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Another difficult year in 2024

- Poor 4Q23 results were from decreasing income from the SAM business, while PPOP was slightly better than expected.
- We revise our 2024-25E earnings downward to reflect the 2024 guidance, which is still prudent and cautious.
- Maintain our HOLD call for its attractive dividend yield of c7-8% p.a.

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FSSIA ESG rating

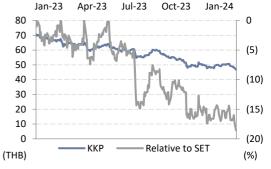


UNCHANGED

TARGET PRICE	THB50.60
CLOSE	THB46.75
UP/DOWNSIDE	+8.2%
PRIOR TP	THB55.00
CHANGE IN TP	-8.0%
TP vs CONSENSUS	-5.3%

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Operating profit	6,787	7,270	7,733	8,305
Net profit	5,443	5,798	6,165	6,620
EPS (THB)	6.43	6.85	7.28	7.82
vs Consensus (%)	-	(5.3)	(0.7)	(8.4)
Recurring net profit	5,443	5,798	6,165	6,620
Core EPS (THB)	6.43	6.85	7.28	7.82
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	(14.5)	(17.3)	_
EPS growth (%)	(28.4)	6.5	6.3	7.4
Core P/E (x)	7.3	6.8	6.4	6.0
Dividend yield (%)	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.3
Price/book (x)	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
ROE (%)	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.6
ROA (%)	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1



1 Month	3 Month	12 Month		
(5.6)	(9.2)	(34.4)		
(3.1)	(7.3)	(19.7)		
		1,110		
		3.7		
		93		
	Thai N	IVDR (8%)		
	71.75/45.75			
		847		
	, ,	(3.1) (7.3)		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Investment thesis

- We have a less negative view of KKP's 2024 outlook regarding the improvement of its asset quality. However, potential downside risks come from the prospect of a significantly high loss from sales of repossessed assets and the recovery of the capital market.
- We cut our 2024-25E net profit by 15-17% to reflect the 2024 guidance with prolonged asset quality management and unfavorable market conditions.
- We reiterate our HOLD call for expected dividend yields of c7-8% p.a. Our 2024 GGM-based TP decreases to THB50.60 (from THB55), implying a P/BV of 0.67x (from 0.71x).

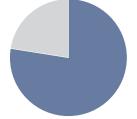
Company profile

KKP was created through the merger of a commercial banking business driven by Kiatnakin Bank and a capital market business led by Phatra Capital and Phatra Securities. KKP's banking operations are mostly geared toward retail, with auto hire purchase lending accounting for 49% of its loan portfolio at end-2022.

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Principal activities (revenue, 2023)

Net interest income - 77.5 %

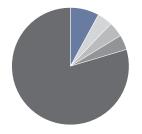


Non-interest income - 22.5 %

Source: Kiatnakin Bank

Major shareholders

- Thai NVDR 7.9 %
- Ms Thitinan Wattanavekin □ 4.2 %
- Eastern Sugar and Cane 4.1 %
- Ramkamhang Hospital 4.1 %
- Others 79.6 %



Source: Kiatnakin Bank

Catalysts

- Capital market conditions return to active mode with higher trading volumes.
- The efficiency of asset quality management is better than expected.
- Higher used car prices with lower supply from both banks and non-banks.
- The cost control policy of its cost of funds and operating expenses is better than expected.

Risks to our call

Downside risks to our GGM-based target price include weakening asset quality and lower fee income and upside risks include better capital market conditions, higher used car price, and strengthening asset quality.

Event calendar

Date	Event
Apr 2024	1Q24 results announcement

Key assumptions

	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net profit (THB m)	5,798	6,165	6,620
Net profit growth (%)	6.5	6.3	7.4
Loan growth (%)	3.0	3.0	3.0
Fee growth (%)	(0.5)	6.5	6.5
Non-NII growth (%)	0.0	6.7	5.7
Credit cost (bp)	260	248	233
NPL ratio (%)	3.30	3.28	3.28
LLR/NPL (%)	161	164	166

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Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

			2024E	
Loan growth	±2ppt	1	3	5
% change in net profit		(1.0)		1.0
Loan spread (%)	±5bp	5.09	5.14	5.19
% change in net profit		(3.0)		3.0
Credit cost (bp)	±10bp	250	260	270
% change in net profit		5.0		(5.0)

Source: FSSIA estimates

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In contrast, the loan spread increased 10bp q-q to 5.11% despite the rising cost of funds, but accelerating loan yields compensated for the impact. 4Q23 loans were relatively flat q-q (but increased by 5.7% y-y), pressured by decreasing hire-purchase (47% of total) and property loans (6%), whereas corporate (14%), housing (14%), micro-SME (4%) and personal loans (3%) still delivered growth.

Exhibit 1: KKP - 4Q23 results summary

Year end Dec 31	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	Cha	nge	2022	2023	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y %)				
Net interest income	5,527	5,223	5,521	5,988	5,562	(7.1)	0.6	19,081	22,294	16.8
Non-interest income	2,620	1,718	1,902	1,456	1,393	(4.4)	(46.8)	8,457	6,469	(23.5)
Fee income - net	1,646	1,343	1,464	1,337	1,333	(0.3)	(19.0)	6,165	5,476	(11.2)
Total operating income	8,146	6,941	7,423	7,444	6,955	(6.6)	(14.6)	27,539	28,763	4.4
Total operating expenses	4,295	3,239	3,791	4,281	4,584	7.1	6.7	13,013	15,894	22.1
PPOP before tax	3,851	3,702	3,632	3,163	2,371	(25.0)	(38.4)	14,526	12,869	(11.4)
Expected credit loss	2,069	1,097	1,878	1,678	1,429	(14.8)	(30.9)	5,036	6,082	20.8
Income tax	349	517	342	201	270	34.4	(22.5)	1,873	1,331	(29.0)
Non-controlling interest	4	3	3	4	2	(37.6)	(34.9)	14	13	(12.5)
Normalised profit	1,430	2,085	1,408	1,281	670	(47.7)	(53.2)	7,602	5,443	(28.4)
Net profit	1,430	2,085	1,408	1,281	670	(47.7)	(53.2)	7,602	5,443	(28.4)
EPS (THB)	1.69	2.46	1.66	1.51	0.79	(47.7)	(53.2)	8.98	6.43	(28.4)
Key ratios	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	Ch	ange	2022	2023	Change
Asset quality ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(%)	(%)	(y-y %)
Gross NPLs (THB m)	13,031	13,660	14,928	14,764	13,220	(1.1)	24.9	13,031	13,220	1.5
Change (% from prior period)	10.3	4.8	9.3	(1.1)	(10.5)			27.9	1.5	
NPL ratios (%) - reported	3.30	3.30	3.60	3.50	3.20			3.40	3.20	
NPL ratio (%)*	3.45	3.56	3.74	3.69	3.31			3.45	3.31	
Coverage ratio (%) - reported	154	152	143	145	165			154	165	
Coverage ratio (%)*	146	143	136	139	156			146	156	
Credit cost (bp) - incl loss from repossessed car	305	233	292	304	284			201	282	
Profitability ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)			(%)	(%)	
Cost to income ratio	52.7	46.7	51.1	57.5	65.9			47.3	55.3	
Average yield (%)	5.84	5.84	6.14	6.58	6.32			5.43	6.25	
Cost of funds (%)	1.32	1.68	1.82	2.00	2.21			1.20	1.95	
Loan spread	6.01	5.67	5.72	5.45	5.54				5.72	
NIM (%)*	4.69	4.36	4.53	4.81	4.36			4.38	4.54	
Non-int inc/total income (%)	32.2	24.7	25.6	19.6	20.0			30.7	22.5	
Loan growth	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)			(%)	(%)	
q-q	4.9	1.7	3.9	0.3	(0.3)					
у-у	23.0	17.4	18.6	11.3	5.7			23.0	5.7	
Year-to-date	23.0	1.7	5.7	6.1	5.7					
KKP - Loss (gain) from repossessed cars	742	1,120	978	1,364	1,409			1,844	4,871	
Credit cost (bp) excl. loss from repossessed cars	224	115	192	168	143			147	157	

Sources: KKP; FSSIA's compilation

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Exhibit 2: KKP - Staged loans and ECL

	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
	(THB b)	(THB b)	(THB b)	(%)	(%)	
	Staged loans			% Staged Ioans		
Stage 1	287	346	363	91.21	90.41	89.63
Stage 2	17	23	27	5.41	5.94	6.74
Stage 3	11	14	15	3.38	3.64	3.64
Total	315	383	405	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Allowance for ECL			% ECL to staged lo	oans	
Stage 1	8	9	9	2.88	2.46	2.42
Stage 2	3	4	5	16.79	16.73	17.90
Stage 3	4	6	7	40.76	42.72	47.91
Total	15	18	21	4.91	4.77	5.12
LLR / Loans	(%)	(%)	(%)			
Stage 1	2.88	2.46	2.42			
Stage 2	16.79	16.73	17.90			
Stage 3	40.76	42.72	47.91			
Total	4.91	4.77	5.12			
	(%)	(%)	(%)			
NPL / TL	3.38	3.64	3.64			
NPL vs. Stage 2 loans / TL	8.79	9.59	10.37			
LLR / NPL	145.34	131.00	140.83			
LLR / (NPL vs. Stage 2 loans)	55.90	49.78	49.37			

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Exhibit 3: 2024-26E earnings revisions

		Current			- Previous		Change			
	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Net profit (THB m)	5,798	6,165	6,620	6,779	7,452	8,180	(14.5)	(17.3)	(19.1)	
EPS (THB)	6.85	7.28	7.82	8.01	8.80	9.66	(14.5)	(17.3)	(19.1)	
Net interest income (THB m)	22,735	23,362	24,098	23,888	25,847	28,073	(4.8)	(9.6)	(14.2)	
Non-interest income (THB m)	6,472	6,904	7,300	7,663	8,032	8,419	(15.5)	(14.0)	(13.3)	
ECL (THB m)	5,670	5,841	6,016	6,470	7,117	7,828	(12.4)	(17.9)	(23.2)	
Net profit growth (%)	6.5	6.3	7.4	14.0	9.9	9.8				
Loan growth (%)	3.0	3.0	3.0	10.0	10.0	10.0				
Fee growth (%)	(0.5)	6.5	6.5	7.0	5.4	5.4				
Non-NII growth (%)	0.0	6.7	5.7	6.0	4.8	4.8				
Interest spread	5.13	5.13	5.15	5.10	5.10	5.00				
Credit cost (bp) – including lossess from sales of repossessed cars	260	248	233	231	213	207				
NPL ratio (%)	3.30	3.28	3.28	3.46	3.46	3.46				
LLR/NPL (%)	161	164	166	142	142	141				

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 4: 2024 key financial guidance vs FSSIA estimates

Key financial guidance	ККР	KKP*	FSSIA**
	2023	2024E	2024E
ROE	9.16%	~10-11%	9.3%
Loan growth	0.053	~3.0%	3.0%
Loan spread	0.052	~5.0%	5.1%
NPL ratio (gross) 1	0.032	~3.5-3.7%	3.3%
Credit cost (bp) (inc. GR) 2	301	~ 250-270	260

Note: *ROE comprehensive income;

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Exhibit 5: GGM-based 2024 TP

Gordon Growth Model Previous Sustainable ROE 9.4% 10.6% 2.0% 2.0% ROE-g 7.4% 8.6% Beta 1.01 1.08 3.0% Risk free rate 2.5% Risk premium 10.0% 10.7% COE 13.1% 14.1% COE-g 11.1% 12.1% ROE-g/COE-g; PBV (x) 0.67 0.71

Exhibit 6: Share price performance of banks under coverage, as of 22 January 2024

	Price performance											
	1M	3M	6M	1Y	YTD							
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)							
BBL TB	(3.65)	(13.17)	(11.85)	(5.23)	(7.35)							
KBANK TB	(8.37)	(6.59)	(6.59)	(16.03)	(10.74)							
KKP TB	(5.05)	(8.74)	(22.31)	(33.57)	(6.47)							
КТВ ТВ	(10.93)	(15.10)	(19.31)	(7.91)	(11.41)							
SCB TB	0.48	4.76	(5.43)	(2.34)	(1.42)							
TISCO TB	(0.77)	0.52	(0.77)	(4.90)	(2.76)							
TTB TB	12.58	3.47	5.92	24.31	7.19							
SETBANK	(2.88)	(5.90)	(9.12)	(6.98)	(5.20)							
SET	(3.65)	(3.25)	(11.47)	(19.61)	(4.38)							

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 7: KKP – one-year forward prospective P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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Exhibit 8: KKP - one-year forward PER band



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Exhibit 9: Regional bank peers comparison as of 22 January 2024

Company name	BBG	Share	Target	Upside	Market	P	E	Pl	BV	R	OE	Div	yld
	code	price	price		Сар.	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E
		(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(USD b)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x
Thailand													
Bangkok Bank	BBL TB	144.50	191.00	32	7,737.3	6.6	6.6	0.5	0.5	8.1	7.7	4.4	4.
Kasikornbank	KBANK TB	120.50	140.00	16	8,8008.8	6.9	6.6	0.5	0.5	8.2	8.1	4.0	4.
Krung Thai Bank	КТВ ТВ	16.20	19.90	23	6,351.2	6.2	6.0	0.6	0.5	9.4	9.0	4.7	4.
SCB X	SCB TB	105.00	118.00	12	9,917.4	8.1	8.0	0.7	0.7	9.3	9.0	7.1	7.
TMBThanachart Bank	ттв тв	1.80	2.19	22	4,891.0	9.4	10.7	8.0	0.7	8.2	7.0	5.3	5.
Kiatnakin Bank	KKP TB	46.75	50.60	8	1,110.4	7.3	6.8	0.6	0.6	9.2	9.3	7.0	7.
Tisco Financial Group	TISCO TB	97.25	97.00	(0)	2,184.2	10.7	11.6	1.8	1.8	17.1	15.7	8.2	8.
Thailand weighted average					5,743	9.1	9.0	0.8	0.7	8.8	8.4	4.4	4.
Hong Kong													
Industrial & Comm Bank of China	1398 HK	3.61	n/a	n/a	223,902.9	3.3	3.3	0.3	0.3	10.7	10.4	9.3	9.
China Construction Bank	939 HK	4.41	n/a	n/a	144,237.9	3.1	3.0	0.3	0.3	11.5	11.1	9.8	10.
HSBC Holdings	5 HK	59.20	n/a	n/a	144,931.3	5.8	5.7	0.9	8.0	15.7	15.5	8.7	10.
Bank of China	3988 HK	2.84	n/a	n/a	147,334.5	3.5	3.4	0.3	0.3	10.2	9.9	9.0	9.
Hong Kong average					165,102	3.9	3.8	0.5	0.4	12.0	11.7	9.2	9.
China													
Industrial & Comm Bank of China	601398 CH	4.89	n/a	n/a	223,904.4	4.9	4.7	0.5	0.5	10.6	10.2	6.3	6.
Agricultural Bank of China	601288 CH	3.68	n/a	n/a	175,067.0	5.0	4.8	0.5	0.5	11.1	10.7	6.2	6.
China Construction Bank	601939 CH	6.51	n/a	n/a	144,238.8	4.9	4.7	0.6	0.5	11.6	11.1	6.1	6.
Bank of China	601988 CH	3.98	n/a	n/a	147,335.4	5.4	5.2	0.5	0.5	10.4	10.1	5.8	6.
China average	_				172,636	5.1	4.9	0.5	0.5	10.9	10.6	6.1	6.
South Korea													
KB Financial Group	105560 KS	51,400	n/a	n/a	15,523.0	4.1	3.9	0.4	0.3	9.5	9.1	6.2	6.
Shinhan Financial Group	055550 KS	39,000	n/a	n/a	14,967.0	4.5	4.3	0.4	0.4	9.1	8.9	5.4	5.
Hana Financial Group	086790 KS	42,900	n/a	n/a	9,387.0	3.5	3.3	0.3	0.3	9.8	9.7	8.0	8.
Industrial Bank of Korea	024110 KS	11,700	n/a	n/a	6,982.9	3.5	3.4	0.3	0.3	9.4	9.2	8.4	8.
South Korea average					11,715	3.9	3.7	0.4	0.3	9.5	9.2	7.0	7.
Indonesia													
Bank Central Asia	BBCA IJ	9,625	n/a	n/a	75,489.0	24.1	22.2	4.8	4.4	21.1	20.8	2.3	2.
Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero	BBRI IJ	5,775	n/a	n/a	55,105.3	14.7	12.9	2.7	2.5	19.0	20.2	5.1	5.
Bank Mandiri Persero	BMRI IJ	6,500	n/a	n/a	38,697.9	11.8	10.8	2.3	2.1	21.2	21.0	4.1	5.
Bank Negara Indonesia Persero	BBNI IJ	5,525	n/a	n/a	12,906.7	9.5	8.4	1.4	1.2	15.0	15.5	4.3	5.
Bank Syariah Indonesia	BRIS IJ	2,090	n/a	n/a	6,355.8	18.4	15.5	2.6	2.3	15.3	16.0	0.7	1.
Indonesia average					37,711	15.7	13.9	2.8	2.5	18.3	18.7	3.3	3.
Malaysia													
Malayan Banking	MAY MK	9.09	n/a	n/a	23,189.3	11.7	11.3	1.2	1.2	10.5	10.6	6.6	6.
Public Bank	PBK MK	4.35	n/a	n/a	17,860.7	12.4	11.8	1.6	1.5	13.0	12.8	4.3	4.
CIMB Group Holdings	CIMB MK	6.02	n/a	n/a	13,580.9	9.4	8.8	0.9	0.9	10.4	10.4	5.8	6.
Hong Leong Bank	HLBK MK	19.12	n/a	n/a	8,767.2	10.3	9.8	1.2	1.1	12.1	11.4	3.4	3.
RHB Bank	RHBBANK MK	5.60	n/a	n/a	5,077.4	8.3	8.1	0.8	0.7	9.6	9.3	6.9	7.
Malaysia average					13,695	10.4	10.0	1.1	1.1	11.1	10.9	5.4	5.
Singapore					-,								
DBS Group Holdings	DBS SP	31.90	n/a	n/a	61,192.5	8.1	8.3	1.3	1.3	17.5	16.1	6.5	7.
Oversea-Chinese Banking	OCBC SP	12.91	n/a	n/a	43,250.6	8.2	8.1	1.0	1.0	13.2	12.7	6.4	6.
United Overseas Bank	UOB SP	27.93	n/a	n/a	35,009.5	8.2	8.0	1.1	1.0	13.3	12.7	6.1	6
Singapore average	55 <u>5</u> 51	27.33	II/a	11/4	46,484	8.2	8.1	1.1	1.1	14.6	13.9	6.3	6.
Regional average (excl. Thailand)					71,772	8.3	7.7	1.1	1.0	12.8	12.6	6.1	6.
					11,112	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.0	12.0	12.0	V. I	0.

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Interest Income	23,671	30,718	33,039	34,225	35,429
Interest expense	(4,589)	(8,424)	(10,303)	(10,863)	(11,331)
Net interest income	19,081	22,294	22,735	23,362	24,098
Net fees & commission	6,165	5,476	5,449	5,803	6,180
Foreign exchange trading income	831	441	441	500	500
Securities trading income	(4)	(12)	0	0	0
Dividend income	507	340	347	353	361
Other income	958	224	235	247	259
Non interest income	8,457	6,469	6,472	6,904	7,300
Total income	27,539	28,763	29,207	30,266	31,399
Staff costs	(6,954)	(7,101)	(7,314)	(7,753)	(8,218)
Other operating costs	(6,058)	(8,793)	(8,952)	(8,939)	(8,860)
Operating costs	(13,013)	(15,894)	(16,266)	(16,692)	(17,078)
Pre provision operating profit	14,526	12,869	12,940	13,574	14,321
Expected credit loss	(5,036)	(6,082)	(5,670)	(5,841)	(6,016)
Other provisions	-	-	-	-	
Operating profit	9,490	6,787	7,270	7,733	8,305
Recurring non operating income	0	0	0	0	0,000
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Goodwill amortization	-	-	_	-	
Non recurring items	0	0	0	0	C
Profit before tax	9,490	6,787	7,270	7,733	8,305
Tax	(1,873)	(1,331)	(1,454)	(1,547)	(1,661)
Profit after tax	7,616	5,456	5,816	6,186	6,644
Non-controlling interest	(14)	(13)	(18)	(21)	(24)
Preferred dividends	-	(.0)	(.0)	(= .)	()
Other items	_	_	_	_	_
Reported net profit	7,602	5,443	5,798	6,165	6,620
Non recurring items & goodwill (net)	- ,002	-	0	0	0,020
Recurring net profit	7,602	5,443	5,798	6,165	6,620
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Per share (THB) Recurring EPS *	8.98	6.43	6.85	7.28	7.82
Reported EPS	8.98	6.43	6.85	7.28	7.82
DPS Growth	3.25	3.25	3.50	3.75	3.90
	24.5	40.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Net interest income (%)	21.5	16.8	2.0	2.8	3.2
Non interest income (%)	(1.0)	(23.5)	0.0	6.7	5.7
Pre provision operating profit (%)	11.8	(11.4)	0.6	4.9	5.5
Operating profit (%)	21.7	(28.5)	7.1	6.4	7.4
Reported net profit (%)	20.3	(28.4)	6.5	6.3	7.4
Recurring EPS (%)	20.3	(28.4)	6.5	6.3	7.4
Reported EPS (%)	20.3	(28.4)	6.5	6.3	7.4
ncome Breakdown					
Net interest income (%)	69.3	77.5	77.8	77.2	76.7
Net fees & commission (%)	22.4	19.0	18.7	19.2	19.7
Foreign exchange trading income (%)	3.0	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.6
Securities trading income (%)	0.0	0.0	-	-	
Dividend income (%)	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1
Other income (%)	3.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Operating performance					
Gross interest yield (%)	5.43	6.25	6.32	6.31	6.30
Cost of funds (%)	1.20	1.95	2.25	2.29	2.31
Net interest spread (%)	4.23	4.30	4.07	4.02	3.99
Net interest margin (%)	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3
Cost/income(%)	47.3	55.3	55.7	55.2	54.4
Cost/assets(%)	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9
Effective tax rate (%)	19.7	19.6	20.0	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	36.2	50.6	51.1	51.5	49.9
ROE (%)	14.0	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.6
ROE - COE (%)	3.2	(1.6)	(1.5)	(1.4)	(1.2)
ROA (%)	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
RORWA (%)	2.2	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5

Sources: Kiatnakin Bank; FSSIA estimates

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Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Gross customer loans	373,436	399,045	411,016	423,347	436,047
Allowance for expected credit loss	(18,969)	(20,667)	(21,838)	(22,778)	(23,794)
interest in suspense	10,403	6,448	11,344	11,684	12,035
Net customer loans	364,871	384,826	400,523	412,253	424,288
Bank loans Government securities	45,732	62,029	64,511	67,091	69,775
Trading securities	18,703	16,035	- 16,837	- 17,679	18,563
Investment securities	31,868	36,282	39,888	43,876	48,264
Cash & equivalents	1,000	1,382	1,314	1,772	1,379
Other interesting assets	1,000	1,502	1,514	1,772	1,075
Tangible fixed assets	13,200	14,677	16,135	17,358	18,684
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Goodwill	3,066	3,066	3,066	3,066	3,066
Other intangible assets	1,670	1,954	1,954	1,954	1,954
Other assets	27,527	25,077	20,885	19,256	19,431
Total assets	507,637	545,327	565,111	584,305	605,404
Customer deposits	331,464	358,903	369,670	380,760	392,182
Bank deposits	20,175	23,035	25,339	26,606	27,936
Other interest bearing liabilities	61,354	68,900	71,656	74,522	78,621
Non interest bearing liabilities	36,532	33,237	34,034	34,684	35,362
Hybrid Capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	449,526	484,074	500,698	516,572	534,101
Share capital	8,468	8,468	8,468	8,468	8,468
Reserves	49,356	52,499	55,645	58,950	62,504
Total equity	57,824	60,967	64,112	67,418	70,972
Non-controlling interest	288	286	300	315	331
Total liabilities & equity	507,637	545,327	565,111	584,305	605,404
Supplementary items					
Risk weighted assets (RWA)	374,621	402,435	417,034	431,199	446,769
Average interest earning assets	435,557	491,565	522,822	542,123	562,321
Average interest bearing liabilities	380,922	431,915	458,751	474,276	490,313
CET 1 capital	49,906	53,916	49,726	53,757	53,757
Total capital Gross non performing loans (NPL)	62,299	66,310	62,120	66,151	66,151
Per share (THB)	13,031	13,220	13,564	13,886	14,302
Book value per share	68.29	72.00	75.72	79.62	83.82
Tangible book value per share	62.69	66.07	69.79	73.69	77.89
Growth	02.03	00.07	03.73	70.00	77.00
Gross customer loans	21.7	6.9	3.0	3.0	3.0
Average interest earning assets	18.8	12.9	6.4	3.7	3.7
Total asset (%)	16.4	7.4	3.6	3.4	3.6
Risk weighted assets (%)	19.5	7.4	3.6	3.4	3.6
Customer deposits (%)	14.9	8.3	3.0	3.0	3.0
Leverage & capital measures		0.0	3.0		3.3
Customer loan/deposits (%)	110.1	107.2	108.3	108.3	108.2
Equity/assets (%)	11.4	11.2	11.3	11.5	11.7
Tangible equity/assets (%)	10.5	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.9
RWA/assets (%)	73.8	73.8	73.8	73.8	73.8
CET 1 CAR (%)	13.3	13.4	11.9	12.5	12.0
Total CAR (%)	16.6	16.5	14.9	15.3	14.8
Asset Quality (FSSIA's calculation)					
Change in NPL (%)	27.9	1.5	2.6	2.4	3.0
NPL/gross loans (%)	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Allowance for ECL/gross loans (%)	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5
Allowance for ECL/NPL (%)	145.6	156.3	161.0	164.0	166.4
Valuation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring P/E (x) *	5.2	7.3	6.8	6.4	6.0
	5.6	7.9 7.3	7.4	6.9	6.5
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	F 0		6.8	6.4	6.0
Reported P/E (x)	5.2		7 -	0.0	0.0
Reported P/E (x) Dividend yield (%)	7.0	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.3
Reported P/E (x) Dividend yield (%) Price/book (x)	7.0 0.7	7.0 0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Reported P/E (x) Dividend yield (%)	7.0	7.0			

Sources: Kiatnakin Bank; FSSIA estimates

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Exhibit 10: FSSIA ESG score implication

62.96 /100

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

Sources: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 11: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA	Domestic ratings						Global ratings						Bloomberg	
	ESG score	DJSI	SET THSI	THSI	CG score	AGM level	Thai CAC	Morningstar ESG risk	ESG Book	MSCI	Moody's	Refinitiv	S&P Global	ESG score	Disclosure score
SET100	69.20	5.34	4.40	4.40	4.76	4.65	3.84	Medium	51.76	BBB	20.87	58.72	63.91	3.72	28.17
Coverage	67.12	5.11	4.15	4.17	4.83	4.71	3.53	Medium	52.04	BB	16.97	56.85	62.09	3.40	31.94
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	Υ	Y	Y	5.00	4.00		High		Α			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

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

Exhibit 12: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	_	_	2.86	2.18
BESG environmental pillar score	_	_	0.08	0.08
BESG social pillar score	_	_	3.95	2.45
BESG governance pillar score	_	_	5.02	4.76
ESG disclosure score	46.15	46.69	45.56	45.90
Environmental disclosure score	31.23	31.56	28.18	28.18
Social disclosure score	19.71	20.98	20.98	22.01
Governance disclosure score	87.36	87.36	87.36	87.36
Environmental				
Emissions reduction initiatives	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No	No	No
Risks of climate change discussed	No	No	No	No
GHG scope 1	2	2	3	3
GHG scope 2 location-based	4	4	3	4
GHG Scope 3	_	_	_	_
Carbon per unit of production	_	_	_	_
Biodiversity policy	No	No	No	No
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	18	16	16	19
Renewable energy use	_	_	_	_
Electricity used	8	8	5	7
Fuel used - natural gas	_	_	_	_

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 13: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No	No	No	No
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hazardous waste	_	_	_	_
Total waste	_	_	_	_
Waste recycled	_	_	_	_
Waste sent to landfills	_	_	_	_
Environmental supply chain management	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water consumption	74	66	38	51
Social				
Human rights policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Policy against child labor	No	Yes	Yes	Ye
Quality assurance and recall policy	No	No	No	No
Consumer data protection policy	No	No	No	Yes
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender pay gap breakout	No	No	No	No
Pct women in workforce	61	61	62	6
Pct disabled in workforce	_	_	_	-
Business ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Health and safety policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Lost time incident rate - employees	_	0	0	
Total recordable incident rate - employees	_	_	_	_
Training policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	No	N
Number of employees – CSR	4,042	3,761	3,704	3,87
Employee turnover pct	10	10	11	1
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	73,784	71,497	48,597	60,11
Social supply chain management	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Governance				
Board size	12	12	12	1:
No. of independent directors (ID)	4	4	4	
No. of women on board	2	3	3	
No. of non-executive directors on board	7	8	8	
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
No. of board meetings for the year	11	14	11	1
Board meeting attendance pct	94	99	99	9
Board duration (years)	3	3	3	
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	N
Age of the youngest director	50	51	52	5
Age of the oldest director	71	72	73	7
No. of executives / company managers	42	40	40	4
No. of female executives	12	15	15	1
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	N
Size of audit committee	3	3	3	
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3	3	
Audit committee meetings	11	12	16	1
Audit meeting attendance %	100	100	94	9
Size of compensation committee	3	3	3	
No. of ID on compensation committee	2	2	2	
No. of compensation committee meetings	7	5	6	
Compensation meeting attendance %	100	100	94	10
Size of nomination committee	3	3	3	
No. of nomination committee meetings	7	5	6	
Nomination meeting attendance %	100	100	94	10
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Sustainability governance				

 $Sources: Bloomberg; \ FSSIA's \ compilation$

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ESG score	Methodolog	у			Rating							
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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Kasikornbank	KBANK TB	THB 120.50	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. Upside risks are 1) government stimulus projects leading to an economic recovery; and 2) rising NIM from well-controlled cost of funds.
Bangkok Bank	BBL TB	THB 144.50	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP are 1) prolonged economic sluggishness affecting loan growth and asset quality; and 2) an impact of new regulations from the Bank of Thailand.
Krung Thai Bank	КТВ ТВ	THB 16.20	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. Upside risks are 1) broad-based economic recovery supporting higher loan growth; and 2) asset quality improvement, mainly from the retail segment, reducing its ECL burdens. By contrast, upside risks comprise better economic conditions and strengthening asset quality.
SCB X	SCB TB	THB 105.00	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.
TMBThanachart Bank	ТТВ ТВ	THB 1.80	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 46.75	HOLD	Downside risks to our GGM-based target price include weakening asset quality and lower fee income and upside risks include better capital market conditions, higher used car price, and strengthening asset quality.
Tisco Financial	TISCO TB	THB 97.25	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. Upside risks are 1) aggressive loan growth; and 2) well-controlled asset quality.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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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.

Industry Recommendations

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.

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.

Neutral (N). Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on one 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.

Underweight (U). Over the next 12 months, the analyst does not expect the market to score positively on any 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.