

# Thailand Banks

## On the path to improving operations

- We expect the BUC to report a solid 3Q22 aggregate net profit of THB43.2b (+24% y-y, -1% q-q), supported by 1) higher NII from corporate loan yields and interbank returns; and 2) lower credit cost due to controllable asset quality.
- Maintain our Overweight view on the sector, with KTB and BBL as top picks.

### Improving NII and lower credit cost should drive 3Q22 net profit

We expect the banks under our coverage (BUC) to deliver a 3Q22 aggregate net profit of THB43.2b (+24% y-y, -1% q-q). The projected y-y growth stems from 1) a credit expansion of 3.9% y-y due to strong corporate loan demand and the higher risk appetite in the retail segment for some banks; and 2) a plummeting credit cost from 160 in 3Q21 to 120 in 3Q22. Meanwhile, the expected q-q dip in the BUC's net profit reflects 1) lower non-NII due to the unfavourable capital market; and 2) a rise in OPEX along with the NII growth. We project that all banks should deliver y-y net profit growth in 3Q22, with KTB enjoying the highest growth. Meanwhile, we expect BBL to post the strongest q-q net profit growth.

### Expect slightly wider NIM to continue

After a rise in the BUC's NIM in 2Q22, we expect it to slightly increase further to 2.83% in 3Q22. Although in 3Q22 all banks retained their Thai lending and deposit rates, we believe they started to benefit from higher corporate loan yields due to banks' higher bargaining power and a rise in interbank and money market yields from the 25 bps rate hike in August 2022. All of the BUC have net positive interbank and money market exposure. Therefore, we believe the BUC's interbank yields will increase q-q.

### Manageable asset quality

We expect the aggregate NPLs of the BUC to be stable q-q in 3Q22, due to 1) the comprehensive debt restructuring program (CDR) – which should support clients affected by Covid and high inflation; and 2) the sale of a large corporate lot of NPLs of one of SCB's clients. This could account for an aggregate NPL ratio (calculated by FSSIA) of 3.97% for the BUC in 3Q22. SCB should deliver the largest drop (q-q basis) in its NPLs by 6% q-q due to the sale of Pace Development Corporation (PACE TB, not rated)'s NPLs. As for the rest of the BUC, we expect a slight increase in NPLs. High inflation should slightly hurt the debt repayment ability of banks' clients. However, we expect banks to provide CDR to their clients. This should help with the asset deterioration. Regarding provisions, we expect banks to smooth out their provisioning expenses as they have already proactively set aside special provisions to provide a cushion from uncertainties in the previous quarters.

### Maintain Overweight recommendation; KTB and BBL are our top picks

We believe banks' share prices have mostly priced in the concerns over high inflation and potential asset deterioration. SETBANK is trading at an undemanding 0.6x 2022E P/BV, despite the ROE recovery and the potential benefits from the rate uptrend. We maintain our OVERWEIGHT view for long-term investment and retain KTB and BBL as our top picks. We believe they should benefit the most from future rate hikes and face the lowest risks from asset deterioration.



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## Improving NII and lower credit cost should drive 3Q22 net profit

We expect the BUC to deliver a 3Q22 aggregate net profit of THB43.2b (+24% y-y, -1% q-q). We see two positives in 3Q.

First, we expect banks to smooth out their provisioning expenses as they have already proactively set aside special provisions to provide a cushion from uncertainties in the previous quarters. Regarding non-performing loans (NPLs), we expect that they will be stable q-q in 3Q22 due to 1) the CDR program – which should support clients affected by Covid and high inflation; and 2) the sale of a large corporate lot of NPLs of one of SCB's clients. This could account for an aggregate NPL ratio (calculated by FSSIA) of 3.97% in 3Q22.

Second, we believe the aggregate NII will be in an improving trend, backed up by an increase in both NIM and loan volume. Although in 3Q22 all banks retained their Thai lending and deposit rates, we believe they started to benefit from the increase in corporate loan yields and interbank and money market yields. We expect the BUC's overall loan portfolio to slightly increase by 0.4% q-q (+3.9% y-y), driven by an increase in both working capital and long-term loan demand from the corporate segment, along with a rise in the retail client volume due to the higher risk appetites of some banks.

We project that all banks should deliver y-y net profit growth in 3Q22, with KTB enjoying the highest growth. Meanwhile, we expect BBL to post the strongest q-q net profit growth.

### Exhibit 1: Thai banks under coverage, 3Q22 earnings preview

	BBG	----- Net profit -----				----- Pre-provision profit -----			----- Expected credit loss -----		
		(THB m)	(y-y%)	(q-q%)	(%22E)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	(q-q%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	(q-q%)
Bangkok Bank	BBL TB	7,734	11.9	11.1	25.3	16,739	(9.8)	(0.1)	7,016	(28.9)	(16.0)
Kasikombank	KBANK TB	10,660	23.5	(1.2)	25.3	24,152	5.1	3.0	9,847	(12.8)	(0.1)
Kiatnakin Bank	KKP TB	1,931	30.7	(5.0)	25.5	3,441	20.7	3.3	1,024	1.7	26.1
Krung Thai Bank	KTB TB	7,792	54.1	(6.8)	25.1	16,572	8.7	(2.2)	5,679	(30.2)	0.2
SCB X	SCB TB	10,041	13.9	(0.1)	25.7	20,526	(2.7)	(9.8)	8,005	(20.2)	(21.9)
Tisco Financial	TISCO TB	1,803	15.6	(2.5)	24.6	2,383	7.9	(2.3)	129	(49.3)	(7.8)
TMBThanachart Bank	TTB TB	3,285	39.3	(4.5)	26.1	8,767	4.4	1.6	4,712	(14.7)	7.5
<b>Coverage</b>		<b>43,246</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>(0.5)</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>92,580</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>(1.8)</b>	<b>36,412</b>	<b>(21.1)</b>	<b>(7.7)</b>

Source: FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 2: Summary of 3Q22 earnings preview

BBG	Norm profit			3Q22E		Expected results date	FSSIA's views
	3Q21 (THB m)	2Q22 (THB m)	3Q22E (THB m)	Change (y-y %)	Change (q-q %)		
BBL	6,909	6,961	7,734	11.9	11.1	19-21 Oct	We expect BBL to report a solid 3Q22 net profit of THB7,734m (+12% y-y, +11% q-q). We believe BBL will smooth out its ECL as the bank has proactively set aside a special provision to weather the uncertainty in the previous quarters and the bank should still be able to control its asset quality. Its NPLs could increase by 1% q-q, in our view. As for its revenue side, we think BBL's loan volume should rise 1.5% q-q, driven by corporate and international demand. Its NIM should also inch up to 2.21% in 3Q22 from 2.18% in 2Q22 due to a rise in the floating rate for its international loan portfolio following global rate hikes and an increase in interbank yields from the policy rate hike in Thailand. Hence, we expect a rise y-y and q-q in its NII. However, its non-NII – fee income and gains from investments in particular – might drop y-y and q-q due to the unfavourable capital market conditions.
KBANK	8,631	10,794	10,660	23.5	(1.2)	21 Oct	We expect KBANK to report a 3Q22 net profit of THB10,660m (+24% y-y, -1% q-q). We think KBANK's NPL formation will remain at a high level as we expect it to continue its qualitative downgrade of stage 2 loans to NPLs following its plan after partnering with JMT Network Services (JMT TB, BUY) to solve its asset quality problem. Thus, we forecast its NPLs to increase 2% q-q, with an expected stable credit cost of 160 bps. As for the revenue side, we think KBANK should deliver 0.5% q-q loan growth, with a stable q-q NIM at 3.21% in 3Q22. Its fee income should face continued pressure from the unfavourable capital market conditions and low consumer confidence, in our view.
KKP	1,478	2,033	1,931	30.7	(5.0)	19-20 Oct	We expect KKP to post a 3Q22 net profit of THB1,931m (+31% y-y, -5% q-q). We see two positives: 1) continued outstanding loan growth of 21% y-y and 3% q-q following the bank's strategy to tap into the new low-risk auto lending segment; and 2) an increase y-y and q-q in its fee income, better than other banks, due to IB fees. Regarding losses on repossessed cars, we think they should increase q-q due to a rise in the number of seized cars. Meanwhile, we believe the loss ratio per car should be at a good level of 20-30%. Accordingly, our concern on this point is limited.
KTB	5,055	8,358	7,792	54.1	(6.8)	20-21 Oct	We expect KTB to report a 3Q22 net profit of THB7,792m (+54% y-y, -7% q-q). We expect two positives from its 3Q22 results. First, we still hold a positive view of KTB's asset quality and expect NPLs to be stable q-q due to its low-risk portfolio profile compared with its peers. Thus, we expect its credit cost to be stable q-q at 86 bps. Second, we believe its NIM should widen to 2.51% from 2.50% in 2Q22 from an increase in interbank yields after the Thai policy rate hikes.
SCB	8,818	10,051	10,041	13.9	(0.1)	21 Oct	We expect SCB to report a 3Q22 net profit of THB10,041m (+14% y-y, flat q-q). We think the key highlight for SCB in this quarter is an expected decline in its NPLs by 6% q-q due to the sale of PACE's loans and the bank's continuing offer of CDR to its clients. We expect its ECL to drop 20% y-y and 22% q-q due to better asset quality and its proactive setting aside of provisions in 2Q22. However, we think its net profit will be dragged down by a rise in its OPEX from its transformation into a holding company. SCB bought shares in nine subsidiaries of SCB Bank and SCB10X Co., Ltd. In this quarter.
TISCO	1,560	1,848	1,803	15.6	(2.5)	12 Oct	We expect TISCO to report a 3Q22 net profit of THB1,803m (+16% y-y, -3% q-q). We expect to see three positives from its results. First, we expect TISCO to benefit from a low credit cost level of only 25 bps in 3Q22 due to its excess provisions and effective asset quality control. Its NPL ratio should be relatively stable q-q at 2.2%, with a continued high coverage ratio of 249%. Second, we expect an uptick in its NIM to 5.1% from 5.0% in 2Q22 following a rise in its high-yield portfolios. Lastly, we expect strong loan growth of 3% q-q from auto cash, used cars, SMEs and the corporate segment. On the negative side, we expect its non-NII to fall q-q, due to the unfavourable capital market conditions.
TTB	2,359	3,438	3,285	39.3	(4.5)	20 Oct	We expect TTB to report a 3Q22 net profit of THB3,285m (+39% y-y, -5% q-q). The substantial increase y-y in its 3Q22 net profit would come from 1) a lower ECL from its improving asset quality and sufficient provision; and 2) a rise in its fee income from the low base. Meanwhile, we expect a drop q-q in its net profit. Although we expect an improvement in its NIM to 2.84% in 3Q22 vs 2.81% in 2Q22 from a minimal rise in its retail loans, this should be dragged down by higher q-q OPEX. TTB is expanding its retail business unit, called TTB Consumer. Also, it is in a digital investment phase.
<b>Coverage</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>43,484</b>	<b>43,246</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>(0.5)</b>		

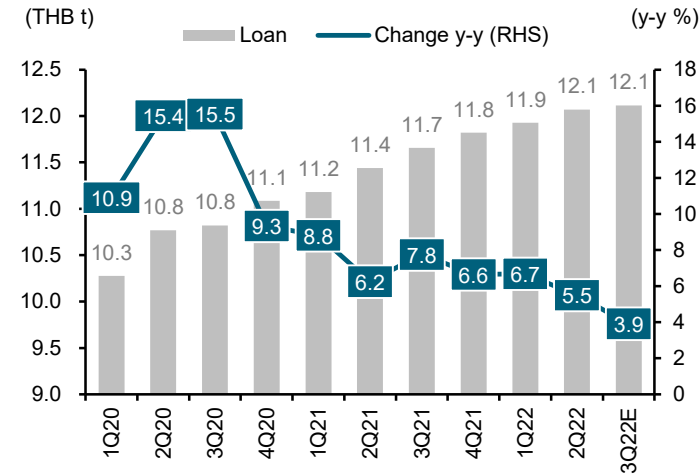
Sources: Company data; FSSIA estimates

### 3Q22E key highlights

#### 1) Corporates and retail clients should drive higher loan demand

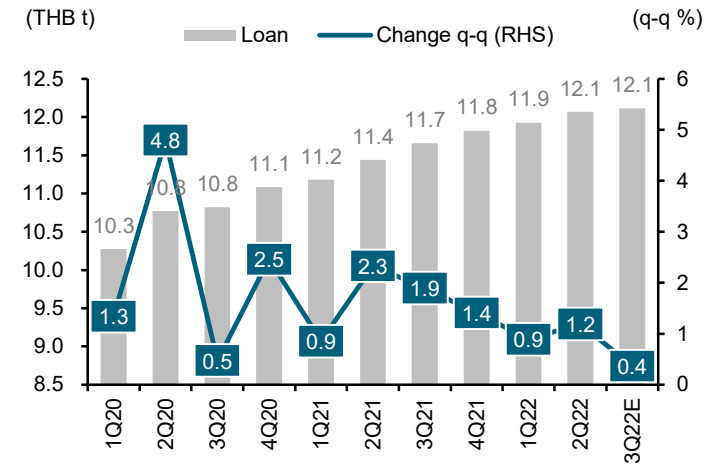
We expect the BUC's overall loan portfolio to slightly increase by 0.4% q-q (+3.9% y-y), driven by an increase in both working capital and long-term loan demand from the corporate segment, along with a rise in retail client volume due to the higher risk appetites of some banks seeking to more aggressively engage in small ticket size retail lending. Meanwhile, we think SME loans should stay flat q-q, as banks have continued to selectively lend to this segment.

Exhibit 3: Sector loan growth (y-y basis)



Sources: Company data; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 4: Sector loan growth (q-q basis)



Sources: Company data; FSSIA estimates

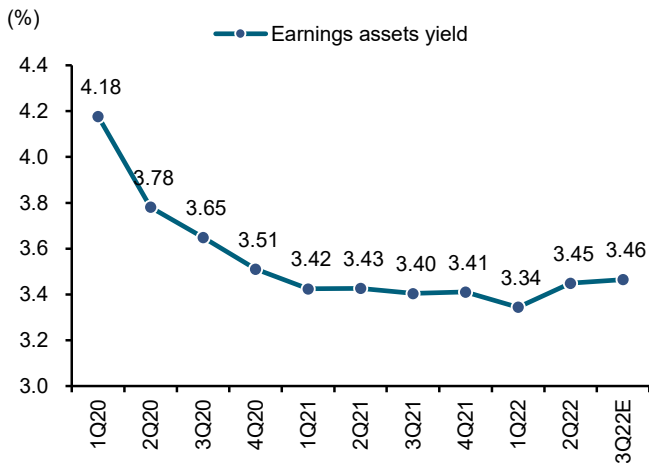
#### 2) NIM should slightly increase

We expect the BUC's 3Q22 aggregate NIM to increase continuously to 2.83% from 2.82% in 2Q22, backed up by the increase in earnings asset yields and the stable cost of funds. The Monetary Policy Committee raised the policy rate by 25 bps to 0.75% in August 2022. Although in 3Q22 all banks retained their Thai lending and deposit rates, we believe they will start to benefit from the increase in corporate loan yields and interbank and money market yields.

We believe higher bond yields should lead to higher demand for commercial bank loans. Thus, banks will likely have higher bargaining power. This implies that BBL should benefit the most from its highest exposure to corporate lending.

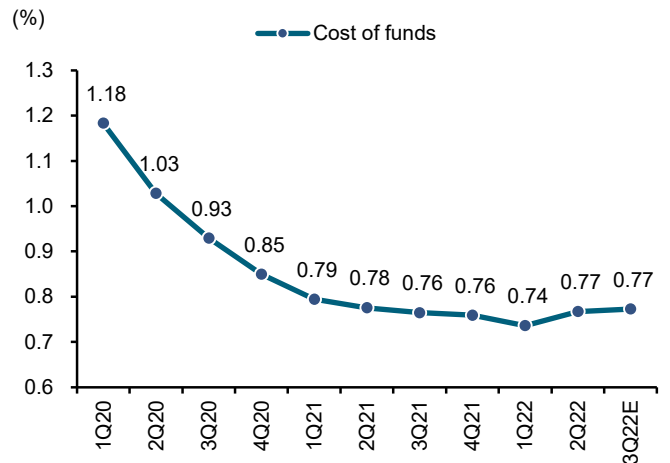
As for the interbank side, we think interbank returns should benefit from the 25 bps rate hike in August 2022. All of the BUC have net positive interbank and money market exposure (interbank and money market assets minus interbank and money market liabilities). Therefore, we believe the BUC's interbank yields will increase q-q in 3Q22.

**Exhibit 5: BUC's quarterly earnings asset yields**



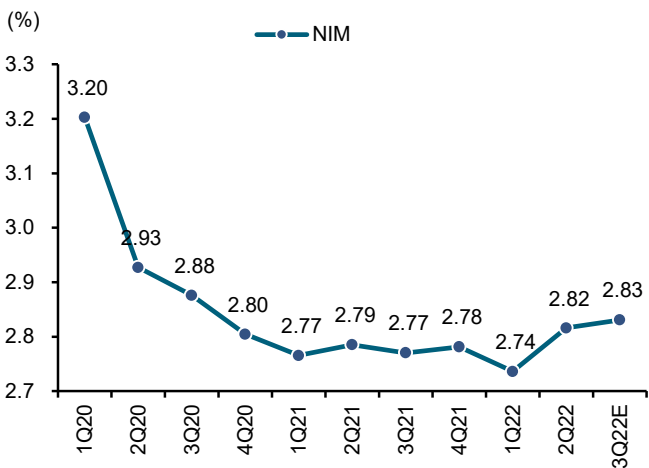
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**Exhibit 6: BUC's cost of funds**



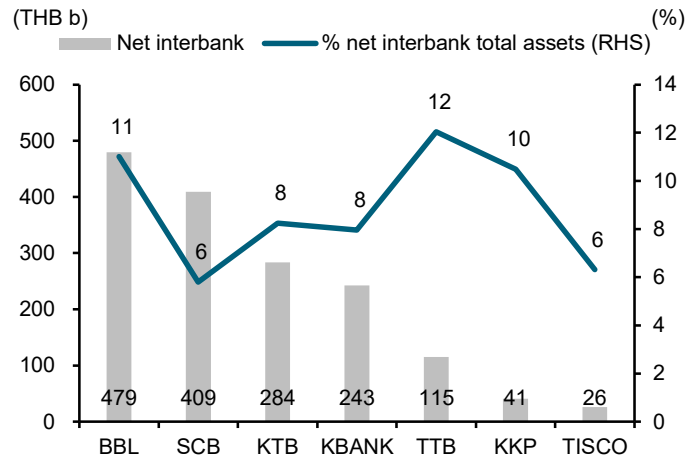
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**Exhibit 7: BUC's quarterly NIM**



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**Exhibit 8: BUC's net interbank as of 2Q22**

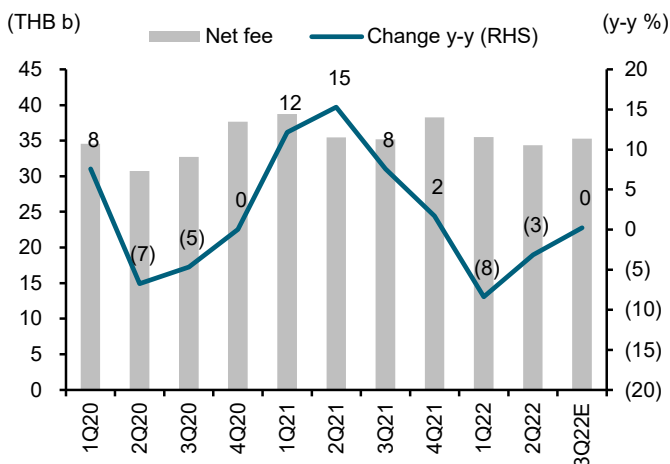


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**3) Expect fee income to remain in weak territory**

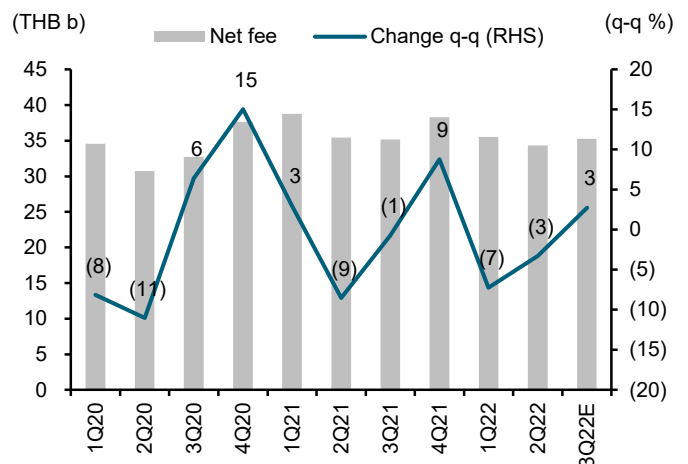
We expect the BUC to post only a 0.2% y-y and 3% q-q rise in fee income in 3Q22 due largely to weak brokerage and asset management fees due to the unfavourable capital market. Also, Non-NII should drop y-y and q-q in 3Q22, dragged down by lower fee income and a contraction in investment gains.

**Exhibit 9: Sector's fee income growth (y-y basis)**



Sources: Company data; FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 10: Sector's fee income growth (q-q basis)**



Sources: Company data; FSSIA estimates

**4) Good cost control**

OPEX should increase by 4% y-y and 1% q-q in 3Q22. Although we think banks will resume their marketing and promotional campaigns following the opening of business activities, we believe that most banks should still be able to control their operating expenses effectively, as Covid-19 forced their clients to use digital platforms, leading to a faster network rationalisation pace and frozen headcounts.

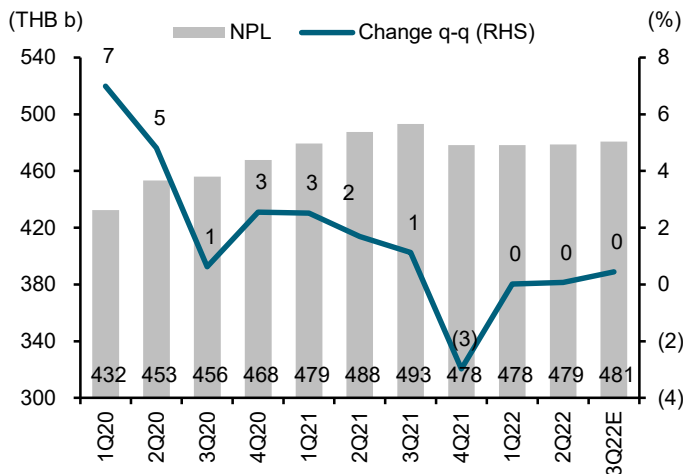
**5) Stable NPLs and lower provisions**

We expect the aggregate NPLs of BUC to be stable q-q in 3Q22, due to 1) the CDR program - which should support clients affected by Covid and high inflation; and 2) the sale of a large corporate lot of NPLs of one of SCB's clients. This could account for an NPL ratio (calculated by FSSIA) of 3.97% in 3Q22.

SCB should deliver the highest drop (q-q basis) in its NPLs by 6% q-q due to the sale of PACE's loans to Aster Capital on 5 August 2022. We think PACE's outstanding loans amounted to THB10b. As for the rest of the BUC, we expect a slight increase in NPLs. High inflation should slightly hurt the debt repayment ability of banks' clients. However, we expect banks to provide long-term debt restructuring programs to their clients. This should help with the asset deterioration.

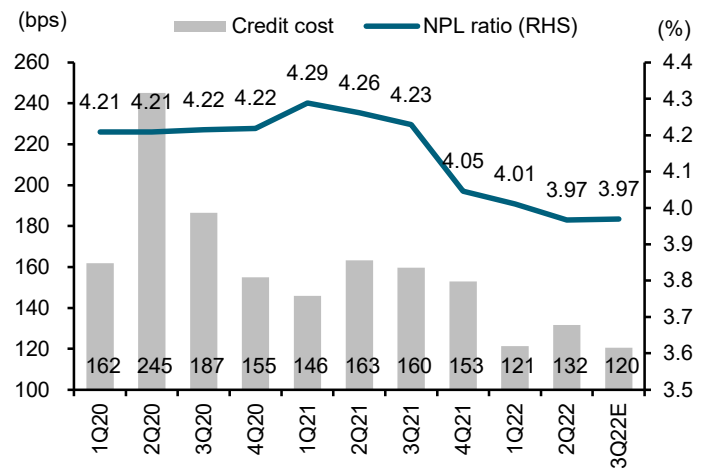
Regarding provisions, we expect banks to smooth out their provisioning expenses as they have already proactively set aside special provisions to provide a cushion from uncertainties in the previous quarters. As a result, we project a sector credit cost average of 120 bps in 3Q22 vs 132 bps in 2Q22.

**Exhibit 11: Sector's NPL growth (q-q basis)**



Sources: Company data; FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 12: Sector's NPL ratio and credit cost**



Sources: Company data; FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 13: Breakdown of 3Q22 earnings preview

3Q22E	BBL (THB m)	KBANK (THB m)	KKP (THB m)	KTB (THB m)	SCB (THB m)	TISCO (THB m)	TTB (THB m)	Coverage (THB m)
<b>Net Interest Income</b>	<b>24,165</b>	<b>32,208</b>	<b>4,678</b>	<b>21,833</b>	<b>26,319</b>	<b>3,142</b>	<b>12,584</b>	<b>124,929</b>
Change (y-y %)	16.7	4.8	22.3	3.3	11.8	1.6	0.1	8.1
Change (q-q %)	2.7	0.6	4.5	0.1	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.2
<b>Non-interest Income</b>	<b>9,022</b>	<b>10,112</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>7,363</b>	<b>11,517</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>3,663</b>	<b>44,877</b>
Change (y-y %)	(34.3)	9.9	(5.7)	2.4	(13.9)	23.0	18.7	(9.6)
Change (q-q %)	(15.4)	6.5	11.6	(3.7)	(8.8)	(8.5)	5.4	(4.6)
<b>Net fee income</b>	<b>6,813</b>	<b>8,378</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>4,947</b>	<b>9,628</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>2,778</b>	<b>35,277</b>
Change (y-y %)	(7.6)	(2.1)	4.4	4.1	(0.4)	7.7	23.1	0.2
Change (q-q %)	1.3	2.8	8.9	0.7	3.0	3.9	5.0	2.7
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>33,187</b>	<b>42,320</b>	<b>6,543</b>	<b>29,196</b>	<b>37,836</b>	<b>4,476</b>	<b>16,248</b>	<b>169,806</b>
Change (y-y %)	(3.6)	6.0	12.8	3.0	2.5	7.1	3.7	2.8
Change (q-q %)	(2.9)	2.0	6.4	(0.9)	(2.2)	(1.9)	2.3	(0.4)
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>16,449</b>	<b>18,169</b>	<b>3,102</b>	<b>12,624</b>	<b>17,309</b>	<b>2,093</b>	<b>7,480</b>	<b>77,226</b>
Change (y-y %)	3.6	7.1	5.1	(3.6)	9.5	6.4	2.9	4.4
Change (q-q %)	(5.7)	0.5	10.1	0.9	8.6	(1.5)	3.0	1.4
<b>Pre-provision profit</b>	<b>16,739</b>	<b>24,152</b>	<b>3,441</b>	<b>16,572</b>	<b>20,526</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>8,767</b>	<b>92,580</b>
Change (y-y %)	(9.8)	5.1	20.7	8.7	(2.7)	7.9	4.4	1.4
Change (q-q %)	(0.1)	3.0	3.3	(2.2)	(9.8)	(2.3)	1.6	(1.8)
<b>Expected credit loss</b>	<b>7,016</b>	<b>9,847</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>5,679</b>	<b>8,005</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>4,712</b>	<b>36,412</b>
Change (y-y %)	(28.9)	(12.8)	1.7	(30.2)	(20.2)	(49.3)	(14.7)	(21.1)
Change (q-q %)	(16.0)	(0.1)	26.1	0.2	(21.9)	(7.8)	7.5	(7.7)
Income tax	1,847	2,718	483	2,124	2,567	451	771	10,961
<b>Normalised profit</b>	<b>7,734</b>	<b>10,660</b>	<b>1,931</b>	<b>7,792</b>	<b>10,041</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>43,246</b>
Change (y-y %)	11.9	23.5	30.7	54.1	13.9	15.6	39.3	24.2
Change (q-q %)	11.1	(1.2)	(5.0)	(6.8)	(0.1)	(2.5)	(4.5)	(0.5)
% of 2022E	25.3	25.3	25.5	25.1	25.7	24.6	26.1	25.4
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>7,734</b>	<b>10,660</b>	<b>1,931</b>	<b>7,792</b>	<b>10,041</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>43,246</b>
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% of 2022E	25.3	25.3	25.5	25.1	25.7	24.6	26.1	25.4
<b>Loan (q-q %)</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Loan (y-y %)	6.7	(0.4)	20.6	3.4	4.6	2.5	3.0	3.9
<b>Deposit (q-q %)</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>(1.9)</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>(0.2)</b>	<b>(0.7)</b>	<b>(2.1)</b>	<b>(0.2)</b>
Deposit (y-y %)	1.8	3.5	29.0	1.1	4.5	(0.7)	3.1	3.2
<b>Loan/ Deposits (LDR %)</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>101.4</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>124.9</b>	<b>102.5</b>	<b>94.6</b>
Loan/Deposits & Borrowing (%)	80.1	89.9	89.6	96.5	91.9	113.4	97.5	90.3
<b>Key ratios</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>
<b>Net interest margin</b>	<b>2.21</b>	<b>3.21</b>	<b>4.03</b>	<b>2.51</b>	<b>3.18</b>	<b>5.10</b>	<b>2.84</b>	<b>2.83</b>
Credit cost (bp/total loans)	1.05	1.60	1.20	0.86	1.35	0.25	1.35	1.20
Cost to income	49.56	42.93	47.41	43.24	45.75	46.76	46.04	45.48
Loan-loss-coverage (FSSIA)	227	130	151	161	154	249	128	165
<b>Absolute NPL (THB m)</b>	<b>106,412</b>	<b>112,171</b>	<b>11,499</b>	<b>107,253</b>	<b>96,386</b>	<b>4,553</b>	<b>42,571</b>	<b>480,844</b>
Change (y-y %)	(5.4)	5.9	7.1	0.8	(10.0)	(25.3)	(4.1)	(2.5)
Change (q-q %)	1.3	2.0	5.0	2.7	(6.0)	2.0	3.0	0.4
<b>NPL ratio (FSSIA)</b>	<b>3.95</b>	<b>4.61</b>	<b>3.32</b>	<b>4.05</b>	<b>4.04</b>	<b>2.17</b>	<b>3.04</b>	<b>3.97</b>
Reported NPL ratio	3.40	4.06	3.30	3.49	3.32	2.17	2.63	

Source: FSSIA estimates



## Recommendations and top picks

We think that over the next month the market's attention will stay with the theme of interest rate hikes amid high inflation. Hence, we believe that the banks with lower asset deterioration downside risks and a higher exposure to rate hike benefits should outperform their peers.

We reiterate KTB as one of our top picks, with an unchanged 2023 TP of THB20. During this time of economic uncertainty, we see KTB as a safe place to invest. We see lower asset deterioration downside risks compared with its peers due to its concentrated low-risk government and corporate portfolio. In our view, KTB should ride the economic upturn with the monetisation of its Pao Tang app and as one of the banks best positioned to reap the highest benefits from a rising interest rate environment. Moreover, its valuation looks attractive at 0.6x 2023E P/BV vs an 8.5% 2023E ROE.

BBL remains another top Buy, with the same 2023 TP of THB170. Amid the rise in the inflation rate, we have limited concerns about BBL's asset quality vs other big banks, as most of its clients are corporate and medium-sized companies which are more resilient than the retail segment due to their ability to pass on increases in production costs to clients. Also, we think BBL should be one of the banks that benefits the most from the interest rate uptrend.

We maintain our BUY call for KKP with an unchanged 2023 TP of THB82. We think its bottom line is well-cushioned by solid fee income, strong loan growth, and a lower ECL. We also expect KKP to provide a 2022 dividend yield of 6%.

We maintain our BUY call and 2023 TP of THB192 for KBANK as we believe KBANK's net profit and ROE should increase continuously. KBANK's transformation is now in full swing and should unlock its value and increase shareholder returns, in our view.

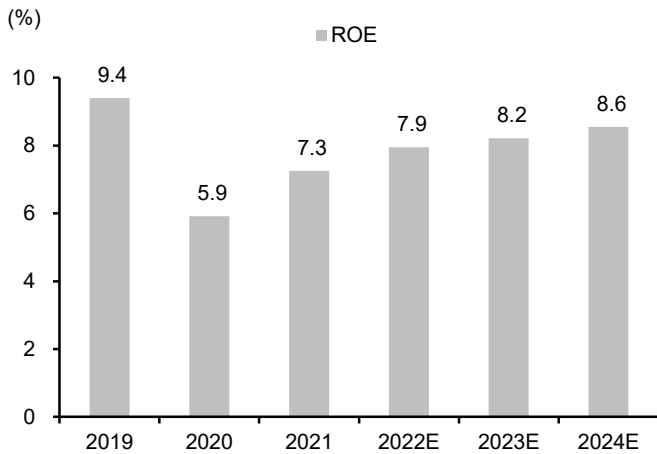
We reiterate our BUY call on SCB with an unchanged 2023 SoTP-based TP of THB134 due to its demanding valuation. Its share price has slumped significantly, with a -18% YTD return vs a -10% YTD return for SETBANK. It currently trades at 0.7x 2023E P/BV, with an expected 2023 ROE of 8.5%. We expect SCB to officially announce its subsidiaries' financial targets after the 3Q22 results. Thus, SCB's share price might gain investors' attention again.

We have a less bullish view on TTB due to the slow revenue synergy benefits and the potential increase in OPEX in the next couple of quarters from its IT investment and new business expansion. But due to its undemanding valuation (0.5x 2023E P/BV and 6.3% 2023E ROE) and impressive 2022-24E net profit growth at a 14% CAGR, we maintain our BUY call, with an unchanged 2023 TP of THB1.4.

We maintain HOLD for TISCO, with an unchanged 2023 TP of THB94. We think TISCO's bottom line could be hurt slightly by an interest rate upturn. Additionally, we think it is less attractive than KKP as its lazy balance sheet strategy over the past several years will likely hinder its growth once the economy recovers. However, we recommend HOLD for its potentially superior dividend yield at 9-10% p.a. in 2022-24 and low asset quality risk.

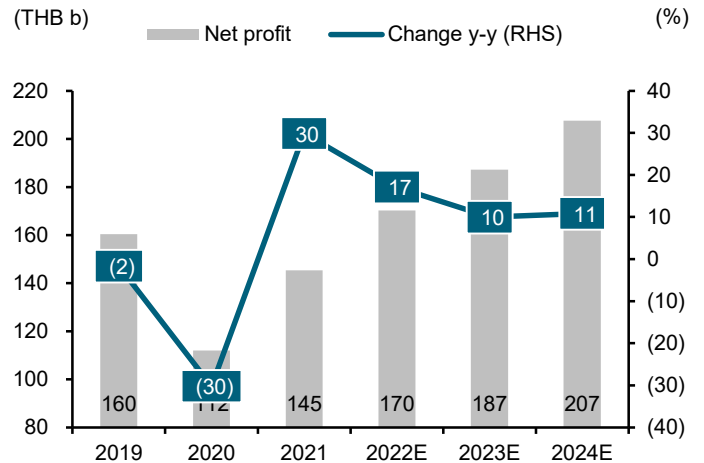


Exhibit 14: Banking sector's ROE



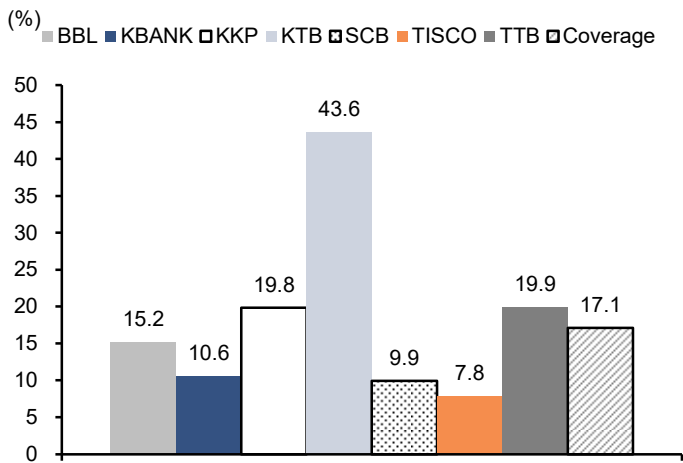
Sources: Company data; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 15: Banking sector's net profit growth



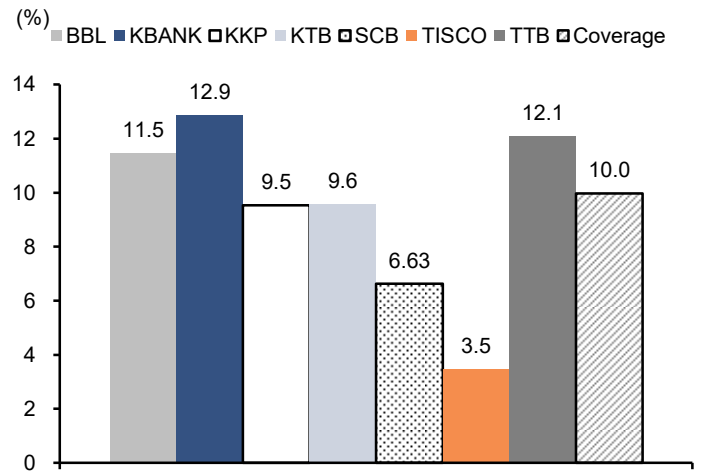
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Exhibit 16: BUC's 2022E net profit growth



Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 17: BUC's 2023E net profit growth



Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 18: Peers comparison

	BBG code	Rec	--- Share price ---		Up side (%)	Market Cap (USD m)	EPS growth		--- P/E ---		-- DivYld --		--- ROE ---		--- PBV ---	
			Current (THB)	Target (THB)			22E (%)	23E (%)	22E (x)	23E (x)	22E (%)	23E (%)	22E (%)	23E (%)	22E (x)	23E (x)
<b>Coverage</b>						<b>36,865</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Bangkok Bank	BBL TB	BUY	132.50	170.00	28	6,638	15.2	11.5	8.3	7.4	3.8	4.9	6.0	6.4	0.5	0.5
Kasikornbank	KBANK TB	BUY	140.50	192.00	37	8,736	10.6	12.9	7.9	7.0	3.2	3.6	8.5	9.0	0.7	0.6
Kiatnakin Bank	KKP TB	BUY	66.75	82.00	23	1,483	19.8	9.5	7.5	6.8	6.0	6.7	14.2	14.3	1.0	0.9
Krung Thai Bank	KTB TB	BUY	16.50	20.00	21	6,052	43.6	9.6	7.4	6.8	4.7	5.2	8.3	8.5	0.6	0.6
SCB X	SCB TB	BUY	102.00	134.00	31	9,013	9.8	6.6	8.9	8.3	4.9	5.9	8.6	8.5	0.7	0.7
Tisco Financial	TISCO TB	HOLD	91.50	94.00	3	1,923	7.8	3.5	10.0	9.7	8.5	9.0	17.4	17.4	1.7	1.7
TMBThanachart Bank	TTB TB	BUY	1.19	1.40	18	3,020	20.3	12.1	9.1	8.1	4.9	5.5	5.8	6.3	0.5	0.5

Share prices as of 3 Oct 2022

Source: FSSIA estimates

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EXCELLENT LEVEL – Score range 90-100										
AAV	BCPG	CPALL	GCAP	K	MSC	PLANET	SAMART	SPI	THRE	TVD
ADVANC	BDMS	CPF	GFPT	KBANK	MST	PLAT	SAMTEL	SPRC	THREL	TVI
AF	BEM	CPI	GGC	KCE	MTC	PORT	SAT	SPVI	TIPCO	TVO
AH	BGC	CPN	GLAND	KKP	MVP	PPS	SC	SSSC	TISCO	TWPC
AIRA	BGRIM	CRC	GLOBAL	KSL	NCL	PR9	SCB	SST	TK	U
AKP	BIZ	CSS	GPI	KTB	NEP	PREB	SCC	STA	TKT	UAC
AKR	BKI	DDD	GPSC	KTC	NER	PRG	SCCC	STEC	TMT	UBIS
ALT	BOL	DELTA	GRAMMY	LALIN	NKI	PRM	SCG	STI	TNDT	UV
AMA	BPP	DEMCO	GULF	LANNA	NOBLE	PROUD	SCGP	SUN	TNITY	VGI
AMATA	BRR	DRT	GUNKUL	LH	NSI	DRS	SCM	SUSCO	TOA	VIH
AMATAV	BTS	DTAC	HANA	LHFG	NVD	PSL	SDC	SUTHA	TOP	WACOAL
ANAN	BTW	DUSIT	HARN	LIT	NWR	PTG	SEAFCCO	SVI	TPBI	WAVE
AOT	BWG	EA	HMPRO	LPN	NYT	PTT	SEAOIL	SYMC	TQM	WHA
AP	CENTEL	EASTW	ICC	MACO	OISHI	PTTEP	SE-ED	SYNTEC	TRC	WHAUP
ARIP	CFRESH	ECF	ICHI	MAJOR	OR	PTTGC	SELIC	TACC	TRU	WICE
ARROW	CHEWA	ECL	III	MAKRO	ORI	PYLON	SENA	TASCO	TRUE	WINNER
ASP	CHO	EE	ILINK	MALEE	OSP	Q-CON	SHR	TCAP	TSC	ZEN
AUCT	CIMBT	EGCO	ILM	MBK	OTO	QH	SIRI	TEAMG	TSR	
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AYUD	CKP	ETC	IP	MCOT	PCSGH	RATCH	SITHAI	TGH	TSTH	
BAFS	CM	FPI	IRPC	METCO	PDG	RS	SMK	THANA	TTA	
BANPU	CNT	FPT	ITEL	MFEC	PDJ	S	SMPC	THANI	TTB	
BAY	COM7	FSMART	IVL	MINT	PG	S & J	SNC	THCOM	TTCL	
BBL	COMAN	GBX	JSP	MONO	PHOL	SAAM	SONIC	THG	TTW	
BCP	COTTO	GC	JWD	MOONG	PLANB	SABINA	SPALI	THIP	TU	
VERY GOOD LEVEL – Score range 80-89										
2S	ASIMAR	CHOW	FLOYD	IT	LOXLEY	OCC	RPC	SKY	TCC	TVT
7UP	ASK	CI	FN	ITD	LRH	OGC	RT	SLP	TCMC	TWP
ABICO	ASN	CIG	FNS	J	LST	PATO	RWI	SMIT	TEAM	UEC
ABM	ATP30	CMC	FORTH	JAS	M	PB	S11	SMT	TFG	UMI
ACE	B	COLOR	FSS	JCK	MATCH	PICO	SA	SNP	TFI	UOBKH
ACG	BA	CPL	FTE	JCKH	MBAX	PIMO	SAK	SO	TIGER	UP
ADB	BAM	CPW	FVC	JMART	MEGA	PJW	SALEE	SORKON	TITLE	UPF
AEONTS	BC	CRD	GEL	JMT	META	PL	SAMCO	SPA	TKN	UPOIC
AGE	BCH	CSC	GENCO	KBS	MFC	PM	SANKO	SPC	TKS	UTP
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AIT	BEYOND	CWT	GYT	KEX	MICRO	PPP	SAWAD	SR	TMC	VL
ALL	BFIT	DCC	HEMP	KGI	MILL	PPP	SCI	SRICHA	TMD	VPO
ALLA	BJC	DCON	HPT	KIAT	MITSIB	PRIME	SCN	SSC	TMI	VRANDA
ALUCON	BJCHI	DHOUSE	HTC	KISS	MK	PRIN	SCP	SSF	TMILL	WGE
AMANAHA	BLA	DOD	HYDRO	KOOL	MODERN	PRINC	SE	STANLY	TNL	WIJK
AMARIN	BR	DOHOME	ICN	KTIS	MTI	PSG	SFLEX	STGT	TNP	WP
APCO	BROOK	DV8	IFS	KUMWEL	NBC	PSTC	SFP	STOWER	TOG	XO
APCS	CBG	EASON	IMH	KUN	NCAP	PT	SFT	STPI	TPA	XPG
APURE	CEN	EFORL	IND	KWC	NCH	QLT	SGF	SUC	TPAC	YUASA
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ASAP	CHARAN	ESSO	INSET	L&E	NEX	RCL	SINGER	SYNEX	TPS	
ASEFA	CHAYO	ESTAR	INSURE	LDC	NINE	RICHY	SKE	TAE	TRITN	
ASIA	CHG	ETE	IRC	LEO	NRF	RML	SKN	TAKUNI	TRT	
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AJ	BLAND	CMR	GSC	KCM	MUD	PRAKIT	SISB	TCCC	UKEM	
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AU	CAZ	EP	INOX	MATI	NUSA	RSP	SSP	TIPIP	WIN	
B52	CCP	F&D	JAK	M-CHAI	PAF	SABUY	STARK	TPLAS	WORK	
BEAUTY	CGD	FMT	JR	MCS	PF	SF	STC	TPOLY	WPH	

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CERTIFIED										
2S	BCH	CPALL	GC	K	MFC	PE	QLT	SNP	THCOM	TU
7UP	BCP	CPF	GCAP	KASET	MFEC	PG	QTC	SORKON	THIP	TVD
ADVANC	BCPG	CPI	GEL	KBANK	MILL	PHOL	RATCH	SPACK	THRE	TVI
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AI	BEYOND	CSC	GGC	KCAR	MONO	PL	RWI	SPC	TIDLOR	TWPC
AIE	BGC	DCC	GJS	KCE	MOONG	PLANB	S & J	SPI	TIPCO	U
AIRA	BGRIM	DELTA	GPI	KGI	MSC	PLANET	SAAM	SPRC	TISCO	UBE
AKP	BJCHI	DEMCO	GPSC	KKP	MST	PLAT	SABINA	SRICHA	TKS	UBIS
ALPHAX	BKI	DIMET	GSTEEL	KSL	MTC	PM	SAPPE	SSF	TKT	UEC
AMA	BLA	DRT	GUNKUL	KTB	MTI	PPP	SAT	SSP	TMD	UKEM
AMANAHA	BPP	DTAC	HANA	KTC	NBC	PPPM	SC	SSSC	TMILL	UOBKH
AMATA	BROOK	DUSIT	HARN	KWC	NEP	PPS	SCB	SST	TMT	UPF
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AYUD	CHOW	FNS	INSURE	MALEE	ORI	PTG	SIRI	TCAP	TRUE	
B	CIG	FPI	INTUCH	MATCH	PAP	PTT	SITHAI	TCMC	TSC	
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ALT	CPL	DHOUSE	FLOYD	JTS	NCAP	NYT	SAK	STECH	TSI	ZIGA
APCO	CPR	DOHOME	GULF	KEX	NCL	OR	SCGP	STGT	VARO	
B52	CPW	ECF	III	KUMWEL	NOVA	PIMO	SCM	TKN	VCOM	
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Bangkok Bank	BBL TB	THB 132.50	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP are 1) prolonged economic sluggishness affecting loan growth and asset quality; and 2) the impact of new regulations from the Bank of Thailand.
Kasikornbank	KBANK TB	THB 140.50	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP are 1) prolonged economic sluggishness affecting loan growth and asset quality; and 2) the impact of new regulations from the Bank of Thailand.
Kiatnakin Bank	KKP TB	THB 66.75	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based target price include weakening asset quality and lower fee income.
Krung Thai Bank	KTB TB	THB 16.50	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP are 1) prolonged economic sluggishness affecting loan growth and asset quality; and 2) the impact of new regulations from the Bank of Thailand.
SCB X	SCB TB	THB 102.00	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP are 1) prolonged economic sluggishness affecting loan growth and asset quality; and 2) the impact of new regulations from the Bank of Thailand.
Tisco Financial	TISCO TB	THB 91.50	HOLD	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP are 1) prolonged economic sluggishness affecting loan growth and asset quality; and 2) the impact of new regulations from the Bank of Thailand. An upside risk to our GGM-based TP would be lower-than-expected policy rate hikes.
TMBThanachart Bank	TTB TB	THB 1.19	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP are 1) prolonged economic sluggishness affecting loan growth and asset quality; and 2) the impact of new regulations from the Bank of Thailand.
JMT Network Services	JMT TB	THB 64.25	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP include 1) lower cash collection from its fully amortised portfolio; and 2) the lower-than-expected acquisition of new bad debt.

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

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

**REDUCE (R).** The downside is 10% or more.

Unless otherwise specified, these recommendations are set with a 12-month horizon. Thus, it is possible that future price volatility may cause a temporary mismatch between upside/downside for a stock based on market price and the formal recommendation.

\* In most cases, the target price will equal the analyst's assessment of the current fair value of the stock. However, if the analyst doesn't think the market will reassess the stock over the specified time horizon due to a lack of events or catalysts, then the target price may differ from fair value. In most cases, therefore, our recommendation is an assessment of the mismatch between current market price and our assessment of current fair value.

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**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.

### Country (Strategy) Recommendations

**Overweight (O).** Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on two or more of the criteria used to determine market recommendations: index returns relative to the regional benchmark, index sharpe ratio relative to the regional benchmark and index returns relative to the market cost of equity.

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