit	6,360	6,126	7,866	9,822	11,448
Recurring non operating income	0	0	0	0	,
Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Goodwill amortization	-	-	-	-	
Non recurring items	0	0	0	0	
Profit before tax	6,360	6,126	7,866	9,822	11,448
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Profit after tax	(1,267) 5,093	(1,220) 4,906	(1,573) 6,292	(1,964) 7,858	(2,290) 9,159
	5,095	4,900	0,292	7,000	9,108
Non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	
Other items		-	-		
Reported net profit	5,093	4,906	6,292	7,858	9,159
Non recurring items & goodwill (net)	-	-	0	0	C
Recurring net profit	5,093	4,906	6,292	7,858	9,159
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	2.40	2.31	2.97	3.71	4.32
Reported EPS	2.40	2.31	2.97	3.71	4.32
DPS	0.95	0.21	0.27	0.34	0.39
Growth					
Net interest income (%)	25.4	19.9	15.7	17.9	15.7
Non interest income (%)	3.1	18.0	6.8	5.0	1.5
Pre provision operating profit (%)	32.2	19.4	15.3	17.3	15.1
Operating profit (%)	2.6	(3.7)	28.4	24.9	16.6
Reported net profit (%)	3.0	(3.7)	28.2	24.9	16.6
Recurring EPS (%)	3.0	(3.7)	28.2	24.9	16.6
Reported EPS (%)	3.0	(3.7)	28.2	24.9	16.6
ncome Breakdown	3.0	(3.1)	20.2	24.5	10.0
	05.0	05.0	05.4	05.0	00.4
Net interest income (%)	95.0	95.0	95.4	95.9	96.4
Net fees & commission (%)	4.6	4.5	4.0	3.6	3.2
Foreign exchange trading income (%)	-	-	-	-	
Securities trading income (%)	-	-	-	-	
Dividend income (%)	-	-	-	-	
Other income (%)	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4
Operating performance					
Gross interest yield (%)	18.30	18.03	18.04	18.05	18.05
Cost of funds (%)	3.36	3.66	4.20	4.20	4.20
Net interest spread (%)	14.94	14.37	13.84	13.85	13.85
Net interest margin (%)	15.6	15.1	14.7	14.7	14.7
Cost/income(%)	46.8	46.9	46.9	46.9	46.9
Cost/assets(%)	7.1	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.8
Effective tax rate (%)	19.9	19.9	20.0	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	39.5	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1
ROE (%)	18.9	16.1	18.1	19.0	18.7
ROE - COE (%)	8.1	5.3	7.3	8.2	7.9
	4.5	3.5	3.9	6.2 4.1	4.2
ROA (%)	4.5	3.5	3.9	4.1	4.2
RORWA (%)	-	-	-	-	
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					

Sources: Muangthai Capital; FSSIA estimates

## **Financial Statements**

Muangthai Capital

Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Gross customer loans	119,084	141,559	168,453	196,190	224,908
Allowance for expected credit loss	(3,686)	(5,169)	(4,948)	(5,693)	(6,547)
nterest in suspense	1,675	1,969	2,363	2,765	3,180
let customer loans	117,073	138,359	165,868	193,262	221,541
Bank loans	-	-	-	-	
Government securities	-	-	-	-	
rading securities	-	-	-	-	
nvestment securities	0	0	0	0	C
Cash & equivalents	3,213	2,822	1,347	1,540	2,122
Other interesting assets	-	-	-	-	
Tangible fixed assets	2,037	2,134	2,348	2,582	2,840
Associates	-	-	-	-	•
Goodwill	-	-	-	-	
Other intangible assets	- - 742	- 6 941	7 411	9.472	0.600
Other assets	5,743	6,841	7,411	8,473	9,699
Fotal assets	128,066	150,156	176,514	205,428	235,801
Customer deposits	-	-	-	-	
Bank deposits	06 142	- 114 770	124 775	155 000	477.000
Other interest bearing liabilities	96,143 2,833	114,770	134,775	155,806	177,032 5.581
Non interest bearing liabilities	2,833	3,469	4,046	4,740	5,581
Hybrid Capital Fotal liabilities	98,976	118,239	138,821	160,547	182,613
otal liabilities Share capital	2,120	2,120	2,120	2,120	2,120
onare capital Reserves	2,120 26,971	2, 120 29,797	2, 120 35,573	2,120 42,761	51,068
reserves Fotal equity	26,971 <b>29,091</b>	29,797 <b>31,917</b>	35,573 <b>37,693</b>	42,761 <b>44,881</b>	51,068 <b>53,188</b>
Non-controlling interest	23,031	31,317	31,033	44,001	33,100
Fotal liabilities & equity	128,066	150,156	176,514	205,428	235,801
Supplementary items	120,000	100,100	110,014	200,420	200,00
Risk weighted assets (RWA)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Average interest earning assets	104,892	130,321	155,006	182,321	210,549
Average interest bearing liabilities	83,734	105,456	124,772	145,291	166,419
CET 1 capital	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fotal capital	0	0	0	0	
Gross non performing loans (NPL)	3,507	4,461	4,289	4,962	5,785
Per share (THB)	-,	, -	,	,	-, -
Book value per share	13.72	15.06	17.78	21.17	25.09
Tangible book value per share	13.72	15.06	17.78	21.17	25.09
Growth	2			2	20.00
Gross customer loans	31.3	18.9	19.0	16.5	14.6
Average interest earning assets	30.5	24.2	18.9	17.6	15.5
Total asset (%)	30.2	17.2	17.6	16.4	14.8
Risk weighted assets (%)	-	-	-	10.4	17.0
Customer deposits (%)	_	_	_	_	
Leverage & capital measures					
Customer loan/deposits (%)	_	_	_	_	
Equity/assets (%)	22.7	21.3	21.4	21.8	22.6
Equity/assets (%)  Fangible equity/assets (%)	22.7	21.3	21.4	21.8	22.6
RWA/assets (%)		21.3	۷۱. <del>4</del>	21.0	22.0
CET 1 CAR (%)	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>	- -	•
Fotal CAR (%)	-	-	-	-	
Asset Quality (FSSIA's calculation)	-	-	-	-	
	174.8	27.2	(3.0)	15.7	16.6
Change in NPL (%) NPL/gross loans (%)	2.9	3.2	(3.9) 2.5	2.5	2.6
NFL/gross roans (%) Allowance for ECL/gross loans (%)	3.1	3.7	2.9	2.9	2.9
Allowance for ECL/NPL (%)	105.1	115.9	2.9 115.4	2.9 114.7	113.2
unowanio for Loc/N1 L (70)	105.1	110.8	110.4	114.7	113.2
'aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring P/E (x) *	18.8	19.6	15.2	12.2	10.5
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	20.8	21.6	16.8	13.5	11.6
Reported P/E (x)	18.8	19.6	15.2	12.2	10.5
Dividend yield (%)	2.1	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.9
Price/book (x)	3.3	3.0	2.5	2.1	1.8
Price/tangible book (x)	3.3	3.0	2.5	2.1	1.8
Price/tangible book @ target price (x)	3.6	3.3	2.8	2.4	2.0

Sources: Muangthai Capital; FSSIA estimates

# **Muangthai Capital PCL (MTC TB)**

FSSIA ESG rating

★ ★ ★ ★

#### **Exhibit 9: FSSIA ESG score implication**

68.21 /100

Rating	Score	Implication
****	>79-100	Leading its industry peers in managing the most significant ESG risks which not only better cost efficiency but also lead to higher profitability.
***	>59-79	A mixed track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to industry peers.
***	>39-59	Relevant ESG materiality matrix has been constructively addressed, well-managed and incorporated into day-to-day operations, in which targets and achievements are evaluated annually.
**	>19-39	Relevant ESG materiality matrix has been identified with key management in charge for progress to be followed up on and to provide intensive disclosure. Most targets are conventional and achievable.
*	1-19	The company has adopted the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), established sustainability management guidelines and fully complies with regulations or ESG suggested guidance from related organizations such as the SET and SEC.

Sources: FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 10: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA		Domestic ratings					Global ratings						Bloomberg	
	ESG score	DJSI	SET THSI	THSI	CG score	AGM level	Thai CAC	Morningstar ESG risk	ESG Book	MSCI	Moody's	Refinitiv	S&P Global	ESG score	Disclosure score
SET100	69.20	5.34	4.40	4.40	4.76	4.65	3.84	Medium	51.76	BBB	20.87	58.72	63.91	3.72	28.17
Coverage	67.12	5.11	4.15	4.17	4.83	4.71	3.53	Medium	52.04	BB	16.97	56.85	62.09	3.40	31.94
MTC	68.21		Υ	Υ	5.00	5.00	Certified	Low	42.19	AA		58.09	42.00	3.31	
SAWAD	46.52		Y	Y	4.00	5.00		Medium	43.97	BB		20.18	13.00	1.93	40.04
TIDLOR	36.71	-			4.00	4.00	Certified	Medium	37.03			23.69	19.00	1.66	
SAK	45.28		Y	Y	4.00	4.00	Certified	High	40.10			43.87		2.02	36.23
TK	15.00				5.00	5.00	-								
HENG	20.00				5.00	5.00	Certified								
S11	13.00	-			4.00	4.00	-								
NCAP	18.00				4.00	4.00	Certified								

 $Sources: \underline{\textbf{SETTRADE.com}}; \ \textbf{FSSIA's compilation}$ 

Exhibit 11: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	1.36	1.51	2.07	2.16	2.39	4.00	3.27	3.31
BESG environmental pillar score	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.02	0.03	_
BESG social pillar score	0.37	0.58	1.37	1.37	1.69	4.57	3.27	_
BESG governance pillar score	4.42	4.41	4.57	4.91	4.95	4.95	4.82	_
ESG disclosure score	26.85	32.18	32.89	35.76	39.62	44.88	50.20	52.08
Environmental disclosure score	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33	7.28	15.22	32.74	34.40
Social disclosure score	11.67	15.84	17.41	25.70	30.35	31.92	30.35	34.34
Governance disclosure score	68.72	80.52	81.10	81.10	81.10	87.36	87.36	87.36
Environmental								
Emissions reduction initiatives	No							
Climate change policy	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No							
Risks of climate change discussed	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GHG scope 1	_	_	_	_	2	7	6	8
GHG scope 2 location-based	_	_	_	_	_	16	18	21
GHG Scope 3	_	_	_	_	_	1	1	1
Carbon per unit of production	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Biodiversity policy	No							
Energy efficiency policy	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	_	_	_	_	9	55	36	69
Renewable energy use	_	_	_	_	_	_	0	_
Electricity used	_	_	_	_	_	32	36	42
Fuel used - natural gas	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

**Exhibit 12: ESG score by Bloomberg** (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 202
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Waste reduction policy	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Hazardous waste	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total waste	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-
Waste recycled	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-
Waste sent to landfills	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Environmental supply chain management	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Ye
Water policy	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Water consumption	_	_	_	_	_	987	_	-
Social								
Human rights policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Policy against child labor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Quality assurance and recall policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	N
Consumer data protection policy	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Gender pay gap breakout	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Ye
Pct women in workforce	_	_	_	_	_	11	11	1
Pct disabled in workforce	_	_	0	0	0	0	_	-
Business ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Υe
Health and safety policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Lost time incident rate - employees	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Total recordable incident rate - employees	_	_	_	_	1	1	0	
Training policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Υe
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	N
Number of employees – CSR	2,617	4,185	5,893	7,660	9,576	10,328	11,460	13,00
Employee turnover pct	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	2
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	_	_	_	70,395	60,328	34,082	34,036	78,03
Social supply chain management	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Ye
Governance								
Board size	7	7	7	7	8	8	7	
No. of independent directors (ID)	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	
No. of women on board	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	
No. of non-executive directors on board	5	5	5	5	6	6	5	
Company conducts board evaluations	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
No. of board meetings for the year	6	5	7	7	6	9	8	
Board meeting attendance pct	100	100	96	100	94	96	100	10
Board duration (years)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	١
Age of the youngest director	56	57	58	59	36	39	40	4
Age of the oldest director	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	-
No. of executives / company managers	12	12	12	13	13	12	13	
No. of female executives	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Ν
Size of audit committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Audit committee meetings	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Audit meeting attendance %	100	100	92	100	92	100	100	10
Size of compensation committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	•
No. of ID on compensation committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	
No. of compensation committee	_	1	2	2	2	2	3	
Compensation meeting attendance %	_	100	83	100	83	83	100	10
Size of nomination committee	3	3	ა 3	3	აა <b>3</b>	3	3	10
No. of nomination committee  No. of nomination committee meetings	3	ა 1	<b>3</b> 2	<b>3</b> 2	<b>3</b> 2	<b>3</b> 2	ა 1	
	_	100	83	100	83	83	100	47
Nomination meeting attendance %  Sustainability governance		100	03	100	03	00	100	1(
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Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

## **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodolo	gy			Rating							
The Dow			transparent, rules-base	d component selection	Be a member and invited to the annual S&P Global Corporate							
Jones			npanies' Total Sustainab		Sustainability Assessment (CSA) for DJSI. Companies with an S&P Global ESG Score of less than 45% of the S&P Global ESG Score of the highest							
Sustainability			oal Corporate Sustainabi									
Indices (DJSI) By S&P Global	Only the top inclusion.	-ranked comp	anies within each indust	try are selected for	scoring company are disqualified. The constituents of the DJSI indices are selected from the Eligible Universe.							
		<i>c</i> ::		10 '1'								
Sustainability Investment			vility in Environmental an ransparency in Governa		To be eligible for THSI inclusion, verified data must be scored at a minimum of 50% for each indicator, unless the company is a part of DJSI							
List (THSI)			e preemptive criteria, with				The scoring will I					
by The Stock			he board members and				y and materiality.		· ·			
Exchange of Thailand			s, and combined holding		SETTHSI Index is extended from the THSI companies whose 1) market capitalization > THB5b (~USD150b); 2) free float >20%; and 3) liquidity							
(SET)		, ,	ualifying criteria include: ctors and free float violat	,								
			, social & environmental		>0.5% of paid-up capital for at least 9 out of 12 months. The SETTHSI Index is a market capitalisation-weighted index, cap 5% quarterly weight a							
	negative ter	ritory; and 5) e	earnings in red for > 3 ye	ears in the last 5 years.	maximum, and	no cap for nu	mber of stocks.					
CG Score			th in sustainable develop				ories: 5 for Excel					
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(Thai IOD)					responsibilities	(35%).						
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By Thai			d into business operation		Very Good (90	·99), 3 for Faiı	(80-89), and not	rated for sco	res below 79.			
Investors Association			ly disclosed. All form imp nents to be evaluated an									
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the SEC			ses 1) the ease of attending	ating how voting rights can be meetings; 2) transparency								
			ess for Q&A. The third involvues, resolutions and voting re	res the meeting minutes that								
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Private Sector		•	is good for three years.	and dovoloping of			re twelve highly r					
Collective			me a CAC certified member		professionalism and ethical achievements.							
Action Against Corruption			f an 18-month deadline to รเ sessment, in place of policy ส									
(CAC)	managers and	d employees, est	tablishment of whistleblowing									
			all stakeholders.)									
Morningstar Sustainalytics			isk rating provides an ov of how much of a compa				score is the sum		ed risk. The			
<u>Odotamary troo</u>			s to be reviewed include cor	•	more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored.							
			ther media, NGO reports/wei ck, ESG controversies, issue		NEGL	Low	Medium	High	Severe			
		uality & peer rev			0-10	10-20	20-30	30-40	40+			
ESG Book	The ESG so	ore identifies	sustainable companies t	hat are better	The total ESG	score is calcu	ated as a weight	ed sum of the	features			
	positioned to	o outperform o	over the long term. The r	nethodology considers	The total ESG score is calculated as a weighted sum of the features scores using materiality-based weights. The score is scaled between 0							
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MSCI	MSCI ESG	ratings aim to	measure a company's n	nanagement of financially	relevant ESG ris	ks and opport	unities. It uses a	rules-based n	nethodology to			
				their exposure to ESG ri					0,			
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	AA	7.143-8.570	<b>Leader:</b>	leading its industry in m	lariaging the most s	gnilicant ESG ri	sks and opportunitie	:5				
	Α	5.714-7.14	2									
	BBB	4.286-5.71		a mixed or unexception	al track record of m	anaging the mos	st significant ESG ris	sks and opportu	nities relative to			
	ВВ	2.857-4.28	•	industry peers								
	В	1.429-2.850										
	ccc	0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry base	ed on its high expos	ure and failure t	o manage significan	t ESG risks				
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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Muangthai Capital	МТС ТВ	THB 45.25	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP include 1) a further weakening of asset quality that could potentially hit both loan yield and credit cost; and 2) changes in financial regulations by the Bank of Thailand and the Office of Consumer Protection Board.
Ngern Tid Lor	TIDLOR TB	THB 21.70	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP include 1) the expansion into auto-title loans by the Government Savings Bank and Auto X (subsidiary of SCB X); 2) further weakening asset quality could potentially hit both loan yield and credit cost; and 3) tighter supervision from related regulators.
Asia Sermkij Leasing PCL	ASK TB	THB 16.50	HOLD	Downside risks to our GGM-derived TP include 1) an economic slowdown, especially for logistics activities and private investment; 2) deteriorating asset quality; and 3) changes in financial regulations from the Bank of Thailand. Upside risks include 1) a better-than-expected macroeconomic improvement; 2) a downtrend in the policy rate could reduce cost of funds and enhance interest spreads; and 3) a faster-than-expected decline in ECL expense.
Srisawad Corp	SAWAD TB	THB 40.50	HOLD	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP include 1) a further weakening of asset quality that could potentially hit both loan yield and credit cost; and 2) changes in financial regulations by the Bank of Thailand and the Office of Consumer Protection Board. Upside risks include 1) a faster-than-expected decline in losses on sales of repossessed cars for SCAP; and 2) an interest rate downtrend could push its interest spread.
Aeon Thana Sinsap (Thailand	i) AEONTS TB	THB 164.00	HOLD	Downside risks are: 1) regulatory actions to curb industry growth; 2) a higher-than- expected policy rate; and 3) deteriorating asset quality. Upside risks are: 1) better-than- estimated economic improvement; 2) stronger-than-estimated improvement in the overall asset quality; and 3) less pressure from the market yield and cost of funds.
Krungthai Card	КТС ТВ	THB 43.50	HOLD	Downside risks are: 1) regulatory actions to curb industry growth; 2) a higher-than- expected policy rate; and 3) deteriorating asset quality. Upside risks are: 1) better-than- estimated economic improvement; 2) stronger-than-estimated improvement in the overall asset quality; and 3) less pressure from the market yield and cost of funds.
JMT Network Services	JMT TB	THB 21.00	HOLD	Downside risks to our P/BV-based TP include 1) lower cash collection from both debt management and debt tracking collection services; and 2) higher-than-expected funding costs and operating expenses. Upside risks includes 1) better-than-expected purchasing power and cash collection 2) lower-than-expected operating and financing expense.
Bangkok Commercial Asset Mngt.	BAM TB	THB 9.10	HOLD	Downside risks to our NAV-based TP include 1) lower cash collection than estimated; 2) lower-than-expected bad debt acquisition; and 3) a slowdown in the property market. Upsides include 1) better-than-expected economic conditions and debt repayment momentum; and 2) an acceleration in the demand for NPAs.
Chayo Group	СНАУО ТВ	THB 4.32	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP include 1) lower-than-expected bad debt acquisition; and 2) higher-than-expected operating expenses.
Saksiam Leasing	SAK TB	THB 5.05	HOLD	Upside risks to our GGM-derived TP include 1) loan expansion following the broad-based economic recovery 2) a reduction in cost of funds due mainly to the downward interest rate trend and 3) an accelerated decrease in credit costs owing to the rise in consumers purchasing power. Downside risks include 1) competition from existing and new players 2) regulatory changes by the Bank of Thailand (BoT) and 3) a slower-than-expected reduction in its cost of funds due to a shift toward more long-term loans.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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