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BUY
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1Q24 results at first glance

TARGET PRICE THB19.90
CLOSE THB16.00
UP/DOWNSIDE +24.4%
TP vs CONSENSUS +1.2%

1Q24 profit significantly beat our estimate and consensus

KTB surprised the market with an impressive 1Q24 net profit growth of 81.3% q-q and 10.1% y-y, amounting to THB11.1b, significantly beating our estimate and the consensus by 9% and 4%, respectively, and accounting for 29% of our full-year net profit forecast. The better-than-expected non-NII (from higher gains on FVTPL investment and bad debt recovery) was a crucial driver in this quarter. By contrast, NII and NIM were worse than expected despite a higher loan growth.

OPEX also missed estimates, with a significant rise in impairment loss of properties for sale. Thanks to the higher-than-expected operating income, its cost-to-income ratio finished in line with our forecast of 43.6%. The asset quality was better than expected, particularly its NPL ratio, credit costs, and NPL coverage ratio, and aligned with its 2024 guidance.

We retain our 2024-25E net profit growth of 2-3% p.a. Although the 1Q24 net profit secures 29% of our full-year net profit forecast, we do not expect the rising trend of a vulnerable item, FVTPL investment gains, to continue through the rest of 2024. We maintain our BUY call. The current P/BV of 0.55x falls below its 5-year historical average of 0.6x and also lower than our GGM-based valuation's P/BV of 0.65x (expected LT-ROE 8% and COE 11.8%), which presents a potential buy opportunity.

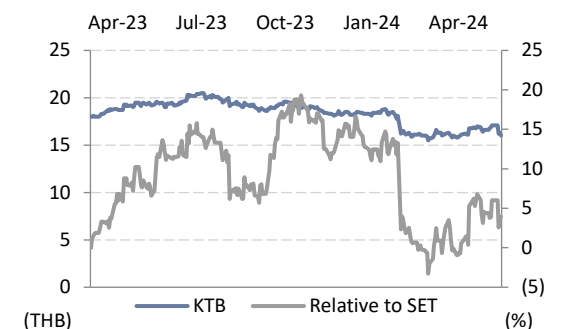
Highlights

(-) Net interest income and NIM were worse than expected. NII decreased 2.6% q-q but increased 15.4% y-y, amounting to THB29.6b. Despite higher loan growth of 1.6% q-q and 1.4% y-y, NII missed estimates since it concentrated on a low-yield segment, the government and SOE (16%). By contrast, most high-yield segments (47%), particularly SMEs and credit cards, posted a q-q contraction. Accordingly, NIM squeezed by 14bp to 3.31%, mainly due to lower loan yields. Meanwhile, the cost of funds was controllable and better than expected despite repricing and an interest rate hike, attributed to its lower 1Q24 deposits. The 1Q24 NIM beat its 2024 guidance of 3.00-3.30% and our 3.28% estimate. However, we expect a continued downward trend throughout the rest of 2024 on the effects of the rising cost of funds.

(+) Non-NII (fee income and other non-NII) was better than expected. Net fee income increased 2.6% q-q and 8.5% y-y, aligning with its 2024 low-to-mid single-digit growth guidance and our 1.5% y-y growth assumption, due mainly to bancassurance fee expansion. Other non-NII posted an impressive growth of 46.7% q-q and 23.3% y-y, mainly from gains on FVTPL investment combined with bad debt recovery.

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Operating profit	50,223	51,493	53,003	54,935
Net profit	36,616	37,621	38,760	40,236
EPS (THB)	2.62	2.69	2.77	3.44
vs Consensus (%)	-	(4.2)	(4.9)	15.1
Recurring net profit	36,616	37,621	38,760	40,236
Core EPS (THB)	2.62	2.69	2.77	3.44
EPS growth (%)	8.7	2.7	3.0	24.0
Core P/E (x)	6.1	5.9	5.8	4.7
Dividend yield (%)	5.4	5.6	5.7	6.0
Price/book (x)	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
ROE (%)	9.4	9.1	8.8	8.6
ROA (%)	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(1.2)	(11.6)	(4.2)
Relative to country (%)	2.5	(8.3)	13.7
Mkt cap (USD m)	6,066		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	31.4		
Free float (%)	45		
Major shareholder	FIDF (55%)		
12m high/low (THB)	20.50/15.40		
Issued shares (m)	13,976		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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(-) OPEX was higher than expected, with a relatively stable q-q instead of a lower figure, owing to a significant rise in impairment loss of properties for sale, particularly in the housing segment. Thanks to the higher-than-expected operating income, its cost-to-income ratio finished in line with our forecast of 43.6%, aligning with its 2024 guidance of below-mid 40% and our 43.4% projection.

(+) Asset quality was better than expected, particularly the NPL ratio, credit costs, and NPL coverage ratio, aligning with its 2024 guidance and our estimate. The NPL ratio (FSSIA's calculated) was 3.77%, down from 3.86% at the end of 2023 and below our expected 3.85%, aligning with its proactive NPL management and stringent credit quality policy. The 1Q24 credit costs decreased to 124bp after a significant increase to 201bp in 4Q23. Hence, the coverage ratio sustained at 175bp at the end of 1Q24. In addition, the stage 2 loan contribution was also controllable and relatively stable q-q at 7.7%.

Exhibit 1: 2024E – FSSIA estimates vs. management guidance

	KTB* 2023	KTB* 2024E	FSSIA 2024E
Loan growth*	-0.6%	3%	1.0%
NIM	3.22%	3.0-3.3%	3.28%
Fee income growth	2.70%	Low to mid single digit	1.5%
Cost to income	41.60%	≤ Mid 40s	43.4%
NPL	3.08%	< 3.25%	3.80%
Credit cost (bps)	143	120-130	140
Coverage ratio	181.30%	170% +	176

Sources: KTB; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: KTB – 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	25,619	27,771	29,667	30,362	29,561	(2.6)	15.4	25	117,455	3.6
Non-interest income	9,653	7,944	9,221	9,228	11,141	20.7	15.4	30	37,687	4.6
Fee income - net	5,139	4,797	5,503	5,434	5,577	2.6	8.5	26	21,186	1.5
Total operating income	35,272	35,715	38,888	39,590	40,703	2.8	15.4	26	155,142	3.8
Total operating expenses	13,650	14,028	16,733	17,745	17,731	(0.1)	29.9	26	67,398	8.4
PPOP before tax	21,622	21,686	22,155	21,845	22,972	5.2	6.2	26	87,744	0.5
Expected credit loss	8,104	7,754	8,157	13,070	8,029	(38.6)	(0.9)	22	36,252	(2.2)
Income tax	2,531	2,864	2,774	1,733	2,936	69.4	16.0	29	10,093	1.9
Non-controlling interest	921	912	941	931	929	(0.2)	0.9	25	3,779	2.0
Net profit	10,067	10,156	10,282	6,111	11,078	81.3	10.1	29	37,621	2.7
EPS (THB)	0.72	0.73	0.74	0.44	0.79	81.3	10.1	29	2.69	2.7
Key ratios	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	Change			2024E	
Asset quality ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)		(%)	
Gross NPLs (THB m)	102,542	98,810	98,309	99,407	98,815	(0.6)	(3.6)		98,887	(0.5)
Change (% from prior period)	1.4	(3.6)	(0.5)	1.1	(0.6)					
NPL ratios (%) - reported	3.22	3.11	3.10	3.08	3.14					
NPL ratio (%)*	3.97	3.83	3.74	3.86	3.77				3.80	
Coverage ratio (%) - reported	183	177	180	181	182					
Coverage ratio (%)*	177	171	174	174	175				176	
Credit cost (bp)	125	120	125	201	124				140	
Profitability ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				(%)	
Cost to income ratio	38.7	39.3	43.0	44.8	43.6				43.4	
Average yield (%)	3.95	4.26	4.57	4.74	4.58				4.56	
Cost of funds (%)	1.13	1.21	1.32	1.49	1.46				1.48	
NIM (%) - reported	2.80	3.00	3.20	3.38	3.41					
NIM (%)*	2.97	3.21	3.42	3.45	3.31				3.28	
Non-interest income/total income (%)	27.4	22.2	23.7	23.3	27.4				24.3	
Liquidity ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				(%)	
Loan to deposit	98.5	100.0	100.7	97.3	100.6				97.3	
Loan to deposit & borrowing (LDBR)	93.2	94.2	94.8	91.8	94.8				91.7	
Capital adequacy ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				(%)	
CAR	19.9	20.1	20.5	20.7	N/A				21.2	
CET 1/ Risk assets	15.8	16.1	16.4	16.5	N/A				17.3	
Tier 2 / Risk assets	3.1	3.1	3.2	4.2	N/A				3.0	
Loan growth	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				(%)	
q-q	(0.4)	(0.2)	2.0	(2.0)	1.6					
y-y	(2.9)	(2.2)	0.7	(0.6)	1.4				1.0	
Year-to-date	(0.4)	(0.6)	1.4	(0.6)	1.6					

Sources: KTB; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 3: KTB – staged loans and ECL

	2021 (THB b)	2022 (THB b)	2023 (THB b)	1Q24 (THB b)	2021 (%)	2022 (%)	2023 (%)	1Q24 (%)
Staged loans					% staged loans			
Stage 1	2,306	2,290	2,296	2,338	87.2	87.5	88.4	88.6
Stage 2	228	218	202	203	8.6	8.3	7.8	7.7
Stage 3	111	109	99	98	4.2	4.2	3.8	3.7
Total	2,646	2,616	2,596	2,639	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Allowance for ECL					% ECL to staged loans			
Stage 1	45	45	47	44	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.9
Stage 2	49	53	57	60	21.4	24.1	28.2	29.3
Stage 3	77	77	68	68	69.4	70.4	69.2	69.2
Total	171	174	172	172	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.5
LLR/ Loans					(%)			
Stage 1	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.9				
Stage 2	21.4	24.1	28.2	29.3				
Stage 3	69.4	70.4	69.2	69.2				
Total	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.5				
NPL / TL					(%)			
NPL / TL	4.2	4.2	3.8	3.7				
NPL vs. Stage 2 loans / TL					(%)			
NPL vs. Stage 2 loans / TL	12.8	12.5	11.6	11.4				
LLR / NPL					(%)			
LLR / NPL	153	160	175	175				
LLR / (NPL vs. Stage 2)					(%)			
LLR / (NPL vs. Stage 2)	50	53	57	57				

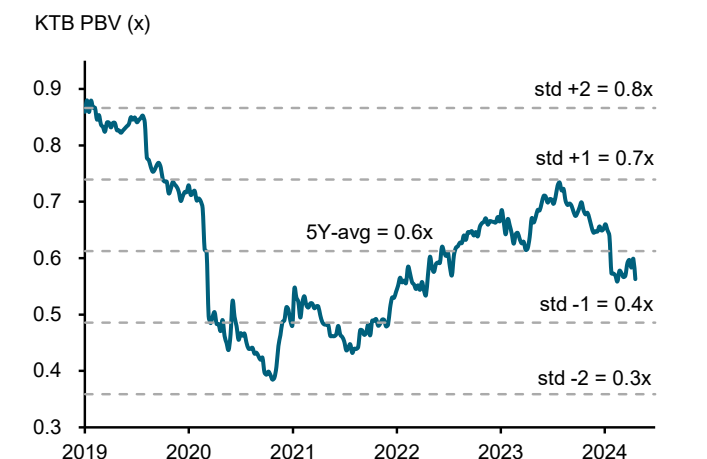
Sources: KTB; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 4: GGM-based 2024 TP

Gordon growth model	2024E
Sustainable ROE	8.0%
g	1.0%
ROE-g	7.0%
Beta	1.10
Risk free rate	3.0%
Risk premium	8.0%
COE	11.8%
COE-g	10.8%
ROE-g/COE-g (PBV)	0.65

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 6: KTB – one-year prospective PBV band



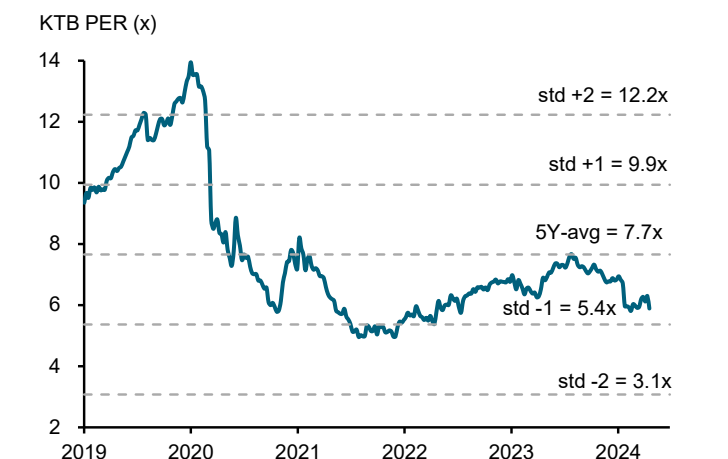
Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 5: Share price performance of banks under coverage, as of 19 April 2024

	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

Exhibit 7: KTB – one-year prospective PER band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

Krung Thai Bank

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Interest Income	113,475	152,369	163,544	165,340	167,251
Interest expense	(23,070)	(38,949)	(46,089)	(46,652)	(47,158)
Net interest income	90,405	113,420	117,455	118,688	120,093
Net fees & commission	20,316	20,872	21,186	21,504	21,826
Foreign exchange trading income	5,233	5,178	6,000	6,500	7,000
Securities trading income	239	195	195	195	195
Dividend income	352	319	351	387	425
Other income	8,847	9,481	9,955	10,453	10,975
Non interest income	34,986	36,046	37,687	39,038	40,422
Total income	125,391	149,465	155,142	157,726	160,515
Staff costs	(25,763)	(25,766)	(26,539)	(27,335)	(28,155)
Other operating costs	(29,007)	(36,391)	(40,859)	(42,081)	(43,086)
Operating costs	(54,771)	(62,157)	(67,398)	(69,416)	(71,241)
Pre provision operating profit	70,620	87,309	87,744	88,309	89,274
Expected credit loss	(24,338)	(37,085)	(36,252)	(35,306)	(34,339)
Other provisions	-	-	-	-	-
Operating profit	46,283	50,223	51,493	53,003	54,935
Recurring non operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Goodwill amortization	-	-	-	-	-
Non recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	46,283	50,223	51,493	53,003	54,935
Tax	(9,077)	(9,902)	(10,093)	(10,389)	(10,767)
Profit after tax	37,206	40,321	41,400	42,614	44,168
Non-controlling interest	(3,508)	(3,705)	(3,779)	(3,855)	(3,932)
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	33,698	36,616	37,621	38,760	40,236
Non recurring items & goodwill (net)	-	-	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	33,698	36,616	37,621	38,760	40,236
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	2.41	2.62	2.69	2.77	3.44
Reported EPS	2.41	2.62	2.69	2.77	3.44
DPS	0.68	0.87	0.89	0.92	0.95
Growth					
Net interest income (%)	8.4	25.5	3.6	1.0	1.2
Non interest income (%)	7.9	3.0	4.6	3.6	3.5
Pre provision operating profit (%)	12.0	23.6	0.5	0.6	1.1
Operating profit (%)	51.6	8.5	2.5	2.9	3.6
Reported net profit (%)	56.1	8.7	2.7	3.0	3.8
Recurring EPS (%)	56.1	8.7	2.7	3.0	24.0
Reported EPS (%)	56.1	8.7	2.7	3.0	24.0
Income Breakdown					
Net interest income (%)	72.1	75.9	75.7	75.2	74.8
Net fees & commission (%)	16.2	14.0	13.7	13.6	13.6
Foreign exchange trading income (%)	4.2	3.5	3.9	4.1	4.4
Securities trading income (%)	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Dividend income (%)	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Other income (%)	7.1	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.8
Operating performance					
Gross interest yield (%)	3.28	4.34	4.56	4.56	4.55
Cost of funds (%)	0.76	1.28	1.48	1.48	1.48
Net interest spread (%)	2.52	3.06	3.08	3.08	3.07
Net interest margin (%)	2.62	3.23	3.28	3.27	3.27
Cost/income(%)	43.7	41.6	43.4	44.0	44.4
Cost/assets(%)	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9
Effective tax rate (%)	19.6	19.7	19.6	19.6	19.6
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	28.3	33.1	33.1	33.1	27.7
ROE (%)	9.2	9.4	9.1	8.8	8.6
ROE - COE (%)	(0.8)	(0.5)	(0.9)	(1.2)	(1.4)
ROA (%)	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
RORWA (%)	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9

* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted

Sources: Krung Thai Bank; FSSIA estimates

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Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Gross customer loans	2,592,838	2,576,516	2,602,281	2,628,304	2,654,587
Allowance for expected credit loss	(174,378)	(173,323)	(173,575)	(176,881)	(180,220)
interest in suspense	25,372	22,902	26,543	26,809	27,077
Net customer loans	2,443,832	2,426,095	2,455,250	2,478,232	2,501,444
Bank loans	550,941	701,162	708,173	722,337	736,783
Government securities	-	-	-	-	-
Trading securities	-	-	-	-	-
Investment securities	322,942	303,186	337,635	346,717	356,432
Cash & equivalents	61,591	55,626	41,459	50,752	58,953
Other interesting assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible fixed assets	72,029	65,924	67,204	68,516	69,861
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Goodwill	-	-	-	-	-
Other intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	141,084	125,692	133,399	141,731	150,745
Total assets	3,592,419	3,677,684	3,743,120	3,808,284	3,874,218
Customer deposits	2,590,236	2,646,872	2,673,340	2,700,074	2,727,074
Bank deposits	277,099	282,696	288,350	294,117	297,058
Other interest bearing liabilities	151,172	160,839	164,056	165,696	167,353
Non interest bearing liabilities	181,340	166,432	169,804	173,246	176,758
Hybrid Capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	3,199,847	3,256,838	3,295,550	3,333,133	3,368,244
Share capital	72,005	72,005	72,005	72,005	72,005
Reserves	304,300	330,371	356,171	382,782	412,588
Total equity	376,305	402,376	428,176	454,787	484,593
Non-controlling interest	16,267	18,470	19,394	20,363	21,382
Total liabilities & equity	3,592,419	3,677,684	3,743,120	3,808,284	3,874,218
Supplementary items					
Risk weighted assets (RWA)	2,131,788	2,182,386	2,221,216	2,259,885	2,299,011
Average interest earning assets	3,456,331	3,510,866	3,586,335	3,628,191	3,674,323
Average interest bearing liabilities	3,031,708	3,054,457	3,108,076	3,142,817	3,175,686
CET 1 capital	335,601	358,274	383,741	409,975	439,371
Total capital	401,825	424,346	450,053	476,530	506,170
Gross non performing loans (NPL)	101,096	99,439	98,887	99,876	100,874
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	26.92	28.79	30.63	32.54	41.40
Tangible book value per share	26.92	28.79	30.63	32.54	41.40
Growth					
Gross customer loans	(1.4)	(0.6)	1.0	1.0	1.0
Average interest earning assets	4.1	1.6	2.1	1.2	1.3
Total asset (%)	1.0	2.4	1.8	1.7	1.7
Risk weighted assets (%)	11.5	2.4	1.8	1.7	1.7
Customer deposits (%)	(0.9)	2.2	1.0	1.0	1.0
Leverage & capital measures					
Customer loan/deposits (%)	94.3	91.7	91.8	91.8	91.7
Equity/assets (%)	10.5	10.9	11.4	11.9	12.5
Tangible equity/assets (%)	10.5	10.9	11.4	11.9	12.5
RWA/assets (%)	59.3	59.3	59.3	59.3	59.3
CET 1 CAR (%)	15.7	16.4	17.3	18.1	19.1
Total CAR (%)	18.8	19.4	20.3	21.1	22.0
Asset Quality (FSSIA's calculation)					
Change in NPL (%)	(5.3)	(1.6)	(0.6)	1.0	1.0
NPL/gross loans (%)	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8
Allowance for ECL/gross loans (%)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.8
Allowance for ECL/NPL (%)	172.5	174.3	175.5	177.1	178.7
Valuation					
Recurring P/E (x) *	6.6	6.1	5.9	5.8	4.7
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	8.3	7.6	7.4	7.2	5.8
Reported P/E (x)	6.6	6.1	5.9	5.8	4.7
Dividend yield (%)	4.3	5.4	5.6	5.7	6.0
Price/book (x)	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Price/tangible book (x)	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Price/tangible book @ target price (x)	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5

* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted

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Krung Thai Bank PCL (KTB TB)

FSSIA ESG rating

★★★★

63.10 /100

Exhibit 8: FSSIA ESG score implication

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 9: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA ESG score	Domestic ratings						Global ratings						Bloomberg	
		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	61.33
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 10: 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	1.36	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	38.85	41.85	42.19	42.19	53.35	55.27	56.12	61.33
Environmental disclosure score	6.74	8.46	8.46	8.46	34.46	38.63	38.63	39.47
Social disclosure score	28.57	29.56	30.59	30.59	38.12	39.69	42.26	57.07
Governance disclosure score	81.10	87.36	87.36	87.36	87.36	87.36	87.36	87.36
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	No	No	No	No	No	No
GHG scope 1	--	--	--	--	14	14	12	15
GHG scope 2 location-based	7	135	128	60	53	50	45	42
GHG Scope 3	--	--	--	--	26	28	27	43
Carbon per unit of production	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Biodiversity policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	--	--	--	--	211	203	180	174
Renewable energy use	--	--	--	--	0	0	0	0
Electricity used	--	232	219	103	105	100	90	84
Fuel used - natural gas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 11: 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	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hazardous waste	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	0
Total waste	—	—	—	—	3	4	3	3
Waste recycled	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Waste sent to landfills	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Environmental supply chain management	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water consumption	—	—	—	—	170	147	121	119
Social								
Human rights policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Policy against child labor	No	No	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	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Pct women in workforce	69	69	69	70	70	70	70	71
Pct disabled in workforce	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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	24,057	23,611	22,417	21,606	21,133	20,262	18,937	17,157
Employee turnover pct	—	—	—	—	7	5	9	12
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	2,742,500	1,726,760	1,693,780	1,591,920	1,507,460	2,322,770	2,102,850	1,350,850
Social supply chain management	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Governance								
Board size	12	12	12	12	11	12	12	12
No. of independent directors (ID)	4	6	6	6	5	6	6	6
No. of women on board	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
No. of non-executive directors on board	9	11	11	11	10	8	8	11
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
No. of board meetings for the year	28	27	27	24	27	26	23	22
Board meeting attendance pct	93	96	92	84	94	97	100	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	51	44	45	47	48	49	49	50
Age of the oldest director	61	62	63	64	64	65	66	67
No. of executives / company managers	21	20	20	20	19	21	19	22
No. of female executives	7	4	5	4	3	3	3	3
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Size of audit committee	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on audit committee	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3
Audit committee meetings	19	26	25	22	20	22	19	26
Audit meeting attendance %	91	96	95	95	98	100	98	98
Size of compensation committee	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	3
No. of ID on compensation committee	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	2
No. of compensation committee meetings	20	19	17	17	21	20	15	15
Compensation meeting attendance %	95	95	90	92	94	100	100	100
Size of nomination committee	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	3
No. of nomination committee meetings	20	19	17	17	21	20	15	15
Nomination meeting attendance %	95	95	90	92	94	100	100	100
Sustainability governance								
Verification type	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 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.																											
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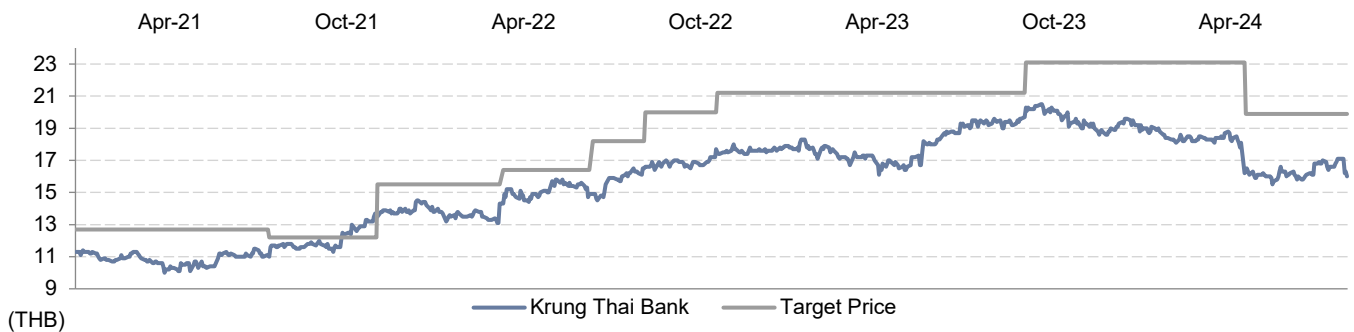
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History of change in investment rating and/or target price

Krung Thai Bank (KTB TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
22-Apr-2021	HOLD	12.70	08-Jul-2022	BUY	18.20	22-Jan-2024	HOLD	19.90
05-Oct-2021	HOLD	12.20	24-Aug-2022	BUY	20.00	25-Mar-2024	BUY	19.90
06-Jan-2022	BUY	15.50	25-Oct-2022	BUY	21.20			
22-Apr-2022	BUY	16.40	17-Jul-2023	BUY	23.10			

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Price and TP are in local currency

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Krung Thai Bank	KTB TB	THB 16.00	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.

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Overweight. The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be positive over the next 12 months.

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