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# 2Q23 results at first glance

## 2Q23 results beat our estimate by 6%

SCB's 2Q23 net profit of THB11.9b was better than our results preview of THB11.1b and Bloomberg's consensus estimate of THB10.9b. Net profit was up by 8% q-q and 18% y-y from higher net interest income (NII), net interest margin (NIM), and FVTPL. The well-managed asset quality helped the NPL ratio to decline, while higher ECL enlarged the coverage ratio. 1H23 results accounted for 52% of our 2023 estimates. We rate SCB a BUY with a 2023 GGM-based TP of THB123, implying a P/BV of 0.85x and attractive 2023-25E dividend yields of 7% pa.

## 2Q23 highlights

- (+) NII was prominent in 2Q23, growing strongly by 6% q-q and 18% yy, slightly better than expected, thanks to the rising interest rate and ample liquidity, which led to a NIM expansion, up 24bp to 3.70%. The 1H23 NIM increased to 3.61%, still in line with our 2023 NIM forecast of 3.60% and the bank's forecast of >3.50%.
- (+) Loans grew by 1% q-q and 2.7% y-y in 2Q23, in line with our expectation. Overall, 1H23 loan growth was up 1.9% YTD, led by the SME and retail segments (housing, CardX, and AutoX), again in line with our 2023 projection of 5% y-y, under the expectation of accelerated-growth rate in 2H23.
- (+) Non-NII jumped by 13% q-q and 7% y-y, thanks to FVTPL and higher mark-to-market gains from the investment portfolio of SCB 10X. However, fee income decreased by 4% q-q and 9% y-y, mainly from lower bancassurance fees, lending-related fees, and a weaker wealth management business amid unfavorable markets.
- (o) Operating expenses increased by 2% q-q and 7% y-y in line with our forecast. The q-q increase was due to higher premise and equipment expenses from outlet expansions by the portfolio companies. The cost-to-income ratio in 2Q23 was 38.4%, down from 41% in 1Q23. The overall cost-to-income ratio in 1H23 was 39.6%, far below our 2023 forecast of 45.1% and the bank's target of mid-40%. This trend may accelerate in 2H23.
- (0) Asset quality: the bank reported a lower NPL ratio at 3.84% from 3.97% in 1Q23. SCB set aside higher-than-expected ECL in this quarter to cushion the risk of an overall uneven economic recovery. ECL was also higher for portfolio companies, especially CardX, as a prudent approach to possible deterioration in asset quality. The policy of setting higher ECL expenses compared to its NPL write-off and sales amount pushed the coverage ratio up to 162% from 158% in 1Q23, which management deemed sufficient under current circumstances. 1H23 credit cost was 183bp, higher-than our 2023 forecast of 150bp, and the bank's target of 120-140bp.



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TARGET PRICE	THB123.00
CLOSE	THB110.50
UP/DOWNSIDE	+11.3%
TP vs CONSENSUS	-4.0%

## **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Operating profit	50,718	56,913	60,975	65,087
Net profit	37,546	44,242	47,960	51,208
EPS (THB)	11.15	13.14	14.24	15.21
vs Consensus (%)	-	1.4	1.0	(0.6)
Recurring net profit	37,546	44,242	47,960	51,208
Core EPS (THB)	11.15	13.14	14.24	15.21
EPS growth (%)	6.4	17.8	8.4	6.8
Core P/E (x)	9.9	8.4	7.8	7.3
Dividend yield (%)	6.1	6.6	6.8	7.2
Price/book (x)	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
ROE (%)	8.3	9.4	9.7	9.8
ROA (%)	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.3



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	2.3	7.3	17.6
Relative to country (%)	1.8	9.3	18.9
Mkt cap (USD m)			10,806
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			35.5
Free float (%)			53
Major shareholder		King Ram	na X (24%)
12m high/low (THB)		11	4.00/89.75
Issued shares (m)			3,399

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

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## Exhibit 1: SCB – 2Q23 operations summary

Year end Dec 31	2Q22	1Q23	2Q23	Cha	nge	1H23	Change	%of	2022	2023E	Change
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	23E	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)
Net interest income	26,068	28,942	30,791	6	18	59,734	18	49	107,865	122,406	13
Non-interest income	12,634	11,958	13,525	13	7	25,482	(0)	53	46,555	47,898	3
Fee income - net	9,347	8,909	8,509	(4)	(9)	17,418			37,148	37,812	2
Total operating income	38,702	40,900	44,316	8	15	85,216	12	50	154,420	170,304	10
Total operating expenses	15,938	16,757	17,016	2	7	33,773	5	44	69,874	76,842	10
PPOP before tax	22,764	24,143	27,300	13	20	51,443	16	55	84,547	93,462	11
Expected credit loss	10,250	9,927	12,098	22	18	22,025	16	60	33,829	36,550	8
Income tax	2,681	3,147	3,289	4	23	6,436	16	51	13,592	12,521	(8)
Non-controlling interest	(217)	73	46	(37)	(121)	118	(138)	79	(421)	150	(136)
Net profit	10,051	10,995	11,868	8	18	22,864	14	52	37,546	44,242	18
Net EPS (THB)	2.98	3.27	3.52	8	18	6.79	14	52	11.15	13.14	18
Key ratios	2Q22	1Q23	2Q23	Cha	nge	1H23	Change		2022	2023E	Change
Asset quality ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)		(%)	(%)	(y-y%)
Gross NPLs (THB m)	102,538	95,153	93,028	(2)	(9)	93,028	(9)		95,329	99,329	4
Change (% from prior period)	(3.5)	(0.2)	(2.2)			(9.3)			(12.6)	4.2	
NPL ratios (%) - reported	3.58	3.32	3.25			3.25			3.34		
NPL ratio (%)*	4.34	3.97	3.84			3.84			4.01	3.98	
Coverage ratio (%) - reported	153	164	171			171			160		
Coverage ratio (%)*	148	158	162			162			156	154	
Credit cost (bp)	175	166	201			183			145	150	
Profitability ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)			(%)			(%)	(%)	
Cost to income ratio	41.2	41.0	38.4			39.6			45.2	45.1	
Average yield (%)	3.71	4.44	4.75			4.63			3.87	4.61	
Cost of funds (%)	0.65	1.17	1.26			1.22			0.69	1.22	
NIM (%) - reported	3.58	3.32	3.25			3.25			3.29		
NIM (%)*	3.17	3.46	3.70			3.61			3.29	3.60	
Non-interest income/total income (%)	32.6	29.2	30.5			29.9			30.1	28.1	
Liquidity ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)			(%)			(%)	(%)	
Loan to deposit	93.5	95.6	98.2			98.2			93.0	95.7	
Loan to deposit & borrowing (LDBR)	90.6	92.9	94.0			94.0			84.6	86.9	
Capital adequacy ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)			(%)			(%)	(%)	
CAR	18.7	18.6	18.7			18.7			18.9	19.1	
CET 1/ Risk assets	17.5	17.5	17.5			17.5			17.7	18.0	
Tier 2 / Risk assets	1.1	1.1	1.1			1.1			1.1	1.1	
Loan growth	(%)	(%)	(%)			(%)			(%)	(%)	
q-q	1.4	0.9	1.0								
у-у	2.8	3.1	2.7			2.7			3.3	5	
Year-to-date	2.5	0.9	1.9			1.9					

\* FSSIA's calculation

Sources: SCB; FSSIA estimates

# Financial Statements SCB X

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Interest Income	112,177	126,993	157,077	169,692	179,974
Interest expense	(17,006)	(19,127)	(34,671)	(38,967)	(42,618)
Net interest income	95,171	107,865	122,406	130,725	137,356
Net fees & commission	40,198	37,148	37,812	38,568	39,725
Foreign exchange trading income	-	-	-	-	
Securities trading income	11,236	6,724	7,244	5,251	6,259
Dividend income	166	149	154	158	163
Other income	3,571	2,535	2,689	2,812	2,950
Non interest income	55,171	46,555	47,898	46,789	49,097
Fotal income	150,342	154,420	170,304	177,514	186,453
Staff costs	(30,007)	(31,219)	(34,341)	(36,058)	(36,779)
Other operating costs	(33,549)	(38,655)	(42,501)	(44,662)	(46,977)
Derating costs	(63,556)	(69,874)	(76,842)	(80,720)	(83,756)
Pre provision operating profit	86,786	84,547	93,462	96,794	102,697
Expected credit loss	(42,024)	(33,829)	(36,550)	(35,819)	(37,610)
Dther provisions	(42,024)	(33,829)	(30,550)	(35,619)	(37,010)
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Operating profit	44,762	50,718 0	56,913 0	60,975 0	65,087
Recurring non operating income	0	U	U	U	0
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Goodwill amortization	-	-	-	-	-
Non recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	44,762	50,718	56,913	60,975	65,087
ax	(9,376)	(13,592)	(12,521)	(13,414)	(14,319)
Profit after tax	35,386	37,125	44,392	47,560	50,768
Non-controlling interest	204	421	(150)	400	440
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	35,590	37,546	44,242	47,960	51,208
Non recurring items & goodwill (net)	-	-	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	35,590	37,546	44,242	47,960	51,208
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	10.48	11.15	13.14	14.24	15.21
Reported EPS	10.48	11.15	13.14	14.24	15.21
DPS	4.06	6.69	7.25	7.50	8.00
Growth					
Net interest income (%)	(1.8)	13.3	13.5	6.8	5.1
Non interest income (%)	15.3	(15.6)	2.9	(2.3)	4.9
Pre provision operating profit (%)	7.9	(2.6)	10.5	3.6	6.1
Dperating profit (%)	32.5	13.3	12.2	7.1	6.7
Reported net profit (%)	30.8	5.5	17.8	8.4	6.8
Recurring EPS (%)	30.8	6.4	17.8	8.4	6.8
Reported EPS (%)	30.8	6.4	17.8	8.4	6.8
ncome Breakdown		5.1		5.1	0.0
Net interest income (%)	63.3	69.9	71.9	73.6	73.7
Net fees & commission (%)	26.7	24.1	22.2	21.7	21.3
Foreign exchange trading income (%)	-	- 24.1	-	-	21.0
			4.3	- 3.0	-
Securities trading income (%) Dividend income (%)	7.5 0.1	4.4 0.1	4.3 0.1	3.0 0.1	3.4 0.1
	2.4	0.1 1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Other income (%)	۷.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.0
Deperating performance	0.50	0.07	4.64	4.00	
Gross interest yield (%)	3.53	3.87	4.61	4.80	4.87
Cost of funds (%)	0.64	0.70	1.23	1.35	1.42
Vet interest spread (%)	2.89	3.17	3.38	3.45	3.45
Net interest margin (%)	3.0	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.7
Cost/income(%)	42.3	45.2	45.1	45.5	44.9
Cost/assets(%)	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2
Effective tax rate (%)	20.9	26.8	22.0	22.0	22.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	38.8	60.0	55.2	52.7	52.6
ROE (%)	8.4	8.3	9.4	9.7	9.8
ROE - COE (%)	(2.8)	(2.8)	(1.8)	(1.5)	(1.3)
ROA (%)	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.3
RORWA (%)	1.6	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.0
Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					

Sources: SCB X; FSSIA estimates



## **Financial Statements**

SCB X

Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Gross customer loans	2,301,834	2,377,215	2,496,076	2,620,880	2,751,924
Novance for expected credit loss	(151,409)	(148,890)	(153,440)	(161,258)	(169,868
nterest in suspense	15,031	19,523	20,499	21,524	22,600
let customer loans	2,165,456	2,247,848	2,363,135	2,481,145	2,604,65
Bank loans	618,269	522,056	532,497	543,147	554,010
Government securities	-	-	-	-	
rading securities	-	-	-	-	
nvestment securities	292,123	454,203	425,336	446,603	468,93
Cash & equivalents	50,421	47,254	39,683	44,098	43,82
Other interesting assets	-	-	-	-	
angible fixed assets	63,397	68,898	72,535	76,439	80,63
Associates	-	-	-	-	
Goodwill	-	-	-	-	
Other intangible assets	-	-	-	-	
Other assets	124,900	114,194	125,738	131,703	134,56
otal assets	3,314,565	3,454,452	3,558,924	3,723,135	3,886,62
Customer deposits	2,467,495	2,555,800	2,606,916	2,716,406	2,825,06
Bank deposits	180,961	181,347	190,415	199,936	205,934
Other interest bearing liabilities	10,539	11,429	14,858	15,601	16,38
lon interest bearing liabilities	212,963	239,264	257,431	277,299	298,28
lybrid Capital	-	-	-	-	
otal liabilities	2,871,959	2,987,840	3,069,619	3,209,241	3,345,66
Share capital	33,992	33,671	33,671	33,671	33,67
Reserves	407,005	427,561	449,716	473,712	500,12
otal equity	440,997	461,232	483,387	507,384	533,79
Ion-controlling interest	1,609	5,380	5,918	6,510	7,16
otal liabilities & equity	3,314,565	3,454,452	3,558,924	3,723,135	3,886,62
Supplementary items					
Risk weighted assets (RWA)	2,265,443	2,306,339	2,384,479	2,494,501	2,604,03
verage interest earning assets	3,177,400	3,282,850	3,403,691	3,532,269	3,692,74
verage interest bearing liabilities	2,676,339	2,720,839	2,819,651	2,881,757	2,997,99
CET 1 capital	399,566	408,287	428,118	450,825	475,09
otal capital	424,235	433,835	454,915	478,934	504,58
Gross non performing loans (NPL)	109,114	95,329	99,329	103,429	107,42
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	129.86	136.98	143.56	150.69	158.5
angible book value per share	129.86	136.98	143.56	150.69	158.5
Growth					
Gross customer loans	2.1	3.3	5.0	5.0	5.
verage interest earning assets	5.9	3.3	3.7	3.8	4.
otal asset (%)	1.1	4.2	3.0	4.6	4.4
Risk weighted assets (%)	3.1	1.8	3.4	4.6	4.
Customer deposits (%)	1.9	3.6	2.0	4.0	4.
everage & capital measures	1.3	3.0	2.0	7.2	-4.0
Customer loan/deposits (%)	87.8	88.0	90.6	91.3	92.:
quity/assets (%)	13.3 13.3	13.4 13.4	13.6 13.6	13.6 13.6	13. 13
angible equity/assets (%)	13.3	13.4	13.6	13.6	13. 67
	68.3	66.8	67.0	67.0	67.
CET 1 CAR (%)	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.1	18.
otal CAR (%)	18.7	18.8	19.1	19.2	19.
Asset Quality (FSSIA's calculation)		(			
Change in NPL (%)	7.5	(12.6)	4.2	4.1	3.
IPL/gross loans (%)	4.7	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.
Allowance for ECL/gross loans (%)	6.6	6.3	6.1	6.2	6.
	138.8	156.2	154.5	155.9	158.
			2023E	2024E	2025
	2021				
Allowance for ECL/NPL (%)	2021	2022			
/aluation Recurring P/E (x) *	10.5	9.9	8.4	7.8	7.
/aluation Recurring P/E (x) * Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	10.5 11.7	9.9 11.0	8.4 9.4	7.8 8.6	7. 8.
/aluation Recurring P/E (x) * Recurring P/E @ target price (x) * Reported P/E (x)	10.5 11.7 10.5	9.9 11.0 9.9	8.4 9.4 8.4	7.8 8.6 7.8	7.: 8. 7.:
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Sources: SCB X; FSSIA estimates



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#### CG Score by the Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD) 1

The CG Score indicates corporate governance (CG) strength in the sustainable development of Thai listed companies. Annually, the Thai IOD, with support from the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET), surveys and assesses the CG practices of companies and publishes the results on the <u>Thai IOD website</u> in a bid to promote and enhance the CG of Thai listed companies in order to promote compliance with international standards for better investment decisions. The results are from the perspective of a third party, not an evaluation of operations, as of the date appearing in the report, and may be changed after that date.

The five underlying categories and weighting used for the CG scoring in 2022 include the rights of shareholders and equitable treatment of shareholders (weight 25% combined), the role of stakeholders (25%), disclosure and transparency (15%), and board responsibilities (35%).

The CGR report rates CG in six categories: 5 for Excellent (score range 90-100), 4 for Very Good (score range 80-89), 3 for Good (Score range 70-79), 2 for Fair (score range 60-69), 1 for Pass (score range 60-69), and not rated (score below 50).

#### AGM Checklist by the Thai Investors Association (TIA)<sup>2</sup>

The "<u>AGM Checklist</u>" quantifies the extent to which shareholders' rights and equitable treatment are incorporated into business operations and the extent to which information is sufficiently disclosed and the level of its transparency. All the considered factors form important elements of two out of five the CG components. Annually, the TIA, with support from the SEC, leads the project to evaluate the quality of Annual General Meetings of Shareholders (AGMs) and to rate quality of the meetings.

The <u>Checklist</u> contains the minimum requirements under law that companies must comply with, or best practices according to international CG guidance. Representatives of the TIA will attend the meetings and perform the evaluation. The assessment criteria cover AGM procedures before the meeting (45%), at the meeting date (45%), and after the meeting (10%). The first assesses 1) advance circulation of sufficient information for voting; and 2) facilitating of how voting rights can be exercised. The second assesses 1) the ease of attending meetings; 2) transparency and verifiability; and 3) openness for Q&A. The third involves the meeting minutes that should contain discussion issues, resolutions and voting results.

The results are classified into four categories: 5 for Excellent (score 100), 4 for Very Good (score 90-99), 3 for Fair (score 80-89), and not rated (score below 79).

#### CAC certified member by the Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC)<sup>3</sup>

A <u>CAC certified member</u> is a listed company whose Checklist satisfies the CAC Certification's criteria and is approved by the CAC Council. The core elements of the Checklist include corruption risk assessment, establishment of key controls, and the monitoring and developing of policies. Note that the CAC does not certify the behaviour of the employees nor whether the companies have engaged in bribery, and Certification is good for three years.

Companies deciding to become a CAC certified member <u>start with</u> by submitting a Declaration of Intent signed by the Chairman of the Board to kick off the 18-month deadline for companies to submit the CAC Checklist for Certification. The 18-month provision is for risk assessment, in place of policy and control, training of managers and employees, establishment of whistleblowing channels, and communication of policies to all stakeholders.

The checklist document will be reviewed by the CAC Certification Committee for adequate information and evidence. It is worth noting that the committee consists of nine professionals in business law, corporate governance, internal audit, financial audit and experienced representatives from certified members.

A passed Checklist will move on to the <u>CAC Council</u> for granting certification approvals. The CAC Council consists of twelve prominent individuals who are highly respected in professionalism and ethical achievements. Among them are former ministers, a former central bank governor, the former head of the Thai Listed Companies Association, Chairman of Anti-Corruption Organizations (Thailand), Chairman of Thai Institute of Directors, and reputable academic scholars.

#### Sustainability Investment (THSI)<sup>4</sup> by the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)

Thailand Sustainability Investment (THSI) quantifies responsibility in Environmental, and Social issues, by managing business with transparency in Governance. The THSI serves as another choice for investors who desire to adopt a responsible investment approach, according to the SET.

Annually, the SET will announce the voluntary participation of the company candidates which pass the preemptive criteria, and whose two key crucial conditions are met, i.e. no irregular trading of the board members and executives and a free float of >150 by the number of shareholders, and combined holding must >15% of paid-up capital. Some key disqualifying criteria include a CG score of below 70%; independent directors and free float violation; executives' wrongdoing related to CG, social and environmental impacts, equity in negative territory, and earnings in the red for more than three years in the last five years. To become eligible for THSI, the candidate must pass three indicators in data declaration: <u>E</u>conomic (CG, risk management, customer relation management, supply chain management, and novation); <u>E</u>nvironmental (environmental management, eco-efficiency, and climate risk); <u>S</u>ocial (human rights, talent attraction, operational health & safety, community development, and stakeholder engagement); and the incorporation of ESG in business operations.

To be approved for THSI inclusion, verified data must be scored at a 50% minimum for each indicator, unless the company is a part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices<sup>5</sup> (DJSI) during the assessment year. The scoring will be fairly weighted against the nature of the relevant industry and materiality.

Note that, from the <u>THSI list</u>, the SET further developed a sustainability <u>SETTHSI Index</u> in June 2018 from selected THSI companies whose 1) market capitalisation > THB5b (~USD150b); 2) free float >20%; and 3) liquidity >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 at maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.

Sources: SEC; Thai IOD; Thai CAC; SET; FSSIA's compilation

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Dow Jones Sustainability Indices – <u>Wikipedia</u> – Launched in 1999, DJSI evaluates the sustainability performance of companies based on corporate economic, environmental, and social performance.



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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
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