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In-line 1Q24 profit with sizable write-off

- The 1Q24 net profit was THB1.8b (up 2.4% q-q, down 3.7% y-y) in line with forecasts, while the NPL ratio dropped due to its new w/o policy.
- We have revised our 2024-26E net profit to reflect lower credit costs and loan estimates following the massive write-off in 1Q24.
- Our GGM-based TP remained at THB46 with a HOLD rating.

1Q24 results saw support from debt recovery income

KTC reported a 1Q24 net profit of THB1.8b, increasing by 2.4% q-q but decreasing by 3.7% y-y, accounting for 24% of our full-year forecast, in line with our estimate and the consensus. PPOP finished at THB3.9b, which exhibited a 3.9% q-q and 7.0% y-y increase. NII was down by 3.7% q-q but up 4.2% y-y over a backdrop of the negative loan growth of 6.2% q-q (but +2.0% y-y), lower than our estimate due to higher-than-expected write-offs. OPEX dwindled but less than expected due mainly to its aggressive marketing budget. Non-NII increased 8.8% q-q and 22.0% y-y, receiving a push from a rise in bad debt recovery income (up 23.7% q-q and 26.7% y-y). The cost-to-income declined to 37.5% from 39.0% in 4Q23.

A meaningful decline in the NPL ratio from the new write-off policy

The NPL ratio finished at 1.98%, drastically declining from 2.17% at the end of 2023 due to its write-off policy acceleration starting in the quarter. The write-off amount was cTHB4.1b (FSSIA's compilation), higher than our estimate of THB1.8b, leading to a sharp drop in LLR. The change in its write-off policy was due mainly to the preparation for an expected significant increase in NPLs after the BoT's debt moratorium scheme expired. The 1Q24 credit costs slightly increased to 6.23% from 5.93% in 4Q23. Accordingly, the coverage ratio dropped to 354% from 400% in 4Q23.

2024-26E earnings revision to reflect lower loan estimates

We have raised our 2024E net profit by 3.5%, primarily for our lower 2024E credit cost from 5.77% to 5.47% since we believe KTC has already recorded the highest write-offs in 1Q24, which proved to have a limited impact on ECL expenses. Going forward, we expect write-offs to normalize at cTHB1.2b per quarter and new NPLs to occur at a usual rate of cTHB1.3b per quarter throughout 2024. We expect the NPL ratio to gradually rise to 2.07%, while the coverage ratio should finish lower at 343% by the end of 2024. Given the greater-than-expected write-offs in 1Q24, we have lowered our 2024-26E loan estimate by 2.4-2.5%, leading to a 1.2-2.0% lower 2025-26E net profit.

Maintain HOLD call given a limited upside and a soft outlook

Due to adjustments in our forecasts, we slightly raise our GGM-based 2024 TP to THB46 (a PBV of 2.95x, unchanged). Since it offers a limited upside to our target price, we maintain our HOLD call on KTC on the back of a negative view of the unsecured finance industry.



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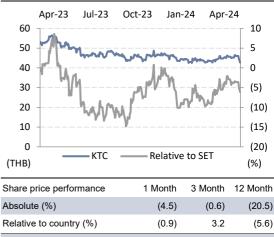
FSSIA ESG rating



TARGET PRICE	THB46.00
CLOSE	THB42.75
UP/DOWNSIDE	+7.6%
PRIOR TP	THB45.00
CHANGE IN TP	+2.2%
TP vs CONSENSUS	-8.5%

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Operating profit	9,068	9,529	9,928	10,738
Net profit	7,295	7,674	7,998	8,651
EPS (THB)	2.83	2.98	3.10	3.36
vs Consensus (%)	-	(0.1)	(4.2)	9.2
Recurring net profit	7,295	7,674	7,998	8,651
Core EPS (THB)	2.83	2.98	3.10	3.36
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	3.5	(1.2)	(2.0)
EPS growth (%)	3.1	5.2	4.2	8.2
Core P/E (x)	15.1	14.4	13.8	12.7
Dividend yield (%)	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.5
Price/book (x)	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.3
ROE (%)	21.8	20.3	19.0	18.6
ROA (%)	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.8



Mkt cap (USD m)	2,990
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	4.0
Free float (%)	21
Major shareholder	Krung Thai Bank (49%)
12m high/low (THB)	56.75/40.50
Issued shares (m)	2,578

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

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Investment thesis

We maintain our HOLD recommendation on KTC due to:

- We expect the overall consumer finance industry to experience a certain degree of asset quality pressure and weakening spending power amid a slowing economic backdrop.
- We estimate loan write-offs and new NPLs to normalize at cTHB1.2b and cTHB1.3b per quarter, respectively, while the NPL and coverage ratios should gradually rise/fall to 2.07% and 343% by year-end, respectively.
- We have lowered our 2024-26 loan forecast by c2.4-2.5% due to the larger-than-expected write-offs in 1Q24 and decreased our 2024E credit cost by 50bp, causing our 2024-26E net profit to change by +3.5%/-1.2%/-2.0%, respectively.
- 4) Our GGM-based 2024 TP of THB46 implies a P/BV ratio of 2.95x and hardly offers any upside relative to the current share price.

Company profile

KTC provides consumer financial products in Thailand, including credit cards, personal loans, auto-title loans, and leasing products.

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Catalysts

- 1) Stronger-than-expected momentum of economic recovery and card spending;
- 2) Better-than-estimated loan growth;
- 3) Lower-than-estimated new NPL formation;
- 4) A significant acceleration in the auto title loan segment.

Risks to our call

Downside risks are 1) regulatory actions to curb industry growth; 2) a higher-than-expected policy rate; and 3) deteriorating asset quality. Upside risks are 1) better-thanestimated economic improvement; 2) stronger-than-estimated improvement in the overall asset quality; and 3) less pressure from the market yield and cost of funds.

Event calendar

Date	Event
16 May 2024	Analyst meeting and opportunity day

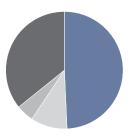
Principal activities (revenue, 1Q24)

- Net interest income 56.4 %
- Non-interest income 43.6 %

Source: Krungthai Card

Major shareholders

- Krung Thai Bank 49.3 %
- Mongkol Prakitchaiwatthana -10.1 %
- Chantana Jirattiphat 4.8 %
- Others 35.8 %



Source: Krungthai Card

Key assumptions

	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net profit (THB m)	7,674	7,998	8,651
Net profit growth (%)	5.2	4.2	8.2
Loan growth (y-y %)	1.9	6.3	6.4
Fee growth (y-y %)	7.5	10.0	10.0
Non-NII growth (y-y %)	6.1	6.0	8.0
Loan yield (%)	14.99	14.97	14.86
Cost of funds (%)	2.93	3.19	3.29
Interest spread (%)	12.06	11.79	11.57
NIM (%)	12.59	12.46	12.40
Credit cost (bp)	547	543	543
Cost to income (%)	37.39	37.64	37.11

Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

		2024E							
Loan growth (y-y %)	±1ppt	0.9	1.9	2.9					
% change in net profit		(1.5)	-	1.5					
Interest spread (%)	±10bp	11.96	12.06	12.16					
% change in net profit		(1.6)	-	1.6					
Credit cost (bps)	±10bp	5.4	5.5	5.6					
% change in net profit		1.8	-	(1.8)					

Source: FSSIA estimates

1Q24 net profit in line with our forecast and consensus

KTC reported a 1Q24 net profit of THB1.8b, increasing by 2.4% q-q but decreasing by 3.7% y-y. The figure accounted for 24% of our full-year forecast and aligned with our estimate and the consensus. PPOP finished at THB3.9b, which exhibited a 3.9% q-q and 7.0% y-y increase.

The NPL ratio in 1Q24 sharply declined due to its changing to a more aggressive write-off practice we had highlighted. However, the coverage ratio drastically dropped to 354%, which was against our expectation of an increase in the NPLs after the BoT's debt moratorium expired. Since KTC already had sufficient provisions to back its aggressive write-offs, the slight increase in ECLs and credit costs aligned with our forecast.

Highlights:

(-) Net interest income: NII was THB3.6b, decreasing by 3.7% q-q but increasing by 4.2% y-y over a backdrop of the negative loan growth of 6.2% q-q (but +2.0% y-y), which was lower than our estimate due to higher-than-expected write-offs during the period, particularly the personal loan segment. Excluding the NPL write-off effect, loans still contracted 2.6% q-q but expanded 4.2% y-y.

In addition, loan yields declined sharply by 42bp to 14.73%, against a 5bp rise in the cost of funds to 2.85%, which led to a 47bp narrower interest spread to 11.88%.

(-) **OPEX and cost-to-income ratio**: In 1Q24, operating expenses dwindled less than expected, decreasing by 2.5% q-q due to the seasonality effect but increasing by 19.4% y-y due mainly to the aggressive marketing budget during the Easy E-receipt stimulus. Hence, the cost-to-income declined to 37.5% from 39.0% in 4Q23 but remained higher than our estimate.

(+) Non-NII aligned with our forecast. It increased 8.8% q-q and 22.0% y-y despite the negative loan growth, offsetting the higher-than-expected OPEX. The figure received a push from a meaningful rise in bad debt recovery income to THB1.0b (up 23.7% q-q and 26.7% y-y) due to the adjustment in its collection strategies. Note the quarterly average bad debt recovery income was cTHB830m during 1Q21-4Q23.

(+) Asset quality: The NPL ratio finished at 1.98%, drastically declining from 2.17% at the end of 2023 due to its write-off policy acceleration starting in the quarter. The write-off amount was cTHB4.1b (FSSIA's compilation), higher than our estimate of THB1.8b, leading to a sharp drop in LLR. The change in its write-off policy was due mainly to the preparation for an expected significant increase in NPLs after the BoT's debt moratorium scheme expired. The 1Q24 credit costs slightly increased to 6.23% from 5.93% in 4Q23. Accordingly, the coverage ratio dropped to 354% from 400% at the end of 2023.

(0) 2024 guidance: KTC has revised its 2024 guidance to reflect the write-off impacts, including 1) a lower loan growth of c6-7% y-y (from 10% y-y) and 2) a lower NPL ratio of 2.00% (from 2.17%).

Exhibit 1: KTC – 1Q24 operation summary

ктс	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	Cha	ange	% of	2023	2024E	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	24E	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y %)				
Interest income	3,803	3,972	4,096	4,149	4,008	(3.4)	5.4	24	16,020	16,996	6.1
Interest expense	390	415	441	456	451	(1.0)	15.6	23	1,703	1,962	15.2
Net interest income	3,413	3,557	3,655	3,693	3,557	(3.7)	4.2	24	14,317	15,034	5.0
Non-interest income	2,258	2,280	2,376	2,532	2,755	8.8	22.0	27	9,445	10,026	6.1
Operating income	5,671	5,837	6,031	6,225	6,312	1.4	11.3	25	23,763	25,060	5.5
Operating expenses	1,985	2,135	2,252	2,429	2,369	(2.5)	19.4	25	8,801	9,369	6.5
PPOP	3,686	3,702	3,779	3,795	3,943	3.9	7.0	25	14,962	15,691	4.9
Expected credit loss	1,367	1,438	1,477	1,612	1,683	4.4	23.2	27	5,894	6,162	4.5
Profit before tax	2,319	2,263	2,302	2,184	2,260	3.5	(2.6)	24	9,068	9,529	5.1
Income tax expense	452	463	464	439	467	6.4	3.2	25	1,819	1,906	4.8
Net profit	1,873	1,806	1,856	1,761	1,803	2.4	(3.7)	24	7,295	7,674	5.2
EPS (THB)	0.73	0.70	0.72	0.68	0.70	2.4	(3.7)	24	2.83	2.98	5.2
Key balance sheet highlights											
Loan - gross	103,312	105,588	106,700	112,347	105,347	(6.2)	2.0		112,347	114,435	1.9
Interest bearing debt	59,547	63,351	63,213	66,918	59,814	(10.6)	0.4		66,918	67,140	0.3
Earnings assets	96,194	98,342	100,111	108,082	101,599	(6.0)	5.6		117,854	121,001	2.7
Asset quality ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				(%)	(%)	(%)
Gross NPLs (THB m)	1,931	2,130	2,481	2,439	2,091	(14.3)	8.3		2,439	2,373	(2.7)
NPL ratio	1.87	2.02	2.33	2.17	1.98				2.17	2.07	
Coverage ratio - LLR/ NPLs	463	433	382	400	354				400	343	
Credit cost (bp)	530	554	560	593	623				548	547	
LLR/TL	8.65	8.74	8.87	8.69	7.02				8.69	7.11	
Profitability ratios	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				(%)	(%)	
Cost-to-income ratio	35.00	36.58	37.34	39.03	37.53				37.04	37.39	
Yield on loans	14.66	15.21	15.44	15.15	14.73				14.80	14.99	
Cost of funds	2.57	2.70	2.79	2.80	2.85				2.64	2.93	
Spreads	12.09	12.51	12.65	12.35	11.88				12.15	12.06	
Net interest margin (NIM)	12.90	13.38	13.46	12.99	12.54				12.76	12.59	
ROE	23.13	22.06	22.28	20.05	19.60				21.77	20.32	
ROA	7.39	7.10	7.10	6.42	6.54				6.80	6.66	
Loan growth	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				(%)	(%)	
q-q	(0.8)	2.2	1.1	5.3	(6.2)						
у-у	14.5	11.1	10.0	7.8	2.0				7.83	1.9	
YTD	(0.8)	1.3	2.4	7.8	(6.2)						

Sources: KTC; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: 2024E - FSSIA estimates vs. management guidance

			New	Previous	
		FSSIA	ктс	ктс	
	2023	2024E	2024E	2024E	1Q24
Net profit (THB m)	7,295	7,674	>7,250	>7,250	1,803
Portfolio Growth (%)	7.8	1.9	6.0-7.0	10.0	2.0
Credit card spending growth (%)	11.4	7.5	15.0	15.0	8.5
KTC PROUD growth (%)	4.4	1.2	5.0	5.0	3.9
P BERM new bookiing (THB m)	2,590	2,630	6,000	6,000	611
NPL ratio (%)	2.17	2.07	2.0	2.17	1.98
Coverage ratio (%)	400	343	~400	~400	354

Sources: KTC; FSSIA estimates

2024-26E downward revision to reflect lower loan growth assumptions

We have raised our 2024 net profit forecast by 3.5%, primarily for our lower estimate of credit costs from 5.77% to 5.47%, since we believe KTC has already recorded the highest write-offs in 1Q24, which proved to have a limited impact on ECL expenses. Going forward, we expect write-offs to normalize at cTHB1.2b-1.3b per quarter and new NPLs to occur at a usual rate of cTHB1.3b-1.4b per quarter throughout 2024. We expect the NPL ratio to gradually rise to 2.07%, while the coverage ratio should finish lower at 343% by the end of 2024. Given the greater-than-expected write-offs in 1Q24, we have lowered our 2024-26 loan estimate by 2.4-2.5%, leading to a 1.2-2.0% lower 2025-26E net profit.

Exhibit 3: 2024-26E earnings revision

	Current				Previous		Change			
	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)					
Net profit	7,674	7,998	8,651	7,415	8,093	8,825	3.5	(1.2)	(2.0)	
Growth y-y%	5.2	4.2	8.2	1.6	9.1	9.1				
Net interest income	11,583	11,924	12,559	11,742	12,252	12,905	(1.4)	(2.7)	(2.7)	
Growth y-y%	4.9	2.9	5.3	6.4	4.3	5.3				
Non-interest income	10,026	10,624	11,478	9,930	10,552	11,484	1.0	0.7	(0.0)	
Growth y-y%	6.1	6.0	8.0	5.1	6.3	8.8				
Spending volume	285,287	313,815	345,197	285,287	313,815	345,197	-	-	-	
Growth y-y%	7.5	10.0	10.0	7.5	10.0	10.0				
Gross loan	114,435	121,694	129,424	117,309	124,750	132,672	(2.5)	(2.4)	(2.4)	
Growth y-y%	1.9	6.3	6.4	4.4	6.3	6.4				
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				
Cost-to-income ratio	37.39	37.64	37.11	37.25	37.18	36.56				
Yield	14.99	14.97	14.86	14.97	14.95	14.83				
Cost of funds	2.93	3.19	3.29	2.93	3.19	3.29				
Spreads	12.06	11.79	11.57	12.05	11.76	11.55				
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				
NPL ratio	2.07	2.07	2.08	2.11	2.11	2.11				
Credit cost (bp)	547	543	543	577	548	547				
Coverage ratio	343	354	365	442	426	423				

Source: FSSIA estimates

Maintain HOLD call given a limited upside and a soft outlook

Due to adjustments in our forecasts, we slightly raise our GGM-based 2024 TP to THB46 (a PBV of 2.95x, unchanged). Since it offers a limited upside to our target price, we maintain our HOLD call on KTC on the back of a negative view of the unsecured finance industry (L-T ROE = 18%, COE = 8.25%).

Exhibit 4: GGM-based 2024TP

	2024E	2024E
GGM	New	Previous
ROE - sustainable (%)	18.0	18.0
Terminal growth rate (%)	3.3	3.3
Cost of equity	8.3	8.3
Risk-free (%)	3.0	3.0
Expected market return (%)	8.0	8.0
Market risk premium (%)	5.0	5.0
Beta	1.1	1.1
Target PBV (%)	3.0	3.0
BVS (THB)	15.5	15.4
Fair price (THB)	46.0	45.0

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

		Price performance										
	1M	3M	6M	1Y	YTD							
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)							
TIDLOR TB	(7.5)	(2.8)	10.0	(6.7)	(7.1)							
MTC TB	(4.9)	7.4	24.1	21.5	(2.8)							
SAWAD TB	(4.8)	4.6	(1.8)	(27.9)	(1.2)							
AEONTS TB	6.5	3.0	4.7	(17.2)	(2.2)							
КТС ТВ	(4.4)	1.2	(4.4)	(19.8)	0.0							
JMT TB	(5.0)	(11.5)	(35.3)	(47.3)	(18.8)							
BAM TB	(3.5)	20.0	6.7	(27.8)	17.8							
CHAYO TB	(12.5)	(13.3)	(20.7)	(37.3)	(14.9)							
SETFIN	(4.6)	(1.2)	(3.6)	(23.5)	(5.6)							
SET	(2.4)	(1.6)	(3.7)	(13.5)	(4.8)							

Source: FSSIA estimates





Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 8: Peer comparison, as of 19 April 2024

Source: Bloomberg



Exhibit 7: KTC – one-year prospective PER band

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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Company name	BBG	Rec	Share	Target	Up	Pl	E	PB	v	RC	E	Div <u>y</u>	yld
	code		price	price	side	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)
AEON Thana Sinsap (Thailand)	AEONTS TB	HOLD	155.50	170.00	9	12.0	11.3	1.5	1.4	12.8	12.6	3.5	3.7
Muangthai Capital	MTC TB	HOLD	41.75	43.00	3	15.3	11.9	2.4	2.0	16.8	18.3	0.6	0.8
Krungthai Card	ктс тв	HOLD	42.75	46.00	8	14.4	13.8	2.8	2.5	20.3	19.0	3.1	3.3
Srisawad Corp	SAWAD TB	HOLD	38.75	40.00	3	10.7	9.5	1.9	1.6	18.4	18.2	4.6	1.1
JMT Network services	JMT TB	HOLD	20.30	25.70	27	12.3	10.5	1.1	1.1	9.0	10.5	6.5	7.6
Ngern Tid Lor	TIDLOR TB	BUY	20.40	27.00	32	12.7	10.7	1.8	1.6	15.4	16.2	2.4	2.8
Bangkok Commercial Asset Mgmt.	BAM TB	HOLD	9.45	8.75	(7)	17.2	16.1	0.7	0.7	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.0
Chayo Group	CHAYO TB	BUY	4.58	6.00	31	13.0	11.2	1.4	1.2	11.1	11.3	1.1	1.3
Average						13.5	11.9	1.7	1.5	13.5	13.8	3.2	3.1

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

Krungthai Card

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	20268
nterest Income	14,381	16,020	16,996	17,679	18,658
nterest expense	(1,392)	(1,703)	(1,962)	(2,166)	(2,293
let interest income	12,989	14,317	15,034	15,513	16,364
let fees & commission	4,973	5,556	5,973	6,570	7,227
oreign exchange trading income	-	-	-	-	
Securities trading income	-	-	-	-	
Dividend income	17	47	35	35	35
Other income	3,876	3,842	4,018	4,018	4,216
lon interest income	8,867	9,445	10,026	10,624	11,478
Fotal income	21,855	23,763	25,060	26,137	27,842
Staff costs	(7,872)	(8,801)	(9,369)	(9,838)	(10,333
Other operating costs	(244)	-	-	-	
Dperating costs	(8,117)	(8,801)	(9,369)	(9,838)	(10,333
Pre provision operating profit	13,739	14,962	15,691	16,299	17,509
Expected credit loss	(4,868)	(5,894)	(6,162)	(6,371)	(6,771
Dther provisions	-	(-,,		-	(-,
Dperating profit	8,870	9,068	9,529	9,928	10,738
Recurring non operating income	0	0	0	0,020	10,700
Associates	-	-	-	-	,
Soodwill amortization	-	-	-	-	
Non recurring items	- 0	-0	- 0	0	(
Profit before tax	8,870	9,068	9,529	9,928	10,738
	(1,818)	9,008 (1,819)	9,529 (1,906)	9,928 (1,986)	(2,148
ax Profit after tax	7,053	7,250	7,623	(1,986) 7,942	(2,140 8,59 ⁻
Non-controlling interest					
Preferred dividends	(26)	(46)	(51)	(56)	(61
	-	-	-	-	
Other items	-	-	-	-	0.05
Reported net profit	7,078	7,295	7,674	7,998	8,65
Non recurring items & goodwill (net)	-	-	0	0	(
Recurring net profit	7,078	7,295	7,674	7,998	8,65
Per share (THB) Recurring EPS *	2.75	2.83	2.98	3.10	3.30
-					
Reported EPS DPS	2.75 1.15	2.83	2.98 1.34	3.10	3.30 1.5
Growth	1.15	1.27	1.34	1.40	1.5
	0.5	10.0			
Net interest income (%)	6.5	10.2	5.0	3.2	5.5
Non interest income (%)	13.1	6.5	6.1	6.0	8.0
Pre provision operating profit (%)	8.1	8.9	4.9	3.9	7.4
Operating profit (%)	22.2	2.2	5.1	4.2	8.2
Reported net profit (%)	20.4	3.1	5.2	4.2	8.2
Recurring EPS (%)	20.4	3.1	5.2	4.2	8.2
Reported EPS (%)	20.4	3.1	5.2	4.2	8.2
ncome Breakdown					
Net interest income (%)	59.4	60.3	60.0	59.4	58.8
Net fees & commission (%)	22.8	23.4	23.8	25.1	26.
Foreign exchange trading income (%)	-	-	-	-	
Securities trading income (%)	-	-	-	-	
Dividend income (%)	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.
Other income (%)	17.7	16.2	16.0	15.4	15.
Operating performance					
Gross interest yield (%)	14.26	14.28	14.23	14.20	14.13
Cost of funds (%)	2.39	2.64	2.93	3.19	3.2
let interest spread (%)	11.87	11.64	11.30	11.01	10.84
let interest margin (%)	12.9	12.8	12.6	12.5	12.4
Cost/income(%)	37.1	37.0	37.4	37.6	37.1
///////////////////////////////////////	8.5	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.1
lost/assets(%)	0.0	8.2 20.1			
	00 5	20.1	20.0	20.0	20.
ffective tax rate (%)	20.5		45 0	45 0	
Effective tax rate (%) Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	41.9	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0
Effective tax rate (%) Dividend payout on recurring profit (%) ROE (%)	41.9 24.3	45.0 21.8	20.3	19.0	18.
Cost/assets(%) Effective tax rate (%) Dividend payout on recurring profit (%) ROE (%) ROE - COE (%)	41.9 24.3 13.5	45.0 21.8 11.0	20.3 9.5	19.0 8.2	18.0 7.8
ffective tax rate (%) Dividend payout on recurring profit (%) ROE (%)	41.9 24.3	45.0 21.8	20.3	19.0	18.

Sources: Krungthai Card; FSSIA estimates

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Krungthai Card

Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Gross customer loans	103,509	111,623	113,684	120,888	128,558
Allowance for expected credit loss	(8,792)	(9,763)	(8,139)	(8,934)	(9,794
nterest in suspense	685	724	751	806	866
let customer loans	95,402	102,584	106,296	112,760	119,629
Bank loans	-	-	-	-	
Government securities	-	-	-	-	·
Frading securities	-	-	-	-	
nvestment securities	106	154	162	170	179
Cash & equivalents	2,182	5,344	6,396	6,195	6,367
Dther interesting assets Fangible fixed assets	- 348	- 421	- 379	- 341	307
Associates	546	421	579	541	307
Goodwill	-	_	_	_	
Other intangible assets	-	-	-	-	
Other assets	3,758	4,311	4,385	4,463	4,546
Fotal assets	101,796	112,814	117,618	123,930	131,028
Customer deposits	0	0	0	0	, (
ank deposits	-	-	-	-	
Dther interest bearing liabilities	61,972	66,918	67,140	68,767	70,811
Non interest bearing liabilities	8,248	10,051	10,378	10,720	11,077
lybrid Capital	-	-	-	-	
Fotal liabilities	70,220	76,968	77,518	79,487	81,887
Share capital	2,578	2,578	2,578	2,578	2,578
Reserves	28,775	33,103	37,271	41,614	46,312
Fotal equity	31,353	35,682	39,850	44,193	48,890
Non-controlling interest	223	164	250	250	250
Total liabilities & equity	101,796	112,814	117,618	123,930	131,028
Supplementary items					
Risk weighted assets (RWA)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Average interest earning assets	100,823	112,187	119,427	124,534	132,022
Average interest bearing liabilities	58,371	64,445	67,029	67,954	69,789
CET 1 capital	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fotal capital	0	0	0	0)
Gross non performing loans (NPL)	1,846	2,439	2,373	2,522	2,686
Per share (THB)	10.10	10.04	15.10		40.00
Book value per share	12.16	13.84	15.46	17.14	18.96
rangible book value per share Growth	12.16	13.84	15.46	17.14	18.96
	40.5	7.0	4.0	6.0	0.0
Gross customer loans	12.5	7.8	1.8	6.3	6.3
Average interest earning assets	4.8	11.3	6.5	4.3	6.0
Γotal asset (%) Risk weighted assets (%)	13.8	10.8	4.3	5.4	5.7
Customer deposits (%)	- nm	- nm	nm	- nm	nm
Leverage & capital measures	1111	1011	1011	1111	1111
Customer loan/deposits (%)	-	-		-	
Equity/assets (%)	- 30.8	- 31.6	- 33.9	- 35.7	37.3
Fangible equity/assets (%)	30.8	31.6	33.9 33.9	35.7	37.3
RWA/assets (%)	-		-	-	01.0
CET 1 CAR (%)	-	-	-	-	
Fotal CAR (%)	-	-	-	-	
Asset Quality (FSSIA's calculation)					
Change in NPL (%)	(44.4)	32.1	(2.7)	6.3	6.5
NPL/gross loans (%)	1.8	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1
Allowance for ECL/gross loans (%)	8.5	8.7	7.2	7.4	7.6
Allowance for ECL/NPL (%)	476.3	400.3	343.0	354.3	364.6
/aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring P/E (x) * Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	15.6 16.8	15.1 16.3	14.4 15.5	13.8 14.8	12.1 13.1
Reported P/E (x)	15.6	16.3	15.5	14.8	13.7
Dividend yield (%)	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.5
Price/book (x)	3.5	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.3
Price/tangible book (x)	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.3
Price/tangible book @ target price (x)	3.8	3.3	3.0	2.3	2.4
	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	2

Sources: Krungthai Card; FSSIA estimates

Krungthai Card PCL (KTC TB)



71.80 /100

Exhibit 9: 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 10: 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	
AEONTS	33.86				4.00	3.00		Medium	40.10	BBB		27.64	17.00			
ктс	71.80		Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Low	57.22	Α		64.48	59.00	4.96	57.09	
SAK	45.28		Y	Y	4.00	4.00	Certified	High	40.10			43.87		2.02	36.23	
MTC	68.21		Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Low	42.19	AA		58.09	42.00	3.31		
SAWAD	46.52		Y	Y	4.00	5.00		Medium	43.97	BB		20.18	13.00	1.93	40.04	
TIDLOR	36.71				4.00	4.00	Certified	Medium	37.03			23.69	19.00	1.66		
SAWAD	46.52		Y	Y	4.00	5.00		Medium	43.97	BB		20.18	13.00	1.93	40.04	

Sources: <u>SETTRADE.com</u>; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 11: 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	2.10	2.55	3.27	3.49	4.11	5.79	5.74	4.96
BESG environmental pillar score	0.00	2.90	3.74	4.41	3.84	3.95	3.64	3.88
BESG social pillar score	0.92	1.20	2.21	2.32	3.33	6.29	6.49	4.89
BESG governance pillar score	5.97	5.35	5.19	5.47	5.66	5.64	5.31	5.48
ESG disclosure score	35.95	37.11	41.95	49.07	49.92	58.07	56.76	57.09
Environmental disclosure score	0.91	4.38	10.90	27.88	27.88	33.77	29.84	31.80
Social disclosure score	25.70	25.70	33.71	38.12	40.69	59.28	59.28	58.28
Governance disclosure score	81.10	81.10	81.10	81.10	81.10	81.10	81.10	81.10
Environmental								
Emissions reduction initiatives	No	Yes						
Climate change policy	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No							
Risks of climate change discussed	No							
GHG scope 1	—	—	_	1	1	0	0	0
GHG scope 2 location-based	—	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
GHG Scope 3	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carbon per unit of production	—	—	_	—	—	—	—	_
Biodiversity policy	No							
Energy efficiency policy	Yes							
Total energy consumption	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Renewable energy use	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Electricity used	_	3	3	2	2	2	2	3
Fuel used - natural gas	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation



Exhibit 12: 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							
Waste reduction policy	Yes							
Hazardous waste	—	—	—	—		0	—	_
Total waste	—	—	—	—		0	_	0
Waste recycled	—	-	_	—	—	0	0	0
Waste sent to landfills			_	_	_	_	_	_
Environmental supply chain management	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water policy	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water consumption	_	-	-	_	_	-		-
Social								
Human rights policy	Yes							
Policy against child labor	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quality assurance and recall policy	No							
Consumer data protection policy	Yes							
Equal opportunity policy	Yes							
Gender pay gap breakout	No							
Pct women in workforce	63	63	64	65	66	65	66	66
Pct disabled in workforce	_	_	_	_	_	1	1	1
Business ethics policy	Yes							
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes							
Health and safety policy	Yes							
Lost time incident rate - employees	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0
Total recordable incident rate - employees	_	_	_	0	0	0	0	0
Training policy	Yes							
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Number of employees – CSR	1,489	1,804	1,741	1,763	1,778	1,744	1,705	1,695
Employee turnover pct	_	_	_	—	14	9	10	17
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	47,082	50,425	56,709	39,980	72,732	83,151	99,420	108,744
Social supply chain management	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Governance			-	-	-		-	
Board size	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
No. of independent directors (ID)	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	5
No. of women on board	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
No. of non-executive directors on board	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes							
No. of board meetings for the year	13	12	12	13	15	16	19	15
Board meeting attendance pct	96	92	96	96	87	95	96	98
Board duration (years)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Director share ownership guidelines	No							
Age of the youngest director	33	34	35	43	44	39	40	40
Age of the oldest director	63	64	65	66	65	66	67	68
No. of executives / company managers	15	13	13	14	10	11	13	12
No. of female executives	6	5	5	3	3	3	5	5
Executive share ownership guidelines	No							
Size of audit committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Audit committee meetings	7	6	8	12	11	11	12	13
Audit meeting attendance %	90	89	87	89	88	100	97	85
Size of compensation committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on compensation committee	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
No. of compensation committee meetings	6	7	9	8	10	7	7	8
Compensation meeting attendance %	89	92	100	100	86	100	94	96
Size of nomination committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of nomination committee meetings	6	7	9	8	10	7	7	8
Nomination meeting attendance %	89	92	100	100	86	100	94	96
Sustainability governance								
Verification type	No							

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Disclaimer for ESG scoring

ESG score	Methodolog	У			Rating						
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (<u>DJSI</u>) By S&P Global	process base from the ann Only the top- inclusion.	ed on the com ual S&P Glob ranked comp	transparent, rules-based panies' Total Sustainabi al Corporate Sustainabili anies within each industr	lity Scores resulting ity Assessment (CSA). y are selected for	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 (<u>THSI</u>) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand (<u>SET</u>)	managing bu Candidates n 1) no irregula float of >150 up capital. So 70%; 2) indep wrongdoing r	siness with tr nust pass the ar trading of th shareholders ome key disqu pendent direct elated to CG,	ility in Environmental and ansparency in Governan preemptive criteria, with he board members and e , and combined holding r ualifying criteria include: tors and free float violatii , social & environmental arrnings in red for > 3 yea	ce, updated annually. two crucial conditions: xecutives; and 2) free must be >15% of paid- 1) CG score of below on; 3) executives' impacts; 4) equity in	To be eligible for <u>THSI inclusion</u> , 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. <u>SETTHSI Index</u> 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)	annually by t	he Thai IOD, T). The result	h in sustainable develop with support from the St ts are from the perspectiv s.	ock Exchange of	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	treatment are transparent a out of five the criteria cover date (45%), a circulation of su exercised. The and verifiability.	e incorporated and sufficiently e CG compon AGM proced and after the r ufficient informa second assess ; and 3) openne	which shareholders' rights d into business operation y disclosed. All form impu- ents to be evaluated anr ures before the meeting meeting (10%). (The first a tion for voting; and 2) facilitat es 1) the ease of attending in ses for Q&A. The third involve es, resolutions and voting re-	s and information is ortant elements of two nually. The assessment (45%), at the meeting issesses 1) advance ting how voting rights can be neetings; 2) transparency is the meeting minutes that	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)	establishmen policies. The (Companies de Declaration of I Certification, in managers and	t of key contr Certification i eciding to becom Intent to kick off cluding risk ass employees, est	Checklist include corrupti rols, and the monitoring a is good for three years. ne a CAC certified members an 18-month deadline to sul essment, in place of policy a ablishment of whistleblowing II stakeholders.)	and developing of tart by submitting a pmit the CAC Checklist for nd control, training of	passed Checkli	st will move fo se members a	ed by a committe or granting certific re twelve highly r chievements.	cation by the 0	CAC Council		
<u>Morningstar</u> Sustainalytics	The Sustainalytics' 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. Sources to be reviewed include corporate publications and regulatory filings, news and other media, NGO reports/websites, multi-sector				A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored. NEGL Low Medium High Severe						
	information, col reports, and qu		k, ESG controversies, issuer iews.	feedback on draft ESG	0-10	10-20	20-30	30-40	40+		
ESG Book	positioned to the principle helps explain	outperform o of financial m future risk-ad ng features wi	sustainable companies th ver the long term. The m ateriality including inform djusted performance. Ma th higher materiality and vrly basis.	ethodology considers ation that significantly teriality is applied by	scores using m	ateriality-base	ated as a weight d weights. The s idicating better p	core is scaled			
<u>MSCI</u>			measure a company's m nd laggards according to						nethodology to		
	AAA AA	8.571-10.00	Leader:	leading its industry in m	anaging the most si	gnificant ESG ri	sks and opportunitie	es			
	A BBB BB	4.286-5.713	 5.714-7.142 4.286-5.713 Average: a mixed or unexceptional track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities rela industry peers 2.857-4.285 								
	B CCC	1.429-2.856 0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry base	ed on its high expos	ure and failure to	o manage significan	t ESG risks			
<u>Moody's ESG</u> solutions	Moody's asserted believes that	esses the deg a company ir	pree to which companies ntegrating ESG factors in or shareholders over the	to its business model an							
Refinitiv ESG	based on put	olicly available	and objectively measure e and auditable data. The ta publicly. <i>(Score ratings a</i>	e score ranges from 0 to	100 on relative E	SG performar	ice and insufficie	nt degree of t			
rating		bal ESG Sco	re is a relative score mea	asuring a company's perf ssification. The score ran			of ESG risks, op	portunities, an	d impacts		
			in the same moustry clas								
rating S&P Global Bloomberg			Bloomberg score evalu score is based on Bloo	ating the company's agg mberg's view of ESG fina the weights are determir	ancial materiality.	The score is a	a weighted gener	alized mean (power mean)		

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Krungthai Card	КТС ТВ	THB 42.75	HOLD	Downside risks are: 1) regulatory actions to curb industry growth; 2) a higher-than- expected policy rate; and 3) deteriorating asset quality. Upside risks are: 1) better-than- estimated economic improvement; 2) stronger-than-estimated improvement in the overall asset quality; and 3) less pressure from the market yield and cost of funds.
Aeon Thana Sinsap (Thailanc	3) AEONTS TB	THB 155.50	HOLD	Downside risks are: 1) regulatory actions to curb industry growth; 2) a higher-than- expected policy rate; and 3) deteriorating asset quality. Upside risks are: 1) better-than- estimated economic improvement; 2) stronger-than-estimated improvement in the overall asset quality; and 3) less pressure from the market yield and cost of funds.
Muangthai Capital	MTC TB	THB 41.75	HOLD	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP include 1) a further weakening of asset quality that could potentially hit both loan yield and credit cost; and 2) changes in financial regulations by the Bank of Thailand and the Office of Consumer Protection Board. Upside riskes are 1) a positive development of asset quality which could bring down its credit costs and 2) a decreasing market interest rate which could alleviate its cost of funds burden.
Srisawad Corp	SAWAD TB	THB 38.75	HOLD	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP include 1) a further weakening of asset quality that could potentially hit both loan yield and credit cost; and 2) changes in financial regulations by the Bank of Thailand and the Office of Consumer Protection Board. Upside risks include 1) a faster-than-expected decline in losses on sales of repossessed cars for SCAP; and 2) an interest rate downtrend could push its interest spread.
JMT Network Services	JMT TB	THB 20.30	HOLD	Downside risks to our P/BV-based TP include 1) lower cash collection from both debt management and debt tracking collection services; and 2) higher-than-expected funding costs and operating expenses. Upside risks includes 1) better-than-expected purchasing power and cash collection 2) lower-than-expected operating and financing expense
Ngern Tid Lor	TIDLOR TB	THB 20.40	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP include 1) the expansion into auto-title loans by the Government Savings Bank and Auto X (subsidiary of SCB X); 2) further weakening asset quality could potentially hit both loan yield and credit cost; and 3) tighter supervision from related regulators.
Bangkok Commercial Asset Mngt.	BAM TB	THB 9.45	HOLD	Downside risks to our NAV-based TP include 1) lower cash collection than estimated; 2) lower-than-expected bad debt acquisition; and 3) a slowdown in the property market. Upsides include 1) better-than-expected economic conditions and debt repayment momentum; and 2) an acceleration in the demand for NPAs.
Chayo Group	CHAYO TB	THB 4.58	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP include 1) lower-than-expected bad debt acquisition; and 2) higher-than-expected operating expenses.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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RECOMMENDATION STRUCTURE

Stock ratings

Stock ratings are based on absolute upside or downside, which we define as (target price* - current price) / current price.

BUY (B). The upside is 10% or more.

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.