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# Thailand Banks

## Neutral view on 2021 dividend payment criteria

### The official 2021 dividend payment criteria by the Bank of Thailand

On 11 November 2021, the Bank of Thailand (BoT) announced the 2021 dividend payment criteria, which allows Thai banks to pay yearly dividends not exceeding 50% of the banks' 2021 net profit. This is more relaxed than the 2020 criteria which had two conditions: 1) the dividends could not exceed the previous year's payout ratio; and 2) they could not exceed 50% of the banks' 2020 net profit.

### Neutral view on the sector; SCB might have a slightly better benefit than peers

We read the criteria as neutral as we think that the cancellation of the second criterion will not have a material impact on the dividend payout ratios of the banks under our coverage (BUC) in 2021. To analyse the potential impact of the new criteria, we have compared banks' dividend payout ratios at the bank level between 2018 and 2019. We found that most banks' payout ratios in 2018 and 2019 were not different, except for SCB. SCB's dividend payment at the bank level in 2019 was only 28% vs its 2018 payout ratio of c55%. The significantly lower payout in 2019 was because SCB booked a huge special gain from the selling of SCB Life (its subsidiary), but the bank paid only a small special dividend. Thus, the new criteria might benefit only SCB, in our view. If SCB Bank increases its payout to 50%, there would be a c1% dividend yield upside to our current forecast. We think that if the BoT were to allow banks to freely pay dividends it would have a more positive impact on the sector overall. We see no downside risks to our current dividend payment estimates as we forecast the banking sector's 2021 payouts to be relatively the same as in 2020.

### Bright outlook lies ahead

In 4Q21, we expect the BUC to deliver stronger top line growth, efficient cost control, and elevated provisions. We, therefore, expect the 4Q21 aggregate net profit of the BUC to continue to increase y-y and decline q-q on seasonality. In 2022, we expect the aggregate net profit of the BUC to rise 11% y-y, driven by strong fee income, good cost control, and lower provisions. These positives could outweigh the potential decline in NIM from the comprehensive debt restructuring. We think another key point to focus on is banks' business expansion plans post-Covid outbreak. We think banks are likely to penetrate high risk-reward areas such as digital assets and small ticket size retail lending. This could potentially drive their bottom-line growth and allow them to more efficiently utilise excess capital. Eventually, this could enhance banks' ROE, leading to a higher valuation re-rating.

### Maintain OVERWEIGHT; gradually accumulate banks ahead of expected recovery

We reiterate our recommendation to gradually accumulate banks ahead of the expected recovery next year. SCB, KBANK and KKP are our top picks in that order.



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## Exhibit 1: Dividend payments

	Payout ratio			DPS				Dividend yield	
	2019	2020	2021E	2019	2020	2021E		2021E	
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(THB/share)	(THB/share)	Interim (THB/share)	Full-year (THB/share)	Interim (%)	Full-year (%)
BBL	37.3	27.8	28.4	7.00	2.50	1.00	4.00	0.79	3.15
KBANK	30.9	20.1	18.3	5.00	2.50	0.50	2.70	0.34	1.81
KKP	60.1	37.2	38.2	4.25	2.25	0.75	2.50	1.22	4.07
KTB	35.9	23.0	35.0	0.75	0.28		0.51	-	4.28
SCB*	52.5	28.7	64.9	6.25	2.30	1.43	6.70	1.08	5.04
TISCO**	85.3	83.2	81.7	7.75	6.30		6.60	-	7.17
TTB	26.9	42.9	40.0	0.040	0.045		0.042	-	3.49

\*Including THB4.0/share special dividend from its reforms; \*\*Based on holding company basis

Sources: Company data; FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 2: Peers comparison

Company name	BBG code	Rec	Share price		Up side (%)	Market Cap (USD m)	EPS growth		PE		DivYld		ROE		PBV	
			Current	Target			21E	22E	21E	22E	21E	22E	21E	22E	21E	22E
			(THB)	(THB)			(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)
Bangkok Bank	BBL TB	HOLD	127.00	134.00	6	7,372	27.1	8.6	9.0	8.3	3.1	3.9	5.9	6.2	0.5	0.5
Kasikornbank	KBANK TB	BUY	149.00	172.00	15	10,736	18.8	10.1	10.1	9.2	1.8	2.3	7.6	7.7	0.7	0.7
Kiatnakin Bank	KKP TB	BUY	61.50	68.00	11	1,584	8.2	20.9	9.4	7.8	4.1	5.7	11.6	13.0	1.1	1.0
Krung Thai Bank	KTB TB	HOLD	11.90	12.20	3	5,058	21.5	5.5	8.2	7.8	4.3	4.5	5.8	5.8	0.5	0.4
Siam Commercial Bank	SCB TB	BUY	133.00	160.00	20	13,734	28.7	8.9	12.9	11.8	5.0	2.6	8.3	8.6	1.0	1.0
Tisco Financial	TISCO TB	BUY	92.00	110.00	20	2,240	6.7	9.0	11.4	10.4	7.2	8.4	16.1	16.7	1.8	1.7
TMBThanachart	TTB TB	BUY	1.19	1.40	18	3,497	(1.1)	32.1	11.5	8.7	3.5	4.6	4.8	6.1	0.5	0.5
<b>Coverage</b>						<b>44,221</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>

Share prices as of 11 Nov 2021

Sources: Company data; FSSIA estimates

## Corporate Governance report of Thai listed companies 2020

EXCELLENT LEVEL										
AAV	ADVANC	AF	AIRA	AKP	AKR	ALT	AMA	AMATA	AMATAV	ANAN
AOT	AP	ARIP	ARROW	ASP	BAFS	BANPU	BAY	BCP	BCPG	BDMS
BEC	BEM	BGRIM	BIZ	BKI	BLA	BOL	BPP	BRR	BTS	BWG
CENTEL	CFRESH	CHEWA	CHO	CIMBT	CK	CKP	CM	CNT	COL	COMAN
COTTO	CPALL	CPF	CPI	CPN	CSS	DELTA	DEMCO	DRT	DTAC	DTC
DV8	EA	EASTW	ECF	ECL	EGCO	EPG	ETE	FNS	FPI	FPT
FSMART	GBX	GC	GCAP	GEL	GFPT	GGC	GPSC	GRAMMY	GUNKUL	HANA
HARN	HMPRO	ICC	ICI	III	ILINK	INTUCH	IRPC	IVL	JKN	JSP
JWD	K	KBANK	KCE	KKP	KSL	KTB	KTC	LANNA	LH	LHFG
LIT	LPN	MAKRO	MALEE	MBK	MBKET	MC	MCOT	METCO	MFEC	MINT
MONO	MOONG	MSC	MTC	NCH	NCL	NEP	NKI	NOBLE	NSI	NVD
NYT	OISHI	ORI	OTO	PAP	PCSGH	PDJ	PG	PHOL	PLANB	PLANET
PLAT	PORT	PPS	PR9	PREB	PRG	PRM	PSH	PSL	PTG	PTT
PTTEP	PTTGC	PYLON	Q-CON	QH	QTC	RATCH	RS	S	S & J	SAAM
SABINA	SAMART	SAMTEL	SAT	SC	SCB	SCC	SCCC	SCG	SCN	SDC
SEAFCO	SEAOIL	SE-ED	SELIC	SENA	SIRI	SIS	SITHAI	SMK	SMPC	SNC
SONIC	SORKON	SPALI	SPI	SPRC	SPVI	SSSC	SST	STA	SUSCO	SUTHA
SVI	SYMC	SYNTEC	TACC	TASCO	TCAP	TFMAMA	THANA	THANI	THCOM	THG
THIP	THRE	THREL	TIP	TIPCO	TISCO	TK	TKT	TTB	TMILL	TNDT
TNL	TOA	TOP	TPBI	TQM	TRC	TRC	TSC	TSR	TSTE	TSTH
TTCL	TTW	TU	TVD	TVI	TVO	TWPC	U	UAC	UBIS	UV
VGI	VIH	WACOAL	WAVE	WHA	WHAUP	WICE	WINNER	TRUE		

VERY GOOD LEVEL										
2S	ABM	ACE	ACG	ADB	AEC	AEONTS	AGE	AH	AHC	AIT
ALLA	AMANAHA	AMARIN	APCO	APCS	APURE	AQUA	ASAP	ASEFA	ASIA	ASIAN
ASIMAR	ASK	ASN	ATP30	AUCT	AWC	AYUD	B	BA	BAM	BBL
BFIT	BGC	BJC	BJCHI	BROOK	BTW	CBG	CEN	CGH	CHARAN	CHAYO
CHG	CHOTI	CHOW	CI	CIG	CMC	COLOR	COM7	CPL	CRC	CRD
CSC	CSP	CWT	DCC	DCON	DDD	DOD	DOHOME	EASON	EE	ERW
ESTAR	FE	FLOYD	FN	FORTH	FSS	FTE	FVC	GENCO	GJS	GL
GLAND	GLOBAL	GLOCON	GPI	GULF	GYT	HPT	HTC	ICN	IFS	ILM
IMH	INET	INSURE	IRC	IRCP	IT	ITD	ITEL	J	JAS	JCK
JCKH	JMART	JMT	KBS	KCAR	KGI	KIAT	KOOL	KTIS	KWC	KWM
L&E	LALIN	LDC	LHK	LOXLEY	LPH	LRH	LST	M	MACO	MAJOR
MBAX	MEGA	META	MFC	MGT	MILL	MITSIB	MK	MODERN	MTI	MVP
NETBAY	NEX	NINE	NTV	NWR	OCC	OGC	OSP	PATO	PB	PDG
PDI	PICO	PIMO	PJW	PL	PM	PPP	PRIN	PRINC	PSTC	PT
QLT	RCL	RICHY	RML	RPC	RWI	S11	SALEE	SAMCO	SANKO	SAPPE
SAWAD	SCI	SCP	SE	SEG	SFP	SGF	SHR	SIAM	SINGER	SKE
SKR	SKY	SMIT	SMT	SNP	SPA	SPC	SPCG	SR	SRICHA	SSC
SSF	STANLY	STI	STPI	SUC	SUN	SYNEX	T	TAE	TAKUNI	TBSP
TCC	TCMC	TEAM	TEAMG	TFG	TIGER	TITLE	TKN	TKS	TM	TMC
TMD	TMI	TMT	TNITY	TNP	TNR	TOG	TPA	TPAC	TPCORP	TPOLY
TPS	TRITN	TRT	TRU	TSE	TVT	TWP	UEC	UMI	UOBKH	UP
UPF	UPOIC	UT	UTP	UWC	VL	VNT	VPO	WIJK	WP	XO
YUASA	ZEN	ZIGA	ZMICO							

GOOD LEVEL										
7UP	A	ABICO	AJ	ALL	ALUCON	AMC	APP	ARIN	AS	AU
B52	BC	BCH	BEAUTY	BGT	BH	BIG	BKD	BLAND	BM	BR
BROCK	BSBM	BSM	BTNC	CAZ	CCP	CGD	CITY	CMAN	CMO	CMR
CPT	CPW	CRANE	CSR	D	EKH	EP	ESSO	FMT	GIFT	GREEN
GSC	GTB	HTECH	HUMAN	IHL	INOX	INSET	IP	JTS	JUBILE	KASET
KCM	KKC	KUMWEL	KUN	KWG	KYE	LEE	MATCH	MATI	M-CHAI	MCS
MDX	MJD	MM	MORE	NC	NDR	NER	NFC	NNCL	NPK	NUSA
OCEAN	PAF	PF	PK	PLE	PMTA	POST	PPM	PRAKIT	PRECHA	PRIME
PROUD	PTL	RBF	RCI	RJH	ROJNA	RP	RPH	RSP	SF	SFLEX
SGP	SISB	SKN	SLP	SMART	SOLAR	SPG	SQ	SSP	STARK	STC
SUPER	SVOA	TC	TCCC	THMUI	TIW	TNH	TOPP	TPCH	TIPIP	TPLAS
TTI	TYCN	UKEM	UMS	VCOM	VRANDA	WIN	WORK	WPH		

## Description

## Score Range

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90-100

Very Good

80-89

Good

70-79

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CERTIFIED										
2S	ADVANC	AI	AIE	AIRA	AKP	AMA	AMANAH	AP	AQUA	ARROW
ASK	ASP	AYUD	B	BAFS	BANPU	BAY	BBL	BCH	BCP	BCPG
BGC	BGRIM	BJCHI	BKI	BLA	BPP	BROOK	BRR	BSBM	BTS	BWG
CEN	CENTEL	CFRESH	CGH	CHEWA	CHOTI	CHOW	CIG	CIMBT	CM	CMC
COL	COM7	CPALL	CPF	CPI	CPN	CSC	DCC	DELTA	DEMCO	DIMET
DRT	DTAC	DTC	EASTW	ECL	EGCO	FE	FNS	FPI	FPT	FSS
FTE	GBX	GC	GCAP	GEL	GFPT	GGC	GJS	GPSC	GSTEEL	GUNKUL
HANA	HARN	HMPRO	HTC	ICC	ICHI	IFS	INET	INSURE	INTUCH	IRPC
ITEL	IVL	K	KASET	KBANK	KBS	KCAR	KCE	KGI	KKP	KSL
KTB	KTC	KWC	L&E	LANNA	LHFG	LHK	LPN	LRH	M	MAKRO
MALEE	MBAX	MBK	MBKET	MC	MCOT	MFC	MFEC	MINT	MONO	MOONG
MPG	MSC	MTC	MTI	NBC	NEP	NINE	NKI	NMG	NNCL	NSI
NWR	OCC	OCEAN	OGC	ORI	PAP	PATO	PB	PCSGH	PDG	PDI
PDJ	PE	PG	PHOL	PL	PLANB	PLANET	PLAT	PM	PPP	PPPM
PPS	PREB	PRG	PRINC	PRM	PSH	PSL	PSTC	PT	PTG	PTT
PTTEP	PTTGC	PYLON	Q-CON	QH	QLT	QTC	RATCH	RML	RWI	S & J
SABINA	SAT	SC	SCB	SCC	SCCC	SCG	SCN	SEAOIL	SE-ED	SELIC
SENA	SGP	SIRI	SITHAI	SMIT	SMK	SMPC	SNC	SNP	SORKON	SPACK
SPC	SPI	SPRC	SRICHA	SSF	SSSC	SST	STA	SUSCO	SVI	SYNTEC
TAE	TAKUNI	TASCO	TBSP	TCAP	TCMC	TFG	TFI	TFMAMA	THANI	THCOM
THIP	THRE	THREL	TIP	TIPCO	TISCO	TKT	TTB	TMD	TMILL	TMT
TNITY	TNL	TNP	TNR	TOG	TOP	TPA	TPCORP	TPP	TRU	TSC
TSTH	TTCL	TU	TVD	TVI	TVO	TWPC	U	UBIS	UEC	UKEM
UOBKH	UWC	VGI	VIH	VNT	WACOAL	WHA	WHAUP	WICE	WIJK	XO
ZEN	TRUE									

DECLARED										
7UP	ABICO	AF	ALT	AMARIN	AMATA	AMATAV	ANAN	APURE	B52	BKD
BM	BROCK	BUI	CHO	CI	COTTO	DDD	EA	EFORL	EP	ERW
ESTAR	ETE	EVER	FSMART	GPI	ILINK	IRC	J	JKN	JMART	JMT
JSP	JTS	KWG	LDC	MAJOR	META	NCL	NOBLE	NOK	PK	PLE
ROJNA	SAAM	SAPPE	SCI	SE	SHANG	SINGER	SKR	SPALI	SSP	STANLY
SUPER	SYNEX	THAI	TKS	TOPP	TRITN	TTA	UPF	UV	WIN	ZIGA

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Bangkok Bank	BBL TB	THB 127.00	HOLD	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP are 1) prolonged economic sluggishness and further waves of the Covid-19 pandemic affecting loan growth and asset quality; and 2) the impact of further interest rate cuts on its NIM and potential new regulations from the Bank of Thailand on debt-servicing programs. The upside risk would be better-than-expected synergies with Permata.
Kasikornbank	KBANK TB	THB 149.00	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP are 1) prolonged economic sluggishness and further waves of the Covid-19 pandemic affecting loan growth and asset quality; and 2) the impact of further interest rate cuts on NIM and potential new regulations from the Bank of Thailand on debt-servicing programs.
Kiatnakin Bank	KKP TB	THB 61.50	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based target price include weakening asset quality and lower fee income.
Krung Thai Bank	KTB TB	THB 11.90	HOLD	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP are 1) prolonged economic sluggishness and further waves of the Covid-19 pandemic affecting loan growth and asset quality; and 2) the impact of further interest rate cuts on NIM and potential new regulations from the Bank of Thailand on debt-servicing programs. The upside risk is the better-than-expected ability to control cost of funds.
Siam Commercial Bank	SCB TB	THB 133.00	BUY	Downside risks to our SOTP-based TP are 1) prolonged economic sluggishness and further waves of the Covid-19 pandemic affecting loan growth and asset quality; and 2) the impact of further interest rate cuts on its NIM.
Tisco Financial	TISCO TB	THB 92.00	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP are 1) prolonged economic sluggishness and further waves of the Covid-19 pandemic affecting loan growth and asset quality; 2) the impact of new regulations from the Bank of Thailand on debt-servicing programs; and 3) the slow expansion of its high-yield auto cash portfolio.
TMBThanachart Bank	TTB TB	THB 1.19	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP are 1) prolonged economic sluggishness and further waves of the Covid-19 pandemic affecting loan growth and asset quality; and 2) the impact of further interest rate cuts on NIM and potential new regulations from the Bank of Thailand on debt-servicing programs.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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**BUY (B).** The upside is 10% or more.

**HOLD (H).** The upside or downside is less than 10%.

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**Overweight.** The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be positive over the next 12 months.

**Neutral.** The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be maintained over the next 12 months.

**Underweight.** The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be negative over the next 12 months.

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