

# KRUNG THAI BANK

## THAILAND / BANKING

# KTB TB



# BUY

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## 3Q23 results at first glance

TARGET PRICE	THB23.10
CLOSE	THB19.30
UP/DOWNSIDE	+19.7%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+1.8%

### 3Q23 results were in line with our estimates

3Q23 net profit was THB10.2b, increasing 1.4% q-q and 20.2% y-y, mainly from net interest income growth and NIM expansion as expected. Asset quality has no cause for concern, given a healthy NPL ratio, credit cost, and coverage ratio. 9M23 net profit accounted for 81% of our 2023 forecast. We still maintain our 2023-25 forecasts.

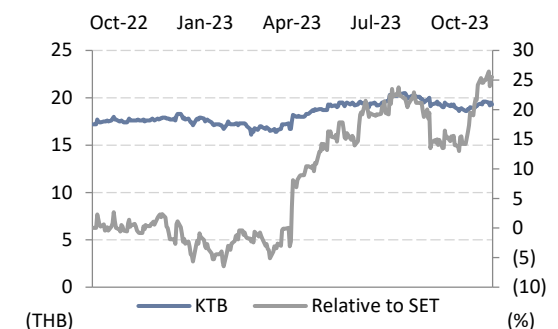
### Highlights

- (+) **Net interest income and NIM** were in line. Net interest income increased by 6.8% q-q and 29.6% y-y, thanks to an interest rate hike on all types of loans (MOR, MLR, and MRR) by 20-25bp during May 2023, while the CASA deposit rate remained unchanged, raising NIM by 21bp from 2Q23 to 3.42%.
- (+) **Loan growth** was higher than expected, increasing by 2.0% q-q and 0.7% y-y, mainly from increased government and state enterprise loans (17% of total loans) of 7.7% q-q and 5.5% YTD. Meanwhile, private corporate loans (28% of totals) and retail loans also showed slight growth this quarter. The YTD loan growth of 1.4% was still in line with KTB's guidance of 3-5% y-y (excluding government and SE loans) and our forecast of 2% y-y.
- (+) **Non-NII** blew past our estimate at THB9.22b (+16.1% q-q, +6.0% y-y), driven by the fee income growth of 14.7% q-q and 2.6% y-y, mainly from bancassurance and credit card fees, supporting the overall non-NII performance to be much better than expected. Even though FVTPL programs decreased as expected, other income (bad debt recovery and profit sharing from associates) was much better than expected.
- (-) **Operating expenses** were much higher than expected due to increased IT expenses and losses from sales of foreclosed assets. Hence, the cost-to-income ratio was higher than expected at 43.0%, up from 39.3% in 2Q23.
- (0) **Asset quality** has no cause for concern. The NPL ratio (FSSIA's calculation) decreased to 3.74% from 3.83% in 2Q23 from its prudent asset quality management. The credit cost increased as expected to 125bp from 120bp in 2Q23, partly to raise the coverage ratio to 180% from 177% in 2Q23 to accommodate the uncertain economic situation. Meanwhile, loans in stage 2 also showed a positive sign of declining.
- (+) **4Q23 outlook.** We are positive about KTB's 4Q23 outlook. Key driving forces are continued loan growth and NIM expansion, which could offset seasonally rising operating expenses and lift 4Q23 results to exceed our forecasts.

We reiterate our BUY recommendation for KTB. Our 2023 GGM-based TP of THB23.10 implies a P/BV of 0.81x.

### KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Operating profit	46,283	51,374	54,029	56,533
Net profit	33,698	37,796	39,929	41,941
EPS (THB)	2.41	2.70	2.86	3.00
vs Consensus (%)	-	(4.5)	(4.3)	(1.6)
Recurring net profit	33,698	37,796	39,929	41,941
Core EPS (THB)	2.41	2.70	2.86	3.00
EPS growth (%)	56.1	12.2	5.6	5.0
Core P/E (x)	8.0	7.1	6.8	6.4
Dividend yield (%)	3.5	4.1	4.3	4.5
Price/book (x)	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
ROE (%)	9.2	9.7	9.6	9.4
ROA (%)	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	3.8	(4.0)	13.5
Relative to country (%)	11.0	3.7	26.7
Mkt cap (USD m)	7,397		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	28.7		
Free float (%)	45		
Major shareholder	FIDF (55%)		
12m high/low (THB)	20.50/16.00		
Issued shares (m)	13,976		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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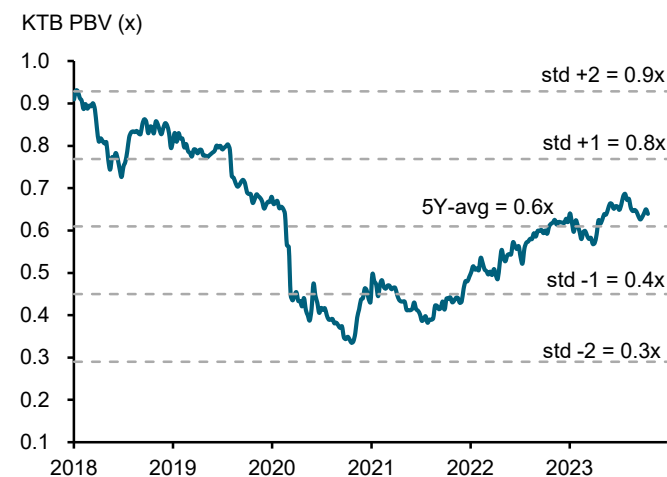
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Exhibit 1: KTB – 3Q23 results summary

Year end Dec 31	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	--- Change ---		9M22	9M23	Change	%of	2023E	Change
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y %)	23E	(THB m)	(y-y%)
Net interest income	22,894	24,606	25,619	27,771	29,667	6.8	29.6	65,798	83,058	26.2	78	106,274	17.6
Non-interest income	8,695	10,046	9,653	7,944	9,221	16.1	6.0	24,940	26,818	7.5	73	36,496	4.3
Fee income - net	5,363	5,073	5,139	4,797	5,503	14.7	2.6	15,242	15,438	1.3	75	20,715	2.0
Total operating income	31,589	34,652	35,272	35,715	38,888	8.9	23.1	90,739	109,876	21.1	77	142,770	13.9
Total operating expenses	14,314	15,696	13,650	14,028	16,733	19.3	16.9	39,074	44,411	13.7	76	58,661	7.1
PPOP before tax	17,276	18,956	21,622	21,687	22,155	2.2	28.2	51,664	65,464	26.7	78	84,109	19.1
Expected credit loss	5,667	7,532	8,104	7,754	8,157	5.2	44.0	16,806	24,015	42.9	73	32,735	34.5
Income tax	2,270	2,494	2,531	2,864	2,774	(3.1)	22.2	6,583	8,169	24.1	81	10,069	10.9
Non-controlling interest	890	821	921	912	941	3.2	5.8	2,687	2,774	3.2	79	3,509	0.0
Net profit	8,450	8,109	10,067	10,157	10,282	1.2	21.7	25,589	30,505	19.2	81	37,796	12.2
EPS (THB)	0.60	0.58	0.72	0.73	0.74	1.2	21.7	1.83	2.18	19.2	81	2.70	12.2
<b>Key ratios</b>	<b>3Q22</b>	<b>4Q22</b>	<b>1Q23</b>	<b>2Q23</b>	<b>3Q23</b>	<b>--- Change ---</b>		<b>9M22</b>	<b>9M23</b>	<b>Change</b>		<b>2023E</b>	<b>Change</b>
Asset quality ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y %)		(%)	(y-y%)
Gross NPLs (THB m)	104,734	101,096	102,542	98,810	98,309	(0.5)	(6.1)	104,734	98,309	(6.1)		101,821	
Change (% from prior period)	0.3	(3.5)	1.4	(3.6)	(0.5)			(1.5)	(6.1)			0.7	
NPL ratios (%) - reported	3.32	3.26	3.22	3.11	3.10			3.32	3.10				
NPL ratio (%)*	4.01	3.90	3.97	3.83	3.74			4.01	3.74			3.85	
Coverage ratio (%) - reported	176	180	183	177	180			176	180				
Coverage ratio (%)*	169	172	177	171	174			169	174			182	
Credit cost (bp)	86	116	125	120	125			87	123	36		125	
Profitability ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)			(%)	(%)			(%)	
Cost to income ratio	45.3	45.3	38.7	39.3	43.0			43.1	40.4	(2.6)		41.1	
Average yield (%)	3.31	3.59	3.95	4.26	4.57			3.20	4.25	1.05		4.15	
Cost of funds (%)	0.77	0.87	1.13	1.21	1.32			0.73	1.22	0.49		1.23	
NIM (%) - reported	2.51	2.61	2.80	3.00	3.20			2.51	3.19	0.68			
NIM (%)*	2.63	2.83	2.97	3.21	3.42			2.56	3.19	0.63		3.07	
Non-NII/total income (%)	27.5	29.0	27.4	22.2	23.7			27.5	24.4	(3.1)		25.6	
Liquidity ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)			(%)	(%)			(%)	
Loan to deposit	100.4	100.1	98.5	100.0	100.7			100.4	100.7			100.1	
Loan to deposit & borrowing (LDBR)	94.3	94.6	93.2	94.2	94.8			94.3	94.8			94.6	
Capital adequacy ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)			(%)	(%)			(%)	
CAR	20.6	19.8	19.9	20.1	20.5			20.6	20.5			20.6	
CET 1/ Risk assets	15.6	15.7	15.8	16.1	16.4			15.6	16.4			16.6	
Tier 2 / Risk assets	4.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2			4.1	3.2			3.1	
Loan growth	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)			(%)	(%)			(%)	
q-q	(0.9)	(0.7)	(0.4)	(0.2)	2.0								
y-y	2.0	(1.4)	(2.9)	(2.2)	0.7			2.0	0.7			2.0	
Year-to-date	(0.6)	(1.4)	(0.4)	(0.6)	1.4			(0.6)	1.4				

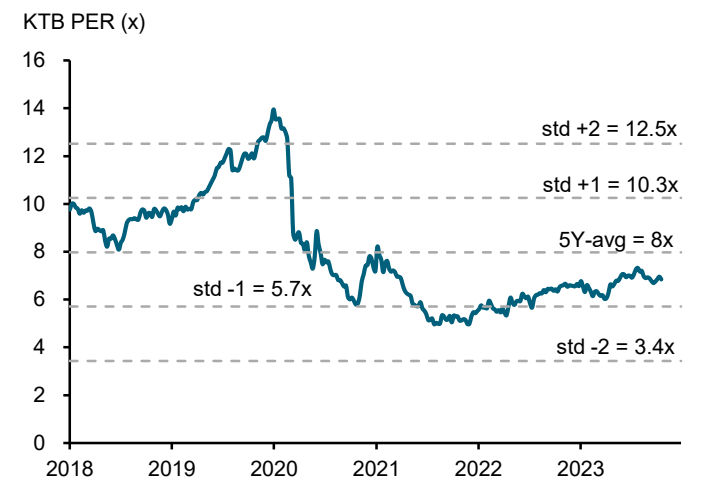
Sources: KTB; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: One-year prospective P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 3: One-year prospective PER band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

## Financial Statements

### Krung Thai Bank

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Interest Income	104,832	113,475	143,521	151,245	158,565
Interest expense	(21,460)	(23,070)	(37,246)	(40,619)	(43,628)
Net interest income	83,372	90,405	106,274	110,626	114,937
Net fees & commission	20,022	20,316	20,715	21,026	21,341
Foreign exchange trading income	3,467	5,233	5,000	6,000	6,000
Securities trading income	711	239	220	220	220
Dividend income	379	352	385	424	466
Other income	7,835	8,847	10,176	11,130	12,177
Non interest income	32,414	34,986	36,496	38,800	40,204
Total income	115,786	125,391	142,770	149,426	155,142
Staff costs	(27,311)	(25,763)	(28,340)	(29,190)	(30,065)
Other operating costs	(25,420)	(29,007)	(30,322)	(32,652)	(33,982)
Operating costs	(52,731)	(54,771)	(58,661)	(61,842)	(64,048)
Pre provision operating profit	63,055	70,620	84,109	87,584	91,094
Expected credit loss	(32,524)	(24,338)	(32,735)	(33,555)	(34,561)
Other provisions	-	-	-	-	-
Operating profit	30,531	46,283	51,374	54,029	56,533
Recurring non operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Goodwill amortization	-	-	-	-	-
Non recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	30,531	46,283	51,374	54,029	56,533
Tax	(5,975)	(9,077)	(10,069)	(10,590)	(11,080)
Profit after tax	24,556	37,206	41,305	43,440	45,452
Non-controlling interest	(2,968)	(3,508)	(3,509)	(3,510)	(3,511)
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	21,588	33,698	37,796	39,929	41,941
Non recurring items & goodwill (net)	-	-	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	21,588	33,698	37,796	39,929	41,941
<b>Per share (THB)</b>					
Recurring EPS *	1.54	2.41	2.70	2.86	3.00
Reported EPS	1.54	2.41	2.70	2.86	3.00
DPS	0.42	0.68	0.78	0.83	0.87
<b>Growth</b>					
Net interest income (%)	(5.6)	8.4	17.6	4.1	3.9
Non interest income (%)	(4.4)	7.9	4.3	6.3	3.6
Pre provision operating profit (%)	(8.3)	12.0	19.1	4.1	4.0
Operating profit (%)	27.9	51.6	11.0	5.2	4.6
Reported net profit (%)	29.0	56.1	12.2	5.6	5.0
Recurring EPS (%)	29.0	56.1	12.2	5.6	5.0
Reported EPS (%)	29.0	56.1	12.2	5.6	5.0
<b>Income Breakdown</b>					
Net interest income (%)	72.0	72.1	74.4	74.0	74.1
Net fees & commission (%)	17.3	16.2	14.5	14.1	13.8
Foreign exchange trading income (%)	3.0	4.2	3.5	4.0	3.9
Securities trading income (%)	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Dividend income (%)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Other income (%)	6.8	7.1	7.1	7.4	7.8
<b>Operating performance</b>					
Gross interest yield (%)	3.16	3.28	4.15	4.29	4.35
Cost of funds (%)	0.73	0.76	1.23	1.33	1.39
Net interest spread (%)	2.43	2.52	2.92	2.96	2.96
Net interest margin (%)	2.5	2.6	3.1	3.1	3.2
Cost/income(%)	45.5	43.7	41.1	41.4	41.3
Cost/assets(%)	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7
Effective tax rate (%)	19.6	19.6	19.6	19.6	19.6
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	27.1	28.3	29.0	29.0	29.0
ROE (%)	6.1	9.2	9.7	9.6	9.4
ROE - COE (%)	(3.8)	(0.8)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.5)
ROA (%)	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2
RORWA (%)	1.2	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0

\* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted

Sources: Krung Thai Bank; FSSIA estimates

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Krung Thai Bank

Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Gross customer loans	2,628,963	2,592,838	2,644,695	2,724,036	2,805,757
Allowance for expected credit loss	(173,322)	(174,379)	(185,114)	(193,668)	(204,229)
interest in suspense	20,579	25,373	26,976	27,785	28,619
<b>Net customer loans</b>	<b>2,476,220</b>	<b>2,443,832</b>	<b>2,486,557</b>	<b>2,558,153</b>	<b>2,630,146</b>
Bank loans	469,216	550,941	583,997	601,517	619,562
Government securities	-	-	-	-	-
Trading securities	-	-	-	-	-
Investment securities	382,055	322,942	264,204	283,246	310,891
Cash & equivalents	63,544	61,591	68,059	69,908	65,477
Other interesting assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible fixed assets	70,745	72,029	73,374	74,750	76,160
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Goodwill	-	-	-	-	-
Other intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	94,963	141,075	148,497	157,816	167,900
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>3,556,745</b>	<b>3,592,410</b>	<b>3,624,688</b>	<b>3,745,389</b>	<b>3,870,137</b>
Customer deposits	2,614,747	2,590,236	2,642,041	2,721,302	2,802,941
Bank deposits	-	-	-	-	-
Other interest bearing liabilities	434,372	433,289	381,043	388,716	396,544
Non interest bearing liabilities	133,514	176,321	185,137	188,840	192,617
Hybrid Capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3,182,633</b>	<b>3,199,847</b>	<b>3,208,222</b>	<b>3,298,858</b>	<b>3,392,102</b>
Share capital	72,005	72,005	72,005	72,005	72,005
Reserves	288,048	304,291	327,381	356,591	387,199
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>360,053</b>	<b>376,296</b>	<b>399,386</b>	<b>428,596</b>	<b>459,204</b>
Non-controlling interest	14,059	16,267	17,081	17,935	18,831
<b>Total liabilities &amp; equity</b>	<b>3,556,744</b>	<b>3,592,410</b>	<b>3,624,688</b>	<b>3,745,389</b>	<b>3,870,137</b>
<b>Supplementary items</b>					
Risk weighted assets (RWA)	2,065,348	2,131,788	2,169,544	2,242,043	2,320,842
Average interest earning assets	3,320,300	3,456,331	3,460,467	3,523,490	3,643,074
Average interest bearing liabilities	2,934,632	3,031,708	3,018,211	3,061,305	3,149,347
CET 1 capital	328,180	335,601	357,192	385,783	415,808
Total capital	395,476	401,825	423,899	453,229	484,014
Gross non performing loans (NPL)	106,809	101,096	101,821	103,513	106,619
<b>Per share (THB)</b>					
Book value per share	25.76	26.92	28.57	30.66	32.85
Tangible book value per share	25.76	26.92	28.57	30.66	32.85
<b>Growth</b>					
Gross customer loans	12.7	(1.4)	2.0	3.0	3.0
Average interest earning assets	9.5	4.1	0.1	1.8	3.4
Total asset (%)	6.9	1.0	0.9	3.3	3.3
Risk weighted assets (%)	3.3	3.2	1.8	3.3	3.5
Customer deposits (%)	6.2	(0.9)	2.0	3.0	3.0
<b>Leverage &amp; capital measures</b>					
Customer loan/deposits (%)	94.7	94.3	94.1	94.0	93.8
Equity/assets (%)	10.1	10.5	11.0	11.4	11.9
Tangible equity/assets (%)	10.1	10.5	11.0	11.4	11.9
RWA/assets (%)	58.1	59.3	59.9	59.9	60.0
CET 1 CAR (%)	15.9	15.7	16.5	17.2	17.9
Total CAR (%)	19.1	18.8	19.5	20.2	20.9
<b>Asset Quality (FSSIA's calculation)</b>					
Change in NPL (%)	(0.3)	(5.3)	0.7	1.7	3.0
NPL/gross loans (%)	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8
Allowance for ECL/gross loans (%)	6.6	6.7	7.0	7.1	7.3
Allowance for ECL/NPL (%)	162.3	172.5	181.8	187.1	191.6
<b>Valuation</b>					
Recurring P/E (x) *	12.5	8.0	7.1	6.8	6.4
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	15.0	9.6	8.5	8.1	7.7
Reported P/E (x)	12.5	8.0	7.1	6.8	6.4
Dividend yield (%)	2.2	3.5	4.1	4.3	4.5
Price/book (x)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Price/tangible book (x)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Price/tangible book @ target price (x)	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7

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# Krung Thai Bank PCL (KTB TB)

**FSSIA ESG rating**

★ ★ ★ ★

## Exhibit 4: FSSIA ESG score implication

**63.1/100**

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.
★ ★ ★ ★ ★	<b>&gt;59-79</b>	<b>A mixed track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to industry peers.</b>
★ ★ ★	>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 5: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA ESG score	Domestic ratings						Global ratings					Bloomberg		
		DJSI	SET THSI	THSI	CG score	AGM level	Thai CAC	Morningstar	ESG Book	MSCI	Moody's	Refinitiv	S&P Global	ESG score	Disclosure score
SET100	69.2	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	67.1	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
BBL	62.08	--	Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	54.70	--	29.00	58.68	67.00	2.19	60.06
KBANK	84.17	Y	Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	62.19	AA	46.00	73.83	83.00	4.05	59.77
KTB	63.10	--	Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	53.59	BBB	34.00	64.64	64.00	2.12	59.11
SCB	62.57	Y	Y	Y	5.00	4.00	--	High	--	A	--	--	86.00	3.43	--
KKP	62.96	--	Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	52.81	BBB	--	77.56	26.00	2.18	45.90
TISCO	61.17	--	Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	61.41	--	--	66.13	29.00	3.57	44.21
TTB	63.69	--	Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	53.98	--	36.00	56.17	71.00	3.20	52.96

Sources: [SETTRADE.com](http://SETTRADE.com); FSSIA's compilation

## Exhibit 6: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores										
BESG ESG score	—	—	1.36	1.75	1.82	1.72	2.13	2.07	2.14	2.12
BESG environmental pillar score	—	—	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BESG social pillar score	—	—	1.18	1.88	1.95	1.92	2.63	2.65	2.72	2.63
BESG governance pillar score	—	—	3.69	4.06	4.28	3.83	4.34	4.03	4.18	4.28
ESG disclosure score	26.91	35.85	38.85	41.85	42.19	42.19	49.48	53.04	53.90	59.11
Environmental disclosure score	0.00	1.93	6.74	8.46	8.46	8.46	22.83	33.52	33.52	34.37
Social disclosure score	0.00	24.94	28.57	29.56	30.59	30.59	38.12	38.12	40.69	55.50
Governance disclosure score	80.52	80.52	81.10	87.36	87.36	87.36	87.36	87.36	87.36	87.36
Environmental										
Emissions reduction initiatives	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Risks of climate change discussed	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
GHG scope 2 location-based	—	—	7	135	128	60	62	50	45	42
Biodiversity policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Energy efficiency policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Waste reduction policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Environmental supply chain management	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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**Exhibit 7: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)**

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
BESG ESG score	—	—	1.36	1.75	1.82	1.72	2.13	2.07	2.14	2.12
ESG disclosure score	26.91	35.85	38.85	41.85	42.19	42.19	49.48	53.04	53.90	59.11
<b>Social</b>										
Human rights policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Policy against child labor	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quality assurance and recall policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Consumer data protection policy	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Community spending	—	170	172	172	192	227	378	151	311	141
No. of customer complaints	—	1,195	704	—	—	—	30,559	51,584	35,416	14,208
Equal opportunity policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pct women in workforce	—	68	69	69	69	70	70	70	70	71
Business ethics policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anti-bribery ethics policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Health and safety policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fatalities - employees	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
No. of employees - CSR	—	23,014	24,057	23,611	22,417	21,606	20,971	20,262	18,937	17,157
Employee turnover pct	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	5	9	12
Total hours by firm - employee training	—	1,635,600	2,742,500	1,726,760	1,693,780	1,591,920	1,507,460	2,322,700	2,102,770	1,238,390
Social supply chain management	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Governance</b>										
Board size	12	9	12	12	12	12	11	12	12	12
No. of independent directors (ID)	5	4	4	6	6	6	5	6	6	6
No. of women on board	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
No. of non-executive directors on board	7	8	9	11	11	11	10	8	8	11
Company conducts board evaluations	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
No. of board meetings for the year	29	25	28	27	27	24	27	26	23	22
Board meeting attendance pct	93	95	93	96	92	84	94	97	100	96
Board duration (years)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Age of the youngest director	46	50	51	44	45	47	48	49	49	50
Age of the oldest director	63	62	61	62	63	64	64	65	66	67
No. of executives / company managers	17	18	21	20	20	20	19	21	19	22
No. of female executives	7	7	7	4	5	4	3	3	3	3
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Size of audit committee	3	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3
Audit committee meetings	13	18	19	26	25	22	20	22	19	26
Audit meeting attendance %	92	94	91	96	95	95	98	100	98	98
Size of compensation committee	3	4	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	3
No. of ID on compensation committee	2	2	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	2
No. of compensation committee meetings	13	19	20	19	17	17	21	20	15	15
Compensation meeting attendance %	90	86	95	95	90	92	94	100	100	100
Size of nomination committee	3	4	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	3
No. of nomination committee meetings	13	19	20	19	17	17	21	20	15	15
Nomination meeting attendance %	90	86	95	95	90	92	94	100	100	100
<b>Sustainability governance</b>										
Verification type	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

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ESG score	Methodology	Rating																												
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) By S&P Global	The DJSI World applies a transparent, rules-based component selection process based on the companies' Total Sustainability Scores resulting from the annual S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA). Only the top-ranked companies within each industry are selected for inclusion.	Be a member and invited to the annual S&P Global Corporate 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 scoring company are disqualified. The constituents of the DJSI indices are selected from the Eligible Universe.																												
Sustainability Investment List (THSI) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)	THSI quantifies responsibility in Environmental and Social issues by managing business with transparency in Governance, updated annually. Candidates must pass the preemptive criteria, with two crucial conditions: 1) no irregular trading of the board members and executives; and 2) free float of >150 shareholders, and combined holding must be >15% of paid-up capital. Some key disqualifying criteria include: 1) CG score of below 70%; 2) independent directors and free float violation; 3) executives' wrongdoing related to CG, social & environmental impacts; 4) equity in negative territory; and 5) earnings in red for > 3 years in the last 5 years.	To be eligible for <b>THSI inclusion</b> , verified data must be scored at a minimum of 50% for each indicator, unless the company is a part of DJSI during the assessment year. The scoring will be fairly weighted against the nature of the relevant industry and materiality. <b>SETTHSI Index</b> is extended from the THSI companies whose 1) market capitalization > 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.																												
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<b>AGM level</b> By Thai Investors Association (TIA) with support from the SEC	It quantifies the extent to which shareholders' rights and equitable treatment are incorporated into business operations and information is transparent and sufficiently disclosed. All form important elements of two out of five the CG components to be evaluated annually. The assessment criteria cover AGM procedures before the meeting (45%), at the meeting date (45%), and after the meeting (10%). <i>(The first assesses 1) advance circulation of sufficient information for voting; and 2) facilitating how voting rights can be exercised. The second assesses 1) the ease of attending meetings; 2) transparency and verifiability; and 3) openness for Q&amp;A. The third involves the meeting minutes that should contain discussion issues, resolutions and voting results.)</i>	The scores are classified into four categories: 5 for Excellent (100), 4 for Very Good (90-99), 3 for Fair (80-89), and not rated for scores below 79.																												
<b>Thai CAC</b> By Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC)	The core elements of the Checklist include corruption risk assessment, establishment of key controls, and the monitoring and developing of policies. The Certification is good for three years. <i>(Companies deciding to become a CAC certified member start by submitting a Declaration of Intent to kick off an 18-month deadline to submit the CAC Checklist for Certification, including risk assessment, in place of policy and control, training of managers and employees, establishment of whistleblowing channels, and communication of policies to all stakeholders.)</i>	The document will be reviewed by a committee of nine professionals. A passed Checklist will move for granting certification by the CAC Council approvals whose members are twelve highly respected individuals in professionalism and ethical achievements.																												
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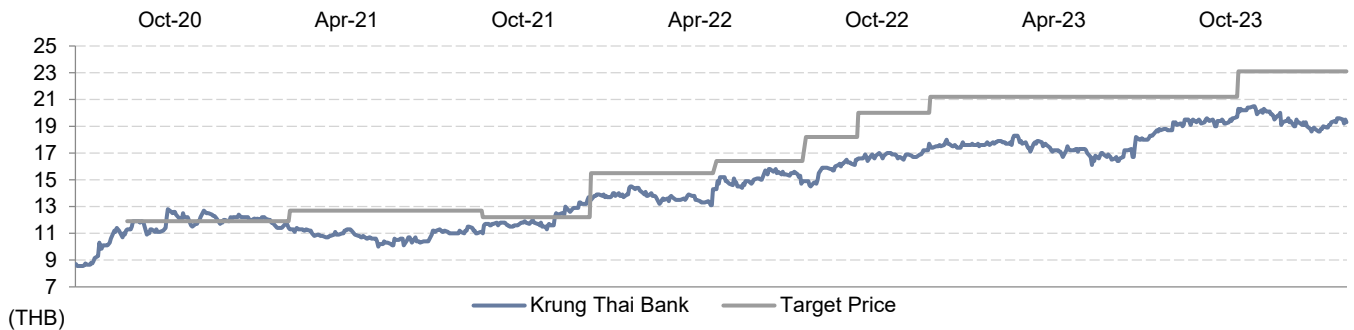
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**Krung Thai Bank (KTB TB)**



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
03-Dec-2020	HOLD	11.90	06-Jan-2022	BUY	15.50	24-Aug-2022	BUY	20.00
22-Apr-2021	HOLD	12.70	22-Apr-2022	BUY	16.40	25-Oct-2022	BUY	21.20
05-Oct-2021	HOLD	12.20	08-Jul-2022	BUY	18.20	17-Jul-2023	BUY	23.10

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Price and TP are in local currency

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Krung Thai Bank	KTB TB	THB 19.30	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.

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