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1Q24 results at first glance

1Q24 net profit beat our forecast and consensus

The 1Q24 net profit was THB13.5b, growing remarkably by 43.7% q-q and 25.6% y-y, surpassing our expectation by 23% and the consensus forecast by 19%, accounting for 32% of our full-year net profit forecast. The main contributors to its outstanding performance were better-than-expected non-NII, particularly MTM FVTPL investment gains and net fee income expansion. In addition, the cost-to-income ratio was much better than expected following a decrease in seasonal expenses, such as personal, IT, and marketing expenses, and a significant rise in non-NII. Asset quality was manageable, particularly the NPL ratio, credit costs, and NPL coverage ratio, due to its continued prudent and proactive management, which included sales and write-offs.

We maintain our net profit forecast for 2024-26. Even though the 1Q24 profit already represents 32% of our 2024 net profit estimate, we do not expect non-NII from the FVTPL portfolio to continue. We retain our HOLD recommendation for dividends at an average of 5- 6% p.a. The 2024 target price is THB140, based on the GGM valuation at a P/BV of 0.61x under an expected LT-ROE of 7.9% and COE of 12.4%.

Highlights

(-) Net interest income and NIM were worse than expected. NII decreased 0.8% q-q but increased 10.5% y-y, due mainly to loan and NIM contractions. Loans continued declining as expected by 1.1% q-q and 0.1% y-y due mainly to a decrease in SMEs and credit cards after the season ended, combined with its aggressive loan write-offs in this period. 1Q24 loan growth was still below its 2024 guidance of 5-7% y-y and our forecast of 5% y-y.

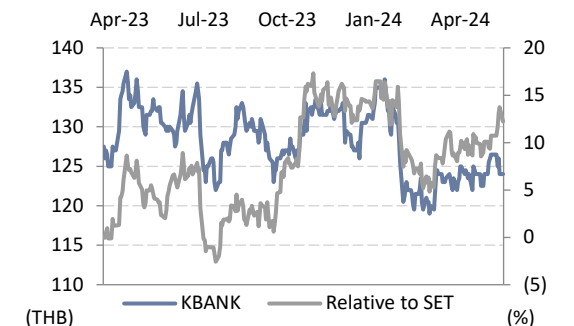
NIM decreased by 7bp to 3.77%, due mainly to a decrease in loan yields (both loans and investments) and an acceleration in the cost of funds (but at a lower pace than 4Q23) due to the special deposit campaign launched in 4Q23, of which KBANK realized the full impact in this period. However, 1Q24 NIM still exceeded its 2024 guidance of 3.30-3.45% (including the effect of an expectation that the BoT will reduce its RP rate two times, approximately 50bp during 2H24), and our forecast of 3.60%.

(+) Non-NII and fee income were better than expected. KBANK continued to post THB3.21b FVTPL investment gains, which were lower than 4Q23 but exceeded our projected THB1.8b. Net fee income was also better than expected, increasing 9.9% q-q and 2.3% y-y, mainly from growth in mutual fund fees, which remained on an improving trend and aligned with KBANK's strategy to drive fees in this segment.

TARGET PRICE THB140.00
CLOSE THB124.00
UP/DOWNSIDE +12.9%
TP vs CONSENSUS -0.2%

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Operating profit	55,845	54,794	58,735	63,482
Net profit	42,405	41,942	45,100	48,913
EPS (THB)	17.52	17.33	18.64	20.21
vs Consensus (%)	-	(6.6)	(7.0)	(5.1)
Recurring net profit	42,405	41,942	45,100	48,913
Core EPS (THB)	17.52	17.33	18.64	20.21
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	(5.8)	(7.2)	(7.6)
EPS growth (%)	18.6	(1.1)	7.5	8.5
Core P/E (x)	7.1	7.2	6.7	6.1
Dividend yield (%)	5.2	5.2	5.6	6.0
Price/book (x)	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
ROE (%)	8.2	7.7	8.0	8.3
ROA (%)	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	0.0	2.9	(3.5)
Relative to country (%)	2.3	4.5	11.4
Mkt cap (USD m)	7,941		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	39.4		
Free float (%)	80		
Major shareholder	Thai NVDR (16%)		
12m high/low (THB)	138.00/118.50		
Issued shares (m)	2,369		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

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(+) Operating expenses fell more than expected by 15.5% q-q (but still rose 4.6% y-y) due to seasonally lower personal, IT, and marketing expenses. Overall, the cost-to-income ratio in 1Q24 was 41.3%, much lower than expected, thanks to a significant increase in non-NII and a decrease in OPEX. Although it was in line with KBANK's guidance of low-to-mid 40%, it was much lower than our 2024 forecast of 45.9%, as we expect continued acceleration for the rest of the year.

(0) Asset quality was manageable and had no cause for concern, with the NPL ratio (FSSIA's calculated) relatively stable at 3.79%, while stage 2 was stable at 7.4% of total loans. Its total debt restructuring loans (DR, including the CDR segment under the BoT scheme) showed a slight increase to 7.6% of total loans, which was still below the industry average of 13%. KBANK reiterates its strategy of providing ongoing financial support to well-disciplined payment customers and will immediately sell or write off in case it is not viable.

Credit costs were lower than expected at 189bp (vs. our 200bp forecast), down from 220bp in 4Q23. KBANK maintains its guided credit costs for 2024 at 175-190bp before reducing it to a 140-160bp normalized level in 2025. The NPL coverage ratio (FSSIA's calculated) decreased slightly to 139% due to its aggressive write-off of bad debts to THB9.13b from THB5.13b in 4Q23, combined with its aggressive sales of THB7.90b from THB4.80b. The reported NPL coverage ratio decreased slightly but aligned with its comfortable level of 150%.

As for ITD loans and their contingent liabilities, KBANK revealed that they had been classified as stage 2 loans and had already set aside special reserves. In a worst-case scenario of stage migration to level 3, the bank confirmed that its credit costs guidance for 2024 is still sufficient and does not require further adjustments.

Exhibit 1: KBANK – 1Q24 operation summary

Year end Dec 31	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	----- Change -----		%of	2024E	Change
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	24E	(THB m)	(y-y %)
Net interest income	34,875	36,701	38,019	38,849	38,528	(0.8)	10.5	26	149,813	0.9
Non-interest income	11,699	11,369	9,096	12,046	11,624	(3.5)	(0.6)	25	46,050	4.2
Fee income - net	8,114	7,714	7,803	7,550	8,299	9.9	2.3	26	31,772	1.9
Total operating income	46,574	48,070	47,115	50,895	50,152	(1.5)	7.7	26	195,863	1.7
Total operating expenses	19,793	20,847	19,821	24,508	20,713	(15.5)	4.6	23	90,016	5.9
PPOP before tax	26,781	27,223	27,294	26,387	29,439	11.6	9.9	28	105,847	(1.7)
Expected credit loss	12,692	12,784	12,793	13,572	11,684	(13.9)	(7.9)	23	51,053	(1.5)
Income tax	2,562	2,760	2,838	2,617	3,403	30.0	32.8	34	10,137	(5.9)
Non-controlling interest	786	685	381	810	867	7.0	10.3	32	2,715	2.0
Net profit	10,741	10,994	11,282	9,388	13,486	43.7	25.6	32	41,942	(1.1)
EPS (THB)	4.53	4.64	4.76	3.96	5.69	43.7	25.6	32	17.70	(1.1)
Key ratios	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	----- Change -----			2024E	
Asset quality ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)		(%)	
Gross NPLs (THB m)	87,640	92,864	89,459	94,241	93,273	(1.0)	6.4		104,344	
Change (% from prior period)	(6.1)	6.0	(3.7)	5.3	(1.0)				13.3	
NPL ratios (%) - reported	3.04	3.20	3.11	3.19	3.19					
NPL ratio (%)*	3.56	3.79	3.67	3.78	3.79				3.99	
Coverage ratio (%) - reported	157	147	155	152	150					
Coverage ratio (%)*	146	138	145	142	139				132	
Credit cost (bp)	205	208	209	220	189				200	
Profitability ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				(%)	
Cost to income ratio	42.5	43.4	42.1	48.2	41.3				46.0	
Average yield (%)	4.22	4.49	4.69	4.82	4.76				4.54	
Cost of funds (%)	1.02	1.15	1.25	1.34	1.36				1.30	
NIM (%) - reported	3.46	3.63	3.76	3.83	3.76					
NIM (%)*	3.47	3.64	3.77	3.84	3.77				3.60	
Non-interest income/total income (%)	25.1	23.7	19.3	23.7	23.2				23.5	
Liquidity ratio									(%)	
Loan to deposit	90.8	90.4	90.9	92.3	91.2				92.7	
Loan to deposit & borrowing (LDBR)	83.1	82.3	82.8	84.1	82.7				90.0	
Capital adequacy ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)					
CAR	18.9	19.0	19.6	19.4	19.4				19.0	
CET 1/ Risk assets	15.9	16.1	16.7	16.5	16.5				16.2	
Tier 2 / Risk assets	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0				1.8	
Loan growth	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				(%)	
q-q	(1.2)	(0.6)	(0.5)	2.1	(1.1)					
y-y	0.3	(1.6)	(1.1)	(0.2)	(0.1)				5.0	
Year-to-date	(1.2)	(1.8)	(2.3)	(0.2)	(1.1)					

Sources: KBANK; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: GGM-based 2024 TP

Gordon growth model	
Sustainable ROE	7.9%
g	1.0%
ROE-g	6.9%
Beta	1.17
Risk free rate	3.0%
Market Risk premium	8.0%
COE	12.4%
COE-g	11.4%
ROE-g/COE-g	0.61

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 3: Share price performance of banks under coverage

	Price performance				
	1M	3M	6M	1Y	YTD
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
BBL TB	(1.42)	(4.15)	(17.07)	(13.17)	(11.50)
KBANK TB	0.00	2.90	(3.88)	(3.50)	(8.15)
KKP TB	0.99	9.63	(0.49)	(21.46)	1.99
KTB TB	(4.76)	(1.23)	(16.67)	(12.09)	(13.04)
SCB TB	(10.82)	(1.90)	3.26	0.00	(2.83)
TISCO TB	(0.75)	2.06	2.85	8.17	(0.50)
TTB TB	(3.78)	(1.11)	2.89	19.46	6.59
SETBANK	(3.85)	(1.17)	(6.85)	(5.06)	(6.15)
SET	(3.55)	(2.76)	(4.81)	(14.52)	(5.92)

Source: Bloomberg

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Interest Income	151,333	183,608	189,274	197,916	206,969
Interest expense	(18,334)	(35,164)	(39,461)	(41,645)	(43,524)
Net interest income	132,998	148,444	149,813	156,271	163,445
Net fees & commission	32,882	31,181	31,772	31,991	32,310
Foreign exchange trading income	0	0	0	0	0
Securities trading income	4,923	11,536	11,536	13,123	13,123
Dividend income	3,446	3,569	3,748	3,935	4,132
Other income	(991)	(2,076)	(1,006)	1,107	2,305
Non interest income	40,259	44,210	46,050	50,156	51,870
Total income	173,258	192,654	195,863	206,427	215,316
Staff costs	(34,602)	(40,274)	(42,691)	(45,252)	(47,967)
Other operating costs	(40,151)	(44,694)	(47,325)	(48,834)	(50,395)
Operating costs	(74,753)	(84,968)	(90,016)	(94,086)	(98,362)
Pre provision operating profit	98,505	107,685	105,847	112,341	116,953
Expected credit loss	(51,919)	(51,840)	(51,053)	(53,606)	(53,472)
Other provisions	-	-	-	-	-
Operating profit	46,585	55,845	54,794	58,735	63,482
Recurring non operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Goodwill amortization	-	-	-	-	-
Non recurring items	-	-	-	-	-
Profit before tax	46,585	55,845	54,794	58,735	63,482
Tax	(8,633)	(10,778)	(10,137)	(10,866)	(11,744)
Profit after tax	37,953	45,067	44,657	47,869	51,737
Non-controlling interest	(2,183)	(2,662)	(2,715)	(2,769)	(2,825)
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	35,769	42,405	41,942	45,100	48,913
Non recurring items & goodwill (net)	-	-	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	35,769	42,405	41,942	45,100	48,913
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	14.78	17.52	17.33	18.64	20.21
Reported EPS	14.78	17.52	17.33	18.64	20.21
DPS	4.00	6.50	6.50	7.00	7.50
Growth					
Net interest income (%)	11.4	11.6	0.9	4.3	4.6
Non interest income (%)	(8.4)	9.8	4.2	8.9	3.4
Pre provision operating profit (%)	6.7	9.3	(1.7)	6.1	4.1
Operating profit (%)	(10.4)	19.9	(1.9)	7.2	8.1
Reported net profit (%)	(6.0)	18.6	(1.1)	7.5	8.5
Recurring EPS (%)	(6.3)	18.6	(1.1)	7.5	8.5
Reported EPS (%)	(6.3)	18.6	(1.1)	7.5	8.5
Income Breakdown					
Net interest income (%)	76.8	77.1	76.5	75.7	75.9
Net fees & commission (%)	19.0	16.2	16.2	15.5	15.0
Foreign exchange trading income (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Securities trading income (%)	2.8	6.0	5.9	6.4	6.1
Dividend income (%)	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Other income (%)	(0.6)	(1.1)	(0.5)	0.5	1.1
Operating performance					
Gross interest yield (%)	3.80	4.53	4.54	4.56	4.58
Cost of funds (%)	0.63	1.19	1.30	1.32	1.32
Net interest spread (%)	3.17	3.34	3.24	3.24	3.26
Net interest margin (%)	3.34	3.66	3.60	3.60	3.62
Cost/income(%)	43.1	44.1	46.0	45.6	45.7
Cost/assets(%)	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1
Effective tax rate (%)	18.5	19.3	18.5	18.5	18.5
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	27.1	37.1	37.5	37.6	37.1
ROE (%)	7.3	8.2	7.7	8.0	8.3
ROE - COE (%)	(2.6)	(1.8)	(2.3)	(2.0)	(1.6)
ROA (%)	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1
RORWA (%)	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7

* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted

Sources: Kasikornbank; FSSIA estimates

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Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Gross customer loans	2,495,077	2,490,398	2,614,918	2,745,664	2,882,947
Allowance for expected credit loss	(133,529)	(133,876)	(137,929)	(149,535)	(161,007)
interest in suspense	16,226	14,970	18,304	19,220	20,181
Net customer loans	2,377,774	2,371,492	2,495,293	2,615,348	2,742,121
Bank loans	502,536	569,008	580,388	591,996	603,836
Government securities	-	-	-	-	-
Trading securities	47,264	48,295	50,710	53,245	55,908
Investment securities	982,177	974,585	1,004,048	1,034,406	1,065,687
Cash & equivalents	57,115	48,690	47,001	40,506	51,452
Other interesting assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible fixed assets	111,105	114,698	117,540	120,455	123,444
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Goodwill	-	-	-	-	-
Other intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	168,398	147,241	150,716	154,338	158,120
Total assets	4,246,369	4,283,556	4,445,696	4,610,295	4,800,568
Customer deposits	2,748,685	2,699,562	2,821,042	2,956,452	3,098,362
Bank deposits	155,240	179,207	182,791	186,447	190,176
Other interest bearing liabilities	67,897	81,572	85,651	89,934	94,430
Non interest bearing liabilities	707,468	726,380	726,380	726,380	726,380
Hybrid Capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	3,679,289	3,686,721	3,815,864	3,959,213	4,109,348
Share capital	23,693	23,693	23,693	23,693	23,693
Reserves	479,577	508,591	535,133	549,283	581,610
Total equity	503,270	532,285	558,826	572,976	605,304
Non-controlling interest	63,810	64,551	71,006	78,106	85,917
Total liabilities & equity	4,246,369	4,283,556	4,445,696	4,610,295	4,800,568
Supplementary items					
Risk weighted assets (RWA)	2,746,673	2,820,846	2,934,159	3,042,795	3,168,375
Average interest earning assets	3,983,616	4,054,670	4,166,175	4,337,688	4,516,844
Average interest bearing liabilities	2,930,393	2,966,081	3,024,913	3,161,158	3,307,900
CET 1 capital	435,662	452,603	475,681	501,504	529,613
Total capital	489,814	506,755	529,833	555,656	583,765
Gross non performing loans (NPL)	93,344	98,344	104,344	111,344	118,344
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	212.41	224.66	235.86	241.83	255.47
Tangible book value per share	212.41	224.66	235.86	241.83	255.47
Growth					
Gross customer loans	3.0	(0.2)	5.0	5.0	5.0
Average interest earning assets	7.3	1.8	2.8	4.1	4.1
Total asset (%)	3.5	0.9	3.8	3.7	4.1
Risk weighted assets (%)	4.4	2.7	4.0	3.7	4.1
Customer deposits (%)	5.8	(1.8)	4.5	4.8	4.8
Leverage & capital measures					
Customer loan/deposits (%)	86.5	87.8	88.5	88.5	88.5
Equity/assets (%)	11.9	12.4	12.6	12.4	12.6
Tangible equity/assets (%)	11.9	12.4	12.6	12.4	12.6
RWA/assets (%)	64.7	65.9	66.0	66.0	66.0
CET 1 CAR (%)	15.9	16.0	16.2	16.5	16.7
Total CAR (%)	17.8	18.0	18.1	18.3	18.4
Asset Quality (FSSIA's calculation)					
Change in NPL (%)	(12.1)	5.4	6.1	6.7	6.3
NPL/gross loans (%)	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.1
Allowance for ECL/gross loans (%)	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.6
Allowance for ECL/NPL (%)	143.1	136.1	132.2	134.3	136.0
Valuation					
Recurring P/E (x) *	8.4	7.1	7.2	6.7	6.1
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	9.5	8.0	8.1	7.5	6.9
Reported P/E (x)	8.4	7.1	7.2	6.7	6.1
Dividend yield (%)	3.2	5.2	5.2	5.6	6.0
Price/book (x)	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Price/tangible book (x)	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Price/tangible book @ target price (x)	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5

* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted

Sources: Kasikornbank; FSSIA estimates

Kasikornbank PCL (KBANK TB)

FSSIA ESG rating

★★★★★

Exhibit 4: FSSIA ESG score implication

84.17 /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 5: 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	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; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 6: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	1.71	1.80	2.61	2.67	2.67	2.88	3.89	4.05
BESG environmental pillar score	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.18	0.18	0.24	2.93	3.43
BESG social pillar score	1.37	1.63	3.44	3.44	3.49	3.89	3.95	4.03
BESG governance pillar score	4.90	4.74	4.83	4.91	4.81	4.88	4.86	4.74
ESG disclosure score	53.57	53.91	59.49	57.60	57.60	58.20	58.20	59.77
Environmental disclosure score	29.54	29.54	33.55	37.48	37.48	40.86	40.86	40.86
Social disclosure score	34.89	35.91	48.67	39.06	39.06	37.48	37.48	42.20
Governance disclosure score	96.12	96.12	96.12	96.12	96.12	96.12	96.12	96.12
Environmental								
Emissions reduction initiatives	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Risks of climate change discussed	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GHG scope 1	9	18	25	21	21	19	16	11
GHG scope 2 location-based	91	82	80	87	83	79	74	70
GHG Scope 3	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Carbon per unit of production	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Biodiversity policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	221	140	240	237	229	213	187	189
Renewable energy use	—	—	11	11	7	10	8	27
Electricity used	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fuel used - natural gas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 7: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hazardous waste	—	—	0	0	1	1	2	0
Total waste	9	6	6	8	7	6	5	5
Waste recycled	—	—	—	1	2	2	3	2
Waste sent to landfills	—	—	—	7	5	4	3	3
Environmental supply chain management	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water consumption	—	—	—	—	—	270	283	158
Social								
Human rights policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Policy against child labor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quality assurance and recall policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Consumer data protection policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender pay gap breakout	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pct women in workforce	66	68	68	69	69	70	70	70
Pct disabled in workforce	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0
Business ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Health and safety policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lost time incident rate - employees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total recordable incident rate - employees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Number of employees – CSR	21,484	21,029	20,839	20,646	20,407	19,819	19,029	18,648
Employee turnover pct	17	17	10	8	6	3	7	8
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	1,359,210	1,186,240	1,094,590	881,469	928,607	847,516	712,474	753,600
Social supply chain management	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Governance								
Board size	17	17	16	17	18	18	18	18
No. of independent directors (ID)	10	10	9	9	10	9	9	6
No. of women on board	5	6	6	6	7	7	7	8
No. of non-executive directors on board	14	13	12	12	12	13	13	13
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
No. of board meetings for the year	12	12	12	12	12	15	13	12
Board meeting attendance pct	98	95	95	95	97	97	97	96
Board duration (years)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Age of the youngest director	45	46	47	48	40	41	42	43
Age of the oldest director	71	72	72	70	71	72	68	68
No. of executives / company managers	16	15	17	18	19	15	14	16
No. of female executives	5	3	4	4	5	5	5	6
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Size of audit committee	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
No. of ID on audit committee	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Audit committee meetings	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Audit meeting attendance %	90	100	96	90	98	98	100	98
Size of compensation committee	4	4	3	3	3	3	5	3
No. of ID on compensation committee	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	2
No. of compensation committee meetings	9	9	10	8	9	10	11	10
Compensation meeting attendance %	94	86	95	96	100	100	100	100
Size of nomination committee	4	3	3	4	4	5	5	6
No. of nomination committee meetings	9	6	4	4	5	4	4	6
Nomination meeting attendance %	94	94	94	100	90	95	100	93
Sustainability governance								
Verification type	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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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 THSI inclusion , 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. SETTHSI Index 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.																				
CG Score by Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)	An indicator of CG strength in sustainable development, measured annually by the Thai IOD, with support from the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET). The results are from the perspective of a third party, not an evaluation of operations.		Scores are rated in six categories: 5 for Excellent (90-100), 4 for Very Good (80-89), 3 for Good (70-79), 2 for Fair (60-69), 1 for Pass (60-69), and not rated for scores below 50. Weightings include: 1) the rights; 2) and equitable treatment of shareholders (weight 25% combined); 3) the role of stakeholders (25%); 4) disclosure & transparency (15%); and 5) board responsibilities (35%).																				
AGM level 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&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.																				
Thai CAC 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.																				
Morningstar Sustainability	The Sustainability's ESG risk rating provides an overall company score based on an assessment of how much of a company's exposure to ESG risk is unmanaged. <i>Sources to be reviewed include corporate publications and regulatory filings, news and other media, NGO reports/websites, multi-sector information, company feedback, ESG controversies, issuer feedback on draft ESG reports, and quality & peer reviews.</i>		A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored. <table><tr><th>NEGL</th><th>Low</th><th>Medium</th><th>High</th><th>Severe</th></tr><tr><td>0-10</td><td>10-20</td><td>20-30</td><td>30-40</td><td>40+</td></tr></table>	NEGL	Low	Medium	High	Severe	0-10	10-20	20-30	30-40	40+										
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ESG Book	The ESG score identifies sustainable companies that are better positioned to outperform over the long term. The methodology considers the principle of financial materiality including information that significantly helps explain future risk-adjusted performance. Materiality is applied by over-weighting features with higher materiality and rebalancing these weights on a rolling quarterly basis.		The total ESG score is calculated as a weighted sum of the features scores using materiality-based weights. The score is scaled between 0 and 100 with higher scores indicating better performance.																				
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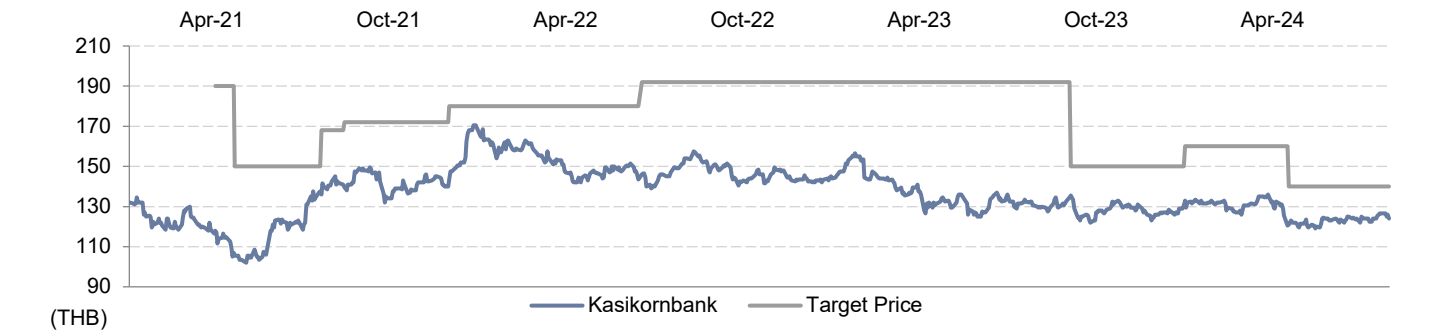
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Kasikornbank (KBANK TB)



Usanee Liurut, CISA started covering this stock from 17-Jul-2023
Price and TP are in local currency
Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Kasikornbank	KBANK TB	THB 124.00	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 economic recovery; and 2) the rising NIM from well-controll cost of funds.

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